A MESSAGE FROM YOUR REGISTRAR, ESTHER HARDY

Hi everyone,

Just a few lines so you remember the support mechanisms in place at St. Patrick’s.

You have your Lecturers, Deans, Coaches for any assignments you are not 100% on track or having problems with. There’s Student Support for Council Tax Letters, your attendance (with evidence if over 2 weeks), helping you with MyPage and Turnitin and much more. Me for a 1-2-1 chat about anything troubling you (book to see me in 301) and Elizabeth our Councillor for an in depth discussion on any mental/anxiety/stress level’s you may be having.

If you’re not sure who to go to – go to Room 301 – Student Support first!

GDPR

25th May 2018 marked one year since the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 became law. St Patrick’s College is committed to full compliance with the regulations. Here is some information for you – GDPR is relevant to all of us, not just organisations.

• When you process (access/use/save/send) personal data, you must ensure that it is accurate, relevant and not excessive in relation to your needs.
• Be vigilant while working or transferring personal data to 3rd parties, strict security measures must be applied e.g. password protection, encryption or secure managed file transfer.
• Do not disclose any information (including giving references) about an individual to an external organisation without first checking that you have lawful basis and/or individual consents to such disclosure. If in doubt, check.
• Use a cross cut shredder or the contract shredding service to dispose of any document containing personal data, whether or not you consider it to be confidential. Confidential shredding bins/bags are available across departments.
• Always lock your computer when you are away from it.

“Protect people’s privacy and personal data like it’s your own...”

BUSINESS+ DEPARTMENT

Summer workshops are still available. The Business teaching team is available for support in completing your coursework - all we need is you! If you are graduating this September, ensure you have completed and passed all modules; the same applies if you want to be considered for continuing into your second year. We all want to see you successfully achieving either a certificate or a Diploma, so come and meet us before next term start so you can clear any outstanding work. Don’t hesitate to pass by room 116!

COACHING DEPARTMENT

The Coaching team has had an interesting month. We currently have a calling team that works along with us to contact learners. This initiative is to help to better manage appointments with learners and reach out to more students. There has been a positive response so far to this initiative so far. We are working around the clock to support learners presently on campus to submit their final assignment before going on vacation.
International Day of Friendship

To celebrate International Day of Friendship, the Student Experience team organised an event in the auditorium on 30th July, specifically aimed at the May and June cohorts.

As the cohorts had recently joined St. Patrick’s College, it gave students the opportunity to meet others and potentially make new friends.

Both students and staff were invited, with merchandise and refreshments being provided. Student Experience also created a PowerPoint with some icebreaker questions, for example ‘if you knew you could not fail, what would you do?’ This gave students a chance to interact without feeling pressurised and resulted in some very interesting answers.

Thank you to all who attended and we hope you enjoyed the event!

All of the external events can be found at EventBrite - www.eventbrite.co.uk
MEET YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL!

President
Rodrigo de Oliveira

Communications Officer
Niya Davis

Welfare Officer
Elizabeth Mowatt

Academic Officer
Pinar Aktas

Events and Engagement Coordinators
Hakeem Kazeem
Dace Rozina

Class Representative Coordinator
Glenn Moss

GENTLE REMINDER

Students, the Computer Labs are provided for your research studies and for the development of your assignments. Please treat them with care and consideration.

You should NOT unplug any cables. You SHOULD connect your laptop to the network via Wi-Fi, thank you.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council are there to provide additional support, on a 1-to-1 basis. Please find them in room 115 – they are always happy to help!

What We Do

The purpose of Student Council is to give students a chance to develop leadership skills by organising and carrying out college activities and service assignments. The student council help to share students thoughts, interests and concerns with teachers and senior management. The Student Council is the voice of student body. Any student that is interested in leadership, organisational behaviour, and event planning or becoming more involved in college activities is welcome.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – BECOME A CLASS REP

Interested in becoming a representative for the college? You’ll be the voice of your class, helping improve the quality of education in collaboration with your teachers. If you can:

- Talk to classmates about academic issues
- Present your class’ opinion on key issues at meetings with college staff
- Network with other class reps
- Provide feedback to staff and students
- Help develop solutions to class issues …

Then you could be exactly what we are looking for!

The skills you will gain are:

- Great experience for your CV
  - Empowerment
  - Negotiation skills
- Leadership experience
  - Motivating others
  - Driving change
- Responsibility for your class
  - Plus many more

Contact Student Experience in room 105 or email: studentexperience@st-patricks.ac.uk for more information.
Sometimes you might need extra help and support. These charities and services can offer this:

Money matters:
- Turn 2 Us – [https://www.turn2us.org.uk/](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/)
- The Money Advice Service - [https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en](https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en)

Anxiety and Depression:
- Mind - [https://www.mind.org.uk/](https://www.mind.org.uk/)
- Rise Above - [https://riseabove.org.uk/](https://riseabove.org.uk/)

Benefits information:
- Citizens Advice [https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/)
- RAISE - [https://www.benefitsadvicecentre.co.uk/](https://www.benefitsadvicecentre.co.uk/)

Carer support:
- Carers UK - [https://www.carersuk.org/](https://www.carersuk.org/)
- Age UK - [https://www.ageuk.org.uk/](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/)

Drugs issues and addiction support:
- FRANK - [https://www.talktofrank.com/](https://www.talktofrank.com/)
- Addaction - [https://www.addaction.org.uk/](https://www.addaction.org.uk/)

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please email studentexperience@st-patricks.ac.uk or pop in to room 105.