



All pupils deserve a rewarding educational experience.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 5th October

Year 8 Step UP event:

Pupils will develop skills and positive attitudes as they make the leap from Primary to post-primary school.

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Breckenhill Trip 8P & 8K

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th October 2022

AS Level Geography Field Trip

Wednesday 12th October 2022

Year 10 House Quiz

Thursday 13th October 2022

Breckenhill Trip 8M & 8T

Thursday 20th October 2022

Year 10 Induction Evening for parents in the Assembly Hall 7-8pm

General Information:

Assessment and Reporting Schedule: Please see attached assessment schedules for years 8-10, years 11-12 and years 13-14.

Plea for volunteers: The Careers Department is running an interview skills day for Year 12 on 22nd November and 23rd November 2022 to prepare them for interviews this year and into the future. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to carry out mock interviews, with guidance given prior to the event. If you are able to help with mock interviews on either of these dates, please let Mrs Jayne Russell know by phoning the school telephone number: 02893322610.

School Nurse information: If your child is feeling unwell, they should NOT call home if they feel unwell, they should attend nurse. Currently a number of pupils are calling parents to go home, and parents are arriving at school to collect their child and no one knows about it. A lot of the time it is the nurse's clinical judgement that these pupils are well enough to remain in school. Also, if a pupil has an appointment, a note needs to be sent in and given to form teacher. This information should not be received via a phone call to school on the day of the appointment unless it is an emergency appointment.

Senior school ties: unfortunately, we have a shortage of senior school ties. The expected delivery date is delayed and we will update you as soon as possible.

Coats/jackets: as the colder weather approaches please remember that only dark coloured coats and jackets are acceptable to wear over our school uniform. These coats should only be worn to and from school and should not be worn in and around the school building.

House Leader board update: Our House Leader Board remains as below until year assemblies take place next week:

MacConnell	1
Ollar	4
Collin	3
Lindsay	2

Year 8 Photographs: The final date to order online is Tuesday 4th October 2022 to take advantage of free delivery back to school. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Blythswood Shoe box appeal: It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty. By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas. Shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. (Blythswood). All our pupils have been invited to take part in this worthwhile appeal. In class assembly time, class teachers will discuss and help collate items for the boxes. As a school, over 80 boxes were donated as Christmas presents in 2021. The deadline for donating items to the appeal is Monday 7th December. Below is a link to Blythswood's website/video <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Lidl Sport for Good programme: Lidl Northern Ireland is launching their 2022/23 Sport for Good Programme which works in partnership with the children's charity Youth Sport Trust. The aim of the programme is to promote positive mental health amongst secondary school pupils in Northern Ireland by bringing together Olympic and Paralympic heroes and sporting legends, to lead specially designed workshops that teach students how to use the power of sport to improve resilience and enjoyment of exercise, as well as increased self-esteem and confidence to participate in future sport. Lidl Northern Ireland shoppers can nominate their local secondary school to win a place on the Sport for Good programme, as well as £1,000 worth of brand-new sports equipment, by visiting their local Lidl store and making a purchase to receive a qualifying Lidl receipt containing a 10-digit code. Receipt codes must be submitted online along with the secondary school nomination for a chance to win. **Entries can be made via the dedicated Sport for Good online entry form at lidl-ni.co.uk/lidl-community-works. The competition is open now until Sunday, October 16th.**

We would encourage staff, pupils and teachers to nominate our school so that we have the chance to win a place on this exciting programme, and to win the £1,000 of sports equipment.

Free School Meals: We encourage you to submit valid applications as soon as possible so that all eligible applicants for Free School Meals are recorded on EA's system. Please see the attached flyer.

CAFRE Open Days: please see attached flyer for details.

Invitation to Queen's Management School Information Evening – The road to Employment (virtual event): please see attached flyer for details.

Canteen Menu:

WEEK 2 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breaded Fish Chicken Nuggets Pizza Slice Chip Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar Open	Lasagne Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Slice Finger Bread Pizza Coleslaw Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta/noodle & Sauces Salad Bar	Roast Beef or Chicken Dinner Toasties Soda Bread Pizza Pizza Slice Soup of the Day Wheaten Bread Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Chicken Bake Chicken Curry/Rice Pizza Finger Bread Pizza Soup of the Day Bread Roll Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar	Hot Dog Chicken Goujon Pizza Slice Chips Curry Sauce Gravy Beans Pasta & Sauces Salad Bar
Selection of baguettes, paninis and wraps made to order daily				

Thought For The Week:

