



Welcome

from the Head of School



In this final newsletter of the academic year, it's wonderful to see the variety of celebrations and rewards that have taken place in the last few weeks.

The school is vibrant and full of joy as we celebrate our hardworking pupils, with many more opportunities for praise coming up in the future.

We are proud of every one of our pupils and the gifts and talents they bring to the St Patrick's family.

In a year when the school has been praised by Ofsted for having made substantial improvement, and a visit from the diocese concluded by stating that St Patrick's has a strong sense of community, it's certainly been a time of positive change for everyone involved.

We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward with hope for the next year.

Have a fantastic summer,

Deborah Law
Head of School

EMOTIONAL FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2022



What a year group, and what an end to their educational experience at St Patrick's!

After working incredibly hard, our Year 11 pupils have completed their GCSE exams and got down to the business of celebrating their time with us.

The Class of 2022 walked out of their final exam to find that the school dining hall had been specially decorated in their honour.

Pupils had an opportunity to sign each other's shirts, write in their friends' leavers' books and take as many photos as they could to keep as precious mementoes.

They also received their yearbooks and enjoyed a moment of reflection as we played a video featuring positive messages recorded by members of staff throughout the school.

They also got to see photos of themselves throughout the years, which brought tears and laughter in equal measure!

The most poignant and precious

moment of the morning was the surprise guard of honour the rest of the St Patrick's community gave them as they took their final walk across the yard and out of the school gates.

The whole day underlined the fantastic community spirit we have here at St Patrick's and it was wonderful to see the other year groups united in wishing all our leavers the very best of luck for the future.

Hearing the applause and names being chanted and seeing the smiling and crying faces just shows how respected each of them are.

Every single one of them are superstars! The videos on our social media platforms show just some of their wonderful achievements over the years.

We have no doubt they will go on to achieve great things as they turn a new page and begin the next chapter of their journey through life.

JURASSIC ROAR-WARD FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE



Mr Dixon's 8 Postgate tutor group attended a 4DX cinema screening of *Jurassic Park* as a reward for their excellent attendance record.

Throughout the half-term, pupils encouraged each other to keep up their high standards of attendance so they could win this special prize.

Research shows that attending school regularly is vital for pupils to reach their full potential.

The pupils thoroughly deserved their reward and had a wonderful time.

A very different Lourdes experience

This year's Lourdes pilgrimage was very different to previous years.

Our usual 26-hour bus journey was replaced by a flight from Teesside – a blessing that came with a 3.30am start!

Each of the six St Patrick's pupils who took part will tell you something different about their experience.

Their main responsibility was serving the supported pilgrims, which they did beautifully, always with a smile.

Friendships among pupils from the four NPCAT secondary schools grew throughout the week.

We look forward to next year, which will be different again.

That's the beauty of Our Lady's call – each time you go to Lourdes, something wonderful happens.



Frisbee stars spin it to win it!



Congratulations to our Year 7 pupils, who came away victorious in an Ultimate Frisbee competition against other local schools.

They began learning about the game during PE lessons this half term.

Two teams of seven compete on a playing field about the same length as a football pitch, but narrower.

Each team defends a zone at their end of the field and scores a goal when a player catches the disc in the opposite end zone.

COMPETITION IS HOT IN SUMMER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Talented young footballers attending our summer after-school enrichment activities enjoyed taking part in a special tournament.

Well done to all players who took part and for showing impressive competitiveness and sportsmanship throughout – and congratulations to the winners!

The pupils would like to thank Mr Irvine, Mr Ayton and Mr Fellows for organising and supporting this fantastic event.

A WINDOW INTO THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

JOB OF THE WEEK

Computer Games Developer

SALARY
£19,500 to £59,000
Average UK salary in 2019 was £30,378 (source Office for National Statistics)

HOURS
30 to 40 a week
Typical work between 9am and 5pm

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Will increase by 3% in the future
There will be 4k more Computer games development jobs in 2026

As part of their careers education, we continue to raise our pupils' aspirations to help them prepare to move into further education.

Through our social media feeds, we have given pupils key information about some of their career choices as they begin to think about their options and move into Year 11.

Examples have included the salary, working hours and qualifications needed to become a doctor, a nurse, a games developer and a forensic psychologist.

Castle visit is a knight to remember!



Year 7 pupils travelled back in time and experienced what it was like to live and work in a 14th-century castle.

The visit to Raby Castle – which was a Parliamentary stronghold in the English Civil War – included a tour of its medieval, regency and Victorian interior.

There was even the chance to be knighted in the castle's chapel.

Later they entered the Plotters' Forest, exploring the trails and experiencing the towers and high walkways.