

Information Evening



Year 13 and 14

Mrs Duddy- KS5 Leader

*Learning and
Achieving Together*

Purpose of the Evening



- An Introduction to Key Staff
- Pastoral Care
- Teaching and Learning: KS5
- Key Information and Dates for the Year Ahead

School Vision

- 'A forward-thinking school where all pupils are encouraged to achieve their aspirations and fulfil their potential in an inclusive, safe and caring community'

- School Values

R – Respect

E – Effort

A – Achievement

C – Community

H – Happiness



Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher for Child Protection

- Mr M Dane

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

- Mrs K Beckett
- Miss E Collins

Principal – Mrs N Stevenson



Sixth Form Pastoral Team

Key Stage 5 Leader: Mrs Duddy

13LH1: Miss L Adair

13LH2: Mrs Heaney

14LH1: Mrs Armstrong (MTW)

Mrs L Sneddon (TF)

14LH2: Mrs P Kearney

Miss R McDowell (F)

Points of Contact



Pastoral	Curriculum
<p>Form Tutor</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Key Stage 5 Leader</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>Subject Teacher</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Head of Department</p> <p>↓</p>
Senior Teacher for Pastoral Care: Mrs Beckett	Senior Teacher for Teaching and Learning: Mrs McErlean (Course enquiry)
	Vice Principal for Curriculum: Ms Cunningham (Teaching and Learning)
Should you wish to speak to a member of staff, please ensure an appointment is made in advance.	

Home-School Links

Text Message

Email

Phonecall

SIMS App

Parent
Consultations

Social Media

Education
Authority



Timetable for 2025/26

Reg	8.55- 9:10
1	9:10 - 9:45
2	9:45 - 10:20
BREAK	10:20 - 10:35
3	10:35 - 11:10
4	11:10 - 11:45
5 - LUNCH	11:45 - 12:15
6 - LUNCH	12:15 - 12:45
7 - LUNCH	12:45 - 1:15
8	1:15 - 1:50
9	1:50 - 2:25
10	2:25 - 3:00



Expectations of a Laurelhill KS5 Pupil:

High Expectations:

- Pride in belonging.
- High standards of uniform.
- High standards of behaviour inside and outside of the college.
- A commitment to giving their best in school work.
- A commitment to extra-curricular/ community of the school.
- Adherence to school policies.

LAURELHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEARNING AGREEMENT 2025/26	
	EMA Registration Number: _____ Student Name: _____
Part I Your enrolment at Laurelhill Community College will be continued if: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. You continue to be studying an eligible course during the specified time period (min of 15 hours teaching time (3 A-Levels or equivalent))b. There is verification of progress in regard to Assessment – internal and external during the specified time.c. The College Annual Profile indicates potential success in AS/A2/BTEC Examinationsd. Attendance is deemed to be at least 92% on a monthly basis.	
Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I will complete work to the best of my ability and meet deadlines for the submission of assignments in all subjects. I will use 'non-contact' time for study and preparation.• I will attend the College consistently and be punctual for classes inclusive of Registration beginning at 8.55am. A note will be brought explaining absence upon return to the College.• I will set a good example to other pupils/students in terms of my behaviour and general demeanour in keeping with established College Policy and the Sixth Form Code of Conduct• I will wear uniform in accordance with the requirements of the uniform policy.• I will not leave the College without permission from my Form Tutor/Head of Year or in their absence another Senior Teacher.• I will attend specified evenings as required such as the annual Open Evening, Mock Interview evening, the College Production, Prize Night and Parents' afternoons.• I will participate in enrichment opportunities offered within the college.• I will comply with any reasonable request made by the teaching staff or the Sixth Form Supervisor.• I understand that failing to comply with these principles may lead to the withdrawal of a place in Laurelhill and the completion of courses.	
Student Signature: _____	
January Interview ☐	June Interview ☐

Daily Attendance/ Punctuality

Registration: 8.55am

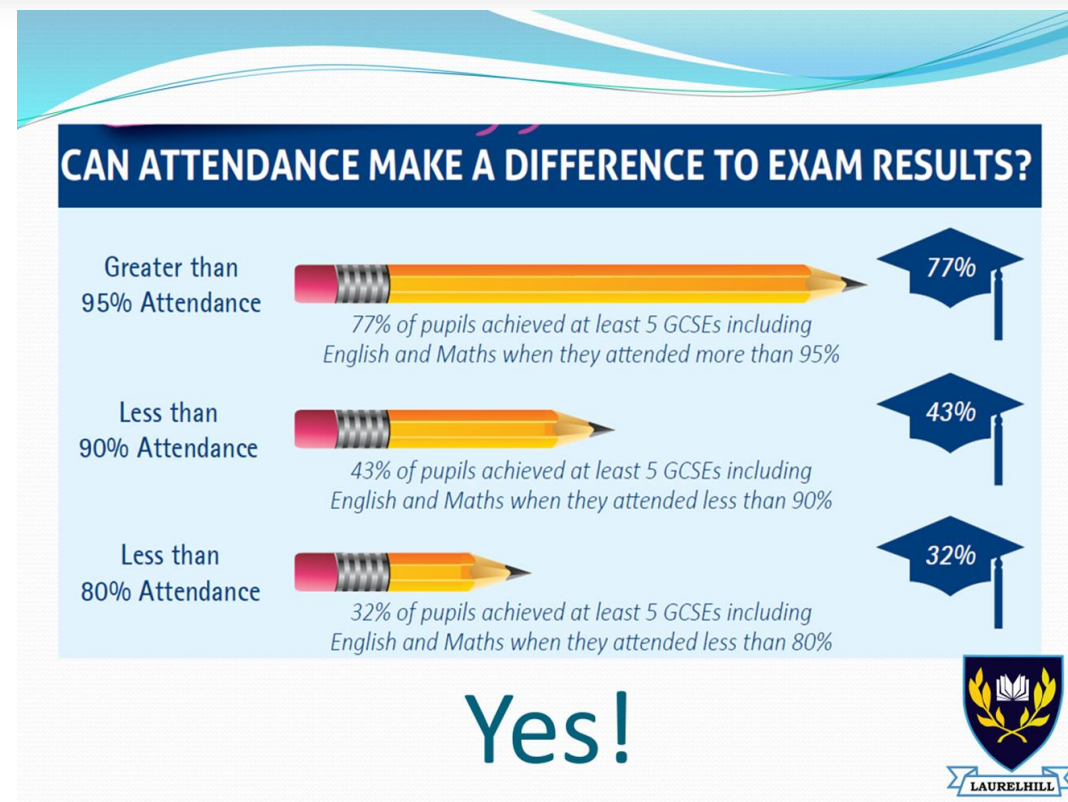
Lunch: 12.20-12.50 pm (Period 6)

End of college: 3.00pm

Pupil registration taken in all classes.

Compulsory attendance to all timetabled lessons **including study time, registration and Assembly.**

Pupils are not allowed to leave college unless a note has been provided.



Absences/ Appointments:

Appointments: Note to be provided to form tutor who will record on SIMS.

Pupils MUST sign IN and OUT of college.

Driving Lessons: Permitted during study time-: note must be provided

Driving Tests: Permitted. Note must be provided.

Note must be provided following absences

Holidays during term time are strongly discouraged.





EMA: Educational Maintenance Allowance

- The Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a means-tested payment of **£30 a week paid fortnightly** to those who are aged 16 to 19 years who continue in education and have a household income below the designated threshold.
- The EMA application process can only be **completed online**
- If successful, the school is alerted regarding the pupil's eligibility.
- Pupils are required to complete a Learning Agreement form in school and **maintain good levels of study, punctuation and attendance as outlined in the Learning Agreement.**

Role of Prefect

- The role of a prefect is a respected role within Laurelhill Community College.
- It is an important **leadership opportunity** for any pupil to 'give back' to the broader school community
- As a prefect, pupils are expected to **uphold the values** of the school at every opportunity and **contribute meaningfully** to maintaining a safe and caring environment where all pupils feel valued and an **integral part of school life**.
- **All pupils in Year 13 may apply to be a Prefect or a more senior position, pupils will undertake an interview for their chosen role in term 3 of Year 13.**



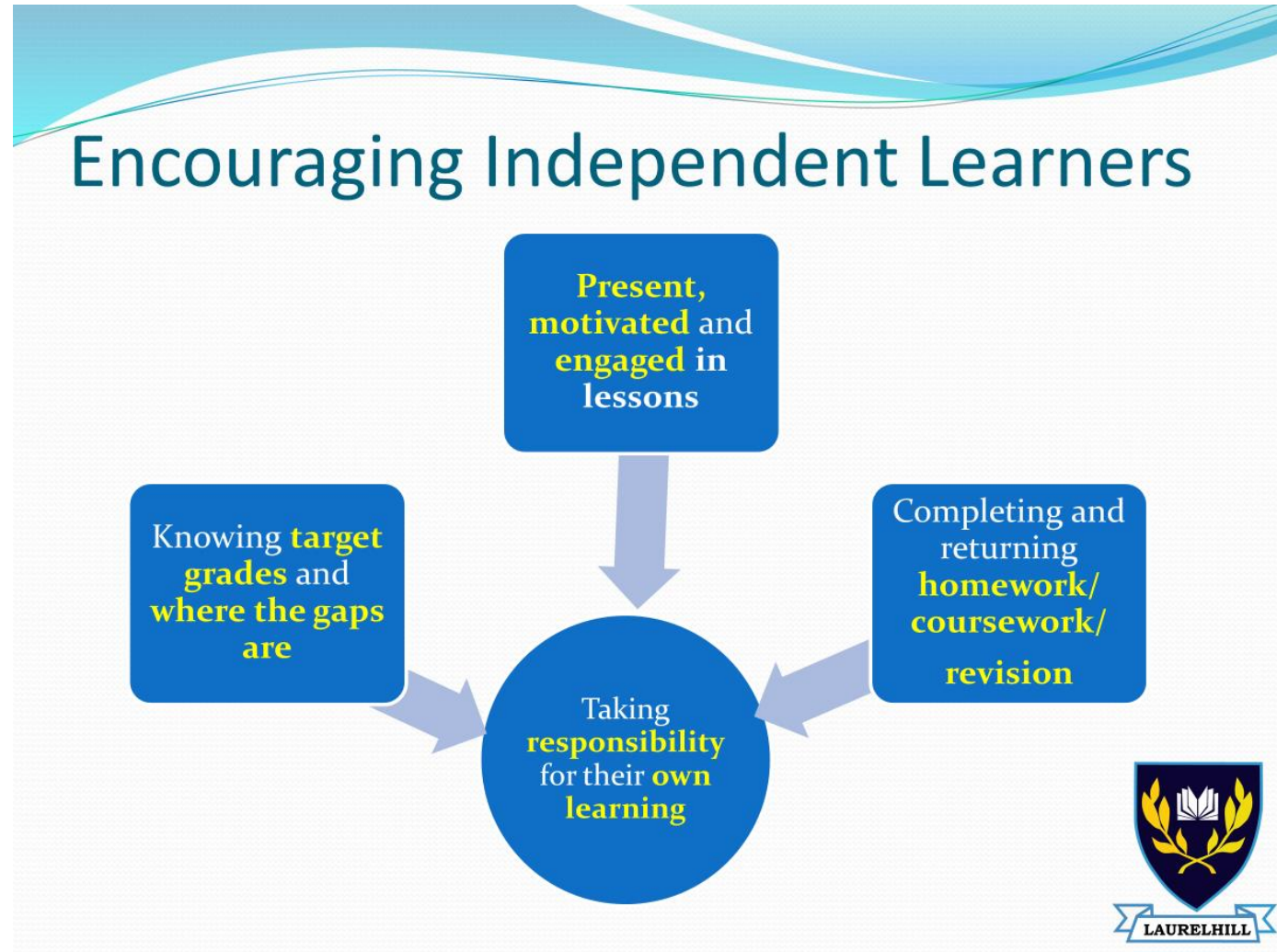
Enrichment Opportunities

- Aim is to adopt a holistic approach, helping KS5 pupils develop skills of leadership and young adults who are resilient and self-assured. Pupils are encouraged to reflect our core values and ethos.
- Brighter Minds
- Mentors
- Well-Being Ambassadors
- Sisters IN
- Enrichment Programme
- Work Experience- Year 13



Teaching and Learning

- Self-management and independence required
- Considering and preparing for next steps



Collaboration: Area Learning Community



- This is partnership with other schools and FE providers within the Lisburn Area
- Provides a curriculum that is both broad and balanced for pupils
- Transportation to and from the selected schools is provided Laurelhill Community College- pupils must be in college by 8.55am

Forthill College	Lisnagarvey High School	South Eastern Regional College
St Patrick's Academy	St Colms High School	Malone College

GCE Subjects: 2025/26



BTEC

Applied Human Biology
Child Care
Engineering
Music Performance
Performing Arts
Sport SA
Travel and Tourism

A LEVEL

Art and Design
Business Studies
English Literature
Environmental Technology
Health and Social Care (SA/ DA)
History
IT
Life and Health Science
Maths
Media Studies
Technology and Design
Religious Studies

Pathway 2:

Triple Award Sport (Football Education Academy)

Careers Guidance and Advice:

At home, please take time to discuss and research with your young person, the **post 18 options** they have:

- University
- Further Education College (HND or Foundation Degree)
- Apprenticeship/ training
- Employment

From this research make a PLAN A, B and C



Careers: Key Dates



Year 13- 1 hour per week	Year 14- 1 hour per week
<p>October – All Year 13 to attend the School Summit event in Eikon Exhibition Centre.</p> <p>Feb 26 -All Y13 to attend application form and CV builder workshop delivered by NI Civil Service.</p> <p>March – All Y13 to participate in mock interview afternoon.</p> <p>June 26- All Y13 to complete a 5 day placement on work experience.</p>	<p>UCAS Deadline: 15/10/25 Deadline for applications for Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science.</p> <p>14/01/26 – UCAS application deadline for all other courses and universities.</p> <p>Year 14 Careers Dept Deadlines:</p> <p>12/09/25 – Finalised up to 5 UCAS course choices. 26/09/25 – Personal statements completed and submitted to Careers Teacher and Form Tutor. 24/10/25 – UCAS application form sent to Careers Teacher for final checks. 21/11/25 – Any final corrections made and submission of form to UCAS.</p>



Sixth Form Assessment: Key Dates

- Tracking 1: **Early November**
Profile Statement

12/11/25- Year 13 and 14 Parents Consultation

- Tracking 2: **January Mock**
Pupil Profile Report
- Tracking 3: **February/ March**
Profile Statement

- AS and A2 Exams :**May and June 2026**

Coursework and controlled assessments will be completed throughout the year as well as some public exam modules.

Public Exams Assessment Schedule

- Examinations and assessment timetables are **unique to each** individual pupil.
- Pupils are encouraged to be familiar with their own exam timetables and submission dates for subjects which involve coursework.



Supporting your young person:



Encourage good
attendance and time
keeping



Encourage organisation,
self-management and
independence



Support the completion
of homework,
coursework and revision



Be aware of key dates-
deadlines, exam
modules, results days



Encourage a healthy
lifestyle- diet and sleep



Talk about the next steps