

Dominican College



Portstewart

Centenary Celebrations
1917- 2017



Dominican College, Portstewart

Celebrating 100 Years

Dear parents and friends of Dominican College,

Dominican College are delighted to announce plans for the upcoming school centenary. To celebrate this Centenary of Dominican Education in Portstewart, a series of events will be held throughout the 2017 calendar year to mark this great Dominican milestone and achievement, as the school both looks to its proud past and its exciting future. As well as reflecting on its first hundred years, the school will also be looking forward to future success by increasing its Year 8 intake to 100 places; for the first time 31 of these places will be allocated by non-academic criteria.

We have produced a current list of events below. Our aim is to mark each calendar month with a specific event throughout the 2017 year. We hope the events are varied, inclusive to all and reflect the ethos, success, history and future of Dominican College. It is hoped to plan other events throughout the year and to provide updates on our centenary celebrations.

Over the course of the year of centenary celebrations we hope to see as many parents, friends and past pupils from all eras of the school as possible and to involve the local parish and community in our calendar of events.

We hope you will join us in celebrating our first one hundred years as a school and we will provide regular updates on the school website (www.dcpni.net) and school twitter (@kramsay462 DCP)



Programme of events for Dominican College Centenary.



January 2017:

Book of reflection

The centenary year of celebrations will commence with a specially produced book of reflections, prayers and photos highlighting the distinctive Dominican ethos and traditions in Portstewart.



February 2017: Friends of Dominican

Establishment of a Friends of Dominican Association. Details to follow.



March 2017: Musical Celebration at Riverside Theatre

On Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March 2016, Dominican College, Portstewart will proudly present a unique evening of music to celebrate with our local community the centenary of the college. As in previous years, these concerts will offer a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to experience our proud musical legacy and enjoy a wide variety of musical styles reflecting the rich and diverse talents of our pupils past, present and future. Please contact the school if you are interested in being involved in either of the nights of the concerts, Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th March.



April 2017: Centenary Dinner

Celebrating 100 years of Dominican Education in Portstewart
Gala Dinner – Friday 21 April 2017 at Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena.

The Tullyglass will host a gala evening to celebrate 100 years of Dominican education in Portstewart. 50 per person or £500 per table of ten, available from the school office on 02870832715 or email mmcivor864@c2kni.net

The Evening includes a champagne reception, a five course meal, live band (The Groove Robbers), old photographs throughout the decades, chat, craic and reminiscing with friends and many fellow Dominicans.

All past and present Trustees, Governors, staff, past students and anyone associated with Dominican College, Portstewart and the Portstewart/North Coast community in general and beyond are very welcome to attend and we very much look forward to seeing you there! Early booking for this event is highly recommended as it will be one of the main events of the centenary calendar



May 2017: Dominican Sporting Tournament

The school plans to host an inter – schools sports tournament with the other Irish Dominican schools



June 2017: Mass and Open Day – Saturday 24 June

The centenary mass will be in The Star of The Sea at 3.00 PM and the school will host a special Open Day for visitors , members of the local community and past pupils.



July 2017: Art Exhibition – Flowerfield Arts Centre

This exhibition will showcase the art and photography of Dominican pupils past and present



August 2017: Day of staff reflection

Dominican Staff Day with invited guests to reflect on the uniqueness of the Dominican Way in education.



September 2017: Start of year Mass and Beach walk.

In late September it is hoped to open up the annual Charity Walk to past pupils and members of the parish and community.



October 2017: School Musical Show

Dominican College has a proud tradition of staging wonderful school shows uniting the talents of pupils and staff to thrill local audiences. The show chosen for 2017 has yet to be unveiled and, again, it is hoped to invite past pupils back to participate in the chorus of the musical. The show will be in The Riverside Theatre from Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th October inclusive.



November 2017: Mass for the Deceased Dominicans and Relatives.

The school will be at the heart of the local parish community within a mass for deceased Dominicans, relatives and local members Star of the Sea parish.



December 2017:

Carol Service and Commemorative Christmas Card

School publication collating the centenary celebrations.

As a school community we are delighted and proud to be hosting these centenary events within our local community and we look forward to seeing as many past pupils and members of the Dominican family back here as possible. Let the centenary celebrations begin!

