

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CONVOCATION

DO:

1. Arrive dressed, and ready to go ON TIME (**12:30pm**)
2. Pay attention -- Listen for directions, there will be A LOT (from 12:30 – 2:00, we will have a formal photo shoot and two rehearsal walkthroughs as long as everyone is listening)
3. Bring a water bottle for before the ceremony; it is a long morning (Do NOT bring coffee, pop or juice... spills and stains can be tricky to remove from some fabrics)
4. Be respectful when sitting – this is a ceremony in YOUR honour!! You have worked hard to get here – take the time to soak it in!
5. Pay attention – Mrs. Campbell will be introducing each and every one of you. You will be called up in alphabetical order. When she starts to talk about you, your photo will also show up on the main screen – THIS IS YOUR CUE TO STAND-UP AND START WALKING TOWARDS THE STAGE
6. Use the railing – Ladies and Gentleman, you do not want to be remembered in ten years' time (or all night) as the person who fell UP the stairs. This is a particularly important message to ladies who have not yet had the opportunity to practice walking in their new heels...
7. Take your time, and pay attention – Mr. Oliver and Mr. Darragh will be on stage to hand you your diploma and to shake your hand; remember SHAKE both of their hands
 - STOP and face the audience, SMILE- your parents/guardians are likely waiting with cameras
 - IF THERE IS ANOTHER PERSON ON THE STAGE – you are being presented with a scholarship (Most scholarships won't have their own presenter but a few do) MAKE SURE THAT YOU SHAKE THEIR HAND AND **SAY THANK YOU!**
8. Move your tassel – once you have your tassel, move your tassel **FROM** THE RIGHT, **TO** THE LEFT
9. Once back at your seat, make sure that all of your 'stuff' is in the envelope so that you don't lose any of the 'pieces'
10. Pay attention – Mr. Darragh is the last to speak, once the ceremony is done, you **may** throw your hats if you choose (**Ladies, remove the bobby pins holding your hat on first**).
 - You will exit the stage in the reverse order that you came in – and please head back to your change rooms.
 - You may choose to come out again to see your family in your convocation gowns but **THEY MUST BE RETURNED ON THEIR HANGER BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE ARENA.**
 - Keep the hat and tassel.
11. Please remember that this is a school event and school rules apply – no drinking or vaping, prior to or during the event.

DO NOT:

1. Chew gum!!!
2. Text, chitchat, Snap, Insta, etc., etc... (See number 4 above)

It is going to be a busy, hectic, day- FULL of emotion – but do remember to enjoy it!

-Mrs. Schutz & Mrs. Campbell