

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

ISSUE NO 7 | JANUARY 2020



WELCOME BACK AND INTO A NEW DECADE

Student Experience and all the staff at St. Patrick's would like to welcome all our students back to college and we hope each of you enjoyed a restorative break, and the opportunity to spend time with friends and family.

As the new term begins, we are keen to kick off a new season of employability, academic skills-enhancing and well-being-focused college events.

In the coming months, St. Patrick's will continue to strengthen our academic program and academic support services. Last term some of you participated in a series of summits (focus groups) aimed at improving your overall college experience, particularly college operations, facilities and academic services. We hope to let you know the outcomes very soon, but already you may have noticed some corridor floors and walls have had a refresh, as participants requested.

The Student Council office has also been integrated into the library area, making it even more accessible to students to get more comprehensive support and voice your concerns outside Council office hours. We have also listened to your requests for additional academic and professional support sessions. The Business+ and Health+ departments have created supplementary daily workshops to help students catch up with outstanding work. You don't need to book, but check out the green posters with more details around the college, and on page 4. These will run between 9-5 daily, every week in the term and come highly recommended by the Deans and academic staff.

In December, many of you wrote a wish on a star for yourselves and your colleagues, as part of our Christmas social events. If you'd like to see what other students (and staff members) wished for you or for themselves, have a look at our new floating noticeboard which will be making the rounds of the third and fourth floors this term. We wish you the very best of luck for the new decade and hope we can help and support you to meet your academic and professional objectives this year!



OFFICE CHANGES

You may have noticed that some departments have recently moved. Please see list below to help you.

- **Library – Student Council**
- **Room 204 – Student Finance**
- **Room 211 – IT**
- **Room 218 – Coaches**
- **Room 304 – Regine, Dean**
- **Business+**
- **Room 308 – Business Management**
- **Room 410 – Student Experience**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to those who won prizes at the Christmas raffle! There are still some outstanding prizes – please check your email, as you will have been notified by the Student Experience department.



INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

FREE EXTERNAL EVENTS

07

Dessert Pop Up Experience (2pm-7pm)

Dirty-Plate, 49-50 Camden Lock, London, NW1 8AF

09

Pitching Club (6pm-8pm)

Moneypenny Work Hub, 20-22 Wenlock Road, London, N1 7GU

11

Mind, Breathe & Meditation (2:30pm-4pm)

Pollards Hill Library, S Lodge Ave, Mitcham, CR4 1LT

21

Work Shadowing & Career Development Lunch (12pm-1pm)

G3, New Hunt's House, Guy's Campus, Great Maze Pond, HR Building, London, SE1 1UL

30

Digital Collaboration in the Food and Drink Production Supply Chain (3pm-7pm)

SCI, 15 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PS

All of these events can be found on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>



UPCOMING INTERNAL EVENTS

13th – 24th - **Daily Coffee and Group Work Support Workshops**, 2nd floor corridor, 10am-11am and 2pm-3pm

Stop by for a coffee; meet like-minded students; form a study group together; benefit from mutual help and support with college assignments and other challenges; gain useful communicative and teamwork skills; support your colleagues during more stressful times – everyone can benefit from getting involved and supporting this initiative.

Coffee and Group work support opportunity

Would you like to form a study group?

- Stop by for a coffee
- Meet like-minded students
- Form a study group together
- Benefit from mutual help and support with college assignments and other challenges

Could you help manage a study group?

- Do you enjoy supporting your colleagues with their work and college challenges?
- Make a difference and lead or facilitate a study group

Come to our group work focussed coffee mornings/afternoons to form a study group and get some group study tips

Contact Student Experience, or stop by for a coffee

MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI FROM 13.01 TO 24.01 - SECOND FLOOR
MORNING SESSIONS - 10AM TO 11AM / AFTERNOON SESSIONS 2PM TO 3PM

ST PATRICK'S
Est. 1803

We are also very excited to announce a quick-fire job interview workshop in the style of a speed-dating event, featuring experienced interviewers from our academic departments, taking you through common questions, and offering constructive feedback on your performance. We highly recommend this opportunity to get an insight into what employers in your sector want to see and hear in an interview, as well as have an opportunity to practice the relevant skills with various interviewers. These workshops will run on **10th, 11th and 14th February**. We will email you more precise details closer to the time. And of course, keep an eye out for the posters!

MEET YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL!

President

Rodrigo de Oliveira

Communications Officer

Niya Davis

Welfare Officer

Elizabeth Mowatt

Academic Officer

Pinar Aktas

Events and Engagement Coordinator

Dace Rozina

Class Representative Coordinator

Glenn Moss

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council are there to provide additional support, on a 1-to-1 basis. Please find them in the library – 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.

Be The Voice of Your Class

Student/Class representatives serve a key role in providing a link between you and your college.

They can pass on your opinions about the course and your experience here to your tutor and to the management of the college and termly student rep meetings.

It is also a great way to develop leadership, communication and negotiation skills and experience, as well as being a great addition to your CV.

If you would like to stand for a class rep position, or would like to nominate a classmate, speak to a member of the Student Council or see Student Experience in room 410. Alternatively, please email studentexperience@st-patricks.ac.uk.

INFORMATION FOR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

STUDENTS! BUSINESS & HOSPITALITY WORKSHOPS

BUSINESS: Multiple Units

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

10am– 5pm

Lecturers:

Mwambi - Joel - Emma - Mario -
Sujata

HOSPITALITY: Multiple Units

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

10am– 5pm

Lecturers:

Lachhuman - Joseph - Swati -
Justice

ST PATRICK'S



**EXTRA
SUPPORT**

This term, we will be holding workshops every week to help students catch up with outstanding work. Please take advantage of these – no booking necessary!

WHEN AND WHERE
Everyday between 10am and 5pm. Rooms may change so keep an eye out for posters and email updates, or ask your lecturer for more information

STUDENTS! HEALTHCARE WORKSHOPS

PHY & MHR – ZAFAR – MONDAYS 10am– 5pm

PP & COM & PPD – FRANCES – WEDS 10am– 5pm

HS & MFR & WP – FRANCES – THURS 10am– 5pm

RP & HP & SSLE – RAPHAEL – WEDS 10am– 5pm

PH & FC – MANAT – THURSDAYS 10am– 5pm

MQ & SIL & USN – NASRIN – TUES 10am– 5pm

LPEP & FEBP & ERRK – CLAUDINE – THURS 10am– 5pm

AHI & SIJ & IAR – CLAUDINE – WEDS 10am– 5pm

DOMS & MQ & DPPV – DAVID – THURS 10am– 5pm

YCW & AUHDB & MHW – MARTYNA/DIYA – MON 10am– 5pm

ST PATRICK'S



**EXTRA
SUPPORT**

This term, we will be holding workshops every week to help students catch up with outstanding work. Please take advantage of these – no booking needed!

**WHEN AND
WHERE**

Everyday between 10am and 5pm. Rooms may change so keep an eye out for posters and email updates, or ask your lecturer for more information

Turn-It-In

Student Experience is also running a series of Turn-It-In support sessions for those of you with assignment extensions... please keep an eye out for emails, posters and flyers with more specific information on this, or contact your Deans, or Student Administration to get involved.



...3 words...

How
are
you?

WELLBEING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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/>
- **The Money Advice Service** - <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>

Anxiety and Depression:

- **Mind** - <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- **Rise Above** - <https://riseabove.org.uk/>

Benefits information:

- **Citizens Advice**
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/>
- **RAISE** - <https://www.benefitsadviceteam.co.uk/>

Carer support:

- **Carers UK** - <https://www.carersuk.org/>
- **Age UK** - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/>

Drugs issues and addiction support:

- **FRANK** - <https://www.talktofrank.com/>
- **Addaction** - <https://www.addaction.org.uk/>

ADDENDUM: A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION ON ATTENDENCE

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- Statistics show that students with good attendance have better achievement in their studies.
 - Students who attend regularly find their learning more satisfying and have fewer gaps in their knowledge.
- Attendance is recorded by using the TAP IN SYSTEM:

USING YOUR CARD

- * Tap in by holding your card to the base of the reader. To make sure the correct card is tapped be sure to take it out of any wallets that may have other chip readers.
- * The screen will verify if you have successfully tapped in and also a sound to confirm similar to an oyster.
- * If the reader doesn't verify you, try once more and if your card does not register see a staff member in room 301

Do not tap out if the lecturers are giving you small breaks

* Tap your card on the reader even if you are going through a change of class, you should always tap in with your card. If you do not have your card please collect a temporary attendance card from room 301, a maximum of 3 attendance cards per term is permitted

- * Remember it is a condition of being on campus to carry your student card with you at all times.

Lost, forgotten or damaged cards

Carrying your Student ID card is compulsory while you are at St Patricks College .It is your responsibility to care for your card and ensure that it is in a recognisable and functional condition.

If you find that you have forgotten your card, or have problems registering your attendance, please get a temporary attendance card from room 301 (a maximum of 3 per term is allowed).

If you have permanently damaged or lost your card you will need to replace this at the earliest possible convenience. It will cost you £10 to replace your card. You can do so by phoning the PAYMENT CENTRE at 02035351492

Please note you may only own 1 ID card at a time. If you lose your ID card it will be deactivated as soon as a replacement is printed and activated.

It's your responsibility to look after your student id card and to have it with you for all of your teaching events. If you attend a teaching event without your card, or forget to tap in, you will be marked as absent.

Reporting Absences

If you are absent it is important to sign into mypage.st-patricks.ac.uk, you are allowed to be absent 6 days per term with evidence provided. Please note that a notification of absence does not excuse you from submissions or assessments. It is best to speak with your course leader if you will be away from class. We will check randomly if the machines are working accurately, therefore as a backup we will ask you to sign in paper registers, please NOTE that you will still have to TAP IN – TAP OUT as usual as these paper registers will not monitor your attendance

Work Placements

* Students should come to 301 to see Sasha Akisanya (in her absence Sina Tranca) to book Work Placements

* Monique Rhomes is the Careers & Student Services Officer based in room 221 – she finds placements for students

* Work Placements are imperative – Students cannot obtain their certificate without completing the element of a work placement, therefore if they do not currently have a placement they should see Monique as soon as possible. If they have not had a visit as of yet, they should come and see Sasha.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Student Support Services

CONTACT US

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please email studentexperience@st-patricks.ac.uk or pop in to room 410.