

# Parents Bulletin



Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022



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.

## Colder Weather

The weather forecast tells us that the temperature will drop this week. We ask that all students wear their school jacket to school. Remember the uniform requires black shoes or black runners.

## Christmas Appeal

Each year we accept food hamper items that we distribute to selected recipients. It has been very successful, and a lot of food items get donated. Going forward, let's have a focus on gift items also - the gloves you got last year and are still in the packaging etc.

## Dates for Your Diary

**School closes at 1pm Wednesday 21st December and returns at 8.45am on Thursday 5th January**

## Healthy Eating Policy

Our school's Healthy Eating Policy prohibits sugary, salty, fatty foods. Students are NOT allowed take items such as sweets, lollies, crisps, chocolate, and minerals to school. **We have asked local shops do stop selling these items to children in the mornings.**

## December Reports

All parents / guardians will receive a December Report in the post in late December. We recommend that you read this carefully with your students and keep it safe in your Partners for Success Booklet.

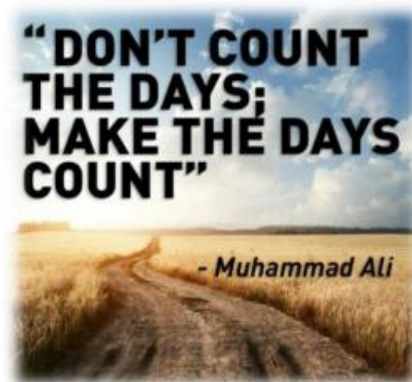
## Medical Certificates/Hospital Appointments

If your student(s) attend a doctor or hospital appointment, we need your student to bring in the medical certificate/hospital appointment to their Year Head who will then put this in their student file. This will explain their reason for their absence in school.

## Every Day Counts Week 2022

Monday 12th December is the start of our Attendance Awareness Week. **As guardians, we ask that you ensure that students arrive to school in good time** and that they always attend, except for exceptional circumstances. All absences must be recorded in the inside cover of the Student Journal.

We will have a raffle every day for students who are in school called 'If You're Not In You Can't Win'.

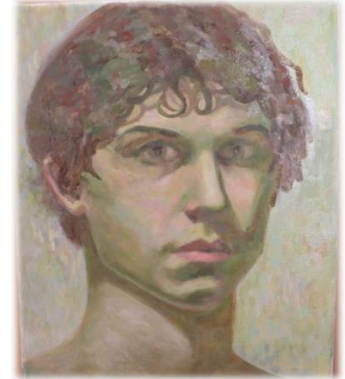


## 4th (Transition) Year

Francis Verling on behalf of the Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) is helping our 4th Year students to become entrepreneurs and to try their hand at running a business while still in school.

The 4th Year students have started driving! Drive Virtual Driving Academy Ltd is the first company in Ireland to introduce car simulators to teach people of all ages to drive.

TY History students have been working on the skills of historical analysis and interpretation over the past number of weeks. This culminated in students creating a self-portrait to represent aspects of their own personality, skills, and interests. Nikita Furiaka submitted this excellent painting as part of his project.



## 2023 LMETB Robert Ballagh Art Competition

All students are invited to create a piece of art/ drawing/ painting/ photography to submit to this years competition. There is no set theme. Junior and Senior categories. Closing date is Friday January 13th. Great prizes! Call into Ms. Boyle or Mr. Loughran for entry form. The competition is open to all LMETB students in the educational settings mentioned.

## Gaisce Irish Presidents' Award

Interested students had their first information meeting on the Gaisce Presidents Award. The President's Award is a self-development programme for young people aged 14-25 which has been proven to enhance confidence and wellbeing through participation in personal, physical and community challenges.



### **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 term 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 all our students the best of luck in their December assessments over the coming weeks.