



“A graduate from CCC is recognised as a young person who possesses a strong moral purpose and holds the courage of their convictions. Graduates will be equipped with the life skills to understand their own well-being so that they can manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical needs.”

Parents Newsletter

Christmas 2022

As we draw to the end of a very long term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of Castleknock Community College. It is poignant that we break for holidays on the shortest day of the year and that in the coming weeks we will begin to prepare for the season of Spring and new beginnings (and an extra bank holiday!).

One of the great symbols associated with the season of Christmas is that of Light and it appears we have caught up with our American friends by ensuring that the entire house is bedecked in Christmas Lights. But we know too that the lights do not illuminate every corner of your homes and that the *“The shadows are just as important as the light”* (Jane Eyre). It is a reminder that the shadows often conceal the sadness that visits our lives from time to time.

As the season of Christmas approaches and we prepare to spend some much-deserved time with our families and friends, we remember our colleagues who have lost loved ones over the last year and for them this Christmas will bring its own sadness. We particularly remember the Tolan family, The Maxwell Family and The Morgan Family and we also remember the sad passing of two past pupils Tameen Chaal & Gillian Cooke.

Christmas Reports

Please note that you can now download your daughter/son's November Exam Report on the VS Ware platform.

Please use your unique username and password to access reports. You can access the reports by clicking the link: <https://castleknockcc.app.vsware.ie/>

Mock Examinations 2024

Mock Examinations for Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle students will take place between Monday 30th January and Friday 10th February. The full timetable of exams will be distributed to students in early January and posted on the College Website

State Examinations 2023

Parents and Guardians of students who will be sitting Leaving Certificate in 2023 should note the following dates carefully.

Oral Tests in Irish and Modern Foreign Languages: The Oral Examinations in will take place during the First Week of the Easter Holidays. It is intended that the tests will commence on Saturday 1st April and will run each day, including Sunday, until Thursday 6th April. It should be noted that the College cannot make any accommodation for candidates who are on holidays during those dates.

Music Practical Performance Tests

- The Leaving Certificate Music Practical Performance test will be held during term time, before the Easter holidays, between Monday 20th March and Friday 24th March and Monday 27th March and Friday 31st March.
- Junior Cycle Performance Tests commence after the Easter Holidays

Summary of Key Dates

Event	Date
Leaving Certificate Music Practical	20-24 March and 27 -31 March
Schools Close for Easter Holidays	31 st March
Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations Commence	Saturday 1 st April
Active Examining Days	Saturday, Sunday, Monday Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday,
Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations Finish	Thursday 6 th April
Junior Cycle Music Practical Performance Test	Commencing Monday 17 th April

Leaving Cert Applied

Parents and Guardians of Students in LCA1 & LCA2 should note the following dates.

- **Monday 30th January - Friday 3rd February** L.C.A. Task Interviews (dates to be confirmed)
 - Year 1 General Education Task
 - Year 2 Practical Achievement Task
 - Year 2 Contemporary Issues Task

L.C.A. Year 2 Mock Exams: Tuesday 7th February --- Friday 10th February

Work Experience

- Week 1 Monday 20th February --- Friday 24th February
- Week 2 Monday 27th February --- Friday 3rd March

The Fergal Quinn Award 2023

Shauna Kinsella (LCA Class of 2022) received the highest number of credits in the Leaving Cert Applied Programme for the Dublin City and County Region. Shauna will receive The Fergal Quinn Award in January 2023.

National Survey on the Education for Persons with Special Needs Act (2004)

The Department of Education has commenced a review of the legislation that provides for education for children and young persons with special educational needs.

As part of the review process, a public consultation is taking place. This consultation will seek the views of a wide range of organisations and individuals that have experience with the law and with the services provided under it. It is an important part of the review that the lived experiences of students and families are recorded.

The Department of Education has asked us to share the link to the survey with the school community. The Department especially wants to hear from students and their parents and from young people who left school in recent years.

The surveys can be accessed via the following link: www.gov.ie/epsenreview

School Improvement Plan

As part of the School Self Evaluation process, we are promoting the Junior Cycle Wellbeing Indicators.

The Wellbeing indicator for December is: *Resilient*. the “*Reflection on Wellbeing Indicators*” section in their journals at the end of the week



School Improvement Plan: Literacy

The Library Committee Ran a Six Word Short Story Competition for the month of December. The Committee were delighted to receive 130 entries and were very impressed by the quality of the stories. Following careful deliberation, the following Six Word Stories were selected as the winners:

- *One dog, no lead, fast car:* By Clara Batt, First Year (Rang Guerin)
 - *Not graded, see me after class:* By Ava Song, Third Year (Rang Meabh)
 - *Shoes untied, no-one to tie them:* By Ishna Tripathi, Sixth Year (Rang Synge)
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Zurich Young Portrait Prize Winner

We congratulate Ava Song (Rang Maebh) who was announced as the overall winner of the prestigious Zurich Portrait Prize

This is Ava's Amazing Picture



Well Done, Ava!

Sporting Achievements

- Basketball: Under 19 Girls Basketball Team have been crowned Dublin Champions for the second year in a row. We wish the girls every success as they face into the All-Ireland Championships
 - Soccer: We congratulate Tara O'Hanlon (LC1 Rang Burke), who has been named U19 Player of the Year.
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Night School

The Castleknock Community College Spring 2023 Adult Education Programme term will see the introduction of 17 NEW courses bringing our total number of courses to 116. Our recent additions include, DIY Home Maintenance, Interior Design, Indian Cookery, Gardening, Mindfulness & Meditation, CBT and Mindfulness, First Aid, Craft Beer Brewing, Barbering for beginners, Felt making & Japanese. We also have favourites such as Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Ballroom Dancing, Latin in Line dancing & Tai Chi along with a host of others.

One Day Workshops We now also have 47 one day workshops. These workshops will run on Saturday the 25th of February and Saturday the 4th of March 2023. The workshops include Candle making, soap making Breadmaking, India Cookery, Stained glass, Origami, Reiki & Wine tasting to name just a few.

Oral Exam Workshops This year we will also offer Oral Exam preparation workshops. These 5 hour one day workshops will take place on Saturday the 4th of March and are Ideal for Leaving Certificate students preparing for Oral exams

The Spring 2022 Adult Education Programme will start on the week of the 23rd of January 2023.

Our brochures will be widely available in the local area after Christmas with over 10,000 delivered door to door each. Copies of our brochure are also freely available in the school office and can be downloaded from the adult education section of the school website castleknockccc.ie

Booking & Enrolment information Online Booking paying by debit/credit card is by far the most convenient and hassle-free way to enrol. This can also be done through the Adult Education section of the Castleknock Community College website. You can enrol in person at one of our Enrolment Nights or by post by availing of our simple and convenient Postal Enrolment facility detailed on the back of our brochures each term. If you wish to enrol in person, you can do so on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Jan 2022 from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

If you have any queries concerning Adult Education, please feel free to contact us at any time. You can contact Conor Barry the Director of Adult Education directly on (01) 8129346 or by e-mail at nightclasses@castleknockccc.ie

You can follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook by search, using the @NightClassesCCC handle

Finally, to all our Parents and Night class students, we wish you a very happy, peaceful and safe time over the holidays and new year and look forward to seeing some new faces in January 2023

Key Dates in Term Two

- Tuesday 17th January: Second Year Parent Teacher Meetings: 4.15p.m – 6.15p.m
 - Tuesday 24th January: Second Year Parent Teacher Meetings: 4.15p.m – 6.15p.m
 - Monday 30th January: Mock Examinations Commence
 - Monday 6th February: St Brigid's Weekend: Public Holiday
 - Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February: Mid Term Break
 - Friday 17th February: St Patrick's Day – Public Holiday
 - Monday 3rd April: School Closed for Easter Holidays
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