



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tomorrow, 8<sup>th</sup> December – we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many people believe that the feast celebrates Jesus' conception, but in fact it celebrates Mary's Immaculate Conception; the fact that Mary was, from the very first moment of her existence (her conception), without sin, and chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.

### **Prayer to the Immaculate Virgin**

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Healer of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. Hail Mary...



## Y8 FILM-MAKING WORKSHOPS DECEMBER 2022

The following Y8 classes will be absent from class during one complete session each during this week, either morning or afternoon.

**AM Session – 9.15am- Lunchtime (P1-5)**

**PM Session – 1.05pm – 3.25pm (P6-9)**

Class	Time	Teacher	Venue
8a4	Wed 7th Dec PM	A McGinley	CP2
8a5	Thurs 8th Dec AM	J Young	CP4
8a2	Thurs 8th Dec PM	N Donnelly	CP3

*Classes will be based in the assigned computer room for the workshop.*

## SVP HAMPER APPEAL 2022

It is that time of year again where we are asking for your help.

The SVP group have left the hamper list for your form class with your Form Teacher.

We would appreciate if you could bring in any donations by next **Wednesday 14th of December**. This gives us one week to get behind this great cause and make someone's Christmas a bit brighter.

**Year 13 and 14**, if you could have your donation in by Friday 9th, due to Mock examinations the following week.

**Form Teachers:** We would really appreciate if you could bring in a cardboard box and wrap it in Christmas paper for donations from your Form Class.

A Hamper List and box will be left in the Staff Room for any staff member who would like to donate.

Instructions for where to leave your hamper on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** will follow.

The **Year 13 SVP Outreach Group** thank you in advance for all your help and donations.

## CHRISTMAS NUMERACY COMPETITION

See if you can solve the Christmas puzzle by correctly matching the people to their presents using your skills of deduction and problem solving. Collect an entry form from your Maths teacher or from the Numeracy noticeboard. If your family enjoy a good festive brainteaser, why not bring a form home and work together to find the solution.

Submit entries to Mrs C Owens, or your Maths teacher by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This competition is open to all Year groups. Good luck!

## **Whose Present?**

Fred and Amy are twins. They were talking to their friends Zara and Tom about the presents they were given for Christmas, how they were wrapped and where their presents were put. Here is what we know:

One child was given a basketball.

The present wrapped in spotty paper was left on the sofa.

One of the boys was given a camera.

Fred's present was wrapped in stripy paper.

The present left on the kitchen table was not the Lego.

The present wrapped in ribbon was left under one of the boys' beds.

One of the twins got a skateboard, which was left under the Christmas tree.

The present wrapped in gold paper was not given to one of the twins.

**For each child, work out which present they were given, how it was wrapped and where it was put.**



## STUDENT COUNCIL



## POST 16 Study Skills Workshops Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December

### YEAR 14 WORKSHOP

In preparation for the Year 14 Mocks, **HIP Psychology** will be delivering a workshop on the 6 Pillars of Peak Performance on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9.15am-11am**.

Year 14 will register with their Form Teacher at 9:05am and move to the **Canteen** to commence workshop at 9:15am.

### YEAR 13 LEARN SPARK EVENT

Paul Gray will work with pupils for three hours to help empower them in their revision strategies, in advance of their Mock Examinations.

- All Year 13 Students should make their way immediately to the **Station Centre at 9.00am**. Pupils must sit with their form classes to ensure they are registered.
- We want to begin promptly so Christmas Dinner can begin on time.
- Form Teachers will meet their class in the Station Centre and take registration.
- Year 13 Students will have a break from 11.05-11.15. **Students must remain in the Station Centre - they should be advised to bring a nut-free snack for break.**
- Pupils must be ready to begin again at 11.15.
- **Subject teachers should take their registration in the Station Centre. (Periods 1-5)**
- Event will end at 12.05. Pupils will return to school to have their Christmas Dinner.

We keep **Post 16** in our prayers as they prepare for their mocks next week.

### HAZEL WAND

**9A3 and 9A5** will attend **Hazel Wand's** production of "A Christmas Carol" on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Students are to assemble outside DR1 at 9.45am, we will depart school at 9.50am for the 10am show. Students will return to school at 12.20pm

### MUSIC

#### **Loreto Legacy Piano Project:**

1. **14 hour sponsored playathon** will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 8am-10pm in the Music Room. The playathon will be partly livestreamed and the pupils taking part have already submitted playlists. Sponsorship forms will be available from Mrs McGirr.
2. More information on the Loreto Legacy Piano Project can be found on <https://sway.office.com/z4xEhhT7Q1IBWKhQ?ref=Link> or you can visit our GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/3a4b1341>

## JPIC

The JPIC Team cordially invite our school community to take part in a 'December to Remember' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Please wear Christmas colours in celebration of the Festive Season. Minimum donation £1.

All proceeds will be forwarded to our sister school in Loreto, Rumbek.

**Year 8-10, please bring your donation to PD class on WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> December.**

**Year 11-14, please bring your donation on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, it will be collected at registration.**

*Sincere thanks for your kindness and sense of outreach.*

## YEAR 11 FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE



You will see from the attached photo that Saoirse-Monica from Derry Girls is wearing a bracelet with 'Hope' on it. This bracelet was commissioned as the word hope perfectly captures Children in Crossfire's mission – to give some of the most vulnerable children in the world real hope for the future. They have been made by the Childhood Development Organisation, a grassroots partner in the Morogoro region of Tanzania.

To raise funds for both Children in Crossfire and the Childhood Development Organisation, the *Hope bracelets* will be sold during PD **Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup> December)**. The JPIC prefects will visit your form class.

**The bracelets will be £2.50 each.**

Sincere thanks in anticipation of your support. Your goodwill will mean a lot. Mrs McElroy and the JPIC team

*Well done to Year 8 and Year 9 for their amazing fundraising efforts!*

## CONCERN DIGITAL FAST – Year 8

Mrs McElroy and the JPIC Team wish to congratulate all Year 8's who participated in the Concern Digital Fast. The grand total amounted to **£1000.85**, a wonderful manifestation of their great sense of global outreach.

## SPONSORED WALK – Year 9

Total for Year 9 Sponsored Walk in aid of Cruse Bereavement Support Group:

**£1551:78**

## GRIEF IN COMMON GROUP

**Have you experienced loss? Why not join our support group? Next session to be held:**

- Date: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Location: Assembly Hall

**SEE TEAMS TO SIGN UP**

## CHRISTMAS DINNERS

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DATE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December	13	12:10 PM
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Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> December	8	12:00 PM
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9	12:25 PM
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10	12:45 PM
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	11	12:10 PM
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	12	12:35 PM

## Christmas Dinner

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 13 & Year 14

Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 11 & Year 12

- Turkey & Ham with stuffing
- Mash & Roastie with gravy
- Seasonal veg & cocktail sausage  
£2.80

Pavlova £1.10

Chocolate fudge cake £1.10

Trifle 80p

Jugs of juice on every table

**Please see Caroline in the Canteen in advance for coeliac or vegetarian options.**

**No Shloer bottles please!**

**See lunchtime arrangements information**

## ADVENT – THE SECOND CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT ON THE ADVENT WREATH

We lit the second candle on the advent wreath last Sunday – the candle of Peace. We pray for peace in our hearts, our homes and throughout the world.



## AFTER-SCHOOL MAKATON CLASSES

Pupils from **Year 11 – 14** are invited to take part in MAKATON After School Classes in **January 2023**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in a **2-week Taster Programme**. Please see Mrs Gavin for further details.

## ATTENTION!

Students are reminded to go:



**UP** the stairs **outside Computer Room 2 on the Main Corridor to the English Department** and



**DOWN** the stairs at **French towards the Medical Room**

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## HEALTH GUIDANCE

Maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene practice.

**“Catch it, bin it, kill it”**

## WORRY BOX

Please avail of the "Worry Box" at any time, located outside the Medical Room and the corridor down to Computer Room 1.

**“Do your best and God will help” Mary Ward**

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