



21st March 2025

Year 10 Options Choices

A video has been created outlining the next steps in the Options process for Year 10 pupils and their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians are asked to watch this video before the Parent/Teacher event on Wednesday 2nd April (9.30am-12.30pm). The video can be accessed via the School App or the college's Facebook Page. The deadline for Options Forms is: **Thursday 10th April.**



Foyle Schools Poetry Competition

Congratulations to three Year 9 pupils: Lee M, Grace O' C & Ashton P (not in the photograph) who won awards in the Foyle Schools Poetry Competition.

The pupils collected their awards at a ceremony today and will have a poem published in the upcoming anthology of poetry.

Lee M. was placed 2nd overall for his Key Stage!

Many thanks to Mr Lovell & the English Department for supporting the pupils.

Celebration of St. Patrick

This week during Collective Worship we celebrated the life of St. Patrick and had a Mass in the local Church yesterday which was also attended by P.6 & P.7 pupils from St. Colmcille's P.S. Thank you to Mrs Loughrey, Mr Doherty and Fr O'Kane who helped organise the Mass.



Charity Fundraising



Thank you to the R.E department & support staff for organising our 'Green Day' charity fundraiser on Tuesday for Foyle Hospice. £256.00 was raised which brings the total raised so far to £356.00 in this half term. A representative from Foyle Hospice will be presenting to pupils next week on their invaluable work over the last 40 years. There is a collection box in each Form group so parents/guardians are asked to encourage their child to donate any spare change during the remaining weeks of lent.

Punctuality to lessons

To support punctuality and minimise disruption to learning, the college will have an increased focus on lateness to lessons. If a pupil is late to a lesson by 10 or more minutes (allowing adequate time for movement between lessons) then this will be recorded in Sims and will include a behaviour point. Persistent lateness to lessons will then result in further sanctions. This starts with immediate effect. I would ask that you speak with your child in relation to the importance of good time keeping.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 12 pupil, Eimear, who was recently awarded the Spirit of YMCA award. Well done to Eimear (featured with Mrs Loughrey and Mr Rainey).

Lenten Reflection

Lenten reflection continued before school this morning in the R.E Department (Room 10). 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 will take place after school each Tuesday until the examination in May. Sessions will be 45 minutes in length. Please encourage your child to attend.



Ski Trip

Parents/guardians are reminded that the next instalment is required by the end of March.

MFC PE Gear

For any pupils who require school branded PE gear, the MFC link has now been reopened:
<https://link.mfc-sports.com/teamwear/code/X6A69H>



It is a requirement for pupils to wear school branded gear on their PE day. If your child has lost or grown out of their PE kit, particularly the t-shirt as we welcome warmer weather, please ensure they are equipped for the final term. Pupils who do not have branded PE gear (alternatives are available) must wear their school uniform to school on PE days.

Gaelic Football (Boys) – U 14yrs

Our U14 Boys team performed incredibly well against St. Jospeh's, Enniskillen in Omagh yesterday. The boys won on an astounding scoreline of 15-17 to 1-1! Congratulations to all involved. The boys now progress to the semi-final of this Cup competition.



Camogie

Camogie will recommence on Monday 24th March after school (3.50pm – 4.50pm). Please encourage your daughter to attend!



Futsal

Congratulations to our Year 10 pupil, Ollie K, who was recently selected for the Northern Ireland Futsal squad. Ollie overcame a serious injury earlier this year to become an integral part of the first team. A fantastic achievement, Ollie!

Key Dates

Friday 28 th March	Lenten Reflection morning (8.50 - 9.05 a.m.)
Wednesday 2 nd April	Yr 10 PTM (9.30-12.00) and Yr 11 PTM (12.45-3.15) College closed for pupils
Friday 4 th April	Year 8 Retreat
Thursday 10 th April	Lenten Service for KS3 pupils from 2.00 p.m.
Thursday 10 th April	Deadline for Yr 10 Options Forms
Wednesday 16 th April	End of Term (Full day) Finish time: 3.35 p.m.
Monday 28 th April	Term 3 begins
Monday 28 th April (11.00 a.m.)	Year 12 Dedication of Studies Mass

Final prayer

Father, we come before You today seeking both forgiveness and healing.

We ask for Your forgiveness for the times we have failed You and those around us Heal these broken parts of our lives, Lord.

*Restore us to be whole again, and help us to forgive those who have hurt us as well.
Your Word promises healing for our weary souls, and we hold onto that promise today.
Thank You for Your boundless mercy and the peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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