



BELONG | ASPIRE | ACHIEVE

December 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust this letter finds your family and you well. It has been an extremely successful start to the sporting season - three Ulster Schools' Finals - the U14 Girls' Hockey Team winning the Stevenson Cup, the 1st XI Girls' Hockey Team made the final of the Stevenson Cup, the 1st XI Boys' Hockey Team made the final of the McCullough Cup. This week we are enjoying the outstanding production of Little Women and are looking forward to the extremely popular House Quizzes and our wonderful Carol Services next week. Alongside, many more events and success stories - I encourage you to keep up to date via the school website and our X & Instagram accounts.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the key dates that I have previously communicated and please find below a copy of the bus timetable for the final day of this term.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 17 December – Annual Carol Service 7.00pm in Holy Trinity Parish Church

(Everyone is invited to the Carol Service – including former pupils, parents and colleagues)

Friday 19 December - Last day of term for pupils (Carol Service finishes at approximately 11.30am)

JANUARY

Monday 5 January 2026 - Staff Training (no pupils should attend)

Tuesday 6 January 2026 - First day of term for all pupils

Monday 12 January 2026 - Winter Examinations start

Monday 26 January 2026 - Open Night (7.00-9.30pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.35pm)

FEBRUARY

Monday 9 – Friday 13 February 2026 – Half-term Holiday

Wednesday 18 February 2026 - Year 10 Parent Consultation in-person (1.30-3.30pm)

Wednesday 18 February 2026 - Year 10 Parent GCSE Options Presentation (3.45pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00pm)

MARCH

Thursday 12 March 2026 - Year 9 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (4.00-6.00pm)

Tuesday 17 March 2026 - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 25 March 2026 - Spring Concert 7.30pm Assembly Hall

Friday 27 March 2026 - Year 11 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud (1.30-3.30pm)

(Early closure – normal classes will end for all pupils at 12.00pm)

Friday 27 March 2026 – Last day of term

Please note that your child will participate in on-going assessment in class and target setting. We would encourage you to engage actively with your child in helping to review these targets. You are also encouraged to check and sign the Student Planner on a regular basis to ensure that it is being used effectively. Note the dates above carefully and please make use of the opportunity provided to discuss the progress of your son/daughter. **Please note that all parents need to have downloaded the Parent App** to access their son/daughter's Reports and the information regarding the SchoolCloud system

The School Carol Service will take place for pupils on the final day of term, Friday 19 December. Pupils will start school as normal at 9.00am and will be escorted to Holy Trinity Church for the service starting at 10.15am and finishing at approximately 11.30am. Pupils should make their way home following the service.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a fulfilling 2026.

Yours faithfully

R S McLoughlin

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Principal



Bus Arrangements for 11.30am closure - Friday 19 December 2025

<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>238</u>	<u>DROMORE</u>	<u>12.12</u> <u>12.42</u>
<u>538 / 38</u>	<u>DROMORE</u>	<u>12.50</u> <u>14.45</u>
<u>56</u>	<u>LURGAN</u>	<u>12.40</u> <u>13.40</u>
<u>62</u>	<u>PORTADOWN</u>	<u>13.00</u> <u>14.00</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>RATHFRILAND</u> <u>(via Annaclone)</u>	<u>13.35</u> <u>15.45</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>RATHFRILAND (via Ballinaskeagh)</u>	<u>15.50</u>
<u>66</u>	<u>SCARVA (connection to Tandragee)</u>	<u>14.00</u> <u>15.35</u>
<u>538</u>	<u>NEWRY</u>	<u>13.40</u>
<u>238</u>	<u>NEWRY</u>	<u>12.33</u> <u>13.33</u>

Education Authority bus (yellow bus)
Available for 11.30am finish on Friday 19 December 2025

Rooney Coach
Available for 11.30am finish on Friday 19 December 2025

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