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20th October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

The school will be closed for mid-term break from Monday 25th October 2021 – Monday 1st November 2021. The school will reopen on Tuesday 2nd November.

As we approach the half term, I would just like to thank you for your support in helping our students to embrace the new academic year with renewed focus and commitment. Our focus from September has been on helping our students re-adjust to normal school arrangements and to settle into the steady routine of learning.

Our focus for the second part of this term is on re-visiting some of our key policies to support a positive, safe and happy learning environment. I would like to begin the November term with a renewed emphasis on our uniform rules as this fosters a sense of pride in our school community.

I have attached a copy of our uniform policy and would ask that you discuss this with your child and ensure that he/she is compliant with the uniform code provided. Whilst PE uniform is permitted on PE days and trainers are permitted on days where a student is attending after-school sports clubs, normal black shoes must be worn at all other times. Hoodies are not permitted and must be removed on entering the building and placed in a school bag for the day.

Please also note that due to health and safety reasons, facial piercings are not permitted at any time and students will be asked to remove them. If this rule is breached a second time, these items will be confiscated. To avoid any unpleasant discussions, I would urge you to ensure that these are **removed before your child returns to school**. Face masks remain compulsory in school and on public transport so I ask you to ensure your child has a mask when leaving home. Our aim is to keep our pupils safe and in school.

The 104 bus will now be leaving from Finaghy Crossroads at the Methodist church at 8.20am, this is 10 minutes earlier than usual so pupils must adjust their departure time to ensure they do not miss it. This move should ensure the punctual arrival of our students.

On behalf of the staff of St. Patrick's, I would like to wish you and all students a pleasant, fun-filled and relaxing half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Grainne McCann'.

Principal: Mrs Grainne McCann,
BA Hons, PGCE, PQH

St. Patrick's Academy School Uniform

GIRLS

JUNIOR SCHOOL YEARS 8-10	SENIOR SCHOOL YEARS 11 & 12
Black blazer with school badge Regulation Pleated Grey Skirt (below knee length only). Single pleat at each side on the front and back) White Blouse School Tie GREY V-Neck woollen sweater Thick BLACK tights BLACK school shoes (only) N.B. Vans, Converse or any trainer-like shoes are not permitted .	Black blazer with school badge Regulation Pleated Grey Skirt (below knee length only) White Blouse School Tie BLACK V-Neck woollen sweater Thick BLACK tights BLACK school shoes (only). N.B. Vans, Converse or any trainer-like shoes are not permitted .

Please note

JEWELLERY/MAKE-UP

Jewellery - (watch, 2 rings, 1 pair of stud earrings in the earlobe) - max allowed

No body piercing permitted

Nose piercings are **NOT permitted and must be removed before your child enters school**

Make-up should **not** be worn

Outrageous hairstyles/colouring are not acceptable

PE UNIFORM (Girls and Boys)

Black & green performance shirt with school logo

Black & green 'skort' with school logo (girls only)

Black & green shorts with school logo (boys only)

White socks Trainers

See school website for more details and suppliers

BOYS

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Black blazer with school badge Black trousers White Shirt School Tie GREY V-Neck woollen sweater BLACK school shoes (only) N.B. Vans, Converse or any trainer-like shoes are not permitted .	Black blazer with school badge Black trousers White Shirt School Tie BLACK V-Neck woollen sweater BLACK school shoes (only) N.B. Vans, Converse Or trainers are not permitted .

HAIRCUTS SHOULD NOT BE SHORTER THAN A "NUMBER 2"

FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS BOYS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR EARRINGS, LARGE RINGS OR HAVE ANY BODY PIERCINGS. FACIAL HAIR IS NOT PERMITTED. BOYS HAIR TO BE NO LONGER THAT SHOULDER LENGTH.

POST 16 UNIFORM

- Green woollen v necked sweater available from McCalls, Lisburn or on line at www.mccallsoflisburn.com
- Boys Black Trousers
- Girls Regulation pleated Black Skirt (Below Knee length only)

NB: Regulations relating to make-up and hairstyles apply to post 16 pupils also.

The school outdoor coat is a hooded baffle coat that has the school crest fixed to it. This is the only permitted outdoors coat to be worn to and from school. A school scarf is available, and is the only scarf pupils are permitted to wear.

THE SCHOOL'S DECISION IS FINAL IN ANY CASE OF UNIFORM POLICY BREACHES