



St Louise's
Comprehensive College, Belfast
A Specialist College

End of Term Arrangements June 2019



*“In partnership with parents, guardians, staff, governors and students
St Louise’s promotes excellence in learning and teaching within a
Catholic, Vincentian, Comprehensive ethos”*

Important Information for Parents

- **Monday 17th June - Tuesday 18th June - Full day for all students**

Year 8 Mastery subject student review

Week Beginning 17th June - work experience for all Year 11 students



**Year 8 Celebration of Achievement
Monday 24th June 9.30am**

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- **Wednesday 19th June** Dismissal of Years 8 -10 at 12.30 pm
(Lunch at 12.00 pm) *
 - **Thursday 20th June** Dismissal of Years 8 -10 at 12.30 pm
(Lunch at 12.00 pm) *
 - **Friday 21st June** Dismissal of Years 8 -10 at 12.30 pm
(Lunch at 12.00 pm)
 - **Monday 24th June** Dismissal of Years 8 -10 at 12.30 pm
Year 8 Celebration of Achievement
(Lunch at 12.00 pm) * **Year 11 dismissal 11.00am**
 - **Tuesday 25th June** Dismissal of Years 8 -10 at 12.30 pm
(Lunch at 12.00 pm) *
 - **Wednesday 26th June** Dismissal of Years 8 -10 at 12.30 pm
(Lunch at 12.00 pm) * **Year 10 dismissal**
 - **Thursday 27th June** Dismissal of Year 8 and Year 9 at 11.30 am
 - **Friday 28th June** Dismissal of Year 8 and Year 9 at 11.00 am

- Please note from Wednesday 19th June — Wednesday 26th June supervised silent study will be available in the Learning Resource Centre from 12.30pm – 3.20pm. If your daughter does not avail of this facility we ask that she goes directly home and changes out of her school uniform.
- There will be no special buses available on the days of early dismissal, buses will leave school grounds at the normal time of 3.20pm therefore, we ask that you make suitable transport arrangements for your daughter.

Staying Safe Online This Summer

- ✓ Set privacy settings on all your devices so that only people you know can view your account.
- ✗ Don't share personal information or images with people who you don't know.
- ✗ Don't accept friend requests with someone you don't know - everyone online may not be who they say they are.
- ✗ Don't post anything online that you are not happy to be shared, particularly nude or nearly nude images or videos. It may seem like a bit of fun with friends at the time but there is always a chance those images could be shared or get into the wrong hands and could lead to harmful situations such as stalking, abuse or blackmail.
- ✓ **Tell** the police or a trusted adult if someone has made you feel uncomfortable or you have had disturbing interaction online.
- ✓ If you receive any inappropriate images or links, it is important you do not forward it to anyone else. **Tell** the police or **tell** a trusted adult immediately. By doing this you could help prevent further such incidents. You will not get into trouble.
- ✓ Remember that if things do go wrong online, there are people who can help.



You can phone :



The police on 101



Childline on 0800 1111



Staying Safe Outside This Summer

Quarry Safety

Quarries, particularly abandoned and disused quarries are very dangerous places. Several people have died in disused quarries in Northern Ireland in recent years. Most quarries are private and you should not climb over damaged fences or gates to get into them.

Can you swim in quarries?

Some quarry lakes may look inviting on a hot summer's day, but there are a number of hidden dangers:

- deep water
- cold water
- submerged abandoned machinery and car wrecks
- underwater ledges and recesses
- hidden currents and tunnels
- submerged plants
- dead animals and excrement
- rubbish
- pollution
- dangerous algae



The greatest danger is cold water

Quarry water is much colder than rivers, lakes and the sea. Many quarries are so deep that they are fed with water from underground springs or aquifers. As this water originates deep within the ground, it is extremely cold.

As a result, you are likely to become exhausted much more quickly than you would think. In addition to this, a sudden plunge into cold water could cause your body to go into "shock". For further information go to https://mineralproducts.org/youth_playsafe01.htm

Parks

The Belfast City Council Parks Department and the PSNI have asked schools to remind all students of the need to respect their local parks. The parks in our area are to be enjoyed by all. It is not a place for young people to congregate. It has been reported that young people are gathering in local parks after closing hours and causing damage to play equipment and flower beds. There have also been reports of underage drinking and drug-taking.

The PSNI and Belfast City Council park workers will be operating enforcement duties in these parks, especially after closing time and at weekends. The PSNI has informed schools that they will issue consequences for anti-social behaviour.

For your child's own safety do not allow them to go into parks after closing, especially during the dark nights - it is against the law!

Organisations You Can Contact

