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Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

In June, several of our Year 13 Chemistry students took part in the prestigious, highly competitive Chemistry competition hosted by the University of Cambridge, an event that attracted over 15,000 entrants. Despite the stiff competition, we are delighted to report that four students from the College received well-deserved recognition; Aisling McCann, Nicholas Napier and Romeo Daniel were each honoured with a Copper Award, while Daniel Canning receiving a fantastic Silver Award.

REVISION CLASSES

BIOLOGY

DA Biology
Last revision class for
November resits
Thursday
5th Nov

All classes will be in S11 from 3.35-4.30pm



OLSPCK Autumn Pub Quiz
Fri 6 Nov 2026
7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
Four Winds,
BT8 6LX

If you would like to join the PTA, please scan the QR code on the right.



Ski Trip February 2027 :

Tuesday 17th November 2026 - Parent information evening for the Ski trip is at 7pm in the College (students also attend) – Altitude Ski Clothing Hire will be in attendance.

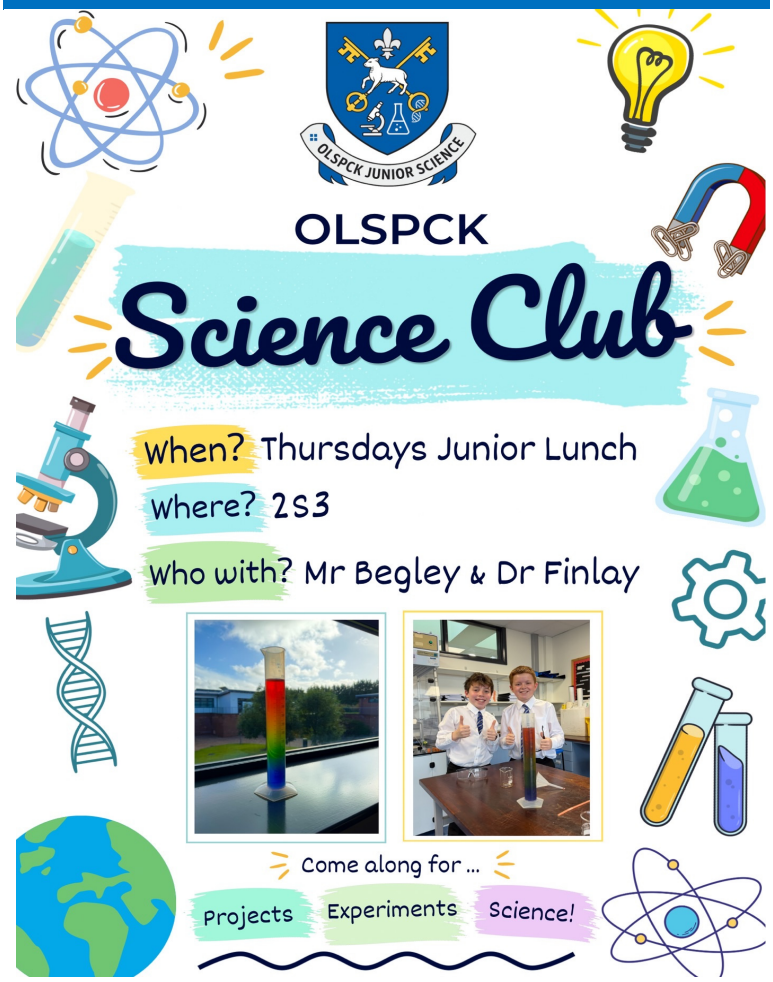
Key Dates:
28th November 2026 – Balance payment due

26th December 2026 – Passport, Ski Fit and Dietary Information Deadline

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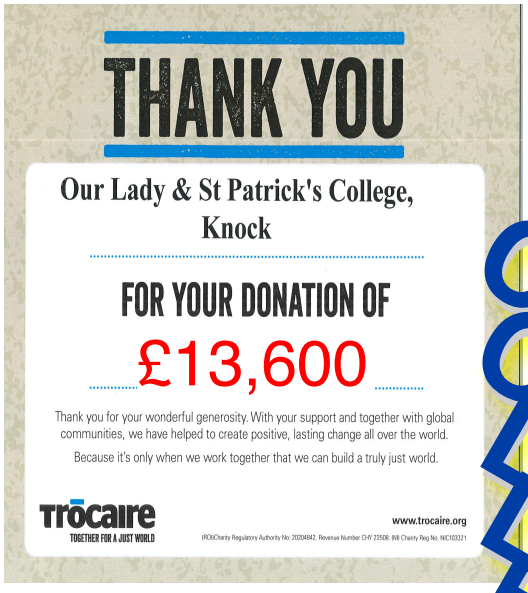
Extra-Curricular Mandarin lessons with the new teacher from the Confucius Institute, Ms Xiong, have started for Junior and Upper School students. See Ms Mezza in 1Lg6 if you are interested.



Science Club has got off to a fantastic start this year with our Year 8 and 9 Junior Science students getting stuck into exciting experiments, challenges and practical tasks. From colourful Chemistry to hands-on investigations, there's been plenty of enthusiasm and curiosity!
Mr Begley and Dr Finlay🧪🔬









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The Chess Club has restarted, and we have had a massive response with over 50 students attending. Unfortunately, we only have 12 chess boards. So we are asking if you have any unwanted chess sets/boards that you woud consider donating them to the club. They can be left at Reception.

Thanks

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE

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FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Several students in Year 8 – Year 12 are taking part in the 2027 First Lego League. More than just a Lego building competition, the First Lego League encourages students to work together to solve problems and challenges. This year the headline is BioGlow: Students will be learning about Bio-diversity as they compete in the robot challenge.

Every challenge helps to tell a story. Each tool, each innovation, each work of art connects us to the people and ideas that came before us. Using STEM skills and teamwork, the teams will dig deeper into discoveries than ever before.

Meetings are after school on Wednesday in Room 2Sy2 with Mr Thompson and Mr McGlade.

Spaces are limited.



Official School Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/p/Our-Lady-and-St-Patricks-College-Knock-61578649678846/

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Page:
https://www.facebook.com/OLSPCKpta/

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Re-turn

A chairde, we will be recycling Re-turn label marked bottles and cans for St. Vincent de Paul again this year.
Last year we donated £100 and I am sure that we can surpass this in the coming year. Please simply leave any bottles or cans marked with the Re-turn label down to my room, 1Lg5, and I will recycle them.

Thanks
Mr P Kane

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Year 14 Students - UCAS

The internal school deadline for the completion of UCAS applications is the week beginning Monday 2nd November 2026. Students are currently working on Personal Statements and conducting thorough research into the courses and universities they intend applying to. Students must pay for their own application using a credit card. Do not worry, this will not send your application off to UCAS directly - the school will do that. We strongly advise students to complete this process as soon as possible. The sooner the application forms are completed, the sooner students will begin receiving offers from universities. Students who receive Free School Meals will not have to pay the UCAS application fee.

Any student who is having problems choosing a course can request an interview with their Careers teacher. There are numerous Open Days and University Fairs taking place over the next few weeks. Students should continually check their e-mails regarding these events.

Higher Apprenticeships
Higher Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular for Year 14 students looking for an alternative to university. They will provide students with the opportunity to earn while they study. On successful completion, students will obtain a university degree or an equivalent qualification without the debt associated with university and, in most cases, a guaranteed job. The range of Higher Apprenticeships are increasing each year, covering areas such as: IT, Finance, Engineering and Science. A number of popular Higher Apprenticeship programmes will soon open for application. For more information, use the links below. Also, many Higher Level apprenticeships will be advertised on social media by the companies recruiting HLAs.

Careers Service NI
https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/higher-level-apprenticeships

Kainos (Earn As You Learn)
https://www.kainos.com/careers/kainos-academy

Deloitte (Bright Start)
https://www.deloitte.com/uk/en/careers/early-careers/early-careers-programmes.html

PWC (Flying Start Programme)
https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers.html

Almac
https://www.almacgroup.com/careers/almac-pathways/higher-level-apprenticeships/

EY
https://www.almacgroup.com/careers/almac-pathways/higher-level-apprenticeships/

Various Higher Apprenticeships
Work+
https://www.workplus.app/

Year 13 Students - WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 13 Work Shadowing has been planned to occur from 7th - 11th June or 14th – 18th June 2027. We will be in contact with parents in January regarding these arrangements. Other work shadowing events may occur outside of these dates for students in Year 13 and 14. If you wish to avail of any additional opportunities, virtual or face to face, you must contact Mr Davey and complete the necessary consent and insurance forms. We are currently updating Work Shadowing information on the school website to improve access to relevant documents and information. There are numerous virtual work experience events occurring and some of these will be emailed out to students. It is important that students regularly check their school email account for these opportunities. To access an array of Virtual Work Experience, I recommend that all students in Year 13 -14 register with an organisation called Speakers for Schools and Springpod.

https://www.speakersforschools.org/
https://www.springpod.com/

Unfortunately, there are still a few restrictions in place regarding work shadowing, in particular healthcare related careers. A lack of work experience may make it more difficult for students to decide on a career path therefore, independent research is more important than ever. Students who are still unsure about a career path should speak to their Careers teacher. All students should be using Unifrog to help with this research. www.unifrog.org

Mock Interviews
After the very successful Mock Interview event in June 2026, we hope to run a similar event for current Year 13 students in June, after all exams and Work Shadowing has been completed. Further details to follow later in the year. If any parents wish to get involved with Mock Interviews in June, please contact Mr Davey.

University Events
Throughout the year, QUB and Ulster University will be hosting various Student / Parent Information events. These may be a combination of virtual or in person. Links to these events can be found below.

Queens University Belfast
https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/Undergraduate/events/
Ulster University
https://www.ulster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate

There will be a range of similar events from a wide variety of universities. Students need to check their school e-mail, MS Teams and Careers notice board regularly for any additional events.

Year 12 students - CAREERS INTERVIEWS

All students will receive an individual careers interview with our DE Careers Advisor, Brenda McKeown. It is vital that students conduct thorough careers research before their interview. After this interview has been completed, parents / guardians will be notified via the School Gateway app and the completed Action Plan can be accessed via the student's email account for further discussion at home.

Mr J Davey - Head of CEIAG

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Important Dates

Tracker Assessments

Term	Year	Tracker	Completion date
1	12	PTM	23 October 2026
1	12	T1	22 October 2026
1	11	T1	22 October 2026
1	13	T1	22 October 2026
1	14	T1	22 October 2026
1	14	PTM	23 October 2026
1	11	PTM	02 November 2026
1	8	T1	13 November 2026
1	9	T1	13 November 2026
1	10	T1	13 November 2026
1	12	T2	07 December 2026
1	13	T2	07 December 2026
2	11	T2	25 January 2027
2	14	T2	25 January 2027
2	8	PTM	04 February 2027
2	12	Options	05 February 2027
2	10	Options/PTM	15 February 2027
2	13	PTM	18 February 2027
2	9	PTM	23 February 2027
3	10	T2	03 June 2027
3	8	T2	04 June 2027
3	9	T2	04 June 2027

Please note the dates of the Year 8, 13 and 9 PTM may be subject to change.

Term 1 Holidays

Friday 23 October - Monday 2 November (inclusive)

Holiday Monday 7 December 2026

Christmas Holiday: Years 11 - 14 Friday 18 December 2026 - Monday 4 January 2027 (inclusive)

Christmas Holiday: Years 8 - 10 Monday 21 December 2026 - Monday 4 January 2027 (inclusive)

SEAG Assessment

Paper 1: Saturday, 14th November 2026
Paper 2: Saturday, 21st November 2026

Winter 2026 GCSE Examinations

Monday 9th November 2026
GCSE DA Science Biology Unit 1
9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday 10th November 2026
GCSE DA Science Chemistry Unit 1
9.30am to 10.30am

Wednesday 11th November 2026
GCSE DA Science Physics Unit 1
1.30am to 14.30pm

Friday 13th November 2026
GCSE English Language – Unit 1
9.30am – 11.15am

Monday 16th November 2026
GCSE English Language – Unit 4
9.30am to 11.15am

Tuesday 17th November 2026
GCSE Mathematics Unit 2
9.30am to 11.15am

GCSE Mathematics Unit 3; Unit 4
9.30am to 11.30am

Thursday 19th November 2026
GCSE Mathematics Unit 8 non calculator
9.30am to 10.45am

GCSE Mathematics Unit 8 calculator
11.00am to 12.15pm

Results issued: Thursday 4th February 2027

Unfortunately, we cannot issue results by email or telephone.

MOCK EXAM DATES

Years 11, 12, 13 and 14

November
Year 13 Friday 20th to Friday 27th
Year 12 Friday 20th to Friday 27th

January
Year 11 and Year 14
Thursday 7th to Thursday 14th

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OLSPCK'S STUDENT VOICE REPRESENTATIVES 2026 - 2027

Congratulations to all students who have been appointed.





Junior Student Council



Senior Student Council



Upper Student Council

Student Council Representatives

2026-2027

Reg	Student Council	
8.1	Patrick King	Ellen Daly
8.2	Reyansh Holikatti	Maggie Moffett
8.3	Cillian Kernan	Erin Birt
8.4	Joe Scott	Beatrice Morgan
8.5	Michael Curran	Izzy Mason
8.6	Noah Eccles	Alisha Watters
8.7	Miles Barrett	Scarlette Gallagher
9.1	Yanis Xyntaris	Nicole McKeown
9.2	Matthew Kinney	Meabh Lynch
9.3	Myles Bailey	Grace Kerrigan
9.4	Cormac Browne	Willow Shiveral
9.5	Namish Dasari	Davida Jesse-Alozie
9.6	Daire Riley	Eva McKee
9.7	Alexander Morris	Niamh O'Reilly
10.1	Farrah Grace	Katie Murray
10.2	Xi Ruo Zheng	James Breen
10.3	Ronan Hanna	Abigail McKenny
10.4	Hannan Iqbal	Cara Morgan
10.5	Timi Olade	Jeshvi Pasupathi Kamatchi Nathan
10.6	Joshua Denny	Prathika Bantrotu
10.7	Matej Topolic	Aoife Lily Hughes
11.1	Elizabeth Adekunle	Arjun Aneesh
11.2	Ollie Healy	Rihana Mohammed
11.3	Jewel Dito	Kylian DeBaulieu-Lomba
11.4	Olivia McKeown	Milo McClean
11.5	Molly Pelan	Sven Rosales
11.6	Oscar Hadley	Aine Napier
11.7	Adam McElroy	Tolu Olade
12.1	Sithara Sinny	Arian Mationg
12.2	Caleb Campbell	Sophie McEwan-Lyon
12.3	Aoibhin McConville	Conor Grant
12.4	Thomas Green	Emma Nelson
12.5	Isabel McCoey	Grace Guest
12.6	Darragh Courtney	Aoife Turkington
12.7	Odhran Vize	Cara Woodman
12.8	Michael Doherty	Elise Crampsey
13.1	Anna Shipsides	Conor Devine
13.2	Dan Liggett	Mairead Mountcastle
13.3	Cara Holland	Kian Magee
13.4	Katie Harden	Annie Savage
13.5	Orlaith Mann	Oliie Whyte
13.6	Ellen Kinney	Aarush Kulshrestha
13.7	Niamh Neil	James Harper
13.8	Aoife Maguire	Nevin Vattakkattu
14.1	Aryan Mukherjee	Emily McCafferty
14.2	Emma Gilgunn	Florence O'Brien
14.3	Gianna Layno	George Burke
14.4	Anya McCoey	Max McCourt
14.5	Emma Herbison	Pranav Senthil Kumar
14.6	Cushla Flannigan	Niall McReynolds
14.7	Myles Simpson	Niamh Taylor

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NON- SPORTING EXTRACURRICULAR CALENDAR 2026-2027

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKTIME				
• Folk Group (3Mu2)	• Rosary Club (Oratory)		• Year 8-10 Junior Apprentice (3BS2) Mrs Branagan	
JUNOR LUNCH- Period 7				
• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Brass Ensemble (Music Computer Rm)	• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Traditional Group (3Mu3)	• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Year 9 and 10 Choir (3Mu1) • Year 8 Choir (3Mu2) • Book Club (Junior Library) Miss Gribbons	• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Year 8 and 9 Science Club (2S3) Mr Begley • Beginners Italian (1Lg3) Miss McCabe • Junior Orchestra (3Mu1) • Junior Chaplaincy (1Lg7)	• Lego and Board games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Chess Club* (3Ca3) Mr Garland *Also, on any rainy day • Sign Language (BSL) Club (3Hi1) Miss McCabe
SENIOR LUNCH- Period 8				
• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Technology Coursework Clinics (Technology Department)	• Technology Coursework Clinics (Technology Department) • GCSE/DA Chemistry Revision classes (2S1) **Dates TBC** • Senior Band (Music Computer Rm) • Senior Chaplaincy (1Lg7)	• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Technology Coursework Clinics (Technology Department) • Flute Ensemble (Practice Rm 2) • Clarinet Ensemble (3Mu3)	• Technology Coursework Clinics (Technology Department) • Senior Singers (3Mu2) • Senior Debate Club (3Hi3)* **begins 23rd Sept**	• Lego and Board Games Club (3HI2) Miss Corrigan • Technology Coursework Clinics (Technology Department) • Senior Choir (3Mu3)
AFTERSCHOOL: 3:35-4:30				
• Technology Coursework Clinics • Junior Drama Club (2Dr1) • Senior Band	• Musical Theatre Club (2DR1) All year groups welcome Miss McErlane & Miss Jackson) • Female Voices (Team Leads)	• Year 13- 14 STEM Rockets • Year 8-12 STEM Robots (2SY1) Mr Thompson & Mr McGlade • Technology Coursework Clinics • History Club (3Hi3) **begins 22nd Sept**	• Senior Orchestra (3Mu3) • Junior Craft Club (Harmony Room) 3:35- 4:15 • Gardening Club -All year groups welcome (S10, Greenhouse and raised beds) Miss McCluskey and Mrs Brown.	

*Seasonal Art Workshops will take place once per term for Year 8-10 to coincide with Halloween, Christmas, Easter and Summer. Details to follow.

TERM 1 EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE STARTING MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2026

Day	Time – Before School/After School	Venue	Sport	Year/Age	Gender	Staff
Monday	Before School	Grass Pitch	LGFA	Y11-12	Girls	Miss Deery
Monday	Before School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y10	Girls	Ms Black
Monday	After School	Sports Hall	Badminton	Y8-Y14	Boys and Girls	PE Department Assistants
Monday	After School	Outdoor Basketball Courts	Basketball	Y9-10	Boys and Girls	Mr Garland & Mr McKinney
Tuesday	Before School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y11-14	Girls	Ms Black & Ms Laverty
Tuesday	Before School	Grass Pitch	MacLamon Gaelic	Y12-14	Boys	Mr Shields & Mr Dyas & Mr McGlade
Tuesday	Before School	3G Pitch	Soccer	Y11	Boys	Dr Browne
Tuesday	After School	3G	Soccer	Y8-14	Girls	Mrs Madden
Tuesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Hurling	Y11 - Y14	Boys	Mr Kane & Mr Armstrong
Tuesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	LGFA	U20	Girls	Miss McGourty & Mr Dyas & Miss Deery
Tuesday	After School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y11-12	Boys	Mr McGaharan & Mr Garland
Tuesday	After School	Outdoor Basketball Courts	Basketball	Y8	Boys	Mr Garland & Mr McKinney
Wednesday	Before School	3G Pitch	Soccer	Y12-14	Boys	Mr Collins & Mr McGlade & Mr Campbell
Wednesday	Before School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y9	Girls	Miss Deery & Miss O'Donnell
Wednesday	Before School	Grass Pitch	Gaelic Football	Y10	Boys	Mr Moran
Wednesday	After School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y11-14	Girls	Mr McGaharan
Wednesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Hurling	Y8-Y9	Boys	Mr McGourty
Wednesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Camogie	Y11-14	Girls	Miss McGourty & Miss Coulter & Miss McMullan
Wednesday	After School	3G	Soccer	Y8	Boys	Mr Kelly & Mr Priestley & Mr Campbell & Mr McGowan-Gregg
Thursday	Before School	Grass Pitch	MacLamon Gaelic	U19	Boys	Mr Shields & Mr McGlade & Mr Dyas
Thursday	Before School	3G	Soccer	Y9	Boys	Mr Kelly & Mr Jenkins
Thursday	Before School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y13-14	Boys	Mr McGaharan
Thursday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	LGFA	U20	Girls	Miss McGourty & Mr Dyas & Miss Deery
Thursday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Hurling	Y11-14	Boys	Mr Kane & Mr Armstrong
Thursday	After School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y8	Girls	Ms Black & Miss McCartney
Thursday	After School	3G	Soccer	Y10	Boys	Mr Shields & Mr Campbell
Friday	Before School	3G	Soccer	Y12-14	Boys	Mr Collins
Friday	Before School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y8	Girls	Miss Deery
Friday	Before School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Gaelic Football	Y12	Boys	Mr Shields & Mr Dyas
Friday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Rugby	Y8-Y14	Boys	Mr McCloskey & Civil Service RC
Friday	After School	3G & Sports hall	Multi-Activity	Y8	Boys & Girls	Mr Shields & Miss McGourty

NOTE:

Before-school sessions begin at 8am and will finish just before 9 to allow students to get changed and get to registration for 9.20am SHARP.

All after-school sessions begin at 3.40pm and end around 4.35pm.