



**PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

Location: Room 30 OLSS

Date: 22nd September 2025

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 2025
 - Open Night – Parents Association
 - AGM – if needed
 - Fundraising Ideas for 2025 / 2026
 - School Policies – Schoolbooks (including loss and damage procedures)
 - Mobile Phone Storage and Use
- 11) Date of Next Meeting



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Parents Association Meeting September 22nd

Apologies:

Minutes

Proposed:

Seconded:

Matters Arising

Addressed in the upcoming reports.

Events to Date:

Wednesday August 20th

- **9.30am – 3.00pm:** First Year Book Rental in the GPA
- **11.00am – 2.00pm:** Induction of new staff (Room 45)

Thursday August 21st

- **9.30am – 3.00pm:** Second Year Book Rental & Third Year Book Rental in the GPA
- **9.05am – 10.30 am:** Staff prayer service to begin the school year followed by Staff Meeting (Concert Hall)
- **10:30am - 11:00am:** Break.
- **11.00am- 11.20am:** Staff Workshop 1
- **11.20am- 11.40am:** Staff Workshop 2
- **11.40am- 12.00pm:** Staff Workshop 3
- **12.00pm- 1.00pm:** Subject Department Planning
- **2.00pm – 2.40pm:** Middle Management Meeting
- **2.00pm- 3.30pm:** Subject Department Planning

Friday August 22nd

- First Year students return to school
- Staff Planning / Subject Department Planning

Monday August 25th

- First Year students will be in class as normal until 3.50pm
- First Year Activities will take place during the day, and class groups will be out at the Astro turf pitch / Gym as follows:
 - 9.07am- 10.00am 1A & 1B
 - 10.20am- 11.10am 1C & 1D
 - 11.15am- 12.05pm 1E, 1F & 1L
 - 13.01pm – 13.45pm 1A & 1C
 - 13.50pm- 14.35pm 1E & 1B
 - 14.40pm – 15.25pm 1D, 1F & 1L
 - 15.25pm- 15.50pm Class with class teacher

Tuesday August 26th

- 3rd & 6th Year students return to school

Wednesday August 27th

- 2nd, 4th & 5th Year students return to school
- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm

Friday August 29th

- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

Monday September 1st

- U14 Boys GAA 4.10pm- 5.10pm

Wednesday September 3rd

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

Thursday September 4th

- Create the Great in You Workshop (4A, 4B, 4C)
- Film in Iontas, Bowling in GR8 and walk & coffee at Lough Muckno (4D, 4E, 4F)

Friday September 5th

- OLSS Monthly Prayer Staff Meeting 8.10am - 8.30am
- Create the Great in You (4D, 4E, 4F)
- Film in Iontas, Bowling in GR8 and walk & coffee at Lough Muckno (4A, 4B, 4C)
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

Monday September 8th

- Third & Sixth Year Presentation from Exam Revision
- First Year Boys GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm

Tuesday September 9th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm
- Senior Girls Basketball 4.00pm

Wednesday September 10th

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

Thursday September 11th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- First Year Boys GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm
- TY LA519 Fundraising
- Senior Girls GAA

Friday September 12th

- 5th Year LA519 Fundraising
- First Year Boys GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- TY Induction Baysports Athlone
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

Monday September 15th

- First Year Boys GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- Sixth Year Information Evening 7.00pm

Tuesday September 16th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime Leagues
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm – 1.55pm

Wednesday September 17th

- Senior Year Head Meeting 10.05am
- Opening School Mass
- Student Support Meeting 12.16pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 1.15pm
- First Year Mass

Thursday September 18th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.45am Rm 12
- U16 Boys Basketball
- Ulster Schools' Multi Event Championship Antrim
- TY Ploughing Championships
- Lunchtime Activities for Junior Students Rm 37 1.25pm- 1.55pm

Friday September 20th

- Sixth Year Higher Options Conference
- Junior Year Head Meeting 12.16pm

Monday September 22nd

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Connected'
- First Year Talks
 - 1A: 10.20am
 - 1B: 14.57pm
- U14 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- U16 Boys GAA 4.00pm
- Parents Association Meeting 7.00pm

Upcoming Event

- **Tuesday September 24th:** Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
- **Tuesday September 24th:** Second Year MFL Movie Afternoon
- **Friday September 26th:** MFL Quiz
- **Monday September 29th:** U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- **Monday September 29th:** Board of Management Meeting
- **Tuesday September 30th:** U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- **Tuesday September 30th:** TY Active Schools
- **Tuesday September 30th:** Tráth na gceist Feachtas Óg-Ghluaiseacht Gaeilge
- **Wednesday October 1st:** U19 Camogie
- **Thursday October 2nd:** Senior Girls GAA
- **Thursday October 2nd:** Open Night 7.00pm – 9.30pm
- **Friday October 3rd:** School Holiday
- **Monday October 6th:** U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- **Monday October 6th:** TY ‘ Don’t Pour Your Dreams Away’ Workshop
- **Monday October 6th:** First Year Information Evening
- **Tuesday October 7th:** TY Film Event Iontas
- **Tuesday October 7th:** Sixth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm
- **Wednesday October 8th:** Senior Girls GAA
- **Wednesday October 8th:** U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- **Thursday October 9th:** Oide School Closure Child Protection Training
- **Friday October 10th :** OLSS Monthly Prayer Staff Meeting 8.10am - 8.30am
- **Friday October 10th:** U16 Girls GAA
- **Monday October 13th:** Senior Girls GAA
- **Wednesday October 15th:** U16 Girls GAA
- **Thursday October 16th:** U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- **Tuesday October 21st:** First Year Study Skills Workshop
- **Wednesday October 22nd:** U16 Girls GAA
- **Monday October 27th- Friday October 31st:** Midterm Break

Learning & Teaching

- Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Results were excellent across all levels and subjects.
 - 7 students over 600 points (1 625)
 - 10 students between 550-600
 - 22 students between 500-550
 - 17 students between 450-500
 - 16 students between 400-550
 - 33 students between 300-400
 - 9 students less than 300 points
- Subject Departments are in the process of analysing results based on the following criteria:
 - A comment on the percentage of students taking the subject at higher / ordinary level in comparison with the national average and an explanation for any divergences if relevant.
 - A comment on the comparison of results with the national average and an explanation for any divergences if relevant.
 - A comment on the results trend in your subject area over the past 2-3 years.
 - Strategy for improvement or any support that management can provide if this is relevant to your subject area.
 - The information in the Leaving Certificate Results Analysis and Junior Cycle Results Analysis will form the basis for meetings between Subject Department representatives and Senior Management during the year.
- 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 with the introduction of redeveloped Senior Cycle subjects. Subject specifications and guidelines for assessment for each of the Tranche 1 subjects can be accessed on the NCCA website, and this information has been circulated to the relevant subject departments.
- Teaching & Learning is on the agenda for all staff & Subject Department Meetings.
- 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.

- An Information Evening for the parents & guardians of Sixth Year students took place on September 15th.
- First Year students completed their CAT4 tests at the start of the year.
- All Sixth Year students and Third Year students have received access to the Exam Revision Platform.
- Sixth Year students attended the Higher Options Conference on September 12th.
- Evening Study takes places 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 and TY students.

Extra Curricular

- The First Year Boys GAA lunchtime league has started.
- The First Year Girls GAA lunchtime league has started.
- U16 & U19 Girls and Boys Basketball fixtures have commenced.
- Several sports teams had meetings with their management teams to set up training schedules.
- Students from our school participated in the Ulster Schools Multi Athletics Event in Belfast on September 18th.
- The school choir practices regularly at lunchtime most days each week for upcoming school events.
- The following activities are available to students at lunchtime:
 - Club na Gaeilge
 - Art Club
 - Board Games & Activities
- Transition Year Events & Activities
 - TY Induction Bay Sports Athlone
 - Create the Great in You Workshop
 - Ploughing Championships
 - TY LA519 Fundraising

Student Voice

- Sixth Year Student Leaders are assisting with supervision on corridors before school.
- Transition Year students are assisting with peer mentoring activities for the JCSP classes.

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.
- Assemblies were held for all year groups on their return to school.
- Senior Management and Year Heads plan to meet all students for a short one to one meeting during September.
- 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.

Discipline

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

Faith Life of the School

- Weekly prayers are said over the school intercom.
- The First Year Mass took place on September 17th.
- The Opening School Mass took place on September 17th.
- Ms. Mc Ardle has organised monthly prayer meetings for staff.

Plant Development & Maintenance

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

Policy Review:

- Upcoming
 - Mobile Phone Policy
 - Assessment Policy

A.O.B.

- All First Year students had settled in well to post primary school.
- Food Village Catering Service.
- Junior Cycle / Senior Cycle Book Scheme.
- Difficulties faced by some families in the Clontibret / Ballybay areas with accessing school transport. Senior Management will continue to liaise with key stakeholders on this matter.

Next Meeting

- TBC