



From our Parents Association

Parents send their best wishes to all exam students. We are proud of you and confident of your success.



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 29th May - School photographer. All students to be present in correct uniform (not PE).
Tuesday 30th May - Graduation for 6th Years with Dr Daire Keogh DCU 7pm to 9pm.
Wednesday 31st - 4th Year Graduation 11.30am.
Friday 2nd June - Term ends.

Need more information deciding on Leaving Cert Languages?

Are you a student or parent who would like to know more about studying **Chinese, Lithuanian, Polish or Portuguese** for the Leaving Certificate?

Languages Connect is organising a series of online information sessions to help students and parents become familiar with the new Leaving Cert curriculum and also learn about language classes available for students and funded by the Department of Education. This is the link to the information sessions:

<https://languagesconnect.ie/leaving-cert-information-sessions/>



Once again, Ms O'Neill stepped up to help tearful students. The exchange students from Spain were genuinely upset at leaving their second home here in school. Their emotions were genuine. They loved their time here and their families and schools in Spain appreciate all that they learned. They got an excellent education. Thank you to all.

Women's Aid Dundalk



Women's Aid Dundalk
INFORMATION & AWARENESS TALK

Date – 21 June 2023
Time – 11:00-12:00
Venue – Dee Hub, Market Street, Ardee, Co. Louth

Come along and meet with our staff members and hear about the services we provide while also gaining further knowledge on the issue of domestic violence/coercive control.

This event is free to attend and is open to professionals and members of the local community. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

For more information please email info@womensaidlk.net or call us on 0429333245

Women's Aid Dundalk are inviting you along to their information morning on Wednesday 21st June from 11:00am-12:00pm in Dee Hub, Ardee. They will be discussing their services and the topic of domestic violence/coercive control. They have recently launched monthly outreach support clinics in Dee Hub in Ardee.

Some of the topics this session will include are –

- Women's Aid Dundalk – what they do and how to access their services
- Types of Abuse
- Red Flags of Abuse
- Impacts of Abuse

The information session is open as a free event to both professionals and members of the local community. The talk will equip you with the tools to recognize potential signs of domestic violence while also having the knowledge our supports and services. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions to their trained staff members.

Education Training Board (ETB) Schools - National Parents Association (NPA) Webinar Tuesday 30th May at 7:30pm

The ETB Schools NPA are presenting a webinar titled "**Supporting parents to become aware of their own needs and look after their own well being**" and it will be available on Tuesday 30th May at 7:30pm.

Title:

Supporting parents to become aware of their own needs and look after their own well being

Description:

The aim of this online seminar is to support parents to recognise their own self care needs as they navigate their way through life when parenting a teenager.



Adolescence can be a challenging time for both young people and parents. It is the time when teenagers are going through significant developmental changes, are striving to become more independent from their parents and often establish closer connections with friends. This online seminar will help parents to recognise the need to take an active role in caring for themselves so that they can adapt to these changes, maintain strong relationships, recover from setbacks, and manage challenges and stress. The link to the online seminar is as follows:

https://avc-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-UPerggpRYifH8vTQiiKeg

Barnardos

Barnardos' Partnership with Parents (PwP) programme is designed to support parents to build their parenting skills. The programme aims to strengthen the parent-child relationship and improve the lives of children and families through:

- Supporting parents (or anyone carrying out the parenting role) to build their skills to parent effectively.
- Barnardos' staff working one-to-one with the parent, or with couples together.
- Work that takes place in the family home.

Further supports from Barnardos

- **Barnardos Parent Support Line – 1800 910 123** (Open Daily from 10am-2pm)
- **Barnardos Children's Bereavement Helpline – 01 473 2110** (Open 10am-12, Monday – Thursday)
- **Barnardos Publications on Bereavement, Separation and Teenage Well Being**

Available to free download at <https://www.barnardos.ie/resources/>

- **One Family** offer a range of e-learning courses with titles such as:

"Parenting through stressful times", "Family Communications: Coping with family life and Teens" and "Parenting when Separated"

Available at: <https://parenting.omefamily.ie/>

Ukrainian Parents Tea/Coffee Morning

Parents of children from Ukraine who are attending our school were invited to a tea/coffee morning on Monday 22nd May. The parents met each other and shared their experiences and asked questions. This was a chance for parents to get together in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Kinga Byrne from Adult Learning Service Dundalk, LMETB, Continuing Education Centre, Carmel McEvoy Personal Assistant to Chief Executive – Martin G O' Brien LMETB, Sinead Donnelly Co-ordinator of the Louth and Meath Regional Education and Language Team (REALT) which is hosted on behalf of the Department of Education by Louth and Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) for counties Louth and Meath were also in attendance.

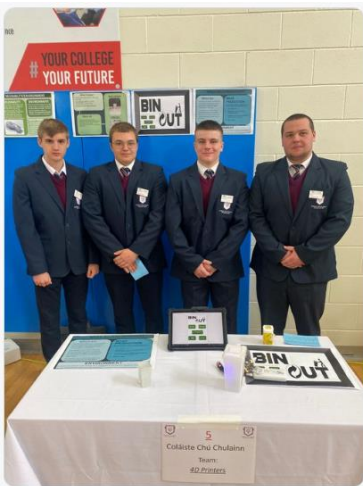


Our Parents Association and many students came out on Saturday morning to work with Dundalk Tidy Towns on an area clean up. The local committee are delighted with the support. National judges will be in the area in June and our support gave them a great lift.



4th Year Design and Manufacturing Projects

Our 4th Years had a great day presenting their design and manufacturing projects in DIFE. They presented at the AMTCE Manufacturers Pathways Schools Project. They demonstrated great work in their presentations, projects and were complimented on standing out for their courtesy and professionalism.



LCA Hotel Catering and Tourism – Cookery Skills

Our 6th year Mantall students had their cookery practical as part of their Leaving Cert HTC exam and have been working hard preparing for the exam. They were required to prepare a three-course meal for the exam. This will prepare students for possible careers in the hotel and catering courses and jobs in this industry in the future. Students would like to thank Ms McClory, Ms Kelly, Mr Duffy, and Ms Duffy in our Home Economics department for all their support.



Music department celebrates 50 years of the European Union with Ár nAmhrán

Choir and musicians took part in the nationwide initiative Ár nAmhrán / Our Anthem to celebrate fifty years of the European Union. The Royal Irish Academy of Music provided musical resources to schools all over the country to perform the EU Anthem as part of Europe Day. Our school took part virtually on Tuesday 9th May. The video is available to view on the school website and YouTube channel. Well done to all involved. Beethoven would be proud! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pRbYDJL3X0>



4th Year Garda Work Experience

Emmett Byrne, Liana Hladkova, Mariia Demukhina, Marcel Wielgosz and I from 4th year got selected to experience a day of work experience with An Garda Síochána. First, we went to Dundalk Station to head to Lucan by bus for the day.

The first thing we saw was the Garda mounted support unit which had horses with protective equipment on them. We got to pet the horses. The next thing we saw was the water response unit in which they showed their diving equipment, a wetsuit, and a rescue boat.

A garda also showed us how their masks work when they are going underwater. The next thing we saw was a helicopter that landed on the pitch, we got to see it up close as it was taking off. The last thing we saw were the response dogs. We saw an agility showcase, a dog finding a firearm, money and drugs, an obedience showcase, and we got to see a dog take someone down. This was a great experience and really opened our eyes to a different side of An Garda Síochána.

By Franciszek Chmielecki.

Sports Day 2023

On Wednesday 24th May we had our annual sports day. The main areas of competition were track athletics, 6 a side soccer, novelty events such as sack race / egg & spoon / 3-legged race, Kick Fada, and Tug of War. There was also the staff v students soccer match which the students won after extra time on penalties 2-1.





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Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle Examinations 2023

Our Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle students are working hard and preparing for assessments and state examinations. They are focused on the teaching taking place in school and their quality of learning throughout the school day. Revision and study plans have been compiled. Oral and practical examinations are taking place and ongoing. Below, are the State Examinations timetables for Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Junior Cycle examinations. We wish everyone the best of luck as they navigate their way through the final week of this academic year.



Leaving Certificate Timetable 2023

JUNE	SUBJECT	TIME
H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level F = Foundation Level		
WEDNESDAY 7	English, Paper 1 - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Home Economics, Scientific and Social - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
THURSDAY 8	Engineering - O	9.30 – 12.00
	Engineering - H	9.30 – 12.30
FRIDAY 9	English, Paper 2 - H & O	2.00 – 5.20
	Geography - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
MONDAY 12	Mathematics, Paper 1 - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Mathematics - F	2.00 – 4.30
TUESDAY 13	Mathematics, Paper 2 - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Irish Paper 1 - H (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20
WEDNESDAY 14	Irish Paper 1 - O (incl aural)	2.00 – 3.50
	Irish - F (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20
THURSDAY 15	Irish, Paper 2 - O	9.30 – 11.50
	Irish, Paper 2 - H	9.30 – 12.35
FRIDAY 16	Biology - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	French - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
MONDAY 19	French - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	History - H & O	2.00 – 4.50
TUESDAY 20	Business - O	9.30 – 12.00
	Business - H	9.30 – 12.30
WEDNESDAY 21	Art, Visual Studies - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	German - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
THURSDAY 22	German - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Construction Studies - O	2.00 – 4.30
FRIDAY 23	Construction Studies - H	2.00 – 5.00
	Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese - H&O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
MONDAY 26	Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and Non Curricular Languages (see Note 2)	9.30 – 12.30
TUESDAY 27	Agricultural Science - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Spanish - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
WEDNESDAY 28	Spanish - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Chemistry - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
THURSDAY 29	Physics - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Physics and Chemistry - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
FRIDAY 30	Accounting - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	Design and Communication Graphics - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
MONDAY 5	Music - Listening (Core) - H & O	1.30 – 3.00
	Music Composing - H & O	3.15 – 4.45
TUESDAY 6	Music - Listening (Elective) - H	5.00 – 5.45
	Economics - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
WEDNESDAY 7	Physical Education - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Italian - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
THURSDAY 8	Italian - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Russian - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY 9	Russian - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Classical Studies - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
MONDAY 12	Latin - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	Technology - O	2.00 – 4.00
TUESDAY 13	Technology - H	2.00 – 4.30
	Japanese - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
WEDNESDAY 14	Japanese - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Politics & Society - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
THURSDAY 15	Arabic - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Religious Education - O	2.00 – 4.00
FRIDAY 16	Religious Education - H	2.00 – 4.30
	Applied Mathematics - H & O	2.00 – 4.30

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Timetable 2023



JUNE	TIME	SUBJECT
WEDNESDAY 7	9.45 – 11.45 ----- 2.00 – 4.00	English & Communication ----- Social Education
THURSDAY 8	9.30 – 10.30 9.30 – 12.30 ----- 2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 3.00	Gaeilge Chumarsáideach Sign Language (see Note 1) ----- Sign Language (see Note 1) French / German / Spanish / Italian
FRIDAY 9	9.30 – 11.30 ----- 2.00 – 3.30	Mathematical Applications ----- Hotel Catering & Tourism
MONDAY 12	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 3.30	Engineering ----- Child Care / Community Care
TUESDAY 13	9.30 – 11.00 11.30 – 1.00 ----- 2.30 – 4.00	Graphics & Construction Studies Hair & Beauty ----- Office Administration & Customer Care
WEDNESDAY 14	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 4.00	Agriculture / Horticulture ----- Technology
THURSDAY 15	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 3.30	Active Leisure Studies ----- Craft & Design



JUNE	SUBJECT		TIME
	H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level C = Common Level		
WEDNESDAY 7	English ----- Religious Education	- H & O ----- - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30 ----- 1.30 – 3.30
THURSDAY 8	Irish T1 Irish T2 ----- Geography	- H & O (incl aural) - H & O (incl aural) ----- - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30 9.30 – 11.30 ----- 1.30 – 3.30
FRIDAY 9	History ----- Mathematics	- Common Level ----- - H & O	9.30 – 11.30 ----- 1.30 – 3.30
MONDAY 12	Science ----- Business Studies	- Common Level ----- - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30 ----- 1.30 – 3.30
TUESDAY 13	Graphics Italian (incl aural) ----- French (incl aural)	- Common Level - Common Level ----- - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30 9.30 – 11.30 ----- 1.30 – 3.30
WEDNESDAY 14	Home Economics ----- Spanish (incl aural)	- Common Level ----- - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 1.30 – 3.30
THURSDAY 15	German (incl aural) ----- Wood Technology	- Common Level ----- - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30 ----- 1.30 – 3.00
FRIDAY 16	Jewish Studies Music ----- Engineering Classics	- Common Level - Common Level ----- - Common Level - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30 9.30 – 11.00 ----- 1.30 – 3.00 1.30 – 3.30
MONDAY 19	Applied Technology	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.00

