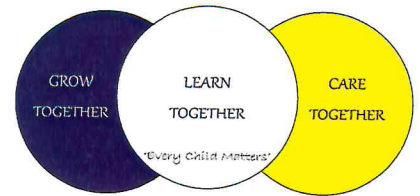




'Every Child Matters'

St Mary's High School Downpatrick

Principal: Ms R McLaughlin B.Ed MSc PQH(NI)



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9th February 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the mid-term break holidays, I would like to provide you with an update on a number of things.

School Uniform

Since we are moving into the season of Spring, I expect all students to return after the holiday in **full school uniform, this includes school shoes**. Students do not have permission to wear Converse shoes as they are fashion shoes and totally unsuitable for PE or school wear. Students in Years 8-12 will have permission to wear the school PE uniform with their blazer on the day they are timetabled for PE. Students have permission to wear the school scarf – not fashion scarves. All girls will have the week's holiday to prepare their school uniform for returning on Monday 21st February.

All students are reminded that in wearing the St Mary's uniform, they are ambassadors for our school at all times and we appreciate your support in this matter.

Examination Preparation/School Work

Students in Years 11 & 12 will have Science modules in the week they return to school beginning on Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th February. It is imperative that all students devise a revision schedule over the holiday period and stick to it. Furthermore, Years 11 & 12 still have to complete Tracking 3 Assessments as they were postponed due to the Science modules. Tracking 3 will take place for Years 11 & 12 between Wednesday 9th – Wednesday 16th March.

Post 16 Students

Over the holiday period we expect our Post 16 students to complete any work that has been given to them by their subject teachers plus any work given to our collaboration students who study other subjects in either St Patrick's Grammar School or De La Salle High School.

This week, will also provide any student at any key stage who has missed any work, with the opportunity to catch up. All students are requested to speak to their teachers in advance if they are unsure about what they need to do. We want the girls to return to school feeling prepared to begin a new term's work.

I am advising all our KS3 students to ensure that they have a book to read over the holiday period. The girls need to focus on their literacy skills as research clearly indicates that reading for enjoyment will have a big impact on all subject areas.

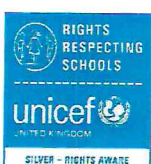
In line with PHA guidance we are asking all students to take a lateral flow test on Sunday night before returning to school on Monday 21st February.

I hope you and your families have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday.

We look forward to working with you in the new term to support the girls to reach their potential in all aspects of school life.

Yours sincerely,

Ms McLaughlin
Principal



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