



# St. Benedict's College, Randalstown

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you that Monday 02nd March 2026 will be designated as a Staff Development Day (SDD) for St Benedict's College, following guidance issued by the Education Minister, Mr Paul Givan, regarding the introduction of the new 'TransformEd' Development Days. These days are intended to support schools as they prepare for upcoming changes within the education system. They are non-contact days, meaning that pupils should not attend school on this date. Please note that these days are additional to the existing Baker Days and School Development Days already in place.

We would also like to remind you that Year 11 Mock Examinations will take place from Tuesday 03rd March 2026 to Friday 06th March 2026. To support pupils' preparation, a dedicated Study Day has been scheduled for Wednesday 04th March, during which Year 11 pupils should remain at home to focus on continued revision and exam preparation.

In addition, a Year 10 Parent-Teacher Meeting will take place on Monday 09th March 2026 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm.

Attendance is essential, as this meeting will provide important guidance following the recent selection of Year 10 GCSE option choices. These conversations are vital to ensuring pupils receive appropriate support and direction as they move into Key Stage 4.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support as we work to maintain high standards of education, communication, and pupil wellbeing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Bridin Loughran  
Acting Principal