

Headlines

September 2006



Holidays 2006-2007

Autumn mid-term break:

Friday 27 October -
exceptional closure day
Monday 30 October
-
Friday 3 Nov 06 (incl)

Christmas Break:

School Closes at 1 pm
Friday 22 December 06
School reopens at 9 am
Mon 08 January 07

Spring mid-term break:

Friday 16 February 07

St Patrick's Day:

Monday 19 March 07

Easter Holidays:

School closes at 1 pm
Tuesday 03 April 07
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School re-opens at 9 am
Monday 16 April 07

May Day Holiday:

Monday 07 May 07

School closes for summer on

Friday 29 June 07
at 1 pm

PRIZE DAY CHANGES

LGS prize day represents a wonderful celebration of our success in the year gone by. Students are rewarded and friends are there to cheer. However, because of the large number of students in the hall, attendance has been made optional for non-prize-winners in years 10 and above, while remaining compulsory for years 8 and 9, prize winners, prefects and those in the musical groups.

The rest may have the half-day off school from 12.30 pm. It is important that students go straight home. If there are students in the streets of Limavady in the afternoon, then the system will be reviewed, and classes will operate on this day in 2007.

EXCELLENT EXAMINATION RESULTS AT LIMAVADY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The results at GCSE and A-level remain excellent. At A-level all but two subjects had 100% pass rates and 66% of all our grades were in the elite A or B group. Straight A grades were gained by a record 29 students. In last year's excellent results 21 students achieved this wonderful result, so the 2006 year has proved to be a vintage one.

Claire Alcorn, Alison Bateson, Richard Boyd, Darren Cairns, Stephen Cochrane, Christopher Craig, Christopher Devlin, Jemma Dinsmore, Diana Douglas, Louise Dunn, Philip Dunwoody, Claire Forrest, Andrew Hamilton, Andrew Hardeman, Mary Hendrick, Johnny Hunter, Hannah Hutchinson, Christopher Kerr, Joanne Logue, Emma Lynch, Michael Magee, Andrew McClarey, Gillian McShane, Stephen Monteith, John Semple, Marie Sharkey, Aaron Wallace, Julie-Anne Wilkinson and Katherine Williamson all achieved straight A grades.

At GCSE Rhoda Alcorn, Hannah Crawford, Rachael Currie, Amy Finlay, Conor Gallagher, Aaron Grieve, Ceara McCool, Kevin McVeigh, Emma Mitchell, Martin Tierney and Mark Wilkinson all achieved straight AA* grades while Sarah Bunting, Christina Connell, Andrew Devlin, Ronan Hart, Shauna Kelly, Michael McMacken, Matthew McNabb and Liam McNulty achieved all AA* and one B.

When all the results were in it emerged that the year 12 had performed very well indeed with 99.2% of all students gaining 5 C grades or better and a pleasing 94% gaining 7 C grades or better; 40% of all our grades were A or B.

Our excellence in Spanish continues; last year Sara Robb was placed in the top 5 in the UK and this year Hannah Crawford gained a similar accolade. What a great honour this is for Hannah and her teacher. Also, Chris Kerr was placed in the top 5 in the UK in Business Studies.

At GCSE a year 8 pupil, Manon Bartlett achieved an A* in French. To have a year 8 student with a top GCSE grade must be another record for the school.

PARENTS' MEETINGS - 2006-2007

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| Tuesday 26 September 2006 from 7-9 pm | Year 14 |
| Thursday 19 October 2006 from 4-6 pm | Year 12 |
| Wednesday 8 November 2006 from 4-6 pm | Year 8 |
| Thursday 7 December 2006 from 4-6 pm | Year 10 |
| Wednesday 14 March 2006 from 4-6 pm | Year 13 |
| Tuesday 27 March 2006 from 4-6 pm | Year 11 |

CHILD PROTECTION - PHOTOGRAPHS

From time to time photographs of pupils are taken by the school photographer, Mr Smith and by members of the press. If you would prefer that photographs are not taken of your child, please inform the school in writing.

INTERNET AND SCHOOL NETWORK PERMISSION

Below is the code of conduct for the use of the school network and Internet, to which every student must agree before obtaining access. If you **DO NOT** want your child/children to have Internet access, please inform the headmaster of your decision in writing.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR USE OF THE SCHOOL NETWORK & THE INTERNET

This simplified code of conduct applies at all times, in and out of school hours, whilst using school equipment equipment.

Please read it carefully: it involves potential criminal action as well as breach of school rules.

You must not:

- ❖ Use anyone else's Username.
- ❖ Download games or other programs from the Internet.
- ❖ Use chatlines or external email services (eg Hotmail).
- ❖ Send, access or display offensive messages or pictures.
- ❖ Give your name, address, telephone number or any other personal information about yourself or others to anyone you write to.
- ❖ Use or send bad language.
- ❖ Intentionally waste resources thus preventing use by others.

You should:

- ❖ Only, with permission, access websites that are appropriate for use in school.
- ❖ Be careful of what you say to others and how you say it.
- ❖ Respect copyright and trademarks. (You cannot copy material without giving credit to the person or company that owns it.)
- ❖ Check with a teacher before opening e-mail attachments or completing on-line questionnaires or subscription forms.

Please note:

- ❖ User areas on the school network will be **closely monitored** and staff may review your files and communications to maintain system integrity.
- ❖ Failure to follow the code will result in loss of access and further disciplinary action may be taken if appropriate.
- ❖ If applicable, external agencies may be involved, as certain activities may constitute a criminal offence.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS – INTERNET CHAT ROOMS E-MAIL

I'm sure you are aware of many publicised cases where unsuspecting children and teenagers have been 'groomed' into running away with unsavoury individuals whom they have met via chat rooms and other websites.

The Internet can be a dangerous place. Please monitor your child's web activities and be very aware of the sites to which they have access.

Mrs K Henry

The Salvation Army, Limavady presents an Evening with Paul Clarke – *Limavady Young People In Concert*
(featuring The Limavady Grammar School Jazz Band)

Venue: Limavady High School on Thursday 21 September 2006 - Refreshments 7 pm - Concert 8.15 pm

Admission £5.00 including refreshments.

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