



Year 13 Induction

Welcome to St. Patrick's Grammar School

Wednesday 14th September 2022

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YEAR HEAD

Mrs Longley

WED 14TH SEPT

Welcome

- ❖ Pastoral team
- ❖ Expectations
- ❖ Attendance
- ❖ Absence
- ❖ Punctuality
- ❖ Study periods
- ❖ Well-being

- Induction Evening Booklet and Presentation can be found on the school website: <https://www.spgs.org.uk/>
 - Parents and Students;
 - Induction Evenings 2022;
 - Year 13 Induction

PASTORAL TEAM

YEAR HEAD – Mrs Lisa Longley

Senior Teacher Link – Mr D Swail

FORM TUTORS:

- ❖ 13D – Miss Magill
- ❖ 13K – Mrs McDermott
- ❖ 13L – Mrs Dresden-Martin
- ❖ 13Q – Mrs Sheridan
- ❖ 13R – Mrs McCaul
- ❖ 13S – Mrs Copeland



- ▶ **DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION:**

- ▶ Mrs K McLoughlin

- ▶ **DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION**

- ▶ Mrs G Savage

- ▶ **COUNSELLOR:**

- ▶ Rachel Johnson

- ▶ **LIFE COACH:**

- ▶ Oisín MacManus

EXPECTATIONS

▶ We expect our senior students to be:

- ❖ PRESENT 9am-3.20pm
- ❖ ORGANISED
- ❖ EAGER TO LEARN
- ❖ MATURE
- ❖ RESPONSIBLE

Attendance

- ▶ **Students must be in school to learn.**
- ▶ **If attendance is 90% - equivalent to missing 19.5 days in a year or 4 weeks of school.**
- ▶ **If absence is unavoidable students *MUST* check MS TEAMS for details of work and make every effort to keep up.**

Attendance - HOLIDAYS

- ▶ Please DO NOT arrange holidays during term time if at all possible.
- ▶ Each subject has 9 /10 periods a week and teachers WILL NOT have time to go over the work.

This means that your son/ daughter will have to cover all the material on their own. This is not ideal.

A-Level courses are very long and there is a lot of time pressure on teachers to cover the courses.

Appointments during school day

- ▶ Please try to make appointments for outside school hours.
- ▶ If not possible:
 - ▶ Write a note (in their planner) rather than phoning
 - ▶ State the time your son/daughter must leave
 - ▶ This note must be signed by their form teacher AND by me
 - ▶ Sign out at reception when leaving
 - ▶ Sign back in when returning

HOMework PLANNER

- ▶ **ALL students have a homework planner.**
- ▶ **Please encourage your son/ daughter to record all homework and deadlines in this planner.**
- ▶ **Do not rely on TEAMS (Technology has been known to fail!)**
- ▶ **Teachers will record missed work in the planner.**
- ▶ **You can write to form tutors in the planner**

STUDY – NOT AN OPTIONAL PERIOD

- ▶ Study is supervised in the MPH by Ms Quinn-Kelly
- ▶ Attendance is taken

- ▶ Study periods should be evenly divided across all subjects.
- ▶ For example: if studying 3 subjects students may have 15 study periods –5 periods for each subject

THESE ARE NOT FREE PERIODS.

If student needs to be in a subject department for study (ex- music, technology) this must be pre-arranged with teacher and they must inform Ms Quinn-Kelly .

Uniform

- ▶ **Full uniform should be worn with pride.**
- ▶ **NEAT AND TIDY**
- ▶ **Long hair tidy and tied back**
- ▶ **Small stud ear-rings in EARS**
- ▶ **No Face jewellery**
- ▶ **Minimal make-up**

Yr 13 Teambuilding Day

- ▶ Wednesday 28th September
- ▶ Castleward
- ▶ Cost £15 (Cost has been subsidised and payment to be made on School Gateway app)



Mr Darren Swail

SENIOR SCHOOL LINK TEACHER

School Gateway App

- ▶ **Communication from School**
- ▶ **Timetable**
- ▶ **Access to School Reports**
- ▶ **School News**
- ▶ **Lunch Money - Canteen payments**
- ▶ **Payments**



Check App daily – you may get logged out on occasion.

Please do not use the App to communicate sensitive information or if you require a response.

See www.spgs.org.uk (Parent Section) for info. on signing up.

Enrichment

- Wednesday (P1 – P3) or Monday (P4 & P5)
- 5 Modules (4/5 weeks each)
- [Opportunities for Mentoring and Volunteering](#)

Games/
Sport

EcoEd4All

Bloom

First Aid

Cephas

Dropping subjects.

- THIS PROCESS MUST BE VERY CLOSELY MONITORED.
- ANY PUPIL WANTING TO DROP A SUBJECT MUST SPEAK TO MRS SAVAGE OR MR SWAIL IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.
- AFTER THIS MEETING THEY WILL BE GIVEN A FORM WHICH MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL SUBJECT TEACHERS AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

Bringing a Car to school

AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES THERE MAY BE SOME YR 13 PUPILS IN A POSITION TO USE A CAR TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL.

AN ONLINE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO DO THIS. THIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE YR 13 TEAM AND ALSO EMAILED TO PARENTS.

EMA

- ▶ Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a fortnightly payment for 16-19 years olds to help with the cost of further education.
- ▶ Students could receive payments of £30 a week, paid fortnightly, and up to two £100 bonus payments per year.
- ▶ Application pack available at reception. To receive your fortnightly payments, you must first sign a Learning Agreement with our school. This will set out what is expected of you in terms of attendance, course work and progress.
- ▶ The table below shows how much students could get based on household income:

Number of Dependent Children in Household	Annual Household Income	Weekly EMA Entitlement
1	Up to £20,500	£30
2+	Up to £22,500	£30

Working towards
the Wellbeing Award
for Schools

(WAS)



Bloom - Promoting Resilience and Positive Mental Health

Six sessions covering the following topics:

Resilience;

Exam Pressures,

Friendships,

Social Pressures,

Thinking about the Future,

Exam Stress,

Work-Life Balance.



WELL BEING

▶ PHYSICAL WELL BEING

- ▶ Enough sleep and nutritious food.
- ▶ Plenty of water
- ▶ Exercise has been shown to relieve stress and anxiety, please encourage your young person to take breaks and get outside each day.

▶ MENTAL WELL BEING

- ▶ Pastoral team and subject teachers are here to listen and help
- ▶ Counsellor and Life Coach available when required

THANK YOU