



**PARENTS'  
ASSOCIATION**

**Location:** Room 30 OLSS

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Time:** 7:00 pm

## Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome (by Chairperson)
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Note(s) of Sympathy
- 4) Correspondence
- 5) Minutes of Previous Meeting – available on file
- 6) Any Matters Arising
- 7) Treasurer's Report
- 8) Principal / BOM Report
- 9) Chairperson's Address
- 10) Any Other Business
  - Uniform Swap Shop
  - Any upcoming events that Parents Association need to help out with
  - Parents Association talk for 2026
  - AGM – Position of Secretary – nominations to be taken
  - Fundraising Ideas for 2026
- 11) Date of Next Meeting



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**Parents Association Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> 2026 7.00pm**

**Matters Arising**

Addressed in the upcoming reports.

**Events to Date:**

**Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Connected'
- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- Second Year MFL Movie Afternoon
- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting Rm 37 4.05pm

**Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Connected'
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 1.15pm

**Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Connected'
- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- Conversation / Stammtisch for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Years P 4 & 5
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U17 Boys Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Connected'
- First Year MFL Quiz
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

**Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>**

- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- U17 Boys Soccer
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball at lunchtime
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- U16 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- Board of Management Meeting 5.45pm

**Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- TY Active Schools
- Tráth na gceist Feachtas Óg-Ghluaiseacht Gaeilge
- U15 Boys Soccer 4.00pm

**Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 1.15pm
- U19 Camogie

**Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- U15 Boys Soccer
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15 Girls Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA
- Open Night 7.00pm- 9.30pm

**Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- School Holiday

**Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- U15 & U19 Girls Soccer
- TY ‘ Don’t Pour Your Dreams Away’ Workshop
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Senior Girls GAA 4.00pm

- U16 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- First Year Information Evening 7.00pm

#### **Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Senior Girls Basketball
- U15 & U18 Girls Soccer
- TY Film Event Iontas
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.10pm- 5.10pm
- Sixth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm- 6.30pm

#### **Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- Junior Cycle Results
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- U14 Boys GAA
- U16 Girls GAA

#### **Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Oide School Closure Child Protection Training

#### **Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Boys Basketball
- OLSS Monthly Prayer Staff Meeting 8.10am - 8.30am
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- U16 Girls GAA
- U16 Boys GAA
- U14 & U15 Girls Soccer 4.10pm- 5.10p

#### **Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Girls GAA
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- U16 Boys GAA 4.00pm

#### **Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- U16 Girls Basketball 8.00am
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- Ulster Post Primary Camogie All Star Trial

- Nevan Maguire Workshop
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- U19 Girls Basketball 4.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.10pm

### **Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- U16 Girls GAA
- U15 Boys Soccer 1.15pm
- Senior Girls GAA

### **Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- Senior Art Tour
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- Second Year Healthy Relationships Workshop
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- Senior Girls Soccer 4.10pm

### **Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- U16 Boys GAA
- U16 Girls GAA

### **Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Naughton Scholarship Presentation

### **Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- U16 Girls GAA
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- U17 Boys Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm

### **Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- U16 Boys GAA
- First Year Study Skills Workshop

- TY SEPI Initiative
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- U14 Boys GAA
- U16 Girls GAA
- U19 Girls Soccer
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- U15 Boys Soccer 1.15pm- 2.15pm

### **Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- Second Year Healthy Relationships Workshop
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- First Year Boys GAA
- U15 Boys Soccer
- Senior Girls GAA

**Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>- Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>: Midterm Break**

### **Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- TY Gambling Talk
- STEM Graduation
- U19 Girls Soccer
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- Board of Management Meeting 6.00pm
- U17 Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- U16 Camogie
- U19 Boys Soccer

- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Senior Boys GAA
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- U15 Boys Soccer 1.15pm- 2.15pm

### **Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- First Year Girls Soccer at lunchtime
- Lidl GAA Workshop for First Year Girls
- U15 Girls Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Science Week
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- First Year Boys Soccer
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Science Week
- U15.5 Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- U19 Boys Soccer
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- U16 Girls GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Science Week
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm

- Staff Meeting 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- Third Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm- 6.30pm

#### **Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- U15 Boys Soccer
- Science Week
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Science Week
- Soccer For All Initiative
- Science Quiz for Second Years P5
- U15 Girls Soccer
- Senior Boys GAA
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- First Year Girls Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Guidance Inspection
- Assessment Week- First, Second, Third, Fifth & Sixth Year students
- Transition Year Work Experience
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Assessment Week- First, Second, Third, Fifth & Sixth Year students
- Transition Year Work Experience
- U15.5 Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- U16 Girls GAA
- Parents' Information Evening for the Berlin Tour

#### **Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Assessment Week- First, Second, Third, Fifth & Sixth Year students
- Ulster Ladies All Stars
- Transition Year Work Experience



- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 1.15pm- 2.15pm

#### **Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- Assessment Week- First, Second, Third, Fifth & Sixth Year students
- Transition Year Work Experience
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting

#### **Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Assessment Week- First, Second, Third, Fifth & Sixth Year students
- Transition Year Work Experience
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- U15 Girls Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>**

- College Awareness Week
- Geography Week
- U14 Boys GAA
- U17 Girls Soccer Quarter Final
- U15 Boys GAA at lunchtime
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- U17 Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Oide School Closure- subject cluster day
- Senior Boys GAA
- U16 Girls GAA Ulster Semi Final

#### **Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

- College Awareness Week
- Geography Week
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am

- Careers Fair
  - P2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Years
  - P3: 6<sup>th</sup> Years
  - P4: 5<sup>th</sup> Years
  - P5: 4<sup>th</sup> Years
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- U16 Boys GAA
- First Year Boys Soccer
- U19 Camogie 1.15pm- 2.15pm

#### **Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>**

- College Awareness Week
- Geography Week
- 2nd Year Business Credit Union Talk (Cluded in Educational Programme).
- Ask Acorn Business Scholarship Launch
- U19 Camogie
- TY SEPI Initiative
- First Year Girls' soccer at lunchtime
- First Year Boys GAA t lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>**

- College Awareness Week
- Geography Week
- U15 Girls Soccer
- LCA Hotel, Catering & Tourism Key Assignment (Mini Fast Food Operation),
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- U15 Girls Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

- U17 Boys Soccer
- Transition Year Rugby Blitz
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- First Year Girls Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- REIM Solutions Online Safety Talks
- Berlin History Tour

- U15.5 Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Berlin History Tour
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball North East Semi Final
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- U19 Camogie 1.15pm- 2.15pm

### **Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

- REIM Solutions Online Safety Talks
- Ulster Ladies All Star Trials
- Berlin History Tour
- CEIST Cothu Initiative
- First Year Boys GAA t lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Staff Monthly Prayer Meeting
- Berlin History Tour
- 5th Year Business AIB Talk
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

### **Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

- School Holiday

### **Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Spiritual'
- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- First Year Girls Soccer
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- U15.5 Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- U15 Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- Second Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm- 6.30pm

### **Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Spiritual'
- U16 Boys GAA Rafferty Cup Semi Final

- U19 Girls Basketball Regional Final
- U19 Boys Soccer
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm

#### **Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week ‘Being Spiritual’
- REIM Solutions Online Safety Talks
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- Board of Management Meeting 6.00pm

#### **Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Wellbeing Week ‘Being Spiritual’
- Christmas Reflections
- First Year Girls Soccer
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

#### **Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Pre Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exams
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime

#### **Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Pre Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exams
- U15.5 Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Pre Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical Exam
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm

#### **Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Year Head Meeting

#### **Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>**

- First Year Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00 pm

**Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Second Year Assembly 10.20am
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- U16 Girls GAA

**Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- VEX Robotics Rm 16 at 1.15pm

**Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm,
- Staff Meeting 4.10pm- 6.00pm (Concert Hall)

**Friday January 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- TY Young Scientist

**Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Ulster Ladies GAA Post Primary All Stars
- First & Second Year Girls Basketball
- First Year Boys Basketball
- U15.5 GAA training at lunchtime
- TY Reptile Haven Workshop
- First Year Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

**Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Oide School Closure
- First Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm- 6.30pm

**Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- First Year Boys GAA
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- Camogie training 1.15pm- 2.15pm

**Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- TY SEPI Initiative
- St. Columbanus Public Speaking Competition
- Badminton & Table Tennis Club at lunchtime
- First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime

- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- U15.5 GAA 4.15pm- 5.15pm

#### **Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- Badminton & Table Tennis Club at lunchtime
- U15.5 GAA at lunchtime
- TY Talk with Frank Diamond
- TY STEM Initiative
- District D Cross Country

#### **Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday Study 9.00am- 1.00pm

#### **Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Library Club Room 30 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys GAA
- Darts Club Room 48 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA
- Zambia Immersion Project 2026 Interviews
- U14 Girls GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

#### **Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- TY Breathe Workshop
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- U15.5 Boys GAA at lunchtime
- First & Second Year Girls Basketball
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Trinity College Entrance Scholarship

#### **Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Pre Junior Cycle & Pre Leaving Certificate Music Practical Exams
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- First Year Boys GAA 1.15pm – 2.15pm

#### **Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- TY SEPI Initiative
- LCA Visit to the National Learning Network
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- Fifth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm- 6.30pm

- DCU Entrance Scholarship

### **Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Pre Junior Cycle & Pre Leaving Certificate Music Practical Exams
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- First Year Boys GAA
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

### **Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday Study 9.00am- 1.00pm

### **Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Bank Holiday

### **Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- U15.5 Boys GAA
- Club na Gaeilge Rm 53 at lunchtime
- Art Club for Junior & Senior Students 1.30pm
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 4.10pm

### **Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- Pre Junior Cycle Exam
- First Year Boys GAA
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm

### **Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- Pre Junior Cycle Exam
- U15.5 Boys GAA at lunchtime
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm

### **Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- OLSS Staff Prayer Meeting 8.10am
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- Pre Junior Cycle Exam
- Ulster Senior Schools Swim Meet
- First Year Boys GAA
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm
- U15.5 Boys GAA 4.00pm- 5.00pm

### **Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday Study 9.00am- 1.00pm

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Parents Association Meeting
- **Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>- Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>:** TY Musical
- **Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>- Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>:** HSE First Year Vaccinations
- **Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>:** UCD Entrance Scholarship Presentation
- **Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Ulster Ladies Post Primary All Star Presentation

### Learning & Teaching

- Jack Brady from the Leaving Certificate Class received the prestigious Naughton Scholarship at a presentation in Dublin on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Isabel Huang from the Leaving Certificate Class received a Trinity College Entrance Scholarship on
- Aoibhe Clarke & Amy Ruddy from the Leaving Certificate Class received DCU Entrance Scholarships on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- David Lambe from the Leaving Certificate Class will receive a UCD Entrance Scholarship on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Junior Cycle Results.
- Assessment Week for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students took place the week beginning November 17<sup>th</sup>. Reports on these assessments were sent to parents/guardians before Christmas, and Year Heads and Senior Management will meet with students to discuss them.
- The Pre Leaving Certificate & Pre Junior Cycle Oral and Practical exams took place the week beginning December 15<sup>th</sup> and after Christmas.
- The Pre Junior Cycle, Pre Leaving Certificate & Pre Leaving Certificate Exams are currently taking place.
- The Third Year Parent Teacher meeting took place on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and all Third Year parents and students were surveyed after the meeting as part of the SSE process.
- The Sixth Year Parent Teacher meeting took place on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and all parents were surveyed after the meeting as part of the SSE process.
- The First Year Parent Teacher meeting took place on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and all parents were surveyed after the meeting as part of the SSE process.
- The Fifth Year Parent Teacher meeting took place on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and all parents were surveyed after the meeting as part of the SSE process.
- An Information Evening on First Year Option subjects was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- First Year students participated in a Study Skills workshop on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Transition Year students received a presentation on Leaving Certificate Subject Choice on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Guidance Inspection.
- Senior Cycle Reform.
  - The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has published sample briefs for the Additional Assessment Components (AACs) in eight



Tranche 1 redeveloped Senior Cycle subjects. A Provisional Schedule of Examination Dates for 2026/2027 has also been published to outline the planned approach to balancing the workload of AACs in schools as the Senior Cycle is redeveloped. Subject specifications and assessment guidelines for each Tranche 1 subject are available on the NCCA website. This information has been circulated to the relevant subject departments.

- Staff from our school participated in an Oide subject cluster planning day on November 25<sup>th</sup> and a Senior Cycle Redevelopment Day on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Teaching & Learning is on the agenda for all staff & Subject Department Meetings.
- Meetings of the Teaching & Learning Committee took place on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> with a focus on the following:
  - SSE plan
  - Journal & Pouch Tracking
  - A demonstration on the use of padlet
  - Subject Inspection Planning
- School Self-Evaluation: The development of our areas of focus for School Self Evaluation for the forthcoming year will continue through the Teaching & Learning Committee, Subject Department meetings and staff meetings. The school applied to the PDST for support in the following areas relating to SSE
  - ICT
  - Literacy
  - Questioning
  - Wellbeing.
  - School Journal
- Students in our school took part in Tráth na gceist Feachtas Óg Ghluaiseacht Gaeilge on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ilia McArde & Ms Bruen attended a workshop with Nevan Maguire on October 14<sup>th</sup>, following her success in an All-Ireland Cookery competition last year.
- Senior Art students had an Art tour on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Science Department organised several initiatives for students the week beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Geography Department organised several initiatives for students the week beginning November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Guidance Department organised several initiatives for students the week beginning November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The MFL Department organised several initiatives for students as part of European Languages Week.
- Second Year Business students had a talk from representatives from the Credit Union on the Cluded in Educational Programme on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Ask Acorn Business Scholarship for Sixth Year students was launched on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- As part of our SSE process, a number of themed Wellbeing Weeks took place.
- The Senior History tour to Berlin took place December 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>.

- TY students Jack Burns, Benas Volodzka and Shane Malone represented the school in the Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, January 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.
- TY students Seren Funcheon and Georgia Hanratty took part in a Cookery Competition on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Students in the TY Junk Kouture module are currently preparing for upcoming competitions.
- LCA students visited the National Learning Network on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Evening Study takes place from 4pm – 6pm,
- A homework club for First Year students takes place from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. First Year students are supported by our SNA's.
- Saturday Study takes place from 9.00am- 1.00pm for Sixth Year students.

### **Extra Curricular**

- GAA, Basketball, Soccer, Hurling & Camogie teams in our school.
- First Year students participated in a Lidl GAA Workshop for girls.
- Representatives from our Senior Girls GAA team attended All Star trials on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Ellie Flanagan was selected on the Ulster Ladies Post Primary All Star Team 2025-2026.
- Representatives from our Senior Boys GAA team attended All Star trials.
- Students from our school participated in a soccer for all initiative on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Students from our school attended the Ulster Post Primary Camogie All Star trials, and Caoimhe Mc Kee was selected for the final trial.
- The school choir practices regularly at lunchtime most days each week for upcoming school events.
- The school equestrian team participated in the Inter Schools Show Jumping Competition.
- Students from our school participated in the Ulster Schools Swimming Competition.
- Students from our school participated in the Ulster Schools Cross Country event on January 16<sup>th</sup>, and Aine Smith and Judy Hughes qualified for the next stage of the competition.
- The Irish Department are participating in a Ghaelbhratchach Initiative, and the students involved meet regularly.
- Interviews took place, and students have been selected for the Zambia Immersion Project 2026.
- Students from our school are participating in the St. Columbanus Public Speaking competition.
- The following activities are available to students at lunchtime:
  - Club na Gaeilge
  - Library Club
  - Darts Club
  - Board Games & Activities
  - Badminton & Table Tennis Club

- Art Club
- Board Games & Activities
- GAA training
- Basketball in the gym
- Transition Year Events & Activities
  - TY Active Schools
  - TY Don't Pour Your Dreams Away Workshop
  - TY Film Event
  - TY SEPI Initiative
  - TY Tidy Towns
  - TY Sustainability Initiative
  - TY VEX Robotics
  - TY Work Experience
  - TY Young Scientist
  - TY Talk with Frank Diamond
  - TY STEM Initiative
  - TY Reptile Haven Workshop
  - TY Breathe Workshop

### **Student Voice**

- Sixth Year Student Leaders are assisting with supervision on corridors before school.
- The Student Council meet on a regular basis.
- Mr. Doris is undertaking a review of student leadership opportunities in the school.
- Ms. Duffy is leading a Student Voice initiative in our school.

### **Student Support & Discipline**

#### **Student Support**

- Student Support Meetings are held every Wednesday.
- The school meals programme continues to provide support to several students every week.
- Staff in our school assist with a school Breakfast Club every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school.
- The school has engaged the services of a Student Youth / Home School Liaison Officer every Wednesday through an initiative with Monaghan Education Centre.
- Our school is implementing the NCSE Check & Connect Programme this year.
- Second Year students participated in a Healthy Relationships workshop on October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- All year groups had online safety talks from REIM solutions.

## **Discipline**

- Council of Discipline meetings take place every Wednesday & Friday.

## **Faith Life of the School**

- Weekly prayers are said over the school intercom.
- Ms. Mc Ardle has organised monthly prayer meetings for staff.
- Staff representatives from the school are participating in a CEIST Cothu initiative.
- The Christmas Reflections took place on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The Religion Department organised initiatives for Catholic Schools Week and Ceilluradh CEIST.

## **Plant Development & Maintenance**

- A Stage 1 Report for the new 3-classroom SEN Extension is with the Department of Education.

## **A.O.B.**

- Enrolment September 2026.
- A discussion took place on a Uniform Swap Shop for 2026-2027.
- A discussion took place on nominations for a Parents Association secretary for 2026-2027. Brendan McCahey is willing to assume the position.
- A discussion took place on fundraising.
- A discussion took place on parents' support for the various end-of-year events.

## **Next Meeting**

- End of April

