Loreto College Coleraine

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Mon 26th February - Fri 1st March (Week 2)

PTM & Revision

The school will be closed on Monday 26th February to allow Year 9 and 13 Parent/Teacher meetings to take place. Students in these two year groups should attend and wear full uniform to the PTM. The Year 9 meeting takes place from 9-11.45am. The Year 13 meeting will be from 12.30 -3.15pm.

Examinations for Years 11 -14 are fast approaching, so all students in these groups should be using this day to revise over course content in each of their subjects.

Attendance for KS4 and KS5 – just a reminder that it is crucial students attend school each day to complete courses and ensure examination preparation is thorough. Please try to arrange appointments outside school times.



Key Stage 3

- Monday 26 February - Year 9 Parent-Teacher Meetings, 9.00 – 11.45am.
- Wednesday 28 February - Year 8 Health Appraisals (mop-up session).
- Friday 1 March , 8.40am - Weekly Mass for Lent in the Convent Chapel.
- Wednesday 28 February - Junior hurling training after school.

Key Stage 4

- Tuesday 27 February - Year 12 Drama Practical Exams.
- Thursday 29 February - Year 12 Double Award Biology Practical Exam .
- Year 12 Triple Award Biology Practical.
- Friday 1 March , 8.40am - Weekly Mass for Lent in the Convent Chapel.

Key Stage 5

- Year 13 and 14 study evenings will continue on Thursdays after school until Easter.
- Monday 26 February - Year 13 Parent-Teacher Meetings, 12.30 – 3.15pm.
- Friday 1 March , 8.40am - Weekly Mass for Lent in the Convent Chapel.

Parking

For safety reasons parents are asked not to park in the areas indicated on the map HERE.

Please do not drive into the school car parks to collect your child. Observe the newly repainted road signage at the front of the school.

The bus stop on the main road to the right of the blue gate entrance is used by the Kilrea and Mountsandel buses. It should not be blocked by parked vehicles. The bus drivers need the entire space to stop safely and then to park clear of the school entrance.



Monthly Focus

Senior students are to be encouraged to begin preparations for their summer modules. With the first exams beginning in 10 weeks time, revision should be a priority from now on.

Bus Strike

Unions plan seventy two hours of action from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th February. This will mean school buses will not run on these dates, if the strike goes ahead. However, school will open as normal for all students. Alternative transport arrangements should be made wherever possible.

WELCOME NEWS FOR LORETO COLLEGE BUILDING PROJECT

The Principal of Loreto College Coleraine, Mr Stephen Gallagher, has welcomed the recent statement from the Education Minister, that the major new building project previously announced for the College has been unpaused and can now proceed as originally planned.

In a letter to the College, Paul Givan MLA, Minister of Education, confirmed that a Project Steering Group will be established very soon to plan and oversee the next stages of the project. In addition, an Integrated Consultant Team will be appointed, which will undertake the necessary feasibility studies to consider the future needs of the College.

Extra-Curricular

Hurling training begins after school on Wednesday 28th February for Year 8, 9 & 10 students.

A full list of all our extra-curricular activities is below:



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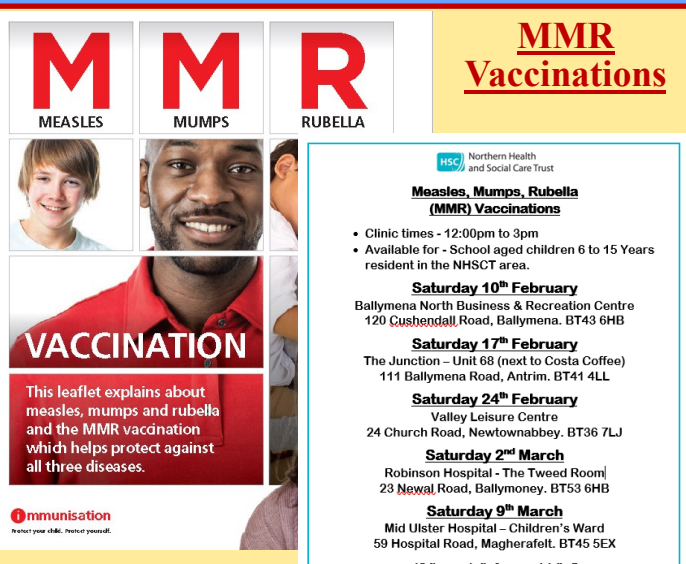
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

January- February 2024

MONDAY	
Yr8-10 Basketball (Mr Harkin) Yr12-13 Rock Band (Mr McCann) Yr 8-10 Ladies Gaelic Football (Mrs Maguire) Yr 9 Gaelic (Mr McCloskey, Mr McGeehan & Mr O Kane) Yr 8-10 Environmental Club (Bean Ui Mhaolain)	Debating (Mrs Mullan) Homework Club (Library) Traditional Group Intermediate Level (Mrs Close & Mrs Duddy)
TUESDAY	
Drama Club Yr8 & 9 (Mrs Mc Ewan & Mrs Crawford) Homework Club (Library) School Orchestra (Mr McCann) Yr 8-10 Art Club (Mrs O'Brien) Yr 9 Soccer (Mr Byrne) Yr 8-14 Cross Country (Mr McCloskey)	Maths Support (Library) (Mrs Diamond & Dr McAuley) Yr 8 Camogie (Mrs Niblock & Mrs Mc Killion) Yr10 DofE/Presidents (Mr Murphy & Mrs McManus) CS3/Assembly Hall Yr 10-12 Netball (Miss Casey)
WEDNESDAY	
Homework Club (Library) Yr8-14 Chess Club Pastoral Care Centre (Mr Kildea) Yr 8 Netball (Mrs Mc Manus) Yr8-9 Hurling (Mr Bradley) Yr 10-12 Hurling (Mr Boyle)	Yr 11 Soccer (Mr McCloskey) Junior Choir Assembly Hall (Mrs Brown) Seniors Justice League (Mrs Mc Cool) GCSE Art Boosters (Mrs O'Brien)
THURSDAY	
Harp Orchestra Music Room (Yr13 Sinead Close) Yr 9&10 Camogie (Mrs Mc Manus)	Senior Choir (Mr McCann) Yr11-14 Ladies Gaelic (Mrs Maguire)
FRIDAY	
Yr 9 Gaelic (Mr McCloskey, Mr McGeehan & Mr O Kane) Rock Band 2 Extended Registration (Mr McCann)	Yr 11-14 Basketball (Mr Harkin)

- All activities begin at 3.20. Go to your activity immediately after school.
- When your activity is finished 4.15, go to front of school and wait on bus to take you to the depot where you will get a connecting bus to your home destination. If you are participating in an after-school's sports activity you must get changed into ***FULL*** school uniform unless you are being picked up in the ***TOP*** carpark beside the sports hall. Anyone walking home must wear ***FULL*** School Uniform.

MMR Vaccinations





LITERACY AND READING

Enjoy easy access to eBooks and audiobooks via the NI Libraries Libby App and Borrow Box:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5-3m9-jU_s&t=10s

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Year 12 Special Assembly

Our Year 12 students held a special assembly for their Year Head, Mrs Bradley, as she goes on maternity leave. The buns went down a treat and everyone in the school sends their best wishes to Mrs Bradley in the coming weeks.





Revision Classes

As we approach the exam season, teachers are offering revision classes after school. Students are encouraged to attend these. The revision classes running are as follows:

Subject	Day	Venue	Time	Teacher	Year
Economics	Monday	TR4	3.15-4.15	Mrs McKillion	Year 12
Chemistry	Wednesday	CL1	3.20-4.20	Mrs Barras	Years 11 & 12
Chemistry	Wednesday	CL3	3.20-4.20	Mrs Drumm	Years 11 & 12
Chemistry	Wednesday	CL2	3.20-4.20	Dr Huddleston	Years 13 & 14
Irish	Thursday	IR2	3.20-4.20	Mrs McKenna	Year 12
Maths - M4	Monday	MA2	3.20-4.15	Mrs Mullan	Year 11
Maths - M7	Wednesday	MA2	3.20-4.15	Mrs Mullan	Year 12

HOW TO BE A BETTER LISTENER

Following the whole school initiative, Time to Talk , the Year 13 students spent a rewarding session with the Samaritans. They reminded us of the importance of talking but also the need to be a good listener. They encouraged us all to listen to the important things our friends, family and colleagues need to tell us.

Loreto students removing the stigma of mental health one conversation at a time.

