



Parents Newsletter – August 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the new academic year commences, we extend a warm welcome to all our students, especially those who are beginning their post primary education in First Year and those who have joined other year groups. We do hope you had a good summer break and are refreshed and ready for the new challenges that lie ahead. As a college that recognises the importance of partnership between school & parents/guardians, we encourage you all to play an active part in your Parents Association which meets on the first Tuesday of each month and will hold its AGM on Wednesday 19th September.

Leaving Certificate Examinations: We congratulate all our LC & LCA Students 2018 for excellent results achieved across all areas including a record number of Distinctions in our LCA & LCVP Programmes. Once again, your sons and daughters have achieved well beyond national averages across all levels and all subjects. We are delighted to see so many of our recent graduate students commencing the Third Level course of their choice in the various PLC, IT & University institutions. We look forward to marking the success of our students at our Annual Awards Evening on Wednesday 21st November.

Retirees: We wish to acknowledge the huge contribution made by Ms Fiona Clancy and Ms Brenda O'Kelly, to the life of the College. Both Fiona and Brenda have made significant contributions to the development of our school community over the last two decades. In their decisions to retire, we thank them and wish them and their families every happiness in the future.

The Celtic Tenors: The College Choir have had a busy few months preparing for a concert with The Celtic Tenors. This concert will take place in the *Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge* on *Friday 19th October*. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the College Choir to share the stage with professional singers.

Tickets will **NOT** be available from the College but can be purchased online at Eventbrite.ie. Tickets will go on sale next Monday 3rd September. They will be sold on a first come first served basis so book early to avoid disappointment. We know that this will be a very enjoyable and memorable occasion so your support would be greatly appreciate.

Physical Education: This year in CCC we will engage in the first year of Physical Education as a Leaving Certificate exam subject. We are also taking part in a Department of Education and Skills pilot programme which provides a Physical Education curriculum for all senior students. In light of this, Physical Education is now compulsory for all 5th year students.

First Year Friendship Days: Friendship Days will take place on Monday, 10th September and Tuesday 11th September and these days offer an opportunity for First Year students to form positive relationships with their new classmates.

Glendalough Trip: As part of our Wellbeing Programme, we have organised a Walking Tour in the Wicklow mountains for all First Year students. We expect that this will be a most enjoyable and memorable outing for both students and teachers. Details of the tour to follow.

Bicycles: Cycling to school is a convenient mode of transport for students and has considerable health benefits. We would remind students to always be aware of safety considerations when cycling to and from the College. We strongly recommend all students who cycle to school to wear reflective gear and a helmet. Bicycle theft is a very real issue and we would urge all students to ensure that they always lock their bike with a robust lock.

College Library: The College Library will be open four times a week at lunchtime and students are free to go to the library and browse or borrow books and take some time to read.

Be Allergy Aware: There are a number of students in the college who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. Since this condition can be life threatening we ask for your help in minimising risk to these students by avoiding bringing nuts or any product containing nuts into the college.

Trinity Walton Club: The Trinity Walton Club offers 2nd year students the opportunity to engage in a STEM programme. Students can sign up via the website www.tcd.ie/waltonclub and the entrance assessment will take place on 8th September at 12 noon in Trinity College Dublin.

Your Support: To ensure that your daughters & sons remain engaged with learning & teaching and strive to achieve their full potential, we ask all parents & guardians to insist that your sons & daughters:

- Attend regularly and punctually. *Please ensure that all absences are explained with a note to the Tutor in College Journal on day of return.*
- Wears his/her uniform with pride – *please ensure that all items of uniform are as required, including CCC PE gear and that name tags are attached to all items of uniform.*
- Maintains his/her school journal in good condition *and records all homework & assignments each day. Please note that all non-written work must also be recorded.*
- Spends *regular time each evening* on homework & study.
- Cooperates with all staff and demonstrates *courtesy, respect & responsibility* in all dealings with staff & fellow students as well as our neighbours in the local community.
- Is actively involved in the *extra-curricular life of the College* & avails of opportunities to represent their school with pride and distinction.
- *In the interest of health & safety, we ask parents/guardians to refrain from driving onto the school grounds to drop students to school. We respectfully ask your cooperation with this matter to ensure the safest possible environment for students entering and leaving the school grounds. Please observe the double yellow lines outside the school gates.*

Important Dates

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| • Friday 7 th September | Closing Date for First Year Applicants 2019 |
| • Tuesday 11 th September | <i>Information Evening for LC2 Parents</i> |
| • Tuesday 18 th September | <i>Information Evening for Third Year Parent</i> |
| • Wednesday 19 th September | AGM – Parents Association |
| • Friday 28 th September | College Closed |
| • Tuesday 9 th October | Third Year Parent Teacher Meeting (A) |
| • Wednesday 10 th October | <i>Transition Year Information Evening</i> |
| • Tuesday 16 th October | Third Year Parent Teacher Meeting (B) |
| • Wednesday 24 th October | <i>Leaving Cert 2 Mock Interviews 7.30 –9.30pm</i> |
| • Monday 29 th Oct. – Friday 2 nd Nov. (incl.) | Midterm Break |

Wishing all students & parents/guardians the very best for the coming year!

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Principal

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