

Mid-Term Break Newsletter

February 2022



“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.”

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As we approach the end of the first term of the New Year, we would like to update you on developments in the College over the course of this term and to advise you of upcoming events in the term to come.

Extra-curricular News

Camogie

Under 14 camogie will commence after the midterm break. The girls will compete in division 1, which is the highest standard in Dublin. We wish Ms. Shortall and the team every success!

Gaelic Football

The First Year Boys had a perfect start to their debut performance in their Secondary School GAA careers, by defeating St. Benildus College of Kilmacud by an impressive score line of 4-07 to 1-04. Based on the overall performance, it is clear that our young team have enormous potential, not just in terms of this year's competition, but as future footballers who we have no doubt will be a source of great pride to the school over the coming years. Well done to Mr. O'Riada and the players involved!

Soccer

Commiserations to the U17 Boys soccer team who were eliminated from the Leinster Junior Cup following a narrow 1-0 loss to Templeogue College. The squad has shown great commitment and camaraderie throughout the season and put in some excellent performances including memorable wins over Castleknock College and Firhouse Community College. Well done to Mr. Brennan and Mr. O'Keeffe the U17 boys!

Basketball

Having seen our seniors compete very well before Christmas, with the U19s girls crowned Dublin Champions and the U19s boys knocked out of the Plate, what would the Spring term bring for the Juniors and Minors. Firstly, a headache for coaches having to narrow their selection from so many fine players who tried out for places. All four teams, Girls and Boys Junior and Minor, are training well and tipped off their leagues in January. The great news for

the boys is that the Juniors have qualified as pool leaders for the Dublin quarter finals and the Minors have qualified as runners up. Those quarter finals will be played after Mid-term. Coaches Gerve and Cotter are delighted with the work put in by the boys to get this far. The girls' teams have only played and lost one match so far and will resume their campaign after the break. So good luck to them and coaches Redmond and Daly.

Second Year Boys'

The Second Year Boys basketball team qualified to the quarter finals after an impressive streak of winning games:

Larkin CC - 27:04

Ard Scoil Ris - 34:18

St. Pauls - 44:20

Well done to Mr. Gerve and the Second Year Boys!

Junior Girls'

The 1st and 2nd Year Girls' Basketball kick started in the first term with both teams training hard in preparation for their league matches. So far, the teams have come up against The Teresian School, Woodlands Academy and Mount Sackville. Having suffered narrow losses against The Teresian School and Woodlands Academy the girls came out fighting and brought home an overall win against Mount Sackville. With games still to play against Coláiste Cois Life and Loreto Stephen's Green it is still all to play for. The girls have gone from strength to strength over the last few months and have shown great commitment in coming to training every week. Ms Daly and Ms Redmond are very proud of the girls and how they have conducted themselves in representing the college. Watch this space for more news from CCC Basketball!

Cross Country

After two years of no school athletic competitions, it was great that students have had the opportunity to represent the college again. First and Second Year students have been training regularly on Mondays after school since we returned to school in September.

Our first cross country fixture was the West Leinster championships in the Phoenix Park on 27th January. We had nine teams taking part with students from every Year group represented. For a number of students this was their first time representing the college. We had a lot of success on the day. Three teams qualified for the Leinster championships, along with five individuals.

West Leinster Results:

- Junior Girls first team overall
- Intermediate Girls first team overall
- Senior Boys first team overall

We also had a number of exceptionally good individual results with students qualifying for the Leinster championships in the minor boys, junior boys, and senior girl event.

Leinster Schools' Championships

The CCC athletes made their way to a very wet and windy cross-country course in Santry on Wednesday 16th February. First to run in the minor boys was Ben Coughlan who ran an excellent race to finish in 17th place overall and just missing qualifying for the All Irelands.

Our junior girls' team of Grace O'Grady, Ruby Buckley, Leah O'Dwyer, Cara Mohan, Nina Turkalj and Lilly Manicle were next to run. All the team ran a great race on a challenging course that was starting to deteriorate due to the weather and the high number of athletes running. The girls finished in first place overall in the team event and have qualified for the All Irelands.

The next race was the junior boys with Peter Brennan and Zac Murphy running very well. This race was followed by our Intermediate girls' team, unfortunately due to illness and injury the team was reduced to three athletes. Madeline Buckley, Luca Devillard and Leila McCormack all ran very well in extremely challenging conditions.

As the weather and course became even more challenging the officials decided it to shorten both the senior girls' and boys' distances. The two senior girls Sadbh Mohan and Ellen McLoughlin both ran very well to qualify for the All Irelands.

The final race of the day was extremely exciting. Our team of four athletes had waited patiently for the start of their race all day. Scott Fagan, Louie Woodger, Finn Woodger and Traian Rebegea lined up at the start. In a chaotic start they were off. Scott went to the front early in the race and stayed in that position winning well in an extremely competitive race, Louie ran an unbelievable race to finish in second place overall, Louie's brother Finn was next home in fifth place and our all-important fourth team member Traian finished strongly to score for the team.

We had to wait what seemed like a very long time to get the final team result. Everyone was delighted with the news that we had placed first overall and CCC had won the senior boys' trophy for the first time in the history of the college. The team are looking forward to the All Irelands in Belfast on Saturday 12th March along with all our athletes who have qualified. Well done.

Leinster schools' results

- Junior Girls 1st place overall
- Senior Boys 1st place overall

Well done to all our athletes and thank you to all the staff and parents for their support.

Indoor Athletics

Well done to Mia Brett, a First-Year student in Rang Durrow, on her recent success at the Dublin Indoor Athletics Championships. Mia completed in the U14 Girls High Jump and sixty metre sprint and won Silver in both. Her High Jump of 1.45 metres was a personal best and she was neck and neck with the winner of the 60-metre sprint. Mia now qualifies for the National Indoor Championships which take place in March in Athlone. We wish this rising star of Athletics every success!

Couch 2 5K

CCC Couch 2 5K will return on **Wednesday 2nd March at 12:30pm** in the Sports Hall. This programme was first started in 2019/20 and was a resounding success. Students and staff members of all abilities got involved, which culminated in a parkrun in Porterstown. It will last for 10 weeks with a view to doing a parkrun on May 21st. No running experience is necessary as we will follow a set programme. All students and staff members are welcome! We look forward to a very enjoyable few months!

The Drama Club

The Drama Club is designed to introduce key skills and techniques, while simultaneously students. Drama helps pupils to improve peer relationships, confidence and resilience and students from all year groups are given the opportunity to perform and interpret a script for fun. Drama Club takes place in the Old Canteen every Monday during lunchtime. Please contact Ms. Bermingham for more details.

LCA News

Year 1 Rang Becket

· The students successfully completed their General Education Task Booklets and attended the required interviews on Friday 18th February. There are 10 Credits allocated to this component of the programme and we look forward to results that will reflect the hard work put into these Task Booklets.

Year 2 Rang Flynn

· The students successfully completed their Vocational Education Task Booklets and their Practical Achievement Task Booklets. They attended the required interviews on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February.

10 Credits are awarded for each of these Task Booklets, and we look forward to results that will reflect the hard work put this component of the programme.

Work Experience

· A reminder that the students in both L.C.A. Year 1 and Year 2 will be on Work Experience as follows:

Week 1 Monday 28th February ---- Friday 4th March

Week 2 Monday 7th March ----Friday 11th March

Second Year Wellbeing Survey

Ms. Dunne has invited Second Year students to partake in an online survey on the Junior Cycle Wellbeing Programme in the College. The link to this MS Forms survey can be found on the Second Year Teams page. It would be appreciated if parents/guardians could ask their child to complete this if they were absent on the day the survey took place.

The Well-read School Initiative

Over the coming weeks the college is looking forward to re-establishing reading spaces for students. These will be placed around the college, for students to borrow a book or drop a book. With this in mind we are running a book drive with each year group. A box will be placed outside each Year Head's office, after the Mid-term, for donations of appropriate books. Rang Synge LCI will be assisting with this drive. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

LauraLynn Children's Hospice Fundraiser

Congratulations to Rang the LCI LCVP students who raised €160 for the LauraLynn Children's Hospice. The class arranged a movie afternoon for First Year students. Well done to their teacher Ms. P. Dunne and to the students involved in raising much needed funds for this worthy cause!



First Year News

Table Quiz

On Friday, 4th February, the First Years took part in a quiz which was organised by a group of Transition Year students. There was a great atmosphere and a lovely display of teamwork. Well done to all involved and congratulations to the overall winners from Rang Cathach – Alan Silin, Amy Woodger, Vivian Zhang, and Cathal Twamley. Thanks also to Ms Staunton and Ms Conlon who put a lot of work into preparing the TY students to host this event.

Friendship Days

Each class partook in a bonding exercise with Anita Phelan from I Am Retreats. They explored what builds up friendships as well as what breaks them down. They engaged in bonding activities. All students gave very positive feedback on the day. An Art competition, on the theme of Friendship was facilitated by their Religion teachers. The prize winners will be announced on Friday 18th February. Some excellent and thought-provoking posters are displayed in the foyer by Ms Barrett.

Meditation

In March, each class group will visit the Meditation Room to partake in Meditation and learn stress-management techniques under the guidance of Ms Barrett, our Chaplain.

IMTA Junior Mathematics Competition

Wishing all our First-Year maths students the best of luck in the first round of the IMTA Junior Mathematics National Competition, which will take place the first week back after Mid-term.

First Year Photographs

The First-Year student portraits are now available for parents/guardians to view and order. To view and order your child's portrait please scan the QR code below or contact Ruth at TLC photography on 087 9871086 or email ruth@tlcphoto.ie



The School Uniform

As the warmer Spring weather approaches a renewed emphasis will be placed on uniform standards after the Mid-term break. Students and parents/guardians are reminded of the following:

- All students should wear their **full school uniform** each day coming to and going home from school, which includes the **outdoor jacket** for all students and **blazer** for senior students. A new CCC gilet is also available. **Please note that the outdoor jacket should be worn, not the school hoodie.**
- **All students are permitted to wear their tracksuits into school only on the day they are timetabled for P.E. or Leisure & Recreation Studies.** The school tracksuit items are as follows:
 - ✓ School hoodie
 - ✓ Navy tracksuit crested trousers
 - ✓ White crested polo shirt

Strictly no leggings or shorts will be permitted to be worn instead of the tracksuit trousers.

- Please note that apart from the days when students have PE, they are no longer permitted to wear the school hoodie and must wear the school jumper.
- Students are also reminded that they are not permitted to wear runners or trainers (with the exception of PE). Only black shoes are allowed as per the College uniform policy.
- The parents/guardians of student who persistently fail to comply with the College uniform policy will be contacted by a member of the Senior Management Team. Students who choose to come to school out of uniform may also be sent home.
- Please contact the College should you have any issues sourcing uniform items.

Use of Mobile Phones

Students are reminded that they are forbidden to use their mobile phones during the school day, which commences from the moment they enter the school building. Ideally phones should be powered off when students enter the school premises and should only be used with the express permission of a teacher during the school day. Students are allowed to use their phones at lunchtime and at the end of the school day. However, students are reminded that they must use their phones in line with the College's Acceptable Usage Policy, as outlined in the Student Journal. Failure to comply with these protocols may result in your son/daughter's phone being confiscated and other sanctions may also apply if the phone has been used inappropriately.

Attendance, Punctuality, Swipe Cards & Lates Detention

Parents are requested to email their son/daughter's Tutor if they are absent from school. A full list of the Tutor email addresses is available from the College's website. Students are allowed to enter the building from 8.20am in the morning. Students should be in attendance in the College by 8.45am in the morning and 1.15pm in the afternoon. Students who are late to school should report to Ms. O'Neill's office to get a late stamp.

The College is also pleased to announce that we have re-introduced the use of Swipe Cards for First, Second and LC1 students. These students should record their attendance in the morning by using their swipe cards to swipe in using the terminals at the Student Entrance. For now, students are only being requested to swipe-in in the mornings only. It is hoped to extend this facility to Third Years, TYs and LC2 students in the coming weeks.

Students who are late more than twice in a week will be placed on detention. Lates Detention will take place on **Wednesday afternoons from 12.30-1.30pm**. Please note that students who are repeatedly late may be suspended from the College

Lunchtime Arrangements

We have revised our lunch time arrangements and after the Midterm Break senior students will be permitted to go to the shops at lunchtime. This is a privilege reserved for senior students only (Sixth, Fifth & TY students). Junior Cycle students have no permission to go to the shops at lunchtime.

School Calendar

Following the announcement by the Government that Friday 18th March has been declared a bank holiday the College has adjusted its School Calendar and consequently the College will be closed on Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd May (May Bank holiday weekend)

Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 28th February: College re-opens
- Monday 29th – Friday 11th March: Mock Orals for LC2 students
- Saturday 5th March: Incoming First Year Entrance Assessment Test – Group 1
- Saturday 12th March: Incoming First Year Entrance Assessment Test – Group 2
- Thursday & Friday 17th & 18th March: College closed.
- Monday 21st – Friday 8th April: Senior Cycle Options Process
- Saturday 9th – Thursday 14th April: Leaving Cert Orals & Music Practicals
- Monday 11th – 22nd April: Easter Holidays

‘Wishing our all staff, students and their families a very safe, relaxing and well-deserved Mid-Term Break’

A Selection of Images from the First Year 'Friendship Day' Poster Competition

