



OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

INFORMATION WEEK BEGINNING JAN 31ST

MONDAY JANUARY 31ST

- Student Support Meeting P6 in Iontas
- Junior Debating Club Rm at lunchtime in Room 04
- First Year Boys Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U/16 Boys GAA 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST



- Year Head Meeting P6 in Iontas
- Senior ECO Club 1.15pm (new members welcome)
- U/16 Boys GAA
- TY First Aid Course
- U/14 Boys GAA 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

- TY First Aid Course
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- TY Junk Kouture 1.5pm – 5.00pm
- 2nd Year Girls basketball training 1:15pm - 2:15pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm



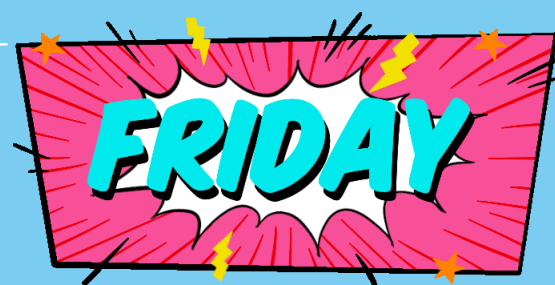
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3RD



- Yes & Be Well Programme 6D
- Junior ECO Club 12.20pm (new members welcome)
- TY First Aid Course
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

- First & Second Year Girls Basketball
- TY Gaisce Walk
- Junior Student Council meeting 12.15pm- 12.45pm
- Senior Student Council meeting 1.15pm- 1.45pm
- Second Boys Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

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- Sixth Year Study 9.00am – 1.00pm





- **Monday February 7th:** Pre-Leaving Certificate and Pre Junior Certificate begins
- **Tuesday February 8th:** U/16 Girls GAA Ulster Final
- **Wednesday February 9th:** Science SLAR
- **Wednesday February 9th:** Ulster Schools Cross Country
- **Thursday February 10th:** Reptile Haven Workshop
- **Thursday February 10th:** First Year Boys GAA
- **Monday February 14th:** Teaching & Learning Committee meeting
- **Tuesday February 15th:** Third Year Information Evening
- **Tuesday February 15th:** LCA Vocational Education Task
- **Tuesday February 15th:** Shout Out Workshop
- **Wednesday February 16th:** Second Year Focus Group
- **Friday February 18th:** LCA Practical Achievement Task
- **Friday February 18th:** LCA Graphics & Construction Task
- **Monday February 21st- Friday February 25th:** Mid Term break



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New Extension

- Work has commenced on our new 13 classroom extension.
- The existing the pedestrian entrance at the back of the school and the visitor's car park will be unavailable to staff, students or parents.
- Iontas carpark is available to staff, parents & visitors to the school for the duration of the project.
- From January 24th one third of the astro turf pitch nearest the main school will be unavailable to staff and students.
- The proposed internal alterations to the existing school will take place in July / August 2022 with internal hoarding/screening to be set up as required affording protection to adjoining rooms & equipment.
- It is expected that all work will be completed by February 2023.





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Summer Works 2022

- The Department of Education and Skills approved an application by the school to upgrade and improve the heating system in the existing part of the school.

Reporting on Christmas Assessments

- The results and comments from the First, Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth Year Christmas Assessments are available on eportal and all students received copies of these reports last week.
- Senior Management and the relevant Year Head will meet with students in the coming weeks to discuss their reports.





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Third Year students talk on Leaving Certificate Subject Choice

- All Third Year students will receive a talk from Guidance Counsellor Ms. Mc Sorley on Leaving Certificate subject choice the weeks beginning January 10th and January 17th (schedule of talks outlined in the events section above)

Attendance

If you know your son / daughter will be absent please email: office@olss.ie with a brief message outlining the reason for the absence. If your son / daughter is absent and we do not receive prior notification parents / guardians will receive a notification via the school app. It is very important that all parents click the Yes / No option to confirm that they are aware of the reason for this absence.





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Young Scientist

- Well done to TY students Matthew Ennis and Daniel Kerr who participated in the Young Scientist competition last week.





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State Examination Oral & Music Practical Exams

The State Examinations Commission has issued Circular S90/21 'Important Announcement in Relation to Oral Tests in Irish and Modern Foreign languages and the Music Practical Examinations for Leaving Certificate 2022' <https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-14529694.pdf>.

The circular sets out the following key provisions in relation to the timing of these tests, preliminary information in relation to arrangements, recruitment of examiners, and supports for schools:

- For the 2022 Leaving Certificate, the Oral language tests and the Leaving Certificate Music Practical examination will be conducted in the Easter holiday period using a revised 6-day model to run from Saturday 9th April to Thursday 14th April
- Schools will have some flexibility if there is a particular day over the six days on which tests cannot be held due to local needs.
- The tests will be conducted by visiting examiners, recruited, and appointed to schools by the SEC
- If it is not possible to facilitate all of the tests in the 6-day period, two contingency days have been identified as Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April 2022.

The State Examinations Commission will issue a more detailed circular in January 2022 with further details of these arrangements including details in relation to the management of the tests during the 6-day period over the Easter holidays.



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Mobile Phones in School

- Students should have their phones switched off before school at break time and at lunch time.
- If students have to use a mobile device in class to do research, the use of the school chromebooks is the preferred option.
- Mobile devices will be used only at times and for purposes directed by the teacher
- Students are expected to use the student Wi-Fi when using their device for classroom tasks. The teacher will issue a unique code to the class to access this for the length of the class activity only.
- If the school's student WiFi network is down, students may use their own mobile data to access only educational and career development activities as directed by the class teacher.
- Students should have their mobile phones placed flat on the desk at all times unless otherwise directed by the teacher for a particular task under direct teacher supervision
- Any inappropriate use of their device may lead to sanctions up to and including suspension.
- **Your child is NOT required to have or use a mobile device for class** and alternative methods will be presented for students who do not have mobile devices and/or wish to refrain from mobile device usage at school.





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Student Voice

- Fifth Year students participated in a Focus Group on Monday January 17th.
- Our Senior Student Council and Junior Student Council meet every Friday at lunchtime.
- Well done to our TY Mentors who have been assisting the Sixth Year Student Leaders with their duties in school and who have been supporting staff and students with teaching & learning initiatives in the junior end of the school.





Extra Curricular Activities



GAA TRAINING & GAMES FOR ALL TEAMS CONTINUES AS PER THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE OUTLINED ABOVE. HARD LUCK TO OUR SENIOR GIRLS WHO LOST THEIR ULSTER A FINAL AFTER A STROG PERFORMANCE AGAINST A VERY GOOD LORETO CAVAN TEAM. WELL DONE TO OUR U/16 BOYS GAA TEAM WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE RANNAFAST QUARTER FINAL, OUR SENIOR GIRLS TEAM WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE ULSTER LADIES A FINAL, OUR U/14 BOYS WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE ULSTER FINAL, OUR SENIOR BOYS WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE MAC LARNON CUP SEMI FINAL AND OUR U/16 GIRLS WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE ULSTER LADIES A FINAL.



Twenty One students competed in the Schools District Cross Country on January 14th. Ten students have qualified to go the Ulster School Finals. Amongst them included 2 medal winners Malachy Treanor 1st Minor Boys and Hazel Hughes 2nd Intermediate Girls. The Ulster Final is provisionally set to take place on Wednesday February 9th



BASKETBALL TRAINING & GAMES FOR FIRST & SECOND YEAR BOYS & GIRLS CONTINUES AS PER THE EVENTS SCHEDULE ABOVE.



JUNIOR DRAMA CLUB CONTINUES AFTER SCHOOL EVERY TUESDAY FROM 4.00PM – 5.00PM IN THE CONCERT HALL.



Junior debating club continues every Monday at lunchtime in Room 04.

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