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External exams for Summer 2026 have started! If your son is in Year 11-14 he will have external exams. Please ensure he knows when and where to go - he must check his individual exam timetable. Our boys have worked so hard and we wish them the very best of luck going forward. We are so proud of them.

EXAM!



*Good
luck*

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Dates for your diary

- Monday 25th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May - Staff Training
- Please see external exam timetable below

5.5.26 - EDEXL Global Destinations at 9.00am

6.5.26 - EDEXL Creating Systems to Manage at 1pm

6.5.26 - EDEXL Introducing the Hospitality Industry at 1pm

7.5.26 - EDEXL Creating Systems to Manage at 9.00am

7.5.26 - CCEA English Language GCSE Unit 1 at 9.00am

7.5.26 - EDEXL - Developing a Marketing Campaign at 1pm

8.5.26 - EDEXL Speaking Portuguese at 9.30am

8.5.26 - EDEXL Speaking Spanish at 11.00am

8.5.26 - AS Biology Unit 1 at 1pm

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Create Pebbles of Hope

for PIPS Charity Darkness into Light Walk
9 May – Ormeau Park, Belfast

How to Create "Pebbles of Hope"

1. Choose a smooth, clean pebble that fits comfortably in the palm of a hand.
2. Provide acrylic paint, permanent markers or paint pens.
Decorate the pebbles with positive messages such as: Kindness, Hope, Smile, Believe, You Are Loved, You Matter, Be Kind.
4. Use bright colours and simple designs – hearts, stars, rainbows, flowers etc.
5. Varnish or waterproof the pebble as the final step so it can be kept outdoors.

Pebble Collection

We can collect the pebbles from your school, or

- you can deliver them to
PIPS Charity, 279 Antrim Road, Belfast,
where we would be happy to take a photo with your students and their pebbles!

PEBBLES OF HOPE!

Our wonderful 9Pk and 9Gi students created inspiring and heartfelt messages as part of the 'Pebbles of Hope' initiative by PIPS Charity. The stones will be used to mark the path of the 'Darkness into Light Walk', hopefully reminding our most vulnerable members of society that there is always hope and to seek support for any issues they are experiencing. Well done boys!

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Support for Parents

Parentline offers telephone interpreting for parents and carers that do not have English as their first language.

THE BIG WORD
Telephone interpreting service

We use The Big Word service that allows us to connect and support over 250 language combinations within a matter of seconds, with no need to pre-book.

To use this service please call our helpline on 0808 8020 400 and tell the Parent Support Officer that answers the call the language you would like to proceed with. You will then be placed on hold while the Parent Support Officer dials into The Big Word, this can take around 30-60 seconds. Once you are reconnected the Interpreter and our Parent Support Officer will both be on the line to proceed with the call.

SUMMERHILL COST OF LIVING PROGRAMME

Free 4 week programme for parents

- Week 1 Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Week 2 Taking care of the Pennies
- Week 3 Play & Reading
- Week 4 Wellbeing

Meet and discuss family life in a safe environment

Pick up tips on how to become more confident in handling the daily pressures parents face

£20 GIFT VOUCHER ON COMPLETION

Dates: Tuesday's starting May 5th - May 26th

Venue: Cloona House, Dunmurry

Time: 10am - 12pm

It is our hope that this programme will allow families a happier home life and children will feel more secure as they are given the support and love to enable them to reach their full potential in life.

For more information contact:

To register your interest please call 028 9062 3813 or email laura@newcolln.com

Safe To Be Me

New workshop for parents and carers on how to create Islands of Safety for Neurodivergent Children.

Delivered by Elaine McGreevy

- Consider how emotional safety may look different across childhood
- Recognise the impact of emotional burden and living in a demanding world
- From reaction to response- when things escalate- understanding the loop
- Explore how small, reliable moments, spaces and relationships can offer relief and regulation.

Wednesday 13th May
7pm-8.30pm on Zoom
Call NOW to book your Free Place
0808 8020 400

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CAREERS INFORMATION

Work Experience for Senior School Pupils

The following work experience opportunities are currently available for pupils in Senior School. All details have been posted on their Year Group TEAM with information on how to apply. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, and they are expected to fill up fast.

Company	Industry	Date of work experience	Closing date for applications
Clearbox	PR and Social Media Marketing	17 th -19 th June 2026	19 th May 2026
SMBP	Business/ General	8 th -12 th June 2026	Once applications have been filled.
NI Probation Board	Public Services	9 th -11 th June 2026	12 th May 2026
Aflac	IT and Digital	22 nd -24 th June 2026	25 th May 2026
The Army	Armed Forces	Multiple Dates	Once applications have been filled.
NI Football League (Virtual)	Sport and Leisure	4 th & 5 th June 2026	Once applications have been filled
NI Water (Hybrid)	Science	1 st -3 rd June 2026	Once applications have been filled
The Maldron	Hospitality	16 th & 17 th June 2026	Once applications have been filled
NI Assembly	Law	9 th -11 th June 2026	Once applications have been filled
Tughans Solicitors	Law	18 th & 19 th June 2026	Once applications have been filled

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CAREERS INFORMATION

Y13 Careers

Work Experience

All Y13 pupils will complete work experience in June – pupils have now received their paperwork. Once a placement has been agreed, please return to Mrs Ryan. I would like to note that June is a very busy time for work experience, and most schools in North Belfast will also be on work experience. Placements can be difficult to secure, if not secured early.

Y14 Careers

All Y14 pupils have been asked to make their Firm and Insurance choices. The deadline to make this choice is 6th May, after this date all offers are withdrawn. Please encourage your son to ensure he has selected his choices on his UCAS form before this date.

Student Finance is open and all pupils have been encouraged to apply. A PowerPoint explaining the different finance options is available on your sons Y14 Team.

If you need any further information please contact Mrs Ryan
nryan320@c2ken.net



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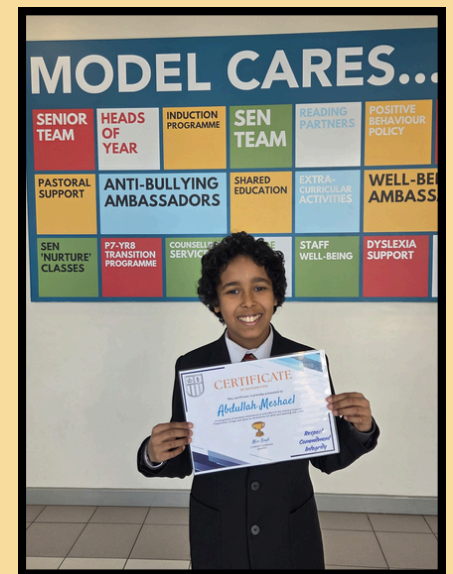


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Harry Beju 9NM - Congratulations on completing the EAL Literacy Support Programme! Harry gives his all to everything he does; the hard work has paid off!

Abdullah Meshael 8DY - Abdullah has made brilliant progress in EAL Literacy Support and his confidence has grown immensely. He is heading home to Saudi Arabia this week; we wish him all the best for the future!



Jaiden Gough, William Townsley and Colton Aughey 8HW - These boys have been working hard on Linguistic Devices in their Literacy period. They are making weekly improvements and tackling every challenge - a huge well done boys!

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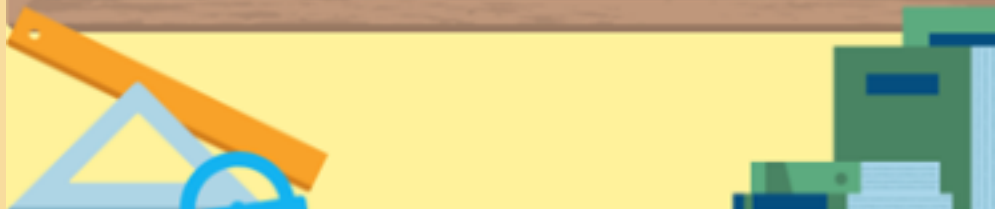
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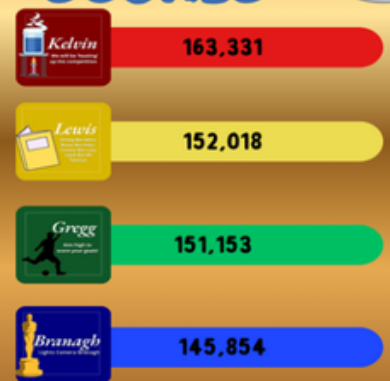
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TOP PUPIL POINTS

 JENSON PARKINSON 880 HOUSE GREGG		 SZYMON BRAJCZEWSKI T18L HOUSE LEWIS
 DEE-JAY LEMON 9M0 HOUSE GREGG		 KAI HAMILL T28U HOUSE LEWIS
 LUKAS RAMANAUSKAS 10KB HOUSE KELVIN	 BEJAMIN MOORE 14EF HOUSE GREGG	 REUBEN ARTHUR 13RD HOUSE LEWIS



HOUSE SCORES



Congratulations to our fabulous Top House Points earners this week - keep it up!

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Lunch-time extra-curricular activities

Period	Teacher	Club	Club Yr group	Room
Monday				
6a	Mrs McDowell	History Club	Yrs 8 , 10, 13 & 14	228
6a	Mr Caulfield & Dr Clarke	SU	Year 8	212
6a	Mr Dunlop	Art Club	Yrs 8 , 10, 13 & 14	249
6a	Mrs Parra	Fortnite Dance Club	Yrs 8 & 10	Studio
6b	Mr Adams & Mr Bonnar	LEGO Club	Yrs 9, 11 & 12	138
6b	Mrs Doyle	Science Club	Yrs 9, 11 & 12	142
6b	Mrs Higgins	Anime Club	Yrs 11 & 12	241
6b	Ms Brown	Multilingual Club	Yrs 9 & 11	Room
Tuesday				
5	Mrs Parra	Modern Language Club	Yr 9	216
5	Dr McMurray	SA Science Revision Club	Yr11	143
6a	Mrs Parra	Modern Language Club	Yr 8	216
6a	Miss Pickering & Miss Hegarty	Eco Club	Yrs 8, 10 & 12	242
Wednesday				
6a	Mr Munyard	Dodgeball	Yr 9	Gym Hall
6b	Mrs Weir & Mr Martin	SU	Yr11	112
6b	Mrs Butterworth	Plant Club	Yrs 8, 10 & 11	144
6b	Mr Davidson	Digi-Club	Year 8	51
6b	Mrs Baird	Dling Club	Year 8	234
Thursday				
6a	Mrs Baird & Mrs Brown	Choir	Yrs 9, 10, & 12	234
6b	Mrs Baird	Choir	Yrs 8 & 11	234
6b	Mr Adams & Mr Bonnar	LEGO Club	Yrs 8 & 11	138
6b	Mrs Parra	Minecraft LEGO Club	Yrs 8	Innovation Lab
6b	Mrs Jones	Board Games Club	Yr 8	240
6b	Miss MacFadyen	Warhammer	Yrs 11-14	133
6b	Dr McMurray	The Way of the Panda	Yr 8	143
Friday				
6a	Mrs Butterworth	Plant Club	Yrs 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14	144
6a	Mrs Parra	Modern Languages Club	Yr8	216
6a	Mr Gray	Football	Yrs 13 & 14	Gym Hall
6a	Miss McGinty	Drama Club	Yr10	208
6a	Miss Pickering	Board Games Club	Yrs 9 & 10	240
6a	Miss MacFadyen	Cookery Club	Yrs 8 & 9	134
6a	Mrs Higgins	Anime Club	Yrs 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14	241
6a	Dr McMurray	Ayumi Dawn	Yr9	143
6b	Miss Greer	Open Mic Club	Yrs 11 & 12	64

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Morning and afternoon extracurricular activities

MONDAY					
Club	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room	CAs
Morning football	8.15 - 8.30	Mr Green	All year groups	Mugga pitch	
Fitness Club	8:35-8:50	Mr Munyard	Year 8 & 9	Fitness Suite	
Homework Club	3.20 - 4.00	Mr Vance	All year groups	128	
TUESDAY					
Club	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room	CAs
Higher Maths GCSE clinic	8.10-8.40	Mrs Gilfedder	11	109	
Morning football	8.15 - 8.30	Mr Green	All year groups	Mugga pitch	
Coursework Clinic	2.00-3.00	Mrs Buchanan	11/12/13/14	52	
Performing Arts Club	2.00- 2:45	Miss Greer	All Year Groups	Studio/Hall	
Homework Club	2.00 - 2.56	Mr Vance	All year groups	128	
WEDNESDAY					
Club	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room	CAs
Morning football	8.15 - 8.30	Mr Green	All year groups	Mugga pitch	
IT Coursework Clinic	8.00-8.40	Miss Wedge	Y11/12/13/14	50	
Fitness Club	3.20-4.00	Mr Pirire	Y11/12/13/14	Fitness Suite	
Homework Club	3.20 - 4.00	Mr Vance	All year groups	128	
THURSDAY					
Club	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room	CAs
Morning football	8.15 - 8.30	Mr Green	All year groups	Mugga pitch	
IT Coursework Clinic	8.00-8.40	Miss Wedge	Y11/12/13/14	50	
Cricket Club	2:40-3:40	Mr Wilson & Woodvale Cricket Club	All year groups	Mouny	
Cookery Club	2:40-3:40	HE Teachers	All year groups	134	
IT Coursework Clinic	2.40-4.00	Mrs Buchanan	Y11/12/13/14	52	
Sport Coursework Clinic	2.40-4.00	Mr Pirie	Yrs 11 & 12	224a	
T&T Coursework Clinic	2.40-4.00	T&T teacher	Y11/12/13/14	242	
Homework Club	2.40 - 3.30	Mr Vance	All year groups	128	
FRIDAY					
Club	Time	Teacher	Yr Gps	Room	CAs
Fitness Club	8:35 - 8:50	Mr Munyard	Year 8 & 9	Fitness Suite	

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Is your son struggling with some aspects of his homework?
Are you unsure how to support him? Please send him to
HOMEWORK CLUB where he will receive all the help he needs.

JOIN US!



HOMEWORK CLUB: HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

Lunchtime – Every day, Rm128 except Monday 6b
in Rm219

After school – Monday – Thursday, Rm128

Complete and get help with your homework...
Help with revision for classes tests... Retrieval resources available...
Any questions answered....

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Football Fixtures



<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Kit</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Meet time / kick off time</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Year 9 Futsal finals	various	7/5	Blue and Black for us	Shankill	9.15am / 9.45 start	Mr Munyard
Year 8b Friendly	Ashfield B	8/5	They wear blue	Mouny	12.40pm meet / 1.30pm kick off	Mr Murray



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