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ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHERS

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our wonderful student teachers. Pupils in Year 10 made a presentation to them. We wish them all the best in their teaching careers!



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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Easter Holidays

Thursday 17th April -
Friday 25th April
(inclusive)

Extended Schools Programme

Year 8 students have commenced their 8-week block of swimming lessons at Omagh Leisure Centre. These lessons are for both learners and improvers. We all know that swimming is beneficial for our physical health, but being in the water can also help alleviate anxiety, improve mood, and promote overall well-being.



WALK WITH US - DROMORE SUNRISE WALK

Dromore's annual charity walk takes place this year, 17th May at 4am. This year's event is renamed Dromore Sunrise Walk with all proceeds going to Aware NI. To register go to [www aware-ni.org/sunrisewalk](http://www.aware-ni.org/sunrisewalk)



St. Patrick's Day Quiz

On Friday 14th we held our annual St. Patrick's Day Quiz. It was organised by Mr. Tommy McDermott and Miss Mary Gormley from St. Mary's University, Belfast. All money raised from the non-uniform day and quiz will be donated to Trocaire. Thanks to all involved .



First Place:

Emmett McQuaid, Aaron McGinn, Jack McGurren, Mia Harte and Aisling Early.



Second Place:

Cillian McClenaghan, Cahir McClenaghan, Ella Dobbin, Amy Williamson and Kyle Farry.



Third Place:

Darragh McCann, Aidan McCann, Adrian Rose, Sarah Garrity and Molly McLaughlin.



Year 10 Netball

Congratulations to our Year 10 girls who took the silver medal place today at the Year 10 Tyrone & Fermanagh Netball Shield Final. There was tough competition with 7 schools in total taking to the court. They have shown excellent commitment over the last few months to their netball development and have seen a huge improvement in skill & confidence levels. There were some outstanding performances shown in today's blitz in both defence and attacking play. The girls really did us proud!!



Chairs Reception

Our Under 16 Ulster champions received a 'Chairs Reception' from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in March this year. The boys were congratulated by a number of District Councillors on their recent victory in the Bearnageeha Cup. They also got a look into the council chamber where important local council business is discussed. Many thanks to all who made this happen, it really was a morning that the boys won't forget!



Tyrone & Fermanagh Shield Final

Huge congratulations to our Year 9 netball team for winning the Tyrone & Fermanagh Shield Final on March 27th at Dromore Sports Complex. It was a fantastic day of netball with St. Fanchea's Enniskillen, St. Patrick's College Dungannon, Erne Integrated College Enniskillen & St. John's College all battling it out on court in a very tight competition. Our girls are to be commended for their hard work at training in recent weeks. Each player has made noticeable progress in their individual skills, whether it's passing, shooting, or defensive strategies. The girls have shown great dedication to improving their game, and we are so proud of each and every player for giving it their all on the court.



Green Flag Status

St John's College has achieved 'The Eco-Schools Green Flag' which is a recognised and respected eco-label for environmental education and performance. Here in Northern Ireland, the Eco-Schools Programme is operated by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, an environmental charity, and is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs and local Councils who all provide invaluable practical support for the programme. A big thanks goes to all the staff and pupils who participate in the many daily activities to reduce our environmental impact.



Homelessness Awareness Day

On Monday 14th April, St. John's hosted a 'Homelessness Awareness Day'. The event, organised by Louise McCullagh, 'Pathways' support worker, and facilitated by the Housing Executive, consisted of a workshop exploring the causes of homelessness. Pupils were informed about the supports available, followed by time for pupils to visit pop-up information stands set up by members of the South-West Homelessness Local Area Group.



Trócaire Charity Run

On Friday, April 4th our Year 10 pupils completed their 'Charity Run/Walk' in aid of Trócaire. A massive 'Thank You' to our pupils and everyone who supported their fundraising efforts. They raised £260, an incredible effort!! We are so proud of you!



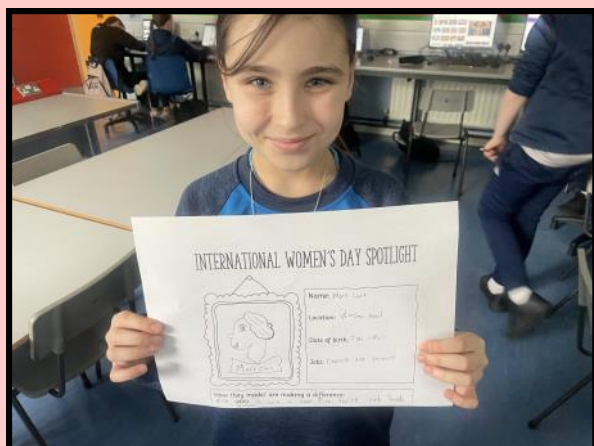
Edexcel GCSE Art and Design

Our Year 12 students have made a great start on their two-day GCSE Art exam. All students are working hard on their final outcomes for their Unit 2.



International Women's Day 2025

To mark International Women's Day, Year 8 and 10 pupils took part in various activities. Year 8 pupils researched women who can act as inspirational role models in our lives. They examined historical figures whose actions led to profound change and they considered the many women around the world today who are leading the way in their respective fields. Meanwhile, Year 10 pupils discussed the qualities we all would expect to see in healthy relationships in our future. Characteristics such as respect and loyalty featured strongly in our discussion.



Tyrone & Fermanagh Netball Plate Final

Well done to our Year 8 girls on a fantastic performance at the Tyrone & Fermanagh Netball Plate final on April 8th in Drumglass High School, Dungannon. The girls finished 2nd overall on points, joint with Drumglass HS, so the result was decided on goal difference. Huge congratulations to the team for an amazing performance and securing 3rd place overall. You all played with heart and determination. Proud of each and every one of you!

