



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,  
Welcome back to a new school term.

A teachers strike has been confirmed for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils will not be in school. Y11-14 should use this day to study for upcoming exams.

Staff day/study day has been moved from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**The Track 2 assessments** for Years 11-14 have also been moved and will now be from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January . Exam timetables have been issued to student today and a copy is attached for your information.

- **Pupils must attend all sessions** where they have an exam or are with their teacher for coursework. Absences will be followed up by Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year.
- Revision sessions for all year groups can **ONLY** be taken in school or at home.
- **Pupils are not allowed to hang around the town during the school day.** Reports of pupils making nuisances of themselves will be severely dealt with by Head of Year.
- Year 11 pupils must remain on site for lunch if they are in school for session 2 and session 3.
- Year 12 pupils will be issued with an exam lunch pass that will allow them to go out to town for lunch. These must be shown to teacher on GATE Duty.
- A **written report** will go home for **all** pupils with the Track results. Underachievement will be followed up by Pastoral/Principal.
- The strike day (Thursday 18th) and Monday 22nd are both **Revision Days at home.**

### **Open Day for P6 and P7 Pupils**

We are holding an open week in our St Mary Building from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Our Open day in the St Patrick Building will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

### **Appointments**

**Avoid making appointments during school hours** whenever possible,

If this is not possible, **prior notification (at least 24 hours)** should be given to the secretary in the St Mary Building or Noleen in the Main Building by **bringing in your dentist, doctor, orthodontist or hospital appointment card** to be signed/authorised by the secretary in the St Mary Building or Noleen in the main Building.

These appointments are recorded as an authorised absence.

**We ask for your consideration when speaking with any member of staff, we are here to help and support you in the best way we can. However, abusive or aggressive behaviour or language towards any member of staff will not be tolerated.**

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Track 2 Assessments Years 11-14

12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Mid Term Break / Ski Trip

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March Track 2 Assessments Years 8-10

19<sup>th</sup> March Parents Days for Y10-14 (Surname A-Mc)

20<sup>th</sup> March Parents Day for Y10-14 ( Surname Mc-Z)

More details will follow

**28<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April Track 3 Assessments Years 11-14**

**28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May Track 3 Assessments Years 8-10**

## **School Fund**

### **Payments can still be made as follows:**

Cash or cheque at reception or you can pay online directly to our bank account 59337986.  
Sort code 904982 or through our parent pay app

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=5989>

# NORTHERN IRELAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2024

Candidate & Polling Station  
registration by 31.01.2024



NI Youth Parliament are  
looking for NEW  
members:

Young people who want  
to use their VOICE to  
campaign on issues such  
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poverty, crime and  
mental health...

**Are you aged 11-18?**

**Do you live, work or go to  
school in NI?**

**Are you passionate about  
social change?**



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Please see below latest update on LMP programmes which may be of interest to parents who are looking to return to the labour market.

We would appreciate if you could share across your apps and/or newsletters.

### **2023/24 Academies and Programmes**

Mid Ulster LMP Academies and Programmes are now open for residents to register/apply. We are still also welcoming interest from employers who may have employment opportunities and are looking support to fill these.

Please continue to promote these across all your networks.

Full details available via our web pages

<https://www.midulstercouncil.org/lmpprogrammes>

#### **Women Returners Programme**

This fully funded Women Returners Employment Programme will support 20 eligible individuals through a bespoke 'work ready' training programme designed to equip participants with the skills, knowledge, experience, and confidence to begin a new career within a range of key sectors in the Mid Ulster district including manufacturing, engineering, agri-food, construction, retail, hospitality, health and social care, and digital/ICT.

All participants will be assigned a dedicated Programme Mentor who will work with them to reach their full potential.

In addition, employability training and development via the Academy's mentorship element will ensure participants are job ready. An interview is guaranteed on completion of the academy with a local employer.

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To Register, complete the following form

<https://forms.gle/m5GWXhzhfWK3RCvqJA> or contact Cathy McGarvey on Email: [c.mcgarvey@people-1st.co.uk](mailto:c.mcgarvey@people-1st.co.uk) or telephone: 028 9030 3981

#### **Construction Academy**

This fully funded Construction Academy will support 20 eligible individuals through a bespoke training programme.

Upon successful completion of the academy, participants will have gained CSR Registration and qualifications in Manual Handling and Working at Heights.

In addition, employability training and development via the Academy's mentorship element will ensure participants are job ready. An interview is guaranteed on completion of the academy with a local employer.

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To Register, contact Don Burns

Email: [d.burns@people-1st.co.uk](mailto:d.burns@people-1st.co.uk) or telephone: 028 9030 3981

### **Health and Social Care/Classroom Academy**

This fully funded Health and Social Care/Classroom Assistant Academy will support 20 eligible individuals through a bespoke training programme.

Upon successful completion of the Academy, participants will have gained, at a minimum Safeguarding; Basic Food Hygiene; First Aid and Manual Handling qualifications.

In addition, employability training and development via the Academy's mentorship element will ensure participants are job ready. An interview is guaranteed on completion of the academy with a local employer.

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To Register, contact the Network Personnel Team

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### **Tourism and Hospitality Academy**

This fully funded Tourism and Hospitality Academy will support 20 eligible individuals through a bespoke training programme.

Participants will have the chance to gain qualifications in Customer Services such as World Host or NVQ Basic Food Hygiene as well as Barista Training, Bar Skills, Waitressing Skills. Tour Guiding training will also be offered to all participants.

In addition, employability training and development via the Academy's mentorship element will ensure participants are job ready. An interview is guaranteed on completion of the academy with a local employer.

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### **Employer-led Disability Inclusion Programme**

This fully funded Disability Inclusion Programme will support 20 eligible individuals through a bespoke 'work ready' training programme designed to equip participants with the skills, knowledge, experience, and confidence to begin a new career within a range of key sectors in the Mid Ulster district.

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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [shelly.grimes@midulstercouncil.org](mailto:shelly.grimes@midulstercouncil.org).

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs K Crilly