

School Newsletter

June 2021



Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past year, in what has been an incredibly difficult year for the whole school community. Pupils and staff have adapted to the circumstances and our new way of working admirably and all involved should be very proud of all their achievements. We have been delighted to have enjoyed a more normal summer term with the resumption of our practical classes in a range of subjects, sporting activities and pastoral activities.

Our Year 12 pupils have now completed their qualifications and I hope they have a well-deserved break over the summer months. I want to wish each of them every blessing for the future and look forward to seeing them on results day in August.

We look forward to our new school year when we will welcome many new and current pupils through our doors for another year of progress and personal development.

I wish you and your family a very enjoyable and restful summer break.

Kind Regards

Mr Douglas



Prefects

Congratulations to our Prefects for the academic year of 2021/22. A special mention should be added for our Head Boy Billy Wilson and Head Girl Alex Phillips and their deputies Saul Stewardson and Evie Archer.

The Prefects are selected by the staff in the school who see each of the prefects as leaders and who uphold the values that our school has.



So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu....On Wednesday 26th May, we said our goodbyes to a lovely bunch of year 12 pupils. We had silly awards, delicious bbq and most importantly cake!! It was a lovely send off and we wish each and every one of our pupils all the very best for their future studies.



Farewell to the current Year 12's

Prize Giving (Class of 2020)

Well done to all of the pupils from last years' GCSE cohort who received specialist prizes in subject specific and whole school awards.



Sports Day photographs





GCSE Art Exhibition

This year, the paints came out, digital things happened, and new artists were explored; despite COVID the pupils allowed creativity to flow and there were certainly smiles under those masks!

The class of 2021 had their challenges. The class of 2021 rose to the challenge. 20 individuals, 20 artists and one outstanding art exhibition at the Armagh County Museum.



Technology

It has been a theory heavy year for the Key Stage 3 technology classes but thankfully the pupils are now allowed in the workshop and it has been brilliant to see them cross-filing plastic, drilling and sawing.



Farewell from the Year 13's

On Thursday we said our goodbyes to Year 13 with an 'Award Ceremony', delicious chip shop lunch, cake, party food and a movie. It was a lovely send off and we wish each and every one of our pupils the very best for the future.



Futures

The Futures Team enjoyed great team building and orienteering days at Castlewellan and Gosford Forest Park, where the group got to experience the sights and trails of these two beauty spots in Northern Ireland.





Dates for the Diary

Thursday 12th August -	GCSE Results
Tuesday 31st August -	Year 8's (inc. Year 8 LSC/ASC)
Wednesday 1st September -	All pupils return to school
Thurs 23rd and Fri 24th Sep -	Year 8 Parent Appointments
Tuesday 28th September -	Year 12 Parents Meeting
Monday 4th October -	Parent Support Group Meeting 7pm
11th - 15th October -	Assessment Tracker 1
25th - 29th November -	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 11th November -	Prize Night
15th - 19th November -	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 29th November -	Exam week begins
Wednesday 22nd December -	School Holidays begin
Wednesday 5th January -	Pupils return to school

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS/EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE