



IMPORTANT DATES

Easter Holidays

Thursday 28th March- Friday 5th April
(Inclusive)

May Holidays

Monday 6th May 2024
Monday 27th May 2024

End of Term

Year 11 Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 3.34 pm
Years 8 - 10 Thursday 27th June 2024 at 12 noon

Summer Exams Years 8 - 10

Wednesday 22th May – Wednesday 29th May
inclusive.

SUMMER 2024 EXAM RESULTS

Results can be collected from the
College between 8.30am and 10.00am.

AS/A2 Results Thursday 15th August

GCSE Results Thursday 22nd August

Any results not collected
will be posted home.

Unfortunately, we cannot give results
out via telephone or email.

All dates and instructions are subject to change.
Please check the College website and CCEA/AQA/OCR/WJEC
for the most up to date information.

A Marvellous March Moo



We have been busy decorating our 'Moo on the Mall' that is now proudly displayed in Lesley Forestside! Our 'Moo' will be there for the month of March and is collecting 'food' (donations) in support of Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal. Be sure to pop down and checkout the OLSPCK MOO on the mall and help us to raise much needed funds for Marie Curie.

Well done to the staff and students from the Art Department who designed and created it, we absolutely love it and we hope you do, too/moo! #teamknock

FRENCH

GCSE French
Speaking examinations

8th April -9th April
GCSE French Orals

SPANISH

GCSE Spanish
Speaking examinations

15th April -18th April
GCSE Spanish Orals

IRISH

GCSE Irish
Speaking examinations

18th April
GCSE Irish Orals

GERMAN

GCSE German
Speaking examinations

9th April
GCSE German Orals

Pupils will be given a day and an allocated slot
by their Spanish Teacher.



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I NEED YOUR OLD LEGO^R ...

OLSPCK BRICK CLUB

Please consider donating any old or unwanted Lego^R.

Thank You Ms McGlone

All Lego^R should be left at Reception or 3Hi2

Numeracy Ninja Grand Masters

Our Year 8 and 9 students completed a 10 week Numeracy Ninjas programme during their Maths lessons. Congratulations to our top students who were awarded 'Numeracy Ninjas Grand Master' certificates.

UKMT Certificates

Congratulations to our certificate winners.

Gold: Shea O'Neill (best in school), Conor Norris, Oliver McKeown, Michael Keegan and Tom Morelli.
Silver: James Lavery, Owen Armstrong, Chris Latimer, Sean McCaffrey and Joseph McCollum.
Bronze: Muirinn O'Brien, Rohan Burns, Anna McConville, Eoin Burns, Daniel McGouran, Lois Mackey and Aadi Maini.

A special word of congratulations to Shea O'Neill who also made it through to the next stage of the UK Competition!
 Mrs O'Callaghan



Pope Francis' Lent 2024 message



Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 has the theme, "Through the desert God leads us to freedom."

The Holy Father's Message is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." (Ex 20:1-17)

The Lenten exodus helps us to free ourselves from slavery. God sustains our hope through an ecclesial, communitarian, and personal journey of conversion, to lead us to the land He wants to give us.

Read the full text of the Pope's Lent's message. <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

"Prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying". (Papa Francesco)

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom #LENT 2024

Shine A Light Competition



Congratulations to Martha Macaulay on winning the 'Shine A Light' competition (11-13 age category). This was organised by Unlimit Health, an international organisation working to end parasitic disease.

SCIENCE CLUB

A reminder to Year 8 pupils that Science Club is on every Wednesday in 2Sc5 during Junior Lunch. Come along and get involved in fun and exciting experiments!

Mentor Night 2024



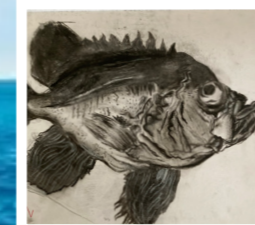
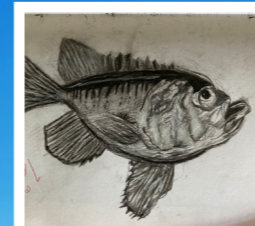
STEPPING OUT IN STYLE ----- ART DEPARTMENT Year 8 Van Gogh Clogs



GONE FISHING ----- ART DEPARTMENT

Year 9 Fish Project

Fish border by Hsuan-Jui Chang



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Careers Information for Parents and Students

OLSPCK eBulletin

Careers

April 2024



Parents and Students

A range of careers information is available to all students on the NI Careers Service Website. www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

Updated information on the NI Skills Barometer can also be found at: <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-skills-barometer-2021-update>

Information for Year 14

Time to reply to UCAS offers!

As all students applied before January 31st, all university decisions will be made by May 16th.

Students who do not receive any offers can apply to additional courses through UCAS Extra which is available until 4th July. Any students, who wish to know more about this, speak to your Careers teacher.

2024 entry cycle

Last decision by: **16th May 2024**

Your reply deadline is: **6th June 2024**

Make decisions wisely. Choose your Conditional/Firm offer from the course you would most prefer to study, providing you can achieve the entry requirements. Your Conditional Insurance offer should be used as a 'back up' if you achieve lower grades than you expect but make sure it is still a course or university where you want to study.

It is not advisable to be holding two offers with the same entry requirements.

If you have received an unconditional offer, think carefully before accepting it.

Check out the UCAS website for any additional information:

www.ucas.com

Student Finance

All Year 14 students and parents will have received information regarding Student Finance. Applications for Student Finance should be done online at: www.studentfinancenico.uk

If applying for Student Finance, application forms and evidence should be submitted by end of April to ensure funds are available when your course starts. Applications after this date, will still be accepted but there may be a delay receiving allocated finances. When applying to university, all students are eligible to apply to Student Finance to receive grants and or loans from Student Finance NI. A short parent guide is available on the College website. For more information regarding Student Finance, go to:

www.studentfinancenico.uk/student-finance-explained

Information for Year 13

All Year 13 students will attend UCAS Higher Education Exhibition on 25th April, giving students the opportunity to speak to universities from the UK and Ireland. I would encourage students to attend Open Days of any university of interest. Go to www.opendays.com or any university website to find Open Days across the UK and Ireland.

All students will have the opportunity to attend QUB, Ulster University and St Mary's University Belfast Open Days in September/October 2024. Various information events for both parents and students will become available throughout the year. These can be found on each university website and I would encourage you to attend, if possible. Students should continually check their school email account for additional events.

UCAS 2024-25

In September 2024, the Careers Department will host a UCAS Information Evening to help parents understand the process and help prepare your son/daughter for the year ahead. Preparation for UCAS application 2024-25 will be ongoing in class and can also be done at home. Students should also look at the following website: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement> <http://search.ucas.com> www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

Work Shadowing

The College has decided to dedicate the last two weeks of the College Academic year to Work Shadowing. All documents and guidelines are available on the school website and students have been provided with paper copies of some of the documents. The Careers Department will assist your request for a suitable placement, but all students are expected to show that they have attempted to obtain their own placement.

Work Shadowing can be complete on either of the following dates:

Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June. or Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June.

In order to process Work Shadowing requests, all forms must be completed and returned to the College by **Friday 10th May**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Students should use the following link to access all documentation.

<https://www.knock.co.uk/post/year-13-work-shadowing>

Students can still avail of Virtual Work Experience. Many students have already completed a range of virtual events and have found them to be very beneficial. I will continue to email students about virtual events, so it is essential that they regularly check emails for any future opportunities. There are many organisations and websites that provide Virtual Work Experience. You might find, the following websites useful:

www.speakersforschools.org www.springpod.com <https://students.careersandstuff.com/home>

Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

Students applying to Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science must be aware that UCAS applications must be completed in advance of UCAS deadline of the October 15th, 2024. There will be a number of meetings for these students, and it is important students attend these meetings to discuss their application. Students should make sure that they are preparing fully for these very competitive courses, by showing initiative in their independent learning around their chosen subject.

UCAT Key Dates

Registration for UCAT opens on 14th May and closes on the 19th September. Go to <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/ucat-test-cycle/> for the latest information regarding testing dates.

Information for Year 12

All students have completed their one-to-one interview with the College Careers Advisor and should have received a copy of their Action Plan. Students also need to complete and submit their Personal Career Plan (PCP) to their Careers teacher by the end of this term. Year 12 students should also be researching possible career plans. This can be done using Career Ideas and A-Z of Careers, available via My School at home or Kello, available only in school.

Post 16 Opportunities:

Information on Apprenticeships and Higher Apprenticeships will continue to be distributed to students via tutor groups, Careers classes and school email. If you are considering a different career pathway after completing your GCSE's be sure to seek advice from your Careers teacher before the end of the year. Applications for SERC and BMET are currently open. Go to the following websites: www.serc.ac.uk

www.belfastmet.ac.uk

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Careers Department.

J Davey

Head of CEIAG