

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As the academic year moves rapidly towards a conclusion I write to invite you to the Upper Sixth Leavers Mass and refreshments in the College on **Monday 30th April 2018 at 7.00 pm**. The last day of formal classes will be **Monday 30th April 2018** and the students' barbecue and Fun Day will be held on **Tuesday 1st May 2018**.

The completion of seven years of grammar school education is a milestone in each young person's life and its significance will be acknowledged at the Leavers' Mass. Students are requested to dress appropriately for Mass. While students may be going on to outside school events they are reminded that alcohol is strictly prohibited on the school campus.

I also seek your parental support in impressing upon your son/daughter the need to leave Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock on good terms. Some years ago we had an unfortunate incident in which some irresponsible students entered the College late at night and daubed graffiti on exterior walls. I know students, staff and parents shared a sense of abhorrence at such actions and I received many messages of support. We are anxious that we do not have a repeat of any negative occurrence and that we can protect the health, safety and educational needs of all pupils and staff in the College.

I remind students and their parents that anyone who is found to be damaging school property or interrupting the running of the College will be dealt with accordingly and will be sent home, with the risk of not sitting their examinations in our exam centre. Tutors and senior staff will reinforce this instruction to our leaving students of the need for good behaviour and to avoid any thoughtless action which upsets the College community or our neighbours.

As always during the exams students can revise at home or make use of our library and supervised study facilities. Teachers will be available in the College until the end of June for individual consultations. Your son/daughter has been given a personalised timetable and should arrive in good time with the necessary equipment for each exam. Your son/daughter must wear full uniform and conform to College rules on appearance during the examination period.

Some exam boards will issue exam outcomes electronically. Your son/daughter's A Level results will be posted home and should arrive on **Thursday 16th August 2018**. Alternatively, students may wish to collect their results in person from the school after 9.30 am on that day. Any additional information you may require about external examinations can be found on the College website - www.knock.co.uk

Meanwhile, the Upper Sixth editorial team have been working very hard on the production of the student yearbook. This publication is a very fitting tribute to a fine group of students who have contributed much to the school, bringing distinction upon themselves, their families and their College. They have been a pleasure to know and work alongside.

I wish your son/daughter every good fortune in these exams and in the future. I look forward to meeting your son/daughter and you at the Leavers' Mass on Monday 30th April 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Yours sincerely

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