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| 13R | Mr Fulton |
| 13S | Miss Huey |
| 13T | Mr Davison |
| 13U | Mrs Bowman |

**Key Dates**

**Year 13 Parent-Teacher Meetings:**

Life – affirmingThursday 28th November 1-3.15pm

**Internal Winter Examinations:**

Monday 9th December – Tuesday 17th December 2019

**External Summer Examinations**

Practical examinations begin on Tuesday 5th May 2020

**St Malachy’s College**

**Year 13 Parent Information Meeting**

**August 2019**

DRAFT***"St Malachy's College, as a Catholic school, is dedicated to providing academic excellence in the context of a Christian community ethos. It seeks to preserve its traditions of spirituality and learning so that all pupils, staff and parents can experience continuity in achievement and further their own spiritual, educational and personal growth in a pleasant, interesting, and stimulating environment. "***

*Five phrases attempt to capture and articulate what it means to be a Catholic College in the 21st Century.  These phrases are:*

Reflective & WorshippingPerson centred

Gospel – inspired

Welcoming & Inclusive

*Our College Mission statement, while not explicitly using the terminology, reflects these emphases.  This is what we are about in St Malachy’s College.*

*‘…. education is not and must never be considered as purely utilitarian.  It is about forming the human person, equipping him or her to live life to the full – in short it is about imparting wisdom.  And true wisdom is inseparable from Knowledge of the Creator....’ (Pope Benedict XVI)*

**Transition from GCSE to AS**

The transition from GCSE to AS studies can be considerably demanding, and many students are challenged by the change in style, pace and content. There are a few important steps that can make this transition easier, so that your son achieves his full potential:

* Reviewing work every night to consolidate his learning
* Independently studying every night for 2-3 hours
* Catching up on any missed work
* Completing further past paper questions with mark-schemes
* Speaking to teachers if any concerns or questions arise
* Attending all timetabled classes
* Maintaining perfect punctuality for school and all classes
* Ensuring an appropriate work-study-rest balance.

**Enrichment**

Year 13 Enrichment takes place weekly on a **Wednesday afternoon, periods 5&6.** The year 13 programme is based mainly around a series of workshops which take place throughout term 1 and 2, and then presentations from a number of additional speakers. Workshops are designed to appeal to a broad range of interests and where possible include accreditations on completion, and may involve an additional cost.

**Home-school links**

Communication between the school, parents and students is fundamental to success. If you have any concerns, then please contact the College as soon as possible. Additionally, there will be a parent-teacher meeting and formal contact in the form of reports will take place:

* October/November – Interim Report
* January – Full Report
* April – Interim Report

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Full attendance (at least 95%) is vital in Sixth Form, if students are to achieve the grades they require. It is almost impossible to catch up on work missed and copying someone else’s notes is a poor substitute for the teacher’s presentation and explanation of a topic. Students should ensure that they are in school every day for 8.55am.

**Assessment Schedules**

Assessment Schedules will be given out during the first week of term by individual subject teachers. These will also be available on the school website.

**Crolly Study**

The Crolly Study will be open Monday-Thursday from 3.30-6.45pm and on a Saturday morning from 8-12 noon. It is supervised by a member of staff to ensure the environment remains conducive to quiet study and productive learning. We would encourage all students to make use of this excellent facility**.**

**Careers Information**

All students in Year 13 will have the opportunity to undertake a work experience placement. Students should take the initiative in organising this in an area that is ideally relevant to their proposed university courses and/or area of interest.

**Continuing to A2 (Year 14)**

The minimum grade requirement to continue on to **Year 14 is CDD**. Please note, that higher grades would be required for the vast majority of university courses.