



## CCC Parents Association Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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# Agenda – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

- Summary November 2024 monthly meeting
- Role of Parents Association
- Timetable of PA activities – time required
- Finance Update \*\*
- Readers & Scribes – house exams
- Mock Interviews
- Charity Review
- College update – John Cronin (Principal)
- AOB



## Summary: November Monthly Meeting 2024

- Update from November meeting AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Coffee morning for 1<sup>st</sup> year students took place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 9:30am in the College. Circa 25 parents of 1<sup>st</sup> year students attended. Good engagement and small no's assisted. We communicated the role of the PA and activities. There were update from Asst Principals and Chaplain. We recruited new members and more importantly parents getting to know other new parents to the College.
- The school musical took place from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October in the College. Annual PA donation to College supported this but largely self-funding. 30 parents helped out over the 3 nights doing and thank you for your help.
- Mock interviews will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and circa 60 students will participate up from 40 in 2023. If people are interested in being interviewers, they were asked to contact the PA.



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- There was a discussion on the proceeds of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale. The PA raised €3,759 from June and August sales. The PA have always donated these monies to Pieta House but the PA should consider donating some of these funds to local charities. The reason why is Pieta has revenue of €17.5m p.a, it's a large national charity and our €3.8k would make a big difference to small local charities. The Chair as the PA for suggestions on local charities. Due diligence will be done before donations are made.
- The class of 2024 has their debs on the 4<sup>th</sup> October in Tierney Castle Ardee, the Chair thanked Grainne Kehoe for her help with organising this.
- The Finances currently stand at €9,583.57 but with a donation from the Plant Sale due in and further expenditure relating to takings from the Musical and the 2<sup>nd</sup> uniform donations to be made the future balance is circa €5,743.12.



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- Ms O'Halloran gave an update on the School Musical - Sister Act, which was great success. She thanked all involved. The 3rd Years are already asking what show it will be for next year. Feedback has been really good; there was a great atmosphere around the school and every night. It was a fantastic show of how PA funds support the pupils and activities in the school.
- To ensure we break even, we can put on an extra night. They have also looked at if we can increase the number of seats – rearrange hall or move venue. The school have been promised €1,000 for 2025 from Spar. Other sources of revenue could also be from recording and selling the video stream, selling tea & coffee. We will also look to bring the Raffle forward and sell online too. The Program was supplied by Andy Mullin as a donation– flyers too. We could offer the Local Primary Schools a reduced entry fee for a matinee.
- Look at an alternative ways to sell raffle tickets – iDonate.

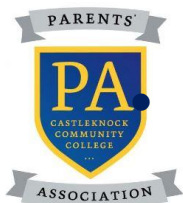


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- Mr Cronin gave an update on numerous topics
- Bereavement Notices
  - Emiliia Hensitska – Second Year Student
  - Teresa Hanrahan, mother of Brian Hanrahan (Staff Member), passed away in October.
  - James Evans, father of Robert (Transition Year) & James (Past Pupil) who passed away in September.
  - Remembrance Service - Friday 8th November @ 9.30a.m.
- CAO Evening – Thursday 7th November @ 7.00p.m
- Appreciation to the Parents Association for their support of the School Musical.
- Lego Club: This commenced in early September and is proving very popular with students every Friday at lunchtime. (Exhibits at Student Entrance).
- The Aslam School Committee resumed their work in September.

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The Second Year Counter Bullying Workshops was hosted by the College in October.



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- Maths Week ran for the week commencing Monday 14th October. The College also entered all students for the Maths Olympiad 2024. Five students achieved 100%: Pietro Cosentino, (Sixth Year), Ava Song (Fifth Year), Meadhbh Glennane (First Year), Peter Donohoe & Rory Kane (Second Year).
- Through the 2024 Erasmus Programme we welcomed teachers and students from the Beethoven Gymnasium, Berlin, to the College on Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October.
- Annual review of the Child Protection Policy and Counter Bullying policy to be completed by Tuesday 26th November. Mr Cronin asked for PA volunteers for policy reviews and Risk Management review
- Suspension & Exclusion Policy - To be completed by Tuesday 26th November.
- The Board welcomed the appointment of Ms Sarah Widaa & Cllr. Eimear Carbone Mangan as the newly appointed DDL ETB Nominees to the Board of Management



## Summary: November Monthly Meeting 2024

- Year 2 of Inclusion Theme – Belong 2 LGBTQ+ Quality Mark. Next steps Inclusion in the Classroom – linked to recommendation of recent French Inspection. Differentiating for the more able student
  - Open Day took place on Wednesday 18th September and the Enrolment process opened on Monday 8th October & closed on Friday 25th October. Draw will take place on Tuesday 12th November and offers will follow on from this. Next year (2024-25) the College will open its first special class.
  - Construction on Modular Building has commenced. Actavo have been appointed as the contractors for the work and it is expected that the work will be completed in March 2025. Work will then commence on converting the two old science rooms (Rooms 3 & 4) as the learning & administrative space for the Special Classes.
  - Planning is ongoing with the permanent extension and a design team is working on its submission.
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## Role of Parents Association – New Attendees

- Partnering with the school management and staff
  - Arrange talks of interest for parents throughout the academic year
  - Mock interviews
  - Readers for inhouse exams
  - Policy review for school – parental input
  - Deb Committee
  - Coffee mornings
  - Fundraising & fun – e.g. plant & uniform sales
  - Lobbying i.e. College extension
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- Strategic plans



# Timetable of PA Activities

- Request for list of activities of the PA
  - When required
  - How much time required
  - Share with other parents to support recruitment drive
  - Amend as and when required i.e. new ideas
  - Email contact for PA → *pacastleknockcc@gmail.com*



# Timetable of PA Activities

Activity	Duration of event	Time Required	Time of Year	Training	Contact
Plant Sale	Pre-Event: posters setup, delivery of flyers, buying plants, , licence from Fingal for posters, limits on cash machine etc  The event: 2 days + ½ day to setup	0-5 hours before event  ½ day -> 2.5 days weekend of event	Early May – weekend after bank holiday (10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> May 2025)	N	PA
Uniform Sale	Online event	A few hours + and a group in place	3 <sup>rd</sup> week June & early September	N	Tina Gao/PA
Mock Interviews	1 evening circa 2-3 hours	2-3 hours +30 min preparation	Late October	N	Lorraine Hagerty /PA
Policy Reviews	A few hours 1-2 policies a year	3-4 hours a) pre policy meet, b) policy sent out for review and c) post review meeting with recommendations	Autumn & Spring	Y	PA / John Cronin
Raffle	Licence from Gardai for raffle, print tickets, ask suppliers/local businesses/parents for prizes/sponsorship	1-5 hours	Mar-May	N	PA/Karen Kearney <b>and new owner required</b>
Transition Year Pool	A few hours	A few hours	Autumn & Spring	N	SC
Coffee Mornings	2 hours	2-3 hours	Autumn	N	DD
Strategy Group	1 year +	TBC	N/A	N	<b>JG &amp; others</b>
Readers	2 hours per exam (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> years) and depends on how many exams you do	2 hours per exam	November & Feb	Y	PA/Sinead Morrissey Fallon/ Ms. Mairead O'Halloran
Debs Committee		TBC		N	GK / CC
Parental Talks	2 per annum	2-3 hours	Autumn & Spring	N	PA/ <b>CCC Rep ??</b>



## Finance Update

- Apologies no update available as Treasurer has no electricity due to Storm Darragh
- Will be sent out later in week or next week



## Readers & Scribes – House Exams

- Many thanks to everyone who helped out at the recent November exams
- 14 volunteers supervised or read for both individual and groups of students
- We have a pool of 28 volunteers, but we are always looking for more!
- Everyone is busy and volunteers aren't always in a position to help out for every set of exams
- This is very important resource for so many students
- If you would like to get involved and get a taste of life inside CCC get in touch at .... [readscribecastleknockcc@gmail.com](mailto:readscribecastleknockcc@gmail.com)
- *Thanks to Sinead Morrissey Fallon for helping to organise*



# Mock Interviews Thursday 7th November

- 2 LCVP classes this year which increased the numbers, along with the LCA students.
- Engagement from the rest of LC2 students remains much lower than it used to be.
- School made significant effort in having students engage in the process.
- 63 students interviewed
- 19 interviewers / parents
- Good feedback again this year from parents:
  - Students generally well able to hold their own
  - Quality of the interviews was overall excellent





# Mock Interviews Thursday 7th November

- Feedback / phrases from the students:
  - Gave them a feel for the type of questions they would get in a real interview
  - Feedback at the end of the interview was very useful
  - Interviewers were very nice
  - A few words provided as feedback that the students used
    - Scary, fun, informative, valuable, nice, fantastic, beneficial, confidence
- Lorraine is in her last year before stepping down, so we need someone to take ownership for the process for the PA.
- A big thank you to Lorraine Hagerty (Parent), Ms Pamela Dunne & Ms Caroline Canny



# Charity Review

- As discussed previously review who we should donate the proceeds of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale to as circa €4k per annum
- Asked for suggestions
  - Home Start
  - St Francis Hospice
  - Suicide Awareness D15
  - Genesis
  - Jigsaw
- Denise is undertaking a review and will provide an update to date



# College Update

John Cronin – Principal



# AOB

- Plant Sale will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Parental Talks
  - Have 2 really good speakers lined up for 2025
  - Topics being discussed
  - Dates TBC, hope to have one in January

Merry  
Christmas  
& Happy New Year

# THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Monday 13th January @ 7:30pm

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