



CCC Parents Association Meeting 8th December 2025

Fáilte – Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí



Agenda – 8th December 2025

- Summary November 2025 meeting
 - Role of Parents Association
 - Timetable of PA activities – time required
 - Astro Pitch Update – Colm O’Grady
 - Charity suggestions and due diligence – Lisa Ockochinski (*Postponed until Jan’26*)
 - Parental Talks Update – Grainne Kehoe
 - Finance Update – Nedda Cecchinato
 - Election of Assistant Treasurer
 - Volunteers Required update
 - College update – John Cronin (Principal)
 - AOB
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Summary: November 2025 Monthly Meeting

- Review of Minutes from monthly meeting on the 8th of September 2025
- Summary below of Minutes from the AGM on the 6th October 2025
- Coffee morning for 1st year parents took place on Friday 10th October and circa 25 parents attended. There were updates from the PA and also the Asst Principals and Chaplain with parents getting to meet other new parents. Thanks to Denise Doyle and Jacqueline Moloney for organising this event. Denise suggested we do something for the 6th year parents before the end of the school academic year
- Graduating Class of 2025 held their debs in Bridge House Hotel in Tullamore on the 19th October and all 210 attendees reportedly had a great night. The 2026 Debs is booked for 23rd September 2026 in The Carnegie Court in Swords. The college uses Debs Ireland for the ease of communication with the venue with online payment and digital ticketing being big advantages.

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- Thanks to Grainne Kehoe for helping with this and Grainne will be looking for a parent to shadow her this year with a view to taking over in 2027
- Finance update showed the PA have a balance of €11,700.58 but with expected outgoings for volunteer nights from 2024 and 2025 to be paid the future estimated balance is €10,109.58.
- The proposed update on the Astro pitch was postponed as Colm O'Grady was unavoidably absent and will be rescheduled for the December monthly meeting.
- The Chair asked the attendees to email the PA with suggested charities for the donation of the €4,500 that was raised through the 2nd hand uniform sale and a small top up from the PA. The Chair also requested a volunteer to do due diligence of the suggested charities and report back at the December meeting. A vote will then take place at the December meeting with attendees voting on their preferred charities.

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- The Chair thanked the 23 volunteers who helped out at the school musical and the 29 parents who volunteered as interviewers for this years Mock Interviews.
 - The Chair also appealed for volunteers for the areas below:
 - Mock Interviews: This is Lorraine Hagerty's last year so seeking someone to takeover from Lorraine
 - 2nd Hand Uniform Charities , Volunteer required to do due diligence on these charities and report back in December (we can share last years review)
 - Volunteer to organise Parental Talks (in Dec & new year)we have some suggestions
 - Require 3 PA Officers
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Assistant Treasurer
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- **Principal John Cronin Update:**
- The Leaving Certificate, LCA & Junior Cycle Results Awards Ceremony is Thursday 20th November. The Principal noted the increase in the number of higher grades in the Junior exams.
- Appreciation to the PA for their support over the four nights and time to review, with an update to the PA at the December meeting.
- Mock Interviews on Post-Midterm Break for LCVP & LCA students on Thursday 6th November
- The Critical Incident Policy review has to be completed in January 2026 and the Principal sought volunteers to help with this.
- Year 2 of Inclusion Theme: Inclusion in the Classroom – linked to recommendation of recent French Inspection. Differentiating for the more able student. This will lead to the roll out of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL)



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- Closing date for enrolment was Wednesday 22nd October – 587 Applications for 240 Places. Due to oversubscription a draw will take place on Wednesday 5th November. Applicants will be notified by the end of this week.
- **New Build:** Three sets of plans designed and under review moving towards the planning permission stage in the new year. Need to maintain pressure, with pupil numbers below
 - 1,315 - 2025-26
 - 1,350 - 2026-27
 - 1,390 - 2027-28
 - 1,400+ by 2028 – new build must be in place
- **AEN Space:** Refit of science labs completed by Friday 19th September. 11 students had no access to the special classes at the start of the school year. Cubbie now in place – many thanks to the Parents Association for their generosity

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- The Maths Department celebrated Maths Week with a range of engaging competitions and quizzes, encouraging participation and enthusiasm for mathematics across all year groups.
- The Students' Council will host the annual Stand Up week to promote understanding and awareness about inclusion
- The College was delighted to welcome two new Foreign Language Assistants this term: Chloe Moreau from France and Magnus Rieder from Germany.
- Grace Mullins and the Chaplaincy Team organised a special remembrance service in memory of our late colleague Gina Emmett in late September. Gina's family joined us for the occasion, during which a tree was planted in the College courtyard to honour her memory.
- Isobel O'Sullivan, a Fifth Year student, has been selected for the Irish National Debating Practice Squad. She will train with the squad over the coming weeks before competing in the national trials in October. The top students from these trials will go on to represent Ireland at the 2026 World Schools Debating Championships in Nairobi, Kenya.



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 th /11 th May)	N	PA
Uniform Sale	Online event	A few hours + and a group in place	3 rd week June & September	N	Sonya MacGillivray/PA
Mock Interviews	1 evening circa 2-3 hours	2-3 hours +30 min preparation	Late October / early November	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	5-10 hours	Mar-May	N	PA/Karen Kearney and new owner required
Transition Year Pool	A few hours	A few hours	Autumn & Spring	N	S
Coffee Mornings	2 hours	2-3 hours	Autumn	N	Denise Doyle
Strategy Group	1 year +	TBC	N/A	N	JG & Colm O'Grady
Readers	2 hours per exam (3 rd and 6 th years) and depends on how many exams you do	2 hours per exam	November & Feb	Y	PA/Sinead Morrissey Fallon
Debs Committee		TBC		N	Grainne Kehoe
Parental Talks	2 per annum	2-3 hours	Autumn & Spring	N	John Goodwin/ CCC Rep ??



Astro Pitch Update



Charities for Consideration – Postponed until Jan'26

- Jigsaw (National Centre For Youth Mental Health)
- Mountview Family Resource Centre
- Cystic Fibrosis Ireland – Dublin West Branch
- Society of Saint Vincent De Paul – St Mochtas
- The National Federation of Arch Clubs
- Croí Mháire (Local Foodbank)
- Bekind Ireland
- Every Step Counts
- Saint Francis Hospice



Parental Talk 2026, February 9th

- **Lorraine Halpin**, Service Manager at Jigsaw Dublin 15 Youth mental health Services
- Halpin holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Care from Technological University Dublin and a Diploma in Leadership and Management from Shaw University.
- Lorraine will discuss ways that parents can build their skills to support their young people up to the age of twenty three.
- Lorraine will also inform parents about Jigsaw Dublin 15 Services, where they are located and how to refer their young people.



Parental Talk 2026, March / April Exact Date TBC

- Castleknock Community College Parents Association is proud to present an evening with **Dr. Richard Hogan**, Clinical Director Therapy Institute on Wednesday the 25th of March.
- Richard is a systemically trained Family psychotherapist registered with The Family Association of Ireland
- His recent publication, 'Home is where the Start is' was a national bestseller and shortlisted for an Irish book award.
- He writes every Thursday for the Irish Examiner. His column 'Learning Points' explores his progressive approaches to mental health promotion.
- Richard is the leading contributor on RTÉ Raised by the village and The Brendan O Connor show



Finance Update

CCC Parent's Association

Income and Expenditure Report November 2025

	€	€
Opening Balance 20/10/25		€ 11,700.58
Income:		
<i>Sponsorship:</i>		
22/10/2025 Tuck shop and raffle (musical, Sumup)	€ 510.30	
23/10/2025 Tuck shop and raffle (musical, Sumup)	€ 391.34	
24/10/2025 Tuck shop and raffle (musical, Sumup)	€ 298.01	
28/10/2025 Tuck shop and raffle (musical, Sumup)	€ 377.10	
03/11/2025 Cash: uniform sale	€ 9.00	
03/11/2025 Cash: Pieta anonymous contribution	€ 105.00	
Total income	€ 1,690.75	€ 13,391.33
Expenditure		
	€ 75.00	
05/11/2025 Donation to Pieta House check #500658	€ 105.00	
Total Expenditure	€ 180.00	€ 13,211.33
Closing Balance as of 20/11/25		€ 13,211.33

Future Expected Adjustments

Expenditure		
Clarks Volunteers night estimate 2024	€ 800.00	
Clarks Volunteers night estimate 2025	€ 800.00	
Charitable Donations 2nd Hand Uniform Sale	€ 4,500.00	
Total income	€ 6,100.00	€ 7,111.33

Future Closing Balance	€ 7,111.33
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Election of Assistant Treasurer

- Nomination for Assistant Treasurer:
 - Jacqueline Moloney
 - Proposed by Stephen Connolly
 - Seconded by John Goodwin



Volunteers Required Update

- **Mock Interviews:** Thanks to **Jo McAndrew** and **Jacqueline Moloney** who have volunteered to take over from Lorraine Hagerty's as this year was Lorraine's last year. A big thanks to Lorraine for all the time and effort she has put into this for many years.
- **2nd Hand Uniform Charities:** Thanks to **Lisa Ockochinski** and **Val Quigley** who volunteered to do this.
- **Parental Talks:** Thanks to **Grainne Kehoe** for volunteering to do this.
- Required **3 PA Officers** & 2 positions filled
 - Secretary - TBC
 - Assistant Secretary - **Lisa Ockochinski**
 - Assistant Treasurer - **Jacqueline Moloney**



College Update

John Cronin – Principal

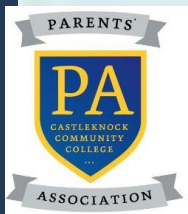


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MERRY Christmas

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Monday 12th January @ 7:30pm

