



'RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY EXCELLENCE'

NEWRY HIGH SCHOOL

December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

It is very hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another very busy and successful term in Newry High School. I am looking forward to our end of term activities including the **Carol service on Tuesday 19 December at 7.00pm** (St Patrick's Church) and I would be grateful if you could join us for this festive event.

Below are the arrangements for the end of term and key dates and events for next term.

- **School quiz on Monday 18 December** – different times for different year groups.
- **School disco on Tuesday afternoon 19 December.**
- Pupils will be able to wear **non-uniform from 19-20 December.**
- The end of term / Christmas holidays **begin at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 20 December.**
- The new spring term starts on **Thursday 4 January 2023 for all pupils.**
- **Advance notice** – whole **school examinations taking place January 15 – 22.***

***Please note** the change to the dates from the initial calendar distributed. An additional day has had to be added to the examination schedule. This has resulted in the marking day moving from Friday 19 January to Monday 22 January. Examination timetables will be available asap.

In addition, we have been informed by Translink that they are expecting there will be no bus services operating on Friday 15 December, due to Industrial action. **Newry High School will be open for all pupils. However parents/carers are strongly advised to make alternative arrangements** for their child to get to and from school. Translink will communicate relevant passenger information through the media, via the industrial action webpage on their website: <https://www.translink.co.uk/industrialaction> The Translink contact centre will also remain open, should you have any queries please call T: 028 9066 6630.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting the work of the school. As a school community we have achieved so much this term and a huge amount of hard work has been done by staff, students and parents.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Brown
Principal

KEY DATES & EVENTS SPRING TERM

Spring Term	
3 January	Staff Training Day 3 – No pupils to attend
4 January	WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS
12 January	Politics in Action at St Paul's High School
15 – 19 January	Whole School Exams
22 January	Marking Day – School open only to pupils who have missed exams
6 February	Politics in Action @ St Joseph's High School, Crossmaglen
7 February	8KI Shared Education Year 10 Career Planning workshop
8 February	School Nurses - Year 8 Health Appraisal and Year 9-12 Nurse Reviews Year 12 Mock Results Day
9 February	School Nurses - Year 11 (Year 12 mop-up) School Leaver Booster
10 February	School reports issued to parents Yr. 11 - 14
12 – 16 February	Half Term Holidays
21 February	DAS and SAS Biology GCSE module exams. Politics in Action, Stormont - Yr. 13
22 February	DAS and SAS Chemistry GCSE module exams
23 February	DAS and SAS Physics GCSE module exams
28 February	Year 8 Planetarium Trip Board of Governors meeting
5 March	Year 11 Experience of Work
11 March	Year 11-14 Intervention Interviews Year 11 Experience of Work workshop
12 March	Year 11-14 Intervention Interviews
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14 March	Year 11-14 Intervention Interviews 8KI Shared Education at Newtownhamilton
15 March	Year 11-14 Intervention Interviews
18 March	St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
19 March	Year 10 & 11 PTM 12.45 – 2.45 (includes GCSE subject choice presentation). School finishes at 12.00 noon
26 March	Career and Post-16 information afternoon from 1.30 – 3.00. Pupils in Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 school finishes at 1.00pm. Year 12, 13 & 14 pupils to remain for the afternoon.
27 March	Staff Training Day 4 – No pupils to attend
28 March – 5 April	Easter holidays
Summer Term	
8 April	WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS