



14th March 2025

School Closure

Reminder: The college is closed for pupils on the following days next week:

Monday 17th March: Closed for St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday 18th March: Closed for a Staff Development Day

The college will re-open at the usual time for all year groups on Wednesday 19th March.

Celebration of St. Patrick

Next week during Collective we will be celebrating the life of St. Patrick. Year 10 pupils will have an extended assembly on Wednesday and Year 8 & Year 9 will be attending Mass on Thursday afternoon. This Mass will take place in the local Church and will also be attended by pupils from St. Colmcille's P.S.

Staff members will be supporting this year's Lenten charity 'Foyle Hospice' during the Staff Development Day on Tuesday.



Lenten Reflection

Lenten reflection continued before school this morning. There will be a reflection each Friday morning before school in the R.E Department from 8.50 a.m. until 9.05 a.m. for both pupils and staff members.

Year 11 Health & Social Care

Revision sessions for Unit 1 Health & Social Care started on Tuesday this week. These after school sessions will continue each Tuesday until the examination in May. Sessions will be 45 minutes in length. Please encourage your child to attend.



Workplace Health Champion Award

We are delighted to have achieved the Workplace Health Champion Award as part of the 'Work Well, Live Well' programme. We are fortunate to have three members of staff who are Wellbeing Ambassadors: Michelle O'Neill, Ashlene McCloskey & Louise Rafferty. Our Ambassadors are currently reading 'Wellbeing and the Catholic School' and support staff will be completing modules of the 'Stress Control' course by the HSCNI during Tuesday's Staff Development Day.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day took place last week under the theme, 'For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.' The theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind. This theme was shared and discussed during Tuesday's PSHE lesson.



Year 12 Hoodies – Deadline: Tuesday 18th March AM

Leavers Hoodies for Year 12 are now available. The cost is £25.00. Please find the link below. This will close on the morning of Tuesday 18th March.

<https://link.mfc-sports.com/teamwear/code/MU8P5I>



Gaelic Football (Girls) – U 14yrs

Our U14 Girls team performed well at a Gaelic football tournament in Owenbeg on Tuesday this week. The girls won two games, lost one game and one game was a draw.

Thank you to their coach, Ms McCloskey.

Netball

Girls from Year 9 & Year 10 participated in the Derry Vocational Schools' Netball tournament yesterday and performed very well. Congratulations to St Conor's College who won the tournament overall.

Thank you to St. Conor's, St. Colm's Draperstown & St Benedict's Randalstown for the competitive games and to our coach, Siobhan McLaughlin, for preparing our girls so well.



Key Dates

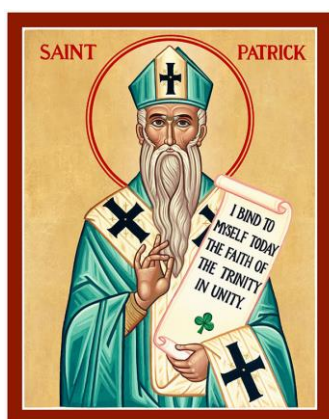


KEY DATES

Monday 17th March
Tuesday 18th March
Thursday 20th March
Friday 21st March
Wednesday 2nd April
Friday 4th April
Thursday 10th April
Wednesday 16th April

Public Holiday
Staff Development Day 5 (College closed for pupils)
St. Patrick's Mass (Year 8 & Year 9)
Lenten Reflection morning (8.50 - 9.05 a.m.)
Yr 10 PTM (9.30-12.00) and Yr 11 PTM (12.45-3.15) College closed for pupils
Year 8 Retreat
Lenten Service for KS3 pupils from 2.00 p.m.
End of Term – Full Day. Finish time: 3.35 p.m.

Final prayer



St. Patrick, we humbly turn to you, seeking your intercession.

May the strength of Christ, which you so powerfully proclaimed, be with us always.

Guide us on our path, protect us from harm, and help us to live lives of faith and love, as you did.

May we, like you, be instruments of God's grace, spreading the light of the Gospel.

St. Patrick, pray for us!

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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