

**Parents and Guardians
Partners for Success
Week Beginning 10th October 2022**

Dear All

We hope all is well with you and your family. This is your weekly bulletin issued via our website. We will inform you of our achievements plans for the week ahead.



3rd Year Parents & Guardians Seminar

On Tuesday 11th October 6.30pm – 7.30 pm, there will be a 3rd Year Parents & Guardians Seminar on Study Skills, Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and Attendance.

Parents Association Meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th October at 8 pm.

3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting will take place on Thursday 13th October 4.30 – 6.30 pm.

Attendance: Did you know?

- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child both now and in their future.
- It will benefit a student's well-being, education and career.
- Improved literacy and numeracy skills, even among those students who are struggling in school.
- Students who frequently attend school feel more connected to their community and develop strong social skills and friendships.

How you as Parents/Guardians can help make Every School Day Count

- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your student about school and take an interest in their schoolwork (including their homework).
- Attend parent evenings and school events.

Art Sculpture and An Tearmann Opening

On Monday 10th October we welcome Minister Josepha Madigan to unveil our school Per Cent for Art sculpture. Minister Madigan will unveil a plaque marking the work involved and will also formally open our Autism Unit An Tearmann.

Open Night 2022

Tuesday 4th October was our Open Night for 4th, 5th & 6th Class. A couple of the subject rooms were delivered a "clue" for the Space Week treasure hunt.

Students and parents/guardians were taken on a tour of the school by our student tour guides. Mr Sharkey addressed the large turn out on what was a successful Open Night.



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Technological University (TU) Dublin

TU Dublin visited our 6th Year students on Wednesday 5th October to tell them about the courses available in their college.

Next week Dublin City University (DCU) is visiting our 6th Year students on the 12th of October. Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) will also be visiting on the 26th of October. There will be a College & Career fair on Wednesday 23rd of November from 9.30am -1 pm. 4th, 5th & 6th years will have the opportunity to attend.



Study Skills Week

This week is Study Skills Week in the school.

6th Year Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) Students

6th Year LCVP Students completed their Work Experience last week. This is part of their Link Modules Portfolio which overall is worth 60%.

Space Week 2022 🚀👤🚀

There were lots of activities going on around the school for Space Week. There were displays from our 4th Year Physics class on the windows, some of the Space Poetry entries from last year were on display, and a few codebreakers and treasure hunts were going on through the week. 🧐👉👎🔭🎯🍪



Sports Matches

- U17s Boys Soccer vs Dundalk Grammar played at Oriel Park on Monday 3rd October and the result was a 2-1 win to Coláiste Chú Chulainn.
- U16s & U19s Boys Basketball played away vs Kingscourt on Tuesday 4th October.



U16s won 48-40



U19s won 61-22

The next basketball games are on the 11th of October v Castleblayney College. Congratulations to the teams and to the coaches Mr Nicks and Mr Slowey.

U19s Boys Soccer vs Dundalk Grammar played at Oriel Park on Wednesday 5th October.



European Boxing Championships

Sophie Curley Gray (4th Year) represented Ireland in boxing in the European Championships in Italy. Sophie won a bronze European Junior Medal in her first-ever bout at a major international tournament. Congratulations Sophie from everyone in the school.



FREE English classes for adults

There are FREE English classes for adults, all levels in the LMETB offices in Chapel St., Dundalk.

Application forms are available in the school. You can call into the school to get an application form, or your son/daughter can get an application form to bring home to you. For further details you can talk to Mr. Cumiskey.

Student Direct Costs

Our school operates a Student Direct Costs system. This means that all book rental, insurance, journal, copying, materials are costed and an annual payment of €240 is required. This system ensures affordability and efficiency. We ask that all outstanding accounts are settled as soon as possible as the books and materials must be paid for.



School Clubs & Societies

Students have signed up for their extra-curricular activities. The Clubs & Societies notice board will detail when training and events will take place. Details of all Clubs & Societies were in last week's bulletin.

4th Year Biology

The aim in 4th Year Biology was to develop students' scientific writing skills. Students could:

- (a) vary the liquids used and investigate if the number of drops of different liquids would change using the same sized coin or
- (b) use the same liquid and change the size of the coin to see if the surface area will change the number of drops that will fit on the coin.





Some students carried out extension exercises whereby they calculated the density of each liquid and commented on this in their findings. It was called the liquid drop challenge. The two 4th Year Biology classes presented their findings, and their results are posted on the science laboratory wall.

Uniform: Did you know?

School uniform plays a key role in **promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body**. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

Mr Cumiskey is our HSCL officer. His role is to engage with families where a student's attendance is of concern. He will be meeting Parents/Guardians at our seminars.



As the week draws to a close, we encourage our students to reflect on the learning they have achieved and monitor their continued progress in the week ahead. We wish you an enjoyable weekend and take time to prepare and plan for the school week ahead.

Resources that can help your student(s) with their studies:

www.studyclix.ie

www.examinations.ie

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 11th October 6.30pm to 7.30pm - 3rd Year Parents & Guardians Seminar.

Tuesday 11th October 8pm - Parents association.

Thursday 13th October 4.15pm to 6.45pm - 3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting.

Thursday 20th October 4.15pm to 6.45pm - 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting.