

St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



As the New Year begins, allow me to extend my very best wishes to all of our College community, pupils and their parents, staff and Governors, for the coming year. I am sure that we all start the year with the highest of expectations and ambitions and I am confident that, by our continued partnership and collaboration, we will realise them.

LEARNING PROGRAMMES

As you will be aware, one of our main strategies for involving parents in the learning that takes place at the College is the Learning Programme. The Learning Programme provides a summary of the topics to be taught over the half-term ahead and thus allows parents to have a real grasp of what they can do to help. Over the course of the last year, we have been sending the LPs home with pupils and we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future, as parental response has been very positive. Please note that the LPs for the current half-term (LP 3) will be published on Friday 12/01/07. Please make sure to ask your son/daughter for the booklet. Heads of Learning will be able to help with any enquiries.

SIXTH-FORM OPEN EVENING

Pupils in Year 11 and their Parents are very welcome to join us between 18.00 and 20.00 for our Sixth-Form Open Evening on 18/01/07. At this meeting, we will be providing details of our arrangements for our post-16 Students for the coming year, as well as providing details of the courses on offer.

REVIEW DAY FOR YEARS 7 AND 8

Parents of pupils in Years 7 and 8 are invited join us for Review day on 24/01/07. Details of arrangements for the day will shortly be provided by Heads of Learning. Parents of all other pupils should note that the College is closed to pupils of other Years on that day.

ATTENDANCE

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are happy to receive authorisation of absence via letter or telephone call (645 5049). It is a matter of great importance that you communicate with us to confirm your child's absence, not least because it helps teachers and pastoral staff to stay on top of any difficulties and to provide work for those pupils missing lessons through illness. It goes without saying that the College, for its part, will continue to respond to absence via a call to parents if pupils are not attending for any reason.

CONTACT DETAILS

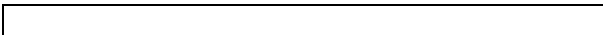
Following on from above, I am keen, as a new Calendar Year begins, to update College records so that we have an accurate contact list for parents. The widespread use of mobile phones means that it is particularly important for Parents to contact us with the inevitable changes to the College records. To this end, we are now issuing Contact Details update sheets. Please take the short time required to fill these out as accurately as you can. Similarly, we would be most grateful if Parents could call through any further changes in the course of the year. I am sure that you will understand that the College is required to have an accurate list for any number of reasons, all very important.

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Please find attached the College Examination Schedule for January '07. Note that this schedule only affects pupils and students in Years 10-13 and is provided for information only.

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Our Examinations Officer, Mr Harrison will be able to help with any queries, as will Heads of Learning.



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