



St. Malachy's College

36 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AE



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Dear Year 13 Parents and Pupils,

KEY MESSAGES

As we enter the last month of the academic calendar, we would like to reinforce some previous messages to ensure that you are fully prepared and ready to start Year 14.

Firstly, your teachers will have now moved on to Year 14 teaching material. We understand that it is difficult to maintain motivation when you are not attending school with your peer group and do not see your teachers. However, it is extremely important that you are doing your best to keep up to date with this work. September will look different for us all and all pupils need to maximise their time now and ensure that they are giving themselves the best possible advantage. We are receiving reports of some pupils not keeping up to date with work and others who are working extremely hard. Like everything in life, a balance of school work, physical, emotional and spiritual activity is important!

A Year 13 Pastoral and Careers Google Classroom (GC) have been set up. Both of these classrooms are there to support you. If you have not joined, please do so! The codes are below. Mrs McAlinden is posting vital Careers and UCAS information as well as opportunities offered by different universities. You should be starting to think about your UCAS journey and following all guidelines given in the Careers GC. Remember to logon to these classrooms using your C2k email.

Year 13 Pastoral GC: p3b6e16

Year 13 Careers GC: ldfpi4u

If pupils are not keeping up to date with work, interviews will be held with parents and pupils in August to discuss the best way forward next academic year. Likewise, if you are NOT planning to come back to Year 14, it is essential that you communicate this information to us via an email or written letter.

SENIOR PREFECT TEAM – 2020/21

Under normal school circumstances we would by now have selected our Senior Prefect Team for the academic year of 2020-2021. We now want to start the process of selecting next year's Senior Prefect Team. The remaining prefect positions will be decided upon when you return to school in August.

The College Senior Prefect team mirrors the leadership structure within the teaching staff, as follows:

HEAD BOY

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HEAD OF KEY STAGE 5

HEAD OF KEY STAGE 4

HEAD OF KEY STAGE 3

HOY 8

HOY 9

HOY 10

HOY 11

HOY 12

The above posts will encompass responsibilities which may include leadership in the following:

- Covid-19 mentoring
- Resilience mentoring
- Class mentoring
- Subject mentoring

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Pupils applying for a position on the Senior Prefect team will need to fulfil the following criteria:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality record
- Evidence of an excellent work ethic and approach to assessment and examinations as well as being able to keep to deadlines
- Excellent behaviour record throughout school
- Be willing to commit to carrying out a leadership role and the responsibility that accompanies the role
- Show initiative and be a role model for younger pupils

Those interested in entering this contest should:

1. Fill in the attached application form and return to me by Monday 8th June 2020.
2. Successful candidates will be expected to attend an interview with Mr McBride, Mrs Rayot and Mrs McAlister. Interview arrangements will be forwarded to you and will adhere to social distancing rules, or may be via Zoom.
3. Senior Prefect positions will be assigned and communicated by week beginning 22nd June 2020.
4. A training programme will be put in place from September 2020.

I have been impressed by many of you who are finding new ways of doing good and positive things. In this sense, you are already proving to be great leaders in educating us as we hopefully approach the easing of lockdown. Many of you will have creative ideas about how to proceed in the new 'normal' and we value your insight, so please take the time to consider applying for these positions. Attached is the application form, we would love to see as many Year 13 pupils as possible applying for a position!

As always, thank you for taking the time to read this essential information. We value the support of all our parents and our Malachians!

Yours sincerely

MRS S RAYOT
Head of school KS5