



Parent Newsletter – Summer 2017

- **New School Timetable.** Please note that we have now concluded the consultation process with regards to the structure of the new timetable and we thank all parents for their feedback. The key points to note are as follows:

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- School will commence each morning at 8.50a.m. and students are required to have swiped in by 8.45a.m.
- Five Classes will be scheduled each morning with the first class commencing at 9.00.a.m.
- Lunch will run from 12.20p.m. to 1.20p.m. (One Hour) – Students will be required to swipe in by 1.10p.m.
- Afternoon classes will commence at 1.20p.m. and conclude at 4.00p.m.
- Wednesday classes will conclude at 12.20p.m.
- All students will complete 28 Hours of class time 42 Class Periods including Tutorial
- Classes will now conclude at 4.00p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Periods	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutorial	8.50a.m. - 8.58a.m.					
Period 1	9.00a.m. - 9.40a.m.					
Period 2	9.40a.m. - 10.20a.m.					
Period 3	10.20a.m. - 11.00a.m.					
Period 4	11.00a.m. - 11.40a.m.					
Period 5	11.40a.m. - 12.20p.m.					
Lunch	12.20p.m. - 1.20p.m.					
Period 6	1.20p.m. - 2.00p.m.					
Period 7	2.00p.m. - 2.40p.m.					
Period 8	2.40p.m. - 3.20p.m.					
Period 9	3.20p.m. - 4.00p.m.					

- **State/House Examinations.** Wishing our LC2/LCA2 & Third Year students the very best as their examinations draw to a close & they look forward to a well- deserved rest & reaping the rewards of their hard work and commitment on results day in August & September respectively.
- **House Examination** results for other Year Groups *will no longer be posted home* but are now available for parents/guardians to view on-line. We complement all students on the manner in which they have applied themselves to these important examinations.

- **Booklists & details on return dates in August are also available on the College website.**

- **School Insurance:** All students who enrol at Castleknock Community College are covered under the School Insurance scheme (24 Hours a day – and for 365 days of the year). This payment is met through the Sports & Social Contributions that parents are invited to make each year. For the academic year 2017-18 students will be covered by Brennan Insurance. However we wish to inform all parents that the significant change in relation to the Insurance Scheme this year is that there is now an excess of 100 Euro on all claims.

- **Uniform Sale.** Sale of pre-used items takes place on Saturday 24th June here in the College from 10am to 12pm and all monies received on the day will go directly to Pieta House. Please note also that Grant Uniforms will be providing a “Pop Up Uniform Shop” in the College Canteen on Tuesday 27th June from 1pm to 7pm with full uniform range & all the facilities of their main shop. Many thanks to Parents Association for their organisation of these two initiatives. Details of uniform items & cost available on College website.

- **Graduation/Award Ceremonies.** Once again the College hosted a series of events for all Year Groups to celebrate the contribution and the achievements of your daughters & sons and we were delighted to see so many parents & guardians present. On Wednesday May 24th we marked the Graduation of our LCA/ LC2 class with another wonderful celebration here in the College and we thank the class of 2017 for the contribution they have made to the life of the College during the past five/six years and to you their parents & guardians for your loyal support during that time. Amongst many award recipients were **Jack Rudden Kelly & Sophie Roche** , our **Graduating Students of the Year 2017**. Should you have any queries re official photographs from all Award Ceremonies you may contact Larry Maher – info@larrymaherphoto.com

- **Parents Association.** The PA held its annual Plant Sale on 6th & 7th May and the two-day event proved another huge success with €25,000 being raised for the College. Many thanks to all the volunteers- parents past & present and friends of CCC as well as our students who gave very generously of their time & talent to ensure its success. We are indebted to the association not only for the much needed financial support to the College from this event, but also for their on-going work for the benefit of all your daughters & sons. We encourage all parents & guardians to become actively involved in the association which meets on the first Tuesday of each month during term time. Chairperson, **Michael Heffernan** & other committee members may be contacted at- pacastleknockcc@gmail.com

- **First Year Class of 2017.** We welcomed our new students for their Induction Evening on Thursday 8th June, when they had the opportunity to meet their Tutors & class-mates as well as other members of staff and also enjoy a tour of the College. We

wish them well as they embark on their post primary journey at CCC. Many thanks to our Senior Mentors for their support on the night. We are very grateful and congratulate your daughters & sons who have become leaders in our school community as Prefects, Mentors & members of the Student Council and who make an enormous contribution in supporting management and staff in the work of the College.

- **Extracurricular Activities.** Once again our students have represented the College with pride & distinction in a variety of activities throughout the past year and we salute their achievements. Many of you will have already looked at our annual “**Year in Life**” publication (this will be on our College website in the coming weeks) which endeavours to capture some of this year’s highlights and is testament to the talent & commitment of students, staff & parents. Amongst the most memorable sporting successes this year were-

- ✓ Our Senior Camogie team winning the All-Ireland Schools Championship
- ✓ U-14 Hurlers being crowned Dublin Champions
- ✓ 2nd Year Boys Basketball Team taking Dublin Title
- ✓ Cross Country Gold medals for Junior Boys & Intermediate Girls at West Leinster Championships
- ✓ CCC Rugby Team lifting the Coolmine Cup

Other notable successes for our talented students included-

- ✓ Victories for CCC speakers in Leinster Schools & Maynooth Senior Debating Competition Finals
- ✓ College represented at European Girls Maths Olympiad in Switzerland
- ✓ Winning European Parliament Civic Awareness Competition
- ✓ Competing in National Finals of Microsoft IT Competition

- **School Planning New Junior Cycle:** The Department of Education & Skills has informed the College that they will be providing two days of In service Training in relation to the New Junior Cycle Programme: **Friday 15th September & Monday 11th December.** Consequently the College will be closed on these dates.
- **Policy Updates:** Please view our revised and updated College Policies relating to our Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and our Homework Policy.
- **Third Deputy Principal.** We welcome the appointment of **Ms Mairéad O’Halloran** to this position with effect from September 1st 2017 & wish her well as she joins our staff. Meanwhile we also extend our good wishes to **Michael Stanley** on his retirement last March & to **John Hopkins** who retires in August.

Wishing all our students & their families a very happy & safe Summer holidays!

John Cronin

Carmel O’Neill & John Hopkins

Principal

Deputy Principals

