

# Our Lady's Secondary School Castleblayney Co. Monaghan

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## Parents Association Meeting May 25th

#### **Principal's Report**

#### **Events to Date:**

# Friday February 3rd

- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Applied Exam
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- U/14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at Lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Ulster Ladies GAA All Star Awards

# Saturday February 4th

• Saturday Study 9.00am – 1.00pm

## Monday February 6th

• Bank Holiday

## Tuesday February 7th

- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- Pre Leaving Certificate Applied Exam
- U/15 Boys GAA
- U/15 Girls Soccer training
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Wednesday February 8th

- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Applied Exam
- First Year Boys GAA
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- Ulster Athletics Cross Country
- Guidance Meeting 1.20pm
- U/15 Boys Soccer training
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

## Thursday February 9th

- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exam
- TY Garda trip
- TY Reptile Haven Workshop
- Senior Cycle French Tour
- Senior Cycle German Tour
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer training 4.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Friday February 10th

- Senior Cycle French Tour
- Senior Cycle German Tour
- TY Law Module P2
- Senior Choir at Lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Saturday February 11th

- Senior Cycle French Tour
- Senior Cycle German Tour

#### Sunday February 12th

- Senior Cycle French Tour
- Senior Cycle German Tour
- National Credit Union Art Competition Prize Giving

#### Monday February 27th

- DCU Sports Scholarship Talk 12.15pm
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- U/14 Girls GAA game
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- U/15 Boys Soccer training
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Teaching & Learning Committee meeting 4.10pm

# Tuesday February 28th

- U/15 Boys Soccer Ulster quarter final
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year talk on Transition Year
- TY iWish Conference
- TY Natural History Museum Tour
- U/14 Girls GAA training
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Third Year Information Evening 7.00pm

#### Wednesday March 1st

- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- Choir event in Iontas
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Girls Camogie training
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

## Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- U/15 Girls Soccer Ulster Quarter Final
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Staff Basketball 4.00pm 4.45pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Trinity College Entrance Scholars Awards

#### Friday March 3rd

- U.14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- U.14 Girls Game
- Senior Choir at Lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

### Saturday March 4th

Saturday Study

## Monday March 6th

- TY Sports Leadership Course
- U/16 Girls GAA Queen's Future Stars trials
- U/17 Boys Soccer Ulster Quarter Final
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Tuesday March 7th

- U/13 Boys GAA
- TY Sports Leadership Course
- Digital Team Meeting 4.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Wednesday March 8th

- TY Sports Leadership Course
- Camogie training after school
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

## Thursday March 9th

- Second Year Girls Basketball Semi Final
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Friday March 10th

• School Closure due to poor weather

#### Saturday March 11th

- Saturday Study
- All Ireland Schools Cross Country

#### Monday March 13th

- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- Leaving Certificate Graduation Committee meeting 4.00pm
- U/14 Girls GAA training after school
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Tuesday March 14th

- TY Student Enterprise County Final
- U/14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Combilift Tour
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Wednesday March 15th

- Seachtain na Gaeilge Lá Glas
- U/14 Girls GAA
- Camogie training after school
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

## Thursday March 16th

- TY Home Economics trip
- U/14 Girls Soccer Quarter Final
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Friday March 17th

• School holiday St. Patrick's Day

## Saturday March 18th

• Saturday Study

#### Monday March 20th

- Ulster Schools GAA Senior Boys All Star trials
- U/14 Girls GAA
- U/15 Boys' Soccer Semi Final
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer training 4.00pm
- U/15 Boys' Basketball Training 4.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Tuesday March 21st

- Initiatives for World Down Syndrome Day
- U/14 Girls GAA Quarter Final
- TY MABS Money Talk
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year English Macbeth Play
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Fourth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm 6.45pm

## Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

- First Year Boys Soccer Semi Final
- U/14 Camogie training 1.15pm
- U/15 Boys GAA training 1.20pm
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

## Thursday March 23rd

- TY First Responders Walk
- JCSP Sports Event
- Guidance Apprenticeship Expo
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- U/14 Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Friday March 24th

- U/15 Boys GAA Ulster Final
- TY Mini Company Finals
- TY LA519 Resilience talk 10am
- Junior Camogie Blitz
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Saturday March 25th

Saturday Study

#### Monday March 27th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Resilient'
- 2C & 2E Guidance Workshops with Mr. Geraghty & Ms. Mc Sorley 13.01pm
- 1C Guidance Workshop with Mr. Geraghty 13.59pm
- 1D Guidance Workshop with Ms. Mc Sorley 14.57pm
- First Year Boys Basketball
- U/15 Boys Soccer Semi Final
- First Year Vaccinations
- Junior Certificate Home Economics Practical Exam
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- U/15 Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 4.10pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

### Tuesday March 28th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Resilient'
- 1B Guidance Workshop with Mr. Geraghty 10.20am
- 1E Guidance Workshop with Ms. Mc Sorley 13.01pm
- 1A Guidance Workshop with Mr. Geraghty 13.01pm
- 2B Guidance Workshops with Mr. Geraghty 13.59pm
- U/14 Girls GAA game
- Junior Certificate Home Economics Practical Exam
- U/15 Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Board of Management Meeting 7.15pm

## Wednesday March 29th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Resilient'
- 2F Guidance Workshops with Ms. Mc Sorley 9.07am
- 2D Guidance Workshops with Ms. Mc Sorley 12.16pm
- Junior Certificate Home Economics Practical Exam
- Queens University U/16 Girls GAA Future Star Trials
- U/15 Boys All Ireland Basketball
- TY PE Expo
- U/14 Girls GAA training 1.15pm
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

#### Thursday March 30th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Resilient'
- 1F Guidance Workshop with Ms. Mc Sorley 10.20am
- 2A Guidance Workshops with Mr. Geraghty 13.59pm
- Easter Reflections
- TY Road Safety Talk
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- UCD Entrance Scholars Awards

#### Friday March 31st

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Resilient'
- U/14 Girls GAA Ulster Semi Final
- U/15 Boys Soccer Semi Final
- Leaving Certificate Music Practical Exam
- Junior Certificate Home Economics Practical Exam
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Saturday April 1st

- Saturday Study
- Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exam
- Leaving Certificate French Oral Exam
- Leaving Certificate Lithuanian Oral Exam

# Monday April 17th

- Student Assemblies
  - o First Year 2.30pm
  - o Second Year 11.18am
  - o Third Year 1.05pm
  - o Fourth Year 12.15pm
  - o Fifth Year 9.10am
  - o Sixth Year 2.00pm
- Junior Cycle Music Practical Exams
- TY Kayak Course
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- LCA Meeting 4.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Tuesday April 18th

- TY Kayak Course
- First Year Inspire Education Workshop
- Second Year History tour
- DCU Senior Girls GAA Blitz
- First Year Study Skills Workshop
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Wednesday April 19th

- TY Kayak Course
- CEIST Student Leadership Conference
- DCU Senior Boys GAA 7 a side competition
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

#### Thursday April 20th

- TY Kayak Course
- TY Gaisce
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Friday April 21st

- TY Gaisce
- TY History tour
- First Year Spelling Bee
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

# Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

• Saturday Study

# Monday April 24th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Physically active and healthy'
- DES Junior Science Inspection
- Schools Athletics District D Competition in Clones
- TY Gaeltacht tour
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- U/14 Girls GAA training 4.00pm 5.30pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Tuesday April 25<sup>TH</sup>

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Physically active and healthy'
- DES Junior Science Inspection
- TY Gaeltacht tour
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Wednesday April 26th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Physically active and healthy'
- U/14 Girls GAA training 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Senior Art club 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

# Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Physically active and healthy'
- Schools Athletics District D Competition in Antrim Forum
- First Year Vaccinations
- Leaving Certificate Art Exam
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
  Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

# Friday April 28th

- Wellbeing Week 'Being Physically active and healthy'
- U/14 Girls GAA Ulster Final
- Young Economist of the Year Competition UCD
- LCA Vocational Preparation Task 12.30pm
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Ulster Schools All Star Awards

## Saturday April 29th

- Sixth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm
- Fifth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm

# Monday May 1st

• Bank Holiday

# Tuesday May 2nd

• School Holiday

## Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Chartered Accountants of Ireland Competition
- LCVP Exam
- LCA End of Year Event
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Mock Interviews 4.00pm 7.00pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

# Thursday May 4th

- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Geography Field Study
- Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Exam
- Junk Kouture National Final
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Friday May 5th

- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Geography Field Study
- TY Business Trip
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Saturday April 29th

- Sixth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm
- Fifth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm

# Monday May 1st

• Bank Holiday

# Tuesday May 2nd

School Holiday

#### Wednesday May 3rd

- Chartered Accountants of Ireland Competition
- LCVP Exam
- LCA End of Year Event
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Mock Interviews 4.00pm 7.00pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

#### Thursday May 4th

- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Geography Field Study
- Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Exam
- Junk Kouture National Final
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Friday May 5th

- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Geography Field Study
- TY Business Trip
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Saturday May 6th

- Sixth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm
- Fifth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm

## Monday May 8th

- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- Fifth Year DATS Tests
- European Day Initiative
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- U17 Boys Soccer Regional Final

## Tuesday May 9th

- School Golf Tournament
- LCA French Oral Exam
- TY YSI Quiz
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

### Wednesday May 10th

- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm
- U/15 Girls Soccer Regional Final

## Thursday May 11th

- LCA English & Communications Oral Exam
- TY Junk Kouture Fashion Show for the Girls National School
- Transition Year Awards
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- Drama Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Friday May 12th

- TY Junk Kouture Art at St. Mary's 12pm 1pm
- Fifth Year Irish Oral Exams
- L2LP tour to Slieve Gullion Forest Park and Airbound Trampoline Park
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

### Saturday May 13th

- Sixth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm
- Fifth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm

## Monday May 15th

- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

# Tuesday May 16th

- TY Trip to Let's Go Hydro
- LCA Hotel, Catering & Tourism Task
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Junior Drama Production 7.00pm

## Wednesday May 17th

- Student of the Year Award 12.20pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

### Thursday May 18th

- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Awards Night

#### Friday May 19th

- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

#### Monday May 22nd

- NGRT Testing for First Year students
- MFL Fifth Year Oral Exams
- Student Support Meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

# Tuesday May 23rd

- Fourth Year Tidy Towns Initiative
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Sixth Year Graduation Mass

#### Wednesday May 24th

- Transition Year Exams
- Evening Study 2.00pm- 4.00pm

#### Thursday May 25th

- Transition Year Exams
- Junior Art club at lunchtime
- Year Head meeting 2.00pm
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
- Staff Meeting 4.15pm
- Parents Association Meeting 7.15pm

# Friday May 26th

- Transition Year Exams
- Junior Choir at lunchtime
- Senior Choir at lunchtime
- First Year Homework Club 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

## Saturday May 27th

- Sixth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm
- Fifth Year Saturday Study 9.00am 1.00pm

## **Learning & Teaching**

- Cian Mc Kenna and Kevin Yatagampitiya from the Leaving Certificate class of 2022 received UCD Entrance Scholars Awards. These were presented at a ceremony in UCD on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Niamh Mullin from the Leaving Certificate class of 2021 received an Entrance Scholarship to Trinity College at a ceremony on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Pre Leaving Certificate and Pre Junior Cycle Exams were held before the midterm break. Student reports were available to access on Compass Education.
- The Junior Certificate Home Economics practical exams took place the week beginning March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Leaving Certificate Music practical exam took place on Friday March 31st
- The Leaving Certificate Oral exams took place from April 1st -5th.
- The Leaving Certificate Construction Studies exam took place on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Leaving Certificate Art practical exam took place on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Leaving Certificate Applied assessments task interviews took place at various stages over the last few weeks.
- The Leaving Certificate Applied French Oral Exam took place on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Leaving Certificate Applied English & Communications Oral Exam took place on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The end of year assessments for various year groups take place this week.
   These assessments included oral exams in Irish, French & German for Fifth Year students.
- First Year students completed NGRT testing on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- The school had a Junior Cycle Science Inspection on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and received extremely positive feedback from the inspector.
- The Fourth Year Parent Teacher meeting was held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents & guardians completed surveys as part of the SSE process.
- Meetings of the Teaching & Learning Committee were held on February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>. Teachers present discussed the feedback from recent SSE surveys, looked at possibilities for developing peer observation among staff as well as opportunities for teacher led CPD among staff.
- School Self-Evaluation: The development of our areas of focus for School Self Evaluation for the forthcoming year will continue through the Teaching & Learning Committee, Subject Department meetings and staff meetings. As part of our Wellbeing strand of SSE the last full week of each month is a Wellbeing Week. During these weeks' students get reduced homework and teachers have the opportunity to recognise student achievements with Wellbeing Awards. The theme for February's Wellbeing Week was 'Being Positive about Learning', the theme for March was 'Being Resilient' and the theme for April was 'Physically Active & Healthy'.
- The Modern Foreign Languages Department held two very successful tours for Senior French and German students from February 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. French students travelled to Paris and German students travelled to Munich.
- Sixth Year English students and their teachers attended a production of Macbeth in Dublin on March 21st.
- The Irish Department organised a number of initiatives as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge which included a fundraising initiative for the people of Syria that raised €800.
- First, Second & Transition Year students were successful in the Monaghan Enterprise Competition. Ashlinn Hughes, Sophie Malone, Saoirse Cunningham, and Hannah Comiskey's Protein Bites won third place in the Senior Category. Susanna Smyth's business idea Virtuo took second place in the intermediate category of My Entrepreneurial Journey Competition. In the junior category of My Entrepreneurial Journey, Bella O'Neill came third with her business idea Bella's Boutique. Kate Duffy's business idea Duffy's Delights won second place and Aoife O'Neill's business called Rubies was awarded first place.
- The school had success in the Regional Junk Kouture competition with one of the entries 'Lioness of OLSS' qualifying for the national finals.
- Sixth Year student Keisha Mc Cann's entry in the Credit Union Art competition came second at national level and a prize giving ceremony took place in Dublin on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Representatives from DCU delivered talk on sports scholarships to 6<sup>th</sup> Year students on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Sixth Year students met with Third Year students as part of a Careers Fair on subject choice on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A number of students attended an apprenticeship expo on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A number of senior students visited Combilift on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- A meeting of the school Guidance team took place on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Students in First & Second Year participated in a number of Guidance related workshops the week beginning March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Transition Year Home Economics students visited Monaghan Mushrooms on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Our school received the Prodigy Learning 'Centre of Excellence Award' for 2020- 2021 and 'Outstanding Centre of Excellence Award' for 2021-2022
- The school received funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs to fund our fourth 'Border School' conference in November 2023.
- Fourth Year Economics students Evan Nidesh, Ceola Finnegan, Joshua Hagan & Katie Scarlett Mc Caul were successful in the Young Economist of the Year competition, winning a gold medal and getting to display their project at the national finals in O' Reilly Hall UCD.
- Second Year student, Megan Boyle qualified for the final of the Healthy Home Chef competition hosted by St. Angela's College in Sligo.
- Students in First & Second Year are participating in a number of Guidance related workshops the week beginning March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- A meeting of LCA teachers took place on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- First Year students participated in a Spelling Bee literacy initiative on April 21st.
- Second Year History students attended a History tour on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- TY History students attended a History tour on April 21st.
- TY Irish students attended the Gaeltacht on April 24th & 25th.
- TY Accounting students participated in the Chartered Accountants of Ireland competition on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ashlinn Hughes, Sophie Malone and Saoirse Fitzpatrick finished first place and Craig Brady, David Lambe and Michael Renaghan were runners up.
- The Guidance Department held a very successful Mock Interview Evening for Fifth Year students on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Fifth Year students completed DATS Interests Tests on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Fifth Year Geography students completed their Field Study on May 4<sup>th</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- TY Business students visited Butlers Chocolate factory on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A Junior German Club has been set up that meets on a regular basis.
- Evening Study takes places from 4pm 6pm,
- A homework club for First Year students takes place from 4.00pm 5.00pm. First Year students are supported by our SNA's and TY students.
- Saturday study continues every Saturday for Sixth Year students from 9am –
   1pm
- Saturday study commenced for Fifth Year students after the Easter holidays

#### Extra Curricular

- Representatives from the Senior Girls GAA team- Hannah Haughey, Laura Grimes, Hazel Hughes and Niamh Flanagan received their Ulster Ladies All Stars at a presentation before the mid term break.
- A number of U/16 Boys GAA players participated in the Queens University GAA Future Stars trials. Stephen Hamill was selected for the final trial.
- A number of U/16 Girls GAA players participated in the Queens University GAA Future Stars trials. Katie Mc Adam, Alannah Mc Gahon & Dervla Cawley were selected for the final trial.
- A number of Senior Boys GAA players participated in the Ulster Schools All Star trials on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Jamie Mooney received an Ulster Schools GAA Colleges All Star Award.
- The school participated in the DCU Senior Girls GAA 7 a side blitz on April 18<sup>th</sup> and won the competition.
- The school participated in the DCU Senior Boys GAA 7 a side blitz on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The U/14 Girls GAA second team won the Ulster final.
- The U/13 Boys GAA team fixtures continue.
- The U/15 Boys GAA team qualified for the Oisin Mc Grath Cup final.
- The junior camogie team qualified for the Ulster semi final.
- The U/15 Boys Basketball team qualified for the All Ireland A Semi Final on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Year Boys Basketball team had a strong league and reached the regional (North + North East) semi final.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> year Girls Basketball team were undefeated in their league campaign with comprehensive wins over St Louis Monaghan, Virginia College and Loreto Cavan. The girls fought hard but lost their semi final to a tough Abbey Vocational School Donegal.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Year girls and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Boys Basketball teams enjoyed a competitive season but did not qualify for semi finals.
- The U/15 Girls soccer team won the Regional Soccer final.
- The U/13 Boys soccer team qualified for the Ulster Semi final and lost on penalties after extra time.
- The U/15 boys soccer team qualified for the Ulster Semi-Final.
- The U/17 Boys soccer team won the regional final.
- Students from our school participated in the Ulster school's cross country competition on February 8<sup>th</sup> and Second Year student Malachy Treanor participated in the All Ireland finals on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- The school's athletics competition took place in Clones on April 24<sup>th</sup> and Antrim Forum on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Maeve Smith, Odhran Smith, Hazel Hughes, Aoibheann Conway and Cathal Mc Cooey qualified for the Ulster Competition in May.
- A school golf tournament was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Students from our school participated in the Ulster school's swimming competition on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Sixth Year student Sophie Moore participated in a schools show jumping competition on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Students in the JCSP class held a sports blitz with students from Holy Family Cootehill on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The school ECO club meets on a weekly basis with students participating in the Green Schools Water Ambassador Programme.
- A Junior Art Club has been set up that meets on a weekly basis.
- A Junior German Club has been set up that meets on a regular basis.
- The Junior Choir and Senior Choir meet at lunchtime on a regular basis and the choir performed at an event in Iontas on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Various initiatives were held to celebrate Europe Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Drama Club meets every Thursday after school from 4.00pm 5.00pm and the Junior Drama Club held a very successful production of Matilda on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Transition Year students have been busy since the last Board of Management meeting.
  - o TY Reptile Haven Workshop
  - o TY Art students visit to St. Mary's
  - o TY Tug of War Workshop
  - o TY Peer Mentors
  - o TY Law Module
  - o TY Garda trip
  - o TY Work Experience
  - o TY iWish Conference
  - o TY visit to the Natural History Museum
  - o TY Sports Leadership
  - o TY Mabs money talk
  - o TY First Responders Event
  - o TY Mini Company Event
  - o TY LA519 Resilience talk
  - TY Home Economics visit to Monaghan Mushrooms
  - TY Art students visit to St. Mary's
  - TY Law Module
  - o TY PE Expo
  - o TY Road Safety Talk
  - o TY Kayak Course
  - o TY GAISCE
  - o TY History Tour
  - TY Gaeltacht trip
  - TY Business trip
  - TY Young Economist
  - TY Chartered Accountants of Ireland competition
  - o TY Junk Kouture
  - o TY Peer Mentors
  - o TY YSI Quiz
  - o TY Awards
  - o TY Tidy Towns Initiative
  - o TY Let's Go Hydro trip

#### **Student Voice**

- Sixth Year Student Leaders are assisting with supervision on corridors before school.
- A number of students from different year groups participated in a focus group with Student Voice Coordinator Ms. Murray.
- A number of Transition Year students act as peer mentors with students in our special classes.
- Sixth Year students met with Third Year students as part of a Careers Fair on subject choice on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Student Council meets on a regular basis.
- Members of the Student Council assisted with serving refreshments for recent parent teacher meetings.
- Representatives from our school attended the CEIST Student Leadership Conference on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Student Support**

- Student Support Meetings are held every Monday P6
- The External Counsellor continues to support students on a weekly basis.
- The school meals programme continues to provide support to a number of families on a weekly basis.
- Students in First & Second Year participated in a number of Guidance related workshops the week beginning March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- A number of fundraising initiatives were held in recent weeks as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge and World Down Syndrome Day.
- A meeting of the school Guidance team took place on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A Third Year Information Evening on Subject Choice was held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- First Year vaccinations were held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Discipline**

- Council of Discipline meetings take place every Thursday P6
- Code of Behaviour Review

## Faith Life of the School

- Weekly prayers are said over the school intercom.
- The Religion Department organised Easter Reflections for Religion teachers to deliver in class
- The Leaving Certificate Graduation mass was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Plant Development & Maintenance**

- New extension
- Practical Subjects
- Summer Works 2023

# **AOB**

- Open Day for incoming First Year students on March 10<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to snow.
- A meeting of the Leaving Certificate Graduation Committee took place on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- LCA students had their end of year class event on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Students from the L2LP programme had their end of year tour on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Transition Year Awards were held on May 11th.
- The Student of the Year Awards were held on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Awards Night was held on May 18th.
- The Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- An end of year staff meeting took place on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- School fundraising