

St. Patrick's Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am glad to report that the school has enjoyed another successful year, academically and in extra-curricular activity. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to our boys, their parents/guardians and families for their help and co-operation throughout the academic year and I look forward to your support in the coming year.

The opening arrangements for the new term are as follows:

WEDNESDAY 30th AUGUST (9:30am – 3:00pm):

✠ **Year 8** – Reception followed by Induction Programme (the canteen will be operational on this day).

Year 8 students do not return for class until Registration 8.55am on Monday 4th September.

WEDNESDAY 30th AUGUST (10:00am – 3:00pm):

✠ **Year 13** – Reception in Year 13 Study Hall followed by Induction Programme (the canteen will be operational on this day).

Year 13 students do not return for class until Registration 8.55am on Monday 4th September.

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST (9:00am – 3:25pm):

✠ **Year 14** reception in the Study Hall followed by Form Period and normal class.

✠ **Year 12** reception in the Assembly Hall followed by Form Period and normal class.

✠ **Year 10** reception in the Rota Room followed by Form Period and normal class.

Year 10,12 and 14 students do not return for class until Registration 8.55am on Monday 4th September.

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER (9:00am – 3:25pm):

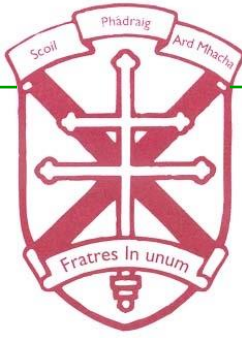
✠ **Year 9** – Reception in Assembly Hall followed by Form Period and normal class.

✠ **Year 11** – Reception in Rota Room followed by Form Period and normal class.

Students in Years 9 & 11 do not return for normal class until 8.55am on Monday 4th September.

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER (8.55am – 3:25pm):

✠ Registration followed by normal class for **ALL STUDENTS.**



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I would again like to remind students and their parents/guardians that the school day starts at 8:55am when students prepare their books and other materials and proceed to their Form Class Rooms for the Registration Period which begins **at 9:00am**.

The full Translink school transport service will be in operation from **Friday 1st September**. Students are advised to check with their local Translink office about times and pick-up points. The Biometric Identification System and Parent Pay App for purchasing food from the canteen will be in operation from **Wednesday 30th August**. New students may have a two week wait until the Parent Pay App processes them and so we ask that new Year 8s, and pupils who are joining us in other years, have cash to put on their accounts manually. Students who are entitled to free school meals will have the cost of meal-of-the-day credited to their accounts.

In the face of continued cuts in education, we are asking parents/guardians to make a voluntary contribution to help support the school in providing an excellent education for your son(s). We suggest a contribution of £50 per student or £75 for families with two or more boys at the school and payment can be made in a range of ways:

- ✠ Via Parent Pay App in September
- ✠ In person, to the Finance office

All payments will be acknowledged with a receipt. If you wish to pay instalments, please contact the school Finance Office. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this fund in recent years, and those who have already contributed for the 2023/24 academic year.

To conclude, I hope that everyone at St Patrick's will enjoy another happy and rewarding year during 2023/24 and I trust that your son will benefit greatly from the excellent academic and extra-curricular opportunities provided for him at this school now and in the future.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Dominic Clarke
Principal