



Mid-term Newsletter February 17th 2017

- **Mock Examinations.** Third & Sixth Year students have now completed their **Mock Examinations**. We hope that most, if not all results will be available by early March which will provide all students with an opportunity to assess their progress to date and to focus on areas for improvement in the months ahead.
- **Task Interviews.** All our LCA students have now completed their Task Interviews as part of their State Examinations. The examiners who visited the College to conduct the interviews were very complimentary of students in both Year Groups and the quality of the interviews. Well done!
- **Transition Year 2017-2018.** Interviews will take place in early March and all application forms must be returned *immediately* after Mid-term on Monday 27th February. *Please remind your sons/daughters to ensure they know the various deadlines in relation to Senior Cycle Options*
- **PTM.** Many thanks to Parents/Guardians for their co-operation with our enhanced on-line system. The final meetings of the year for our 1st Year students take place on Tuesday 28th February & Tuesday March 7th **Appointments for these meetings are now available to view on-line.** The efficiency of our PTM depends on adhering strictly to timeline involved and schedule of appointments allocated and also informing us if you are unable to attend.
- **DATS.** The issuing of **DATS results** will continue following Mid-term with the remaining appointments scheduled for week commencing February 27th These results will enable students to make more informed choices with regard to Senior Cycle options and Careers. The Guidance Department has also been making Presentations to all LC1 classes to support them as they begin to consider their options & interests post CCC.
- **JCT Planning Day.** Please note that the College will be closed on Monday March 6th to facilitate staff planning for new Junior Cycle as directed by DES. *Third Year students are reminded that TY interviews & JC Oral Exams scheduled for that day will go ahead as arranged.*
- **Parents Association.** The PA hosted an excellent Spring Talk on Wednesday 15th February at which parents/guardians were addressed by **Professor Arlene O'Neill** of Trinity College on the subject- *Equipping and Empowering Tomorrow's Innovators*. Remember that your PA meets **on the first Tuesday of each month** & we strongly urge all parents/guardians to attend and get involved. Preparations will soon be underway for its Annual Plant Sale-its main fundraiser & volunteers are urgently needed!
- **Finals Ahead!** We congratulate **Ms Shortall** & Senior Camogie Team who (having been crowned Dublin Champions) dispatched opposition from Taylor's Hill Galway in the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals & Presentation Wexford in the Semi-Finals to earn a place in All-Ireland Final against St. Patricks Keady (Armagh). Special congratulations to skipper **Aoife Whelan (LC2)** who is the **Herald's Sports Star of the Week** in recognition of her role in leading the team throughout this great success story. We wish them well for that big game on Saturday March 4th.

We also look forward to Monday March 13th when LC1 student **Katie Kenny Byrne** will compete in the Grand Final of the Leinster Senior Schools Debating Competition in Trinity College.

- **Ad Astra Scholarship – UCD:** Congratulations to **Niamh O’Neill** (Leaving Certificate 2016) who was recently presented with an Ad Astra Scholarship at UCD. The Award recognises her outstanding achievement in the 2016 Leaving Certificate.
- **More Extracurricular Success.** Highlights of what has been a terrific start to the second term include-
 - ✓ Success for TY student **Lucy McCarthy** on her victory in Civic Awareness competition sponsored by Solas & the European Parliament. Lucy’s prize is a four day trip to Strasbourg!
 - ✓ TY students involved in Young Women in Technology Project
 - ✓ Cross Country success at West Leinster Championships with six CCC teams across all year groups finishing in the top three places - bringing home Gold in Junior Boys & Inter Girls, Silver in Minor Boys & Inter Boys, and Bronze in Minor Girls & Junior Girls!
 - ✓ Third Year student **Shane Tully** tops the Individual Tab (1st of 150 speakers following four debates) at CCC Matheson Junior Mace, qualifying for Leinster Finals along with **Caroline Joyce & Fiona Brady** (1st Year) and **Lila Yahi & Brendan Giuglia** (2nd Year)
 - ✓ On-going victories for Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball teams
- **Attendance & Punctuality.** Again we appeal to all parents/guardians to ensure that your sons & daughters are punctual each day. All absences should be explained with a written note to Tutor on return to school & all appointments should be flagged in advance with note to Tutor. Many thanks for your co-operation.
- **Key Dates coming up!**

LCA Work Experience	Monday 27 th February to Friday March 10 th
TY Work Experience	Monday 27 th February to Friday March 3 rd
1st Year PTM	Tuesday 28 th February & Tuesday 7 th March
JC Oral Exams	Monday March 6 th to Friday March 10 th
Starsearch	Thursday March 9 th & Friday March 10 th
Seachtain na Gaeilge	Wednesday 8 th to Wednesday 15 th March
Open Afternoon (2018)	Wednesday 15 th March
College Closed-St. Patrick’s Day	Thursday 16 th & Friday 17 th March
TY Bundoran Trip	Thursday March 23 rd to Sunday March 26 th
Adult Education-End of Term	Week commencing Monday March 27 th
Second Term concludes- Easter Holidays	Friday 7 th April

Wishing all our students, families & staff a very pleasant Mid-Term Break.
 John Cronin (Principal) Carmel O’Neill & John Hopkins (DP)