

Halloween 2019



St. Patrick's College Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's been a busy start to the 2019 – 2020 year, so let's fill you in in some of the things we have been up to!

EXAM RESULT SUCCESS!

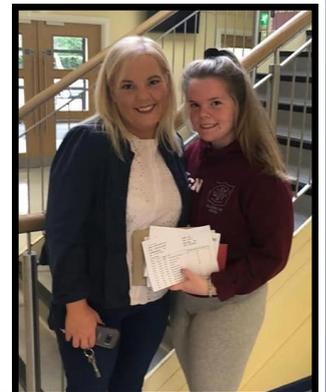
We began the new year by, once again, celebrating another set of amazing exam results!

Our A Level students achieved 100% success in their exams and this enabled them to progress onto their chosen pathway.

Following this, 100% of our Year 12 students achieving five or more GCSE A* to C!

Mrs. Woods commented: "I am absolutely delighted with these outstanding results and I want to congratulate the pupils, parents and staff of the college who have worked extremely hard in partnership to secure the best possible outcomes for these young people... We look forward to welcoming some of our year 12 pupils back into our highly successful sixth form and send our best wishes to those pupils who are about to embark on an alternative career pathways in

local colleges or employment.' Well done everyone! Keep up the hard work!



YEAR 8 SUMMER SCHEME

Over the summer, our new year 8 pupils had a brilliant week at our TBUC Summer Scheme. They enjoyed trips to the cinema, Croke Park, Belfast Activity Centre and Windsor Park. Some of them even got to experience what it would be like to have a post-match conference!

This is a great opportunity for the Year 8s to meet their new classmates and make friendships that will last throughout their time in St Patrick's College.

Many thanks to our sports coaches and the youth centre who organised great activities for the pupils.



Sixth Form Open Days



Early in September, our Sixth Form students attended Open Days in Queen's University, Belfast and Ulster University to gain more insight into what options they have after they leave us in St Patrick's College.

Good luck with the upcoming UCAS applications!

Maith muid

On Thursday 17th October, 15 of our Year 10s headed to the Ashburn Hotel, Lurgan to compete in an Irish Language Trivia Quiz. There was lots of fun to be had, with round such as Karaoke, (which all the girls loved!), a picture round of celebrities (some answers like "He looks like a Paul...?"), and a Ceili round. We had a dancer on our team, but the girls were not impressed that they had to dance with boys—this was not the type of dancing they expected! We came in second place, because of our secret weapon, Caoimhin McKiverigan.

Maith sibh a chairde Gael!

By Paris Dolan, Orlagh Fitzpatrick and Roseanne McCartan

Exemplary Students

Here in St Patrick's College, we are extremely proud of our students and we love to shout about their achievements, in school and outside school.

Charlie Strain recently received 'Student of the Month' for his consistent hard work and dedication.

Some of our boys have played some great football matches for their teams outside school. Year 10 Dawid told us of Lurgan FC's B Team's recent successes.

While others have enjoyed success with local GAA teams too!

Meanwhile, Year 10 student John-Jo Casey made the front page of the Banbridge Chronicle for saving his mum from pickpocketers while on holiday. Well done everyone – keep up the hard work. You are all an inspiration!



'Traditions in Ulster and America'

Our Year 9 historians travelled down to the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh with students from Banbridge High School as part of our Shared Education programme. They worked on some activities around the topic of 'Traditions in America and Ulster'.

They had a great time learning more about the shared history of Ulster and America.



Banbridge Chronicle

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Action MS Sponsored Walk

Year 8 and 9 braved the unpredictable October weather to hike the muddy trails of Tullymore Forest Park.

We got very lucky and the rain held off during the walk.

This was a great day out for our students who have worked very hard to raise some much needed funds for a very worthy cause.

We had a spokesperson in school just before we went for the walk to describe the effects of MS on people and it was great for our students to see visually how MS can disrupt the communication between the brain and the nerves in the body.

Well done to our hardworking fundraisers and walkers on another successful event!



A Very Special Thank You

An important event in our Term One Calendar is always our Year 8 Induction Evening. This is a great opportunity for our Year 8 parents to celebrate the massive leap their children have made from Primary to Secondary school.

Pupils, staff and parents gathered together for a beautiful prayer service with gifts of thanks created and presented to parents by their children.

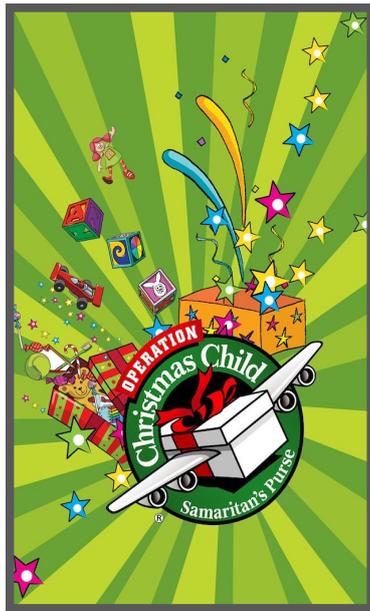
Mrs Woods spoke passionately about our

school and the work that goes on to ensure our pupils get the best possible education.

It was lovely to see so many of our parents together in love of their children.

We look forward to working together for the next five years!





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collecting has begun for our 2019 Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Samaritans Purse charity. Miss Havern has been inundated with the support for the campaign, with some students bringing in enough items for 2 shoeboxes alone!

So far we have over 40 shoeboxes filled! This means we will be able to

bring smiles to the faces of over 40 children in need.

Some children will have nothing to look forward to this Christmas and with your help, we can give them something worth celebrating.

If you are still interested in donating, please see Miss Havern. Items which would be gratefully received

include: warm hats, gloves/scarves, toothbrushes, wrapped bars of soap and face cloths. Then, depending on the age of person you choose to provide for, maybe a treat, for example a small toy or a sewing kit, etc.

You don't have to fill an entire shoebox—a single item will mean so much for our appeal!

Thank you for your support!

Speak up, I can't hear you!

A huge thank you to Ruth Young and Anna from 'Young Enterprise,' who provided our Year IIs with the opportunity to build on their presentation skills. An extended thank you to Sinead Lunny (Public Speaking NI) who enhanced the fundamentals of presenting and making a good impression from the start with a very engaging performance of the poem "Eve" by Ralph Hodgson!



The workshop was engaging, fun and motivating, and will prove very useful for the Speaking and Listening assessments in GCSE English. Congratulations to all of our Year IIs for participating!



Could the next Sir Alan Sugar be in our Year 8 group?

It's not just our GCSE students who benefit from workshops, but also our Year 8 students too!

Year 8 took part in a Young enterprise workshop early in the term. This event was called "Your School, Your Business". Who knows, maybe we have the next Sir Alan Sugar within our midst!

Year 8 took part in an induction day - "Kick start - Driving your own success" presented by Paul Gray from Learn Spark.

He worked with the students to develop team work, positive thinking and effective study strategies through fun games and activities - and, of course, some treats

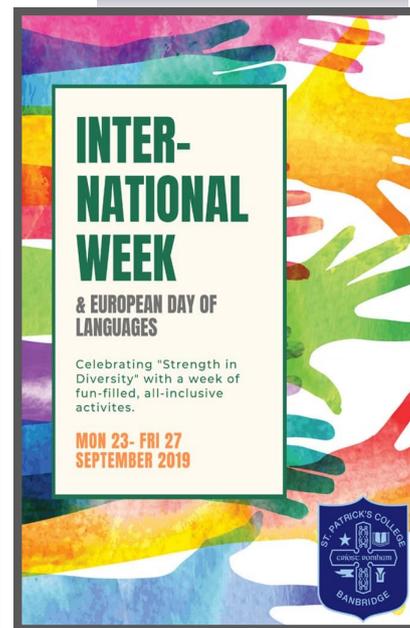


Strength in Diversity!

This year for European Languages week, the Languages department organized a series of events. We kicked the week off with a tuck-shop of beautiful treats like crepes, croissants and Belgian waffles.

This was followed by a week of international-themed table quizzes. A massive well done to our prize winners, who were treated to some lovely sweets and buns in PD at the end of the week!

Not only do we have such a rich variety of cultures, nationalities and languages in our school, but we are able to celebrate this within our school community is something we cherish!



Storm Lorenzo helps our Geographers!



Our Year 11 GCSE Geographers got the opportunity to bring geography to life as they explored the mighty Shimna River.

Learning outdoors has huge benefits for the pupils and helps them develop so many life skills.

Pupils studied the drainage basin which had a much higher discharge level than anticipated thanks to storm Lorenzo.

It definitely made our fieldtrip much more fun! Well done to all!!



mTech Academy 2020 Innovation Challenge

This term marked the beginning of an exciting journey for a group of our Year 10 students as they started working on the "mTech.Academy 2020 Innovation Challenge." We were successfully selected as 1 of 15 schools across Northern Ireland to become part of mTech.Academy and we can't wait to see the opportunities it creates for our students and staff.



Year 12 get more "Knowledge" of Fitness at the Gym

Our Year 12 girls have been working hard at Knowledge Fitness Gym in the Scarva Road Industrial Estate.

Stevie has been showing our girls the ropes in the gym and our girls loved it!

They worked very hard to develop their understanding of fitness and sport in a practical way.



Thanks Stevie for imparting your knowledge!



#SeriousSupport

Some of our girls attended an assembly and workshop from Eilish Ward, an athlete mentor with the LGFA Support programme.

The focus of the assembly and workshop was the #SeriousSupport: an initiative provided by the Youth Sports Trust to encourage girls to not just take up sports, but to stick with it.

Our girls loved the opportunity and are already looking forward to the next workshop!



Athletics NI Coaches workshop

The PE Dept were delighted to have coaches from Athletics NI in during KS3 lessons this half-term to coach pupils. This programme will identify potential talent and offer a chance for individual pupils to attend training sessions in Newry and Belfast in the near future. Watch this space!



Under 16 Boys Success

Our Under 16's have done us proud with some fantastic work this term so far. They beat St. Benedict's, Randalstown with an amazing 5-14 – 0-7 score.

Congratulations on the victory!

Keep doing us proud – both inside and outside school!

Maith sibh a bhuachaillí



Under 14 ½ Boys Footballers have made a great start to the year.

In a recent game against St Joseph's in Newry, we won 3-10 to 3-6.

Top scorer Daragh McNulty brings us this match report:

"it wasn't an easy game as we were losing at halftime by 5 points. We hadn't got

off to a good start, so we had an uphill battle ahead in the second half.

During halftime we had a big talk about how to improve.

We got on to a better foot in the second half, scoring 3 goals and 8 points.

We finished the game strong with a lot of school support at lunch which spurred us on to our win!"



Fancy being part of the Sporting Success of our school?

NETBALL TRAINING
WEEK BEGINNING MON 16TH

MONDAY:
YEAR 10/11 - 3:15-4:15

TUESDAY:
YEAR 9 - 3:15-4:15

THURSDAY:
YEAR 8 - 3:15-4:15

MEET AT GIRLS' CHANGING ROOM

Football Training:

Year 10, 11+12 Girls: Wed 3.15–4.15

Under 14 Boys: Tue 3.15–4.30

Mr Kearney or Miss Gribben for more information!



Extra Curriculars

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Here in St Patrick's College, we have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for you to get involved with, sports, computers, choir, and not forgetting the highly anticipated School Musical!

If you would like to be part of the team who makes the next School Newsletter, see Miss McGrath!



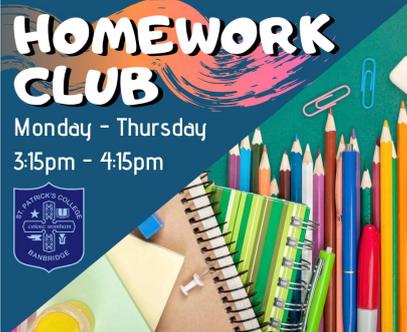
We hope you all have a safe and restful Hallowe'en break.

See you again soon for another busy term!



As if this term wasn't busy enough during school, we have also been busy with our extra-curricula projects and clubs too!

This term saw the beginning of our ever-popular MINECRAFT club! Mr. McCabe was inundated with requests to join—so much so he had to split it into two separate groups!



HOMECWORK CLUB
Monday - Thursday
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Maith sibh féin!

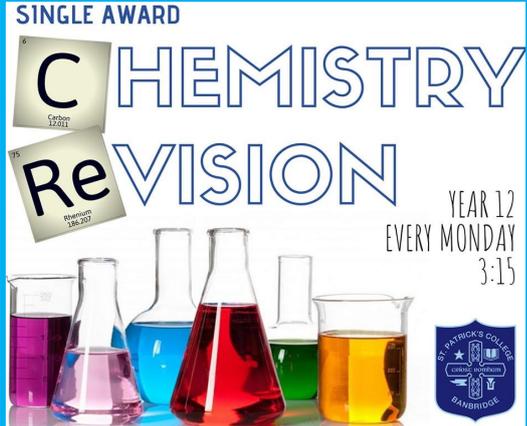
Comhghairdeas leo siúd ar bronnadh fáinne airgid orthu l mbliana! Maith sibh féin!

Huge congratulations to those who were awarded a silver fáinne this year. This is an important milestone in your journey to becoming fluent Gaeilgeoirí - wear it with pride!

An extra congratulations to Ruairi in Year 8 who succeeded in earning his gold fáinne.



Gaeilgeoir den scoth! Coinnigh ort a Ruairi!

SINGLE AWARD
CHEMISTRY
ReVISION
YEAR 12
EVERY MONDAY
3:15



St Patrick's College, Banbridge
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Sunday 24th November – 1pm to 4pm
Christmas Craft Fair
'offering the best in locally made crafts'
Entry only £1
An ideal opportunity to pick up that unique Christmas gift!
Lovingly made local crafts
Refreshment stalls
Santa & his helpers will entertain the shoppers!