



OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

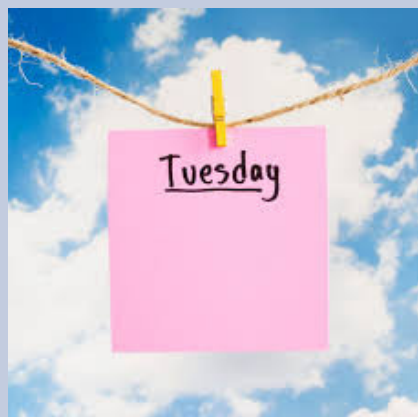
INFORMATION WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14TH

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

- Student Support Meeting P6 in Iontas
- Junior Debating Club Rm at lunchtime in Room 04
- Home Economics SLAR P7
- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 4.00pm
- German SLAR
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
 - Biology
 - LCVP
 - Applied Maths
- Pre Junior Certificate Exam
 - English
 - Music
- U/15 Boys GAA 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH



- Year Head Meeting P6 in Iontas
- Senior ECO Club 1.15pm (new members welcome)
- Transition Year Shout Out Workshop
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
 - French
 - Maths Paper 2
- Pre Junior Certificate Exam
 - Materials Technology
 - Graphics
- LCA Vocational Education Task
- LCA Horticulture Task
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- U/13 Boys GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Online Third Year Information Evening 7.15pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

- Second Year Focus Group
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
 - English Paper 2
- Pre Junior Certificate Exam
 - German / French
- U/15 Boys Soccer training 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm



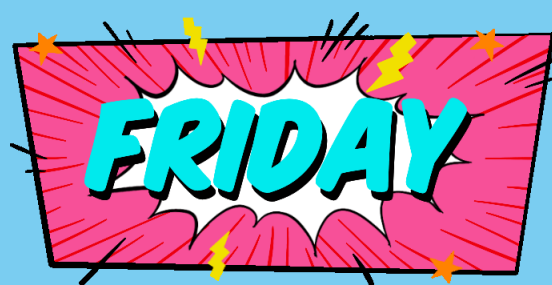
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17TH



- Yes & Be Well Programme 6D
- TY Hike
- Junior ECO Club 12.20pm (new members welcome)
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
 - Physics / Music/ History / Accounting
- Pre Junior Certificate Exam
 - Home Economics
 - Geography
- Drama Club 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- U/14 Girls GAA 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

- Junior Student Council meeting 12.15pm- 12.45pm
- Senior Student Council meeting 1.15pm- 1.45pm
- Junior Girls Soccer
- LCA Graphics & Construction Task
- LCA Practical Achievement Task
- Second Boys Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm





- **Monday February 21st-
Friday February 25th: Mid
Term break**



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New Extension

- Work has commenced on our new 13 classroom extension.
- The existing the pedestrian entrance at the back of the school and the visitor's car park will be unavailable to staff, students or parents.
- Iontas carpark is available to staff, parents & visitors to the school for the duration of the project.
- From January 24th one third of the astro turf pitch nearest the main school will be unavailable to staff and students.
- The proposed internal alterations to the existing school will take place in July / August 2022 with internal hoarding/screening to be set up as required affording protection to adjoining rooms & equipment.
- It is expected that all work will be completed by February 2023.





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State Examinations June 2022

Please see below links to important information from the SEC relating to adjustments to the Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate exams this year.

- Adjustments to the Leaving Certificate 2022

<https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-22888090.pdf>

- Assessment Arrangements for Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate Examinations 2022. This document also includes the Junior Cycle adjustments which remain valid

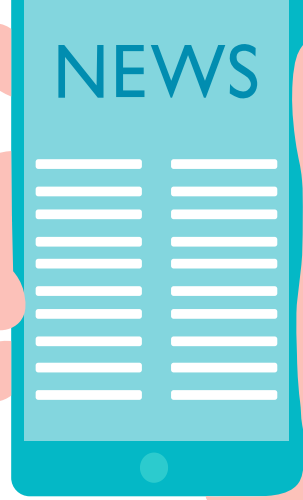
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Department of Education

Assessment Arrangements

For Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate Examinations 2022



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Summer Works 2022

- The Department of Education and Skills approved an application by the school to upgrade and improve the heating system in the existing part of the school.

Third Year students talk on Leaving Certificate Subject Choice

All Third Year students are in the process of receiving talks on Leaving Certificate subject choice from our Guidance Counsellor Ms. Mc Sorley and surveys on the same were sent to parents & guardians via the school app last week.





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Attendance

If you know your son / daughter will be absent please email: office@olss.ie with a brief message outlining the reason for the absence. If your son / daughter is absent and we do not receive prior notification parents / guardians will receive a notification via the school app. It is very important that all parents click the Yes / No option to confirm that they are aware of the reason for this absence.





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State Examination Oral & Music Practical Exams

The State Examinations Commission has issued Circular S90/21 'Important Announcement in Relation to Oral Tests in Irish and Modern Foreign languages and the Music Practical Examinations for Leaving Certificate 2022' <https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-14529694.pdf>.

The circular sets out the following key provisions in relation to the timing of these tests, preliminary information in relation to arrangements, recruitment of examiners, and supports for schools:

- For the 2022 Leaving Certificate, the Oral language tests and the Leaving Certificate Music Practical examination will be conducted in the Easter holiday period using a revised 6-day model to run from Saturday 9th April to Thursday 14th April
- Schools will have some flexibility if there is a particular day over the six days on which tests cannot be held due to local needs.
- The tests will be conducted by visiting examiners, recruited, and appointed to schools by the SEC
- If it is not possible to facilitate all of the tests in the 6-day period, two contingency days have been identified as Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April 2022.

The State Examinations Commission will issue a more detailed circular in January 2022 with further details of these arrangements including details in relation to the management of the tests during the 6-day period over the Easter holidays.



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Mobile Phones in School

- Mobile Phones in School: See below updated guidelines for the use of mobile phones in school.
- Before school, break / lunch and after school
- Students mobile phones should be switched off at all times before school, during break / lunch and after school while on the school premises.
- Students are not allowed access to their phones before school, during break / lunch and after school while on the school premises. If a student is using their mobile phone without permission on the school premises it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- Students are not allowed access to their mobile phones during evening study. Chromebooks will be provided to students who require access to Google Classroom.





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Mobile Phones in School

In Class

First Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class.
- Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone for any activity in class. (students will have access to the school chromebooks for all ICT teaching & learning activities)
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom or go on a message they will be asked to leave their mobile phone on their desk before they do so.

Second Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class.
- Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone for any activity in class. (students will have access to the school chromebooks for all ICT teaching & learning activities)
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom or go on a message they will be asked to leave their mobile phone on their desk before they do so.



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Third Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- Students may be allowed to use their mobile phone in class to complete work and access material relevant to CBA's, exams etc if they cannot do this work on the school chromebooks or in the computer rooms. If the use of mobile phones in class is essential to the aforementioned work the classroom teacher will email smt@olss.ie in advance of this activity outlining the class group and the nature of the work to be covered with the mobile phone. When using their mobile phones in class students will follow the guidelines below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom or go on a message they will be asked to leave their mobile phone on their desk before they do so.





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Fourth Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- All students have a school chromebook and this should be the preferred option for students in class.
- If students have to use their mobile phones for an activity that cannot be completed on the chromebooks the students will follow the guidelines outlined below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.

Fifth Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- The booking of the school chromebooks should be the preferred option for students in class.
- If students have to use their mobile phones for an activity that cannot be completed on the chromebooks the students will follow the guidelines outlined below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.





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Sixth Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- The booking of the school chromebooks should be the preferred option for students in class.
- If students have to use their mobile phones for an activity that cannot be completed on the chromebooks the students will follow the guidelines outlined below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.

Guidelines for the Use of Mobile Phones In Class for Certain Year Groups

Please see below some guidelines for staff on student use of mobile phones in the classroom

- Students are expected to use the student Wi-Fi when using their device for classroom tasks. The teacher will issue a unique code to the class to access this for the length of the class activity only.
- If the school's student WiFi network is down, students may use their own mobile data to access only educational and career development activities as directed by the class teacher.
- Students should have their mobile phones placed flat on the desk at all times unless otherwise directed by the teacher for a particular task under direct teacher supervision
- Students should be informed before each activity using their phone that any inappropriate use of their device may lead to sanctions up to and including suspension.



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School Activities (including games, trips etc)

- Students in First, Second & Third Year are not allowed to use their mobile phones travelling to / from any school activity or while participating in any school activity.
- If a teacher is comfortable allowing senior students to use their phones travelling to / from any school activity or while participating in any school activity then they can give them permission to do so. If a teacher isn't comfortable with this they could request that students phones remain switched off.
- In a small number of cases when junior students and senior students may be on the same bus / activity the teacher may give permission for junior students to use their mobile phones if this privilege is being extended to senior students.
- If any student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.





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Student Voice

- Fifth Year students participated in a Focus Group on Monday January 17th.
- Our Senior Student Council and Junior Student Council meet every Friday at lunchtime.
- Well done to our TY Mentors who have been assisting the Sixth Year Student Leaders with their duties in school and who have been supporting staff and students with teaching & learning initiatives in the junior end of the school.





Extra Curricular Activities



GAA TRAINING & GAMES FOR ALL TEAMS CONTINUES AS PER THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE OUTLINED ABOVE. WELL DONE TO OUR U/14 BOYS WHO WON THEIR ULSTER FINAL VS ST. PAUL'S BESSBROOK IN CROSSMAGLEN ON THURSDAY.



Well done to all our students who competed in the Ulster School Finals in Belfast last Tuesday. Well done to Malachy Treanor who came 5th in the minor boys and Hazel Hughes who came 2nd in the intermediate girls. Malachy and Hazel qualified for the All Ireland Finals on March 12th.



BASKETBALL TRAINING & GAMES FOR FIRST & SECOND YEAR BOYS & GIRLS CONTINUES AS PER THE EVENTS SCHEDULE ABOVE. OUR FIRST & SECOND YEAR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HAD THEIR THIRD WIN OF THE CAMPAIGN WITH A WIN AGAINST ST. MACARTAN'S COLLEGE AND OUR FIRST & SECOND YEAR GIRLS GOT THEIR CAMPAIGN OF TO A GOOD START WITH A WIN VS DUNSHAUGHLIN.



WELL DONE TO TADGH LENNON AND CORMAC MC MAHON WHO REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL IN THE ULSTER SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BANGOR LAST SATURDAY.



Extra Curricular Activities



JUNIOR DRAMA CLUB CONTINUES AFTER SCHOOL EVERY TUESDAY FROM 4.00PM - 5.00PM IN THE CONCERT HALL.



Junior debating club continues every Monday at lunchtime in Room 04.



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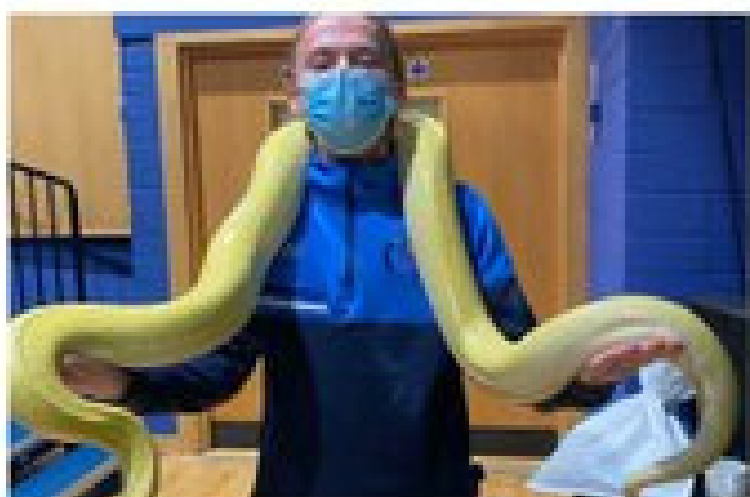
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