



Parent/Carer Information Bulletin

March 2022

Issue 02

Welcome to the March issue of our monthly Parent/Carer Information Bulletin.

Year 12 to 14 Assessment Point 3

Year 12 to 14 pupils will sit their third Common Assessment Task in each of their subjects. These have to be completed by Friday 18th March 2022.

Year 8 to 11 Assessment Point 3

Year 8 to 10 pupils will sit their third Common Assessment Task in Maths, English and Science. These have to be completed by Friday 25th March 2022.

Year 11 pupils will sit their third Common Assessment Task in Maths, English, History, BTEC Sport, RS, Child Development, Technology, Geography and Agriculture. These have to be completed by Friday 25th March 2022.

GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip

Both GCSE Geography classes will be completing their Geography Fieldwork at Magilligan Field Centre this month. Mrs Campbell's class will be completing their fieldwork on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 and Miss Pickering's class will be completing theirs on Wednesday 9th March 2022.

A-Level and GCSE Art Revision Classes

Revision classes for A-Level and GCSE Art students (Years 12-14) will take place every Monday to Thursday 3-4pm in the Art Department.

GCE Art Exam

There will be an external 3-day exam for AS and A2 Art students on Wednesday 6th April, Thursday 7th April and Friday 8th April 2022. The exam will start at 8.40am until 3pm on all 3 days. The final

deadline for all work to be completed and handed in is Friday 6th May 2022.

GCSE Art Exam

There will be an external 2-day exam for GCSE Art students on Monday 7th March and Tuesday 8th March 2022. The exam will start at 8.40am until 3pm on both days. The final deadline for all work to be completed and handed in is Friday 1st April 2022.

School Formal

Our school formal will take place on Friday 18th March 2022 at The Galgorm Spa and Golf Resort.

SIMS Parent App

We now have parents/carers of well over 800 pupils using our main communication platform, SIMS Parent App. We're pleased that there has been an increase in engagement and in the amount of information shared by school over the past number of months. If you would like to register for the app or if you're experiencing any problems with the app please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Parent/Carer Consultation Afternoons

As you will be aware from February's Bulletin, we are now using School Cloud to facilitate virtual Parent/Carer consultations and an online booking system. A Parent/Carer user manual, a guide on how to book appointments and a help video will be communicated to each year group via SIMS Parent App ahead of their respective consultation and is also available on our school website. The upcoming Parent/Carer consultations in March include:

- Year 12 Guidance Afternoon – Thursday 10th March 2022
- Year 8 Parent/Carer Afternoon – Thursday 31st March 2022.

Rugby Update

After qualifying through their respective regional groups our U14 and U16 rugby teams have qualified for the Quarter Finals of their respective High Schools competitions. The U16 team defeated Rathfriland HS 27-8 and progress to the semi-finals. They will play Castlederg HS on Thursday 3rd March 2022. The final will be played at The Kingspan Stadium on Tuesday 22nd March 2022. Our U14 team defeated Glaslough College 24-7 in the quarter final and progress onto the semi-finals in March.

Football Update

Our Year 10 Football team defeated Abbey 7-0 in the semi-final of the East Antrim Cup and will be joining the Year 9 team at Finals Day (date to be confirmed). Our Year 12 team are up against Glengormley HS in the quarter-final of the competition and our Year 8 team also face Glengormley HS in the semi-final of the competition. Our Year 8 team is also through to the next round of the Northern Ireland Plate, whilst our Year 10 team were beaten by St Malachys in the third round of the Northern Ireland Cup.

Face coverings - Guidance from DE Restart Team

The position on face coverings, based on public health advice, remains that it is strongly recommended that post-primary pupils wear a face covering at all times when inside school buildings, including classrooms, corridors and confined communal spaces such as toilet areas.

St. Patrick's Day Pupil Holiday

Just a reminder to all Parents/Carers that our pupils are off school on Thursday 17th March.