



# Principal's Notes



Slemish College Summer 2010

## College Examinations

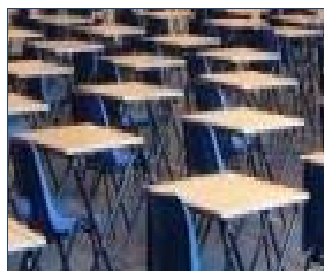
### Winter Assessments

These will commence week beginning Monday 22 November, 2010.

### Summer Assessments

Summer examination will commence week beginning Monday 23 May, 2011.

### GCE/GCSE Mock Examinations



# Slemish College Rugby

## Examination Results

All Post 16 and 'A' Level results will be issued on Thursday 19 August, 2010 between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

GCSE results will be issued on Tuesday 24 August, 2010 between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

Results must be collected personally. Results may be collected by an authorised parents or relatives provided Mr Manson has been informed by letter. Results not collected by 12.00 noon on the day of issue will be posted home. Mr Manson will be available for queries between 10.00 and 12.00 noon.

Dr Jennings, Miss Harrison, Dr McHugh, Mr Weir and Mr Bennett will be available to discuss results and help with decisions.

## Parents' Consultation Meetings

**Please keep for future reference.**

### Yr 8 Pastoral Meeting with Form Tutors and Learning Co-ordinator

Tuesday 21 September, 2010 4.00 – 6.00 pm

### Yr 8 Consultation

Thursday 24 February, 2011 4.00 – 6.00 pm

### Yr 9 Consultation

Wednesday 2 March, 2011 4.00 – 6.00 pm

### Yr 10 Consultation

Tuesday 22 March, 2011 4.00 – 6.00 pm

### Yr 11 Consultation

Thursday 6 January, 2011 4.00 – 6.00 pm

### Yr 12 Consultation

Thursday 10 February, 2011 4.00 – 6.00 pm

### Yr 13/14 Consultation

Wednesday 2 February, 2011 4.00 – 6.00 pm

**May I take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable Summer.**

## Thank you



Many thanks to parents who have supported us during another very successful year in Slemish College. We are grateful for the gifts and kind letters of encouragement from students and parents.

## New Academic Year

**Staff Development Days** Monday 23 August 2010 – Thursday 26 August 2010

Note—	Friday 27 August 2010	- <b>6<sup>th</sup> form only</b>
	Monday 30 August 2010	- <b>Holiday</b>
	Tuesday 31 August 2010	- <b>Yr 8 only</b>
	Wednesday 1 September 2010	- <b>all students</b>

**Please note – the first day of term for Year 8 will be 31 August, 2010**

**Autumn Term** Friday 27 August 2010 – Tuesday 21 December, 2010

**August Holiday** Monday 30 August 2010

**Mid Term Break** Wednesday 27 October 2010 – Monday 1 November 2010

**Christmas Holidays** Wednesday 22 December 2010 – Tuesday 4 January 2011



## Exceptional Closures

- Friday 15 October 2010
  - Monday 29 November 2010
  - Thursday 17 March 2011
  - Monday 11 April 2011
  - And one other to be decided
- Students do not attend College on these days.**

## Attendance

Parents will appreciate that there is a strong link between attendance and success in education. It is also the duty of parents to ensure their child attends the College punctually. Unfortunately, over the past academic year a number of students have been consistently late for their first class. This is disruptive to the lesson and means that students are being held back. The College Attendance Policy is such that 'If a student is late to College eg more than 30 minutes, parents must provide a note either on the same day or the following'. Mr Manson will be responsible for monitoring punctuality in the new year and Miss Harrison will have overall responsibility for this important area of school life.

I would respectfully ask parents to note that per our policy 'If a student is late more than three times in the month without satisfactory explanation then he/she will be placed in Focus Time after the parents have been informed by letter.' In the first instance the Form Tutor will monitor the attendance of his/her tutor group.



## Students' Emotional Health and Wellbeing Inserts in Student Log Book

The promotion of students' well-being has a significant contribution to make to ensuring creditable educational outcomes.

An effective way of making sure that all young people know about support available to them is by including information in the Students' Log Books.

Please have a look at your son/daughter's Log Book. You will see a series of inserts highlighting a different topic each month. You will note an absence of inserts in January and February and I would refer you to the enclosed copy of our 'Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy' and ask that you familiarise yourself with the content therein.

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# News from Slemish

## Farewells

Mrs Ennis is going on a one year career break.  
Mr McCann leaves Slemish following his two year temporary contract.  
Mrs Louden leaves us to teach in Limavady Grammar School.  
Mr Kane has been accepted for the Presbyterian ministry.  
Mrs McHugh, Miss McCormick and Mr Lyons have completed their year with us.  
Mrs McCallion is relocating to England and will be teaching in Blenheim College.  
Mrs Law who is taking up a Teaching post closer to home.  
Dr Shepherd and Mrs McAlonan will be on maternity leave as from September.  
Mr S Dunlop who will be taking up a post of ICT Technician in Antrim Grammar.  
To all these colleagues we give our thanks for the vital contribution they have made to Slemish College.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Dale on the birth of her daughter Laura, Mrs Dempsey on the birth of her son Adam, Mr and Mrs Kelly on the birth of their daughter Gracia, Mrs Cruikshank on the birth of her son Joel, Mrs Murtagh on the birth of her son Ben, Ms Quail on the birth of her son Noah, Ms McAuley on the birth of her son Curtis and Mrs King on the birth of her son Charlie.

## Habitat for Humanity

Congratulations to all in our school community, who together raised an amazing total of £15000 from our sponsored walk at Glenarriff. This represents an excellent effort from all the walkers, and is a great reflection of the generosity of Slemish students, their families and friends. We all enjoyed the experience and the fun of the house rivalry. It's great that our day in the forest will have such a positive affect, as Habitat seek to eliminate poverty housing across the globe. Well done everybody!

## Medication/Inhalers

Please ensure that inhalers/medication left in College, for your child, are not out of date. Out of date medication will be disposed of by the end of September as it is unfit for use.

Please ensure that you send new medication with the name of the child clearly visible.

## Northern Ireland Quality Awards

The College has been selected to join a fast track process for the above awards. We are delighted to have been chosen and look forward to gaining the award.

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## New Appointments

<b>Mr Graham</b>	Mathematics	Full time
<b>Mr Black</b>	Mathematics	Full time
<b>Mr Gamble</b> (Subject Leader)	Mathematics	Full time
<b>Miss Campbell</b>	History	One Year to cover a Career Break
<b>Miss Lees</b>	ICT	Full time
<b>Miss Maguire</b>	English	Job Share
<b>Dr Morrow</b>	Chemistry	To Cover Maternity Leave
<b>Mr McNerlin</b>	Chemistry	To Cover Maternity Leave
<b>Miss Savory</b>	Physics	To Cover Maternity Leave
<b>Miss McCormick</b>	Mathematics	Job Share

## Mobile Phones



Parents will be aware of our concerns regarding the use of mobile phones during College hours. Students who use their mobile phones without permission, between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.20 pm will have their mobile phone confiscated and a parent(s) will be required to come in to College to collect it. Incidents involving misuse or inappropriate use of a mobile phone will result in a student not being permitted to carry a phone during College hours.

Although we recognise the popularity of Music Technology, students are not permitted to bring MP3s, iPods or similar into the College. There are risks for both damage and security for which the College is not responsible. Should such technology be confiscated a parent(s) will be required to collect it from College.



## STEM Survey

The College has been surveyed by the Education Training Inspectorate with regards to our provision for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The Inspectorate were very pleased with what is happening in the College and our approach to careers in these subject areas.

**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering & **M**aths

## Best Kept Schools Award

Thanks to Mrs Cummings and her willing band of student helpers. We were Highly Commended in this competition which we won two years ago.

## Go4It Award

The College has become the first school in Northern Ireland to achieve the Go4It Gold Award. This is a nationally recognised award for schools in the UK demonstrating creativity, innovation and an adventure for learning. Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Nicholl, Kirsten Black, Peter McHugh and Nick Moloney will receive the award at a ceremony in London on the 6 July, 2010.

## School Day

Registration	8.55 – 9.05 am
Period 1	9.05 – 9.55 am
Period 2	9.55 – 10.45 am
BREAK	10.45 – 11.00 am
Period 3	11.00 – 11.50 am
Assembly or Registration	11.50 – 12.10 pm
Period 4/Junior Lunch	12.10 – 1.00 pm
Period 5/Senior Lunch	1.00 – 1.45 pm
Period 6	1.45 – 2.30 pm
Period 7	2.30 – 3.20 pm

## Student Success

This has been our most successful year ever in Sport in Slemish. Congratulations to Chantelle McFadden who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 200, at the Northern Ireland Championships. Our Year 8 Boys' Team were runners up in the NEBSSA Championships. In the Scoileanna Antroimma Championships our Junior Boys' Team were runners up and the Senior Boys won their competition.

The following students represented the College at the Mathematical Challenge: Conor Crilly, Jordan Millar, Sarah Currie, Kieran Thompson

The following students represented the College at the Stock Market Challenge in April: Bethany Meban, Rachel Currie, Jordanne Clarke, Kirsty Wallace, Peter Morgan.

The following students received certificates for the Intermediate Maths challenge: Andrew Burns, Laura Kelly, Ryan McInerney, Jonathan Huston.



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