



Parent/Carer Information Bulletin

April 2022

Issue 03

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

Years 8 to 14 Tracking Progress 3 Reports

Parents/Carers of our Years 8 to 14 pupils will receive their child's Tracking 3 Progress report via SIMS Parent App by Wednesday 6th April 2022.

External Examinations

Pupils in Years 11-14 have now all received their summer examination timetables and details of arrangements for any exam clashes. A copy of the school examination timetable has been communicated via SIMS Parent App and is also available on our school website. Please ensure all pupils are in school at least 15 minutes before the start time of their exams.

GCSE Science Modules' Results

Results from the GCSE Science modules will be available to pupils on Tuesday 26th April. All requests for re-marks and/or return of exam papers from these modules must be made by 11th May.

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.

HIP Psychology Sessions

On Tuesday 5th April 2022 all Year 10 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive workshop delivered by HIP Psychology. The sessions will focus on study skills and resilience.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Hollie Conlan who will represent the NI Regional Team travelling to the Acrobatic NDP, Youth & IIDP Finals and Disability Acrobatic Finals 2022 on 14th May in Fenton Manor Sports Complex, Stoke-on-Trent.

Congratulations also to Aaron Craig who has become the Northern Ireland and Open Junior Outdoor Archery Champion and is currently ranked 4th in Ireland Senior Men Indoor Archery.

Finally, good luck to our Year 11 pupil Callum Cowan who is completing a week's trial with Leeds United this month.

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 April include:

- Year 11 Parent/Carer Afternoon – Thursday 7th April 2022.

Spring Showcase

The Music Department will be hosting a showcase of the extra-curricular work that has been achieved so far this year. It will take place on Wednesday 6th April 2022 between 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Music Department for further information. All pupils involved will already have received a letter outlining the full details of the event.

Rugby Update

Our U14 team defeated Glastry College 24-7 in the quarter final of the U14 High Schools Trophy and then went on to beat Rathfriland HS 46-17 in the semi-final at Banbridge RFC. The U14 team will now play Sperrin Integrated in the final at Meadowbank Sports Arena on Tuesday 5th April 2022.

Football Update

Three year groups will complete in the East Antrim Finals on Friday 1st April 2022 at Greenisland FC. Our Year 8 team will play Carrick Grammar, our Year 9 team will face Glengormley HS and our Year 10 team will play Ballyclare High School. Good luck to all teams!

Chest Heart and Stroke Wellbeing Seminars

Our Year 9 pupils will participate in a Sleep seminar on Wednesday 27th April 2022 and our Year 11 pupils will take part in a Stress seminar on Friday 29th April 2022.

Vaping Workshops

Start360 and the PSNI will deliver educational workshops on the risks of vaping to all pupils on Thursday 31st March and Thursday 7th April 2022.

New Driver NI Workshops

All Year 13 and 14 pupils participated in a new driver workshop on Tuesday 29th March 2022 delivered by New Driver NI, in conjunction with Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

End of term

Just a reminder to all Parents/Carers that the Spring Term ends at 12.05pm on Friday 8th April 2022 and the Summer Term begins at 8.40am on Monday 25th April 2022.