

## St Patrick's Academy GCSE Subject Choice

### Subject: Journalism

This subject offers a realistic experience of the working life of a journalist. You will analyse the work of journalists who work in various media, for example, print, online, television and radio. You will also learn how to research and write your own news and features articles. There is a lot of scope for developing your ICT skills in this subject.

#### Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	% of total	Content
1	C/W	25%	<b>News and Features Writing:</b> Students produce their own news and features articles. They learn to edit and proof their own work. This unit is assessed through coursework.
2	C/W	50%	<b>Getting into Print:</b> Students produce the front page, sports page and a double page spread of a tabloid newspaper. All of their stories must be original and independently researched. This unit is assessed through coursework.
3	1 hr	25%	<b>The Power of the Press:</b> Students explore controversial issues like bias in reporting. Looking at documentaries, drama, news and sports articles, they analyse the different functions of the media.

#### Attributes needed to succeed in the course

In order to succeed in Journalism, you need to enjoy writing, have good language skills and a natural curiosity about the world around you. You also should be equally happy working on a task independently and working as part of a group.