



17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some information for you:



Maths Week Ireland

This week was Maths Week Ireland. The Maths Department ran a House Competition for Yrs 8-10 on Tuesday 14th October during lunch time - a Beetle Drive!

Fond Farewell

After an incredible 40 years of dedication and hard work, we said a fond farewell to Majella Hone, who has officially retired from her role as Canteen Manager at St. Patrick's & St Brigid's College. Majella has been at the heart of our school community for over four decades — keeping everyone well-fed and cared for. She will be deeply missed by pupils and staff alike. Majella's afternoon tea celebration was the perfect way to mark such a special occasion with members of her family. Wishing Majella all the best in her well-deserved retirement.



Study Skills Workshop – Year 11

Please find the QR code below for parents/guardians of the Year 11 pupils selected to attend the Study Skills workshop on Friday 24th October. There is also a link for those parents/guardians who would prefer this option to provide consent: <https://external-forms.viewsapp.net/forms/v/58ec6a43-7d00-45ef-9397-14589bf4620d>

Canteen

Our latest menus are available in the 'Canteen menu' section of the School App.



Reflection

Our annual Rosary Reflection will take place each Friday morning during the month of October in Room 9 from 8.50 am-9.05 am. This is open to all pupils as well as staff members.

KS3 Basketball Club

Basketball Club takes place after school on a Thursday for **boys in Years 8, 9, and 10**. Sessions will take place at the **Diamond Centre** and finish at **4:45pm**. **Parents/guardians should collect pupils from the Diamond Centre at the end of the session.**



Hurling

Ulster School's U15.5 De Denann Cup

On Monday we advanced to Ulster's knockout stage yesterday after a thrilling day of hurling at the Donegal Centre of Excellence. It was a momentous occasion as St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College entered an Ulster Schools' hurling competition for the very first time. The panel — made up of pupils from Years 8 to 11 — showcased their skill and determination in a strong section featuring St. Columba's

College, Stranorlar, Rosses CS, Letterkenny Colleges, St. Patrick's, Dungiven, & St. Columba's College, Derry. The 6 schools were divided into two groups of three. We began the day in fine form, defeating Rosses CS in their opening match before narrowly losing to a strong St. Columba's College, Stranorlar side.

This set up a semi-final clash with neighbours St. Patrick's, Dungiven. Both teams displayed great skill and determination in an entertaining, hard-fought contest, with Claudy securing victory thanks to well-taken scores from Daithi O'Doherty, Paddy Donaghy, & Sean Hargan. Our boys' energy, discipline, and skill shone through, earning them a superb second-place finish on the day, just behind St. Columba's College, Stranorlar.

Defensively, Ioseff Welch, Ethan Cooke, Paedar O'Doherty, and Eoghan O'Connor were solid and composed throughout. Joint captains Daithi O'Doherty and Sean Hargan led by example, while Paddy Donaghy was exceptional in attack. Every player made a valuable contribution, and the team can now look forward under the direction of Mr Ball to preparing for their upcoming Ulster Quarter Final fixture against the winners of Group D.

Oxford United Stars Football Club

Congratulations to our Year 10 & 11 boys representing Oxford United Stars Football Club and winning their respective 2011 Premiership & Championship leagues last Sunday! We wish both sets of players the best of luck as they compete in their respective Cup Finals in the coming weeks.



Key Dates:

W/b Monday 13th October
W/b Monday 27th October

Assessment Tracking 1
Half Term Break

Final Prayer

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away: God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone Suffices*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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