

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER –



YEAR 8 PARENTS

Students are **OFF** on Friday 27th October. This day marks the retirement of the Headmaster, Mr Mc Govern. We wish him well for the future. Students will return to school on Monday 6th November. Enjoy the break and stay safe.



Extra-curricular clubs:

After-school:

Monday – Film club

Tuesday – Gaelic

Wednesday – STEM, Drama Club, Cookery Club (starting 8th Nov)

Thursday – Badminton, Gaelic

Lunchtime/break time clubs:

Tuesday – Chess club

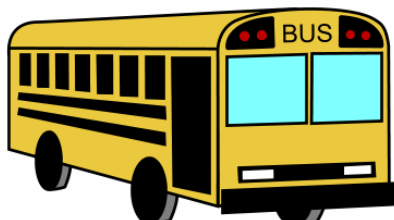
Wednesday – Quiz club

Thursday – Eco-club

Information on all clubs are provided through form class each morning during registration.

Also After School Study is available each day Monday-Thursday (inclusive) from 3:20 – 4:30. This is supervised and is held in the study hall.

The after-school link bus funded by APTA is available each day Monday-Friday (inclusive) to Newry Depot.



Congratulations:

- Brefini 8 – Top merits 886 (500 bonus merits for winning Bake off)
- Iveagh 8 – winning Gaelic league
- Oriel 8 – 500 bonus merits for class best represented at APTA Family Fun Quiz (these will be added to Octobers totals)

CHRISTMAS IN-HOUSE EXAMS:

These will begin for Year 8 students on Thursday 23rd November. The students will sit ALL exams in the hall. A revision booklet, which will contain revision lists for all subjects, will be given to students after the Mid-Term. It is very important students use their time wisely and prepare for these exams. A special assembly will take place to advise on revision techniques and time management. Parents are encouraged to support their sons during the run-up to these exams to ensure success. If any student is anxious, please contact me on aelmore972@c2kni.net

KEEP
CALM
AND
WORK
HARD

Manchester/Alton Towers trip:

The trip is now booked for 98 students and 8 staff. Deposits are non-refundable. No further payment is required until March. However, students are more than welcome to 'pay off' the trip in instalments. Please see Mrs Elmore regarding this.

Year 8 review and Buddy Scheme:

The Year 8 review was carried out at the end of September. This was to identify students who are still struggling with organisational skills and not completing homeworks. Those students needing additional support have been assigned a Senior Mentor whom they meet with once a week. They also are encouraged to attend after-school study twice a week, as well as having their diary signed each night by parents. The scheme will run for 4 weeks initially and will continue if needed.

Important things to note:

- Sign planners each week
- Help your son get organised
- Any issues or concerns please let us know asap.
- **Shoe box appeal** – please help us to help others (final date is 8th November 2017)