



MEDIA

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The Bar Mock Trial will take place on Saturday 29th November at the Royal Courts of Justice. Our Year 13 and 14 students are preparing by looking at the prosecution and defence sides of 2 fiction cases. They are getting a lot of advice from 2 barristers. We wish them good luck for the upcoming competition.

BARRISTERS: Lavanya Agarwal, Conal Hughes, Ishaan Joshi and Emer McKee.

WITNESSES: Aoife Toner, Anna Donnelly, Dan McKee and Euan Hughes

Mrs Branagan & Miss Haughey

SCIENCE REVISION CLASSES

BIOLOGY

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



All classes will be in S11 from 3.35-4.30pm

PHYSICS

DA Physics Revision classes
November resits
Tues 4th Nov
Tues 11th Nov



All classes will be in S6 and S8 from 3.35-4.30pm

The Chemistry Department is running Drop-In sessions for Year 11 and Year 12 students during senior lunch on Wednesdays in S1. Mr Hamill and a team of Year 13 Chemistry mentors will be available to provide support to

students that are struggling with any aspects of GCSE Chemistry. Year 12 students entered for Double Award Science modules in November are especially encouraged to attend.

CHEMISTRY



Ski Trip Important Information and Dates

Ski Trip February 2026 :

Wednesday 10th December 2025 - 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:

29th November 2025 – Balance payment due

27th December 2025 – Passport, Ski Fit and Dietary Information Deadline

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LEARN CONVERSATIONAL MANDARIN CHINESE

hello
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Junior School Students
Tuesday After School 3.35 - 4.30
Years 13 and 14 - Tuesday

Extra-Curricular Mandarin lessons with the new teacher from the Confucius Institute, Ms Liu, have started for Junior and Upper School students.

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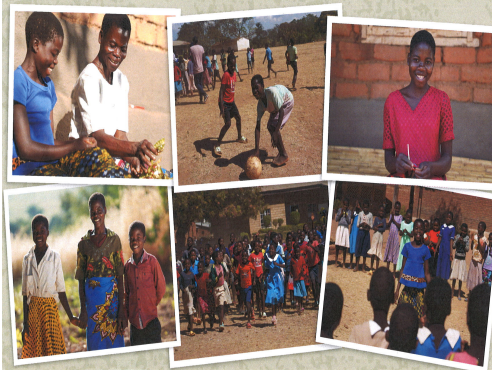


Brick Club
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any old or unwanted Lego®.

Thank you
Ms McGlone

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3Hi2

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SENIOR LUNCH BOARDGAME & LEGO CLUB

Come along and explore our selection of games - you're sure to find one for you. We have Chess, Draughts and newer games, including Cookie Box and Sky Jo.

Friday 3Hi1



No need to book, just show up either by yourself or with your friends.
Club runs from 1.25pm until 2pm.

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CHESS CLUB
FRIDAYS JR LUNCH
ROOM: 3 CAREERS

WHERE EVERY MOVE MATTERS!
CHESS CLUB, THE GAME OF STRATEGY AND SKILL
FRIDAY JR LUNCH, RM 3 CAREERS, ALL WELCOME
RAINY DAY OPTION ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
YOUR NEXT GREAT MOVE STARTS HERE

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 would consider donating them to the club. They can be left at the reception desk.

Thanks



DONATE CHESS BOARDS

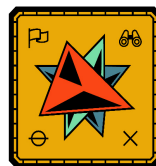
DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD CHESS SETS? *

Please consider donating your old chess sets to our Chess club.



**FIRST
LEGO
LEAGUE**

CHALLENGE



UNEARTHED

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LEAGUE**

Several students in Year 8 – Year 11 are taking part in the 2026 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 theme is Unearthed: a focus on archaeology where teams will uncover the past to discover the future.

Every artifact they uncover holds 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, so please ask before joining.



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CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Year 14 Students - UCAS

The internal school deadline for the completion of UCAS applications is the week beginning Monday 3rd November 2025. 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 that receive Free School Meals will not have to pay the UCAS application fee. Any student who is unsure of their course choices 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 who are looking for an alternative to university. They provide students with the opportunity to earn while studying. On successful completion, students will obtain a university degree or equivalent qualification, without the debt associated with university. In most cases there is a guaranteed job. The range of Higher Apprenticeships are increasing each year, including areas such as IT, Finance, Engineering and Science. A number of popular Higher Apprenticeship programmes are now open for application. For more information, use the links below. Additionally, many Higher Level apprenticeships are advertised on social media by 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 for 8th - 12th June or 15th - 19th June 2026. We will be in contact with parents in January regarding these arrangements. 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. Virtual work experience events 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, particularly in healthcare. 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.

Mock Interviews

After a very successful Mock Interview event in June 2025, we hope to run a similar event for Year 13 students in June. Further details will follow later in the year. If any parents wish to assist 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 will be a combination of virtual or in person events. 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 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 Advisors, 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	16 October 2025
1	8	T1	23 October 2025
1	9	T1	23 October 2025
1	10	T1	23 October 2025
1	11	T1	23 October 2025
1	12	T1	23 October 2025
1	13	T1	23 October 2025
1	14	T1	23 October 2025
1	14	PTM	23 October 2025
1	11	PTM	06 November 2025
1	8	T2	01 December 2025
1	9	T2	01 December 2025
1	10	T2	01 December 2025
1	12	T2	08 December 2025
1	13	T2	08 December 2025
2	11	T2	23 January 2026
2	14	T2	23 January 2026
2	8	PTM	05 February 2026
2	12	Options	06 February 2026
2	10	Options/PTM	16 February 2026
2	13	PTM	19 February 2026
2	9	PTM	26 March 2026
2	8	T3	27 March 2026
2	9	T3	27 March 2026
2	10	T3	27 March 2026
2	11	T3	27 March 2026
2	12	T3	27 March 2026
2	13	T3	27 March 2026
2	14	T3	27 March 2026
3	10	T4	04 June 2026
3	8	T4	05 June 2026
3	9	T4	05 June 2026

Mid-term Holidays

Friday 25th October - Monday
4th November (inclusive)

SEAG Assessment

15th November 2025
22nd November 2025

Winter 2025 GCSE Examinations

Monday 10th November 2025 GCSE DA Science Biology Unit 1 9.30am to 10.30am	Tuesday 18th November 2025 GCSE Mathematics Unit 2 9.30am to 11.15am
Tuesday 11th November 2025 GCSE DA Science Chemistry Unit 1 1.30pm to 2.30pm	GCSE Mathematics Unit 3; Unit 4 9.30am to 11.30am
Wednesday 12th November 2025 GCSE DA Science Physics Unit 1 9.30am to 10.30am	Thursday 20th November 2025 GCSE Mathematics Unit 6 non calculator 9.30am to 10.30am
Friday 14th November 2025 GCSE English Language – Unit 1 9.30am – 11.15am	GCSE Mathematics Unit 6 calculator 10.45am to 11.45am
Monday 17th November 2025 GCSE English Language – Unit 4 9.30am to 11.15am	GCSE Mathematics Unit 8 non calculator 9.30am to 10.45am
	GCSE Mathematics Unit 8 calculator 11.00am to 12.15pm
	Results issued: Thursday 5th February 2026
	Unfortunately, we cannot issue results by email or telephone.

Mock Exam dates Year 11, 12 and 14

Year 13

Friday 21st Nov to Friday 28th Nov

Year 12

Monday 24th Nov to Friday 28th Nov

Year 14

Tuesday 6th Jan to Thursday 15th Jan

Year 11

Wednesday 7th Jan to Thursday 15th Jan

OLSPCK'S STUDENT VOICE REPRESENTATIVES 2025 - 2026

STUDENT VOICE WINNERS

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13 (no vote)	Year 14
Conri Fitzsimmons (8'4)	Seth Donnelly (9'7)	Molly Pelan (10'5)	Eve Curry (11'7)	Aarush Kulshrestha (12'6)	Cora Fitzpatrick (13'6)	Noah Kavanagh (14'1)
Kasey Millar (8'2)	Joseph Gorman (9'2)	Asher Zimbwa (10'2)	Shaun Shiju (11'3)	Jamie McCorry (12'1)	Anna Stevenson (13'3)	Nikitha Sunny (14'1)

Student Voice

Your opinion matters

Timetable for Junior/Senior/Upper Student Council Meetings and Whole - School Student Voice Meetings 2025-2026

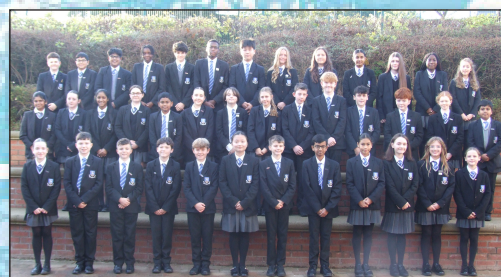
Representatives will be advised of subcommittee meetings via relevant Teams

Monday 10 November 2025	Junior Lunch Senior Lunch Senior Lunch	2En2 2En2 2En7
Wednesday 12 November 2025	3.30-4.30pm	Boardroom or Library
Monday 8 December 2025	Junior Lunch Senior Lunch Senior Lunch	2En2 2En2 2En7
Wednesday 10 December 2025	3.30-4.30pm	Boardroom or Library
Monday 26 January 2026	Junior Lunch Senior Lunch Senior Lunch	2En2 2En2 2En7
Wednesday 28 January 2026	3.30-4.30pm	Boardroom or Library
Monday 9 March 2026	Junior Lunch Senior Lunch Senior Lunch	2En2 2En2 2En7
Wednesday 11 March 2026	3.30-4.30pm	Boardroom or Library
Monday 23 March 2026	9.30-9.40am	Tutor Rooms

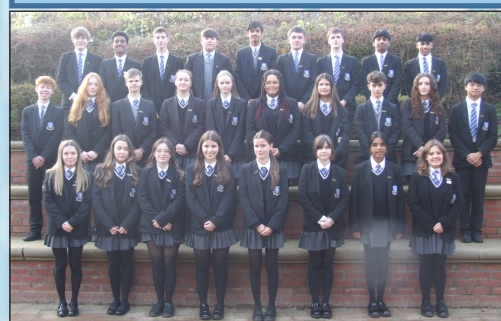
Student Council 2025 to 2026

Junior Student Council

8.1	Noah Denny	Daisy Nicholl
8.2	Sean O'Neill	Kasey Millar
8.3	Lily Edgar	Shea Watson
8.4	Conri Fitzsimmons	Anna McKeown
8.5	Rian Anant	Mariana Maldonado Moreno
8.6	Xie Fule	James Johnston
8.7	Robin Carlin.	Eva McBurney
9.1	Joseph Gorman	Niamh McDermott
9.2	Callum McGoran	Rebecca Stephens
9.3	Aidan Cunningham	Sophia Dalzell
9.4	Oscar McCann	Martha Murphy
9.5	Suhas Bojjireddy	Dhanya Sree Jayaramachandran
9.6	Prathikaa Bantrotu	Muhammad Sheik Bareeth
9.7	Seth Donnelly	Aoife-Lily Hughes
10.1	Elizabeth Adekunle	Naveed Alam
10.2	Shreya Joshi	Asher Zimbwa
10.3	Evana Anish	Morgan McSorley
10.4	Rose McCartan	Ryan O'Sullivan
10.5	Aatman Jain	Molly Pelan
10.6	Anna McCaffrey	Darin Wei
10.7	David Fagunwa	Aine McTaggart



Junior Student Council



Senior Student Council

Senior Student Council

11.1	Ayla Hunt	Arian Mationg
11.2	Caleb Campbell	Siobhan Curran
11.3	Annette Benny	Shaun Shiju
11.4	Charlie Murray	Elin O'Donnell
11.5	Emily Agnew	Leon Harkin
11.6	Eagan Parackal	Aoife Turkington
11.7	Eve Curry	Joshua Thomas
11.8	Edie Boyle	Thomas Gilsenan
12.1	Jamie McCorry	Anna Shippides
12.2	Aidan Monaghan	Mairead Mountcastle
12.3	Charlotte Savage	Shay Spillane
12.4	Anjali Manikpure	Luke Roberts
12.5	Cathal Birt	Rachel McCormick
12.6	Aarush Kulshrestha	Amenlia Przybylek
12.7	Ruby Hasan	Matthew McConkey
12.8	Evie-Rose Knowles	Caspar Spence



Upper Student Council

Upper Student Council

13.1	Eve Anderson	Daniel Canning
13.2	Niamh Rogers	Christopher Scarlett
13.3	Cara McCullough	Anna Stevenson
13.4	Emile Braniff	Andrea Tello Matamoros
13.5	Dillon Cousins	Hannah Martin
13.6	James Dickson	Cora Fitzpatrick
13.7	Olivia Hughes	Sian Cassidy-Moore
14.1	Ryan Osborne	Nikitha Sunny
14.2	Eoin Burns	Aoibhe McHugh
14.3	Alice Hanna	Sophie Whyte
14.4	Ciara McArdle	Maeve Roche
14.5	Ellie-Rose Coyle	Sean McCaffrey
14.6	Aubrey Dolan	Michael Keegan
14.7	Louise Fee	Noah Kavanagh

Congratulations to all students who have been appointed.



STUDENT VOICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKTIME				
Folk Group (3Mu2)			- Year 8-10 Kaleidoscope (IS12) - Year 9 & 10 Choir (3Mu1)	
JUNOR LUNCH- Period 7				
- Junior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI2) - Traditional Group (3Mu3) - Year 8 Choir (3Mu2) - Junior Orchestra (3Mu1) - Year 8 Into Film club – (Starting TERM 2 in M1A room)	- Junior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI2) - Junior Samba - Year 8 Science Club (2S5) - KS3 Art Club (3Art1) - Year 8-10 Drama Club (Starting TERM 2)	- Junior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI2) - Junior Astronomy Club (2S3A)	- Junior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI2) - Junior Culture Club (1Lg7) (Starting 25/09)	- Junior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI1) - Junior Chess Club (3Ca)
SENIOR LUNCH- Period 8				
- Senior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI3) - Senior Choir (3Mu3) - Samba Group (Drum Room)	Senior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI3)	- Senior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI3) - GSA (3Mu2)	Senior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI3)	Senior Lego Club + Boardgames (3HI1)
AFTERSCHOOL: 3:35-4:30				
Technology Coursework Clinic (2sys1)	- Production Rehearsals (College Hall) - Gardening Club – (S10/Greenhouse/Garden) - Female Voices Project (3RE1) - History Cub (3HI4) (Starting 30/09)	Year 8 Code Club (3IT1)	- Senior Orchestra 3Mu3 - Production Rehearsals (College Hall)	



TERM 1 SPORTING EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE STARTING MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Day	Time (AM or PM)	Venue	Sport	Year/Age	Gender	Staff
Monday	Before School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y10	Girls	Miss Black
Monday	After School	Sports Hall	Badminton	Y8-Y14	Boys and Girls	PE Department Assistants
Tuesday	Before School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y9	Girls	Miss McGourty
Tuesday	Before School	3G Pitch	Soccer	Y10	Boys	Dr Browne
Tuesday	After School	3G	Soccer	Y8-14	Girls	Mrs Madden & Fox
Tuesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	MacLarnon Gaelic	U19	Boys	Mr Shields & Mr McGlade
Tuesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Hurling	Y11 - Y14	Boys	Mr McLornan & Mr Armstrong
Tuesday	After School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y11-14	Girls	Mr McGarahan & Miss Deery
Tuesday	After School	Outdoor Basketball Courts	Basketball	Y8	Boys and Girls	Mr Garland
Tuesday	After School	Amphitheatre	Athletics	Y8-14	Boys and Girls	Miss Laverly
Wednesday	Before School	Grass Pitch	Gaelic	Y12	Boys	Mr Shields & Mr McLornan
Wednesday	Before School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y11-14	Girls	Mr McGarahan & Miss Deery
Wednesday	After School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y11-Y14	Boys	Mr McGarahan & Mr Garland
Wednesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Hurling	Y8-Y9	Boys	Mr McGourty
Wednesday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Gaelic	Y11-14	Girls	Miss McGourty/Deery/Mr Dyas
Wednesday	After School	3G	Soccer	Y9	Boys	Mr Shields
Thursday	Before School	Grass Pitch	MacLarnon Gaelic	U19	Boys	Mr Shields & McGlade
Thursday	Before School	3G	Soccer	Y11	Boys	Mr Collins
Thursday	Before School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y11-14	Boys	Mr McGarahan
Thursday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Camogie	Y11-Y14	Girls	Mrs Conway & McGourty
Thursday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2 (Shared)	Hurling	Y11-14	Boys	Mr Kane
Thursday	After School	Sports Hall	Netball	Y11-14	Girls	Miss Deery & Miss Black
Thursday	After School	3G	Soccer	Y8	Boys	Mr Kelly & Mr Jenkins
Friday	Before School	3G	Soccer	Y12-14	Boys	Mr Collins & Mr McGlade
Friday	Before School	Sports Hall	Basketball	Y9-10	Girls	Mr McGarahan & Miss Deery
Friday	Before School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Gaelic	Y10	Boys	Mr Moran & Mr McGonnell
Friday	After School	Grass Pitch 1/2	Rugby	Y8-Y14	Boys	Mr Priestley and Civil Service RC
Friday	After School	3G & Sports hall	Boys Gaelic & Girls Netball	Y8	Boys & Girls	Mr Shields & Miss McGourty

NOTE:

AFTER SENIOR COMPETITIONS ARE FINISHED, AN UPDATED VERSION WITH MORE TRAINING FOR OTHER YEAR GROUPS WILL BE ADDED.

Sessions that are scheduled before school begin at 8am and will finish just before 9am to allow students to get changed and get to registration for 9.20am SHARP.

All after-school sessions begin at 3.40pm and will end at 4.35/4.40pm.