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AGM – REPORT

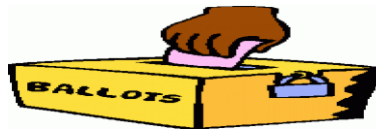
The AGM took place on Wednesday, 19th September. Thank you to all the parents that attended on the night. The Committee reported on its activities during the last year. This included the successful plant sale which generated €25,000 for the College. In addition, the PA facilitated the used uniform sale in aid of Pieta House, mock interviews for 6th year students, provided Readers for the House/Mock exams, Grant's pop up uniform shop and managed the ticket sales for the Debs ball.

The PA invited Hannah Tyrrell to talk to parents about her own experience growth up, 'STRUGGLES AND SUCCESS'. Our guest speaker is an Ireland women's rugby union international. Hannah gave an inspiring presentation on supporting young people and received a standing ovation for her talk.

NPCpp Annual Conference 2018

The upcoming National Parents Council post primary conference 'PARENTS – Your Voice in Education' will take place on the 13th October 2018 in the Clayton Hotel, Liffey Valley, Dublin. It begins at 9am. Registration is available below

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/npcpp-annual-conference-2018-parents-your-voice-in-education-tickets-49847577446>



Board of Management New Parent Representative

At the AGM, an election was held for a new female representative to the Board of Management of the College. There were four candidates. The candidates addressed the meeting. This was followed by a vote by all parents/guardians present at the meeting. It was an extremely close result. We are delighted to announce that Anne-Marie Flynn was elected and we wish her every success on the Board.

THE COLLEGE CHOIR AND THE CELTIC TENORS

The College Choir will have a wonderful opportunity to sing together with professional singers, the Celtic Tenors. This concert will take place in the Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge in Castleknock on Friday 19th October 2018. Tickets are on sale at <http://eventbrite.ie> There are more details at castleknockcc.ie/celtic-tenors/

IMPORTANT NOTICE

POLICY REVIEW

The College reviews all its policies on a rotating basis. The Policy Review this year will focus on the forming a working group to look at "The New Junior Cycle & How to improve communication & understanding of curriculum change." Interested? [click here](#) to email the PA.

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Don't forget the next monthly PA meeting at 8pm in room 52 on **Tuesday 6th November**

FOCUS ON: MOCK INTERVIEWS

Why? Students sitting the Leaving Cert Applied are required to complete an interview as part of their course. The mock interviews assist these students in getting some experience before their actual interview. The opportunity has been expanded to offer all 6th year students the chance to have a mock interview.

When? One evening, usually the Wednesday before the October midterm break. This year it is on 24th October from 7.30pm – 9.30pm

How? If you would like more information just [email](#) the PA.

What is required? Students are matched to interviewers so we need a wide range of expertise in all walks of life. Interviewers work in groups of 2-3 so that there will always be a parent with interviewing skills paired with a parent with the specific industry knowledge. Each interview takes 10 minutes with a brief discussion by the interviewers before the student is recalled for feedback.

I am interested but unavailable this month. Not every parent is needed each year but we keep a list of parents and specialties to call on when the need arises. Email the PA with your contact details and area of experience and we will happily add you to the list.

Thank You! To all the parents who have supported the students by volunteering for this initiative in the past. You are greatly appreciated

SCHOOL REPORTS

The **Debs Ball** for the class of 2018 will take place on October 29th in Dunboyne Castle Hotel. A big thank you to the team of parents who helped organise this and sold tickets.

Well done to the team that organised the **Used Uniform Sale** last June and September. Thank you to all parents who donated the uniforms to the sale. Together the sales raised €2,850 for Pieta House.

Coder Dojo club

This global network of computer clubs is a place for young people to learn to code, develop websites, apps, games and more! This may be relevant/ of interest to 1st/2nd years doing technology related study. There is more information on www.coderdojocastleknock.com/courses To register your child's interest contact coderdojocastleknock@gmail.com or follow on twitter [@coderdojocastle](https://twitter.com/coderdojocastle).

HELP NEEDED



ORIENTEERING The College arranges for students to take part in various orienteering events in Dublin parks during the school year. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the supervision at these events. If you are available to assist please [email the PA](#) with your name, phone number and the date(s) you are available. 4 parents are required each time.

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

For parents of 3rd to 6th year students now is the time of year to visit 3rd level institutions as they host their Open Days. These days allow students & parents the chance to visit the campus, attend talks and speak with lecturers and students. Open Day dates can be found on www.qualifax.ie or websites of 3rd level institutions.

HELLO & GOODBYE

Welcome to all parents of 1st year students. Why not take the time to find out more about your Parents' Association and come along to one of our monthly meetings. Our meetings are open to all parents and are a forum for all. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th of November at 8pm in room 52.



Congratulations to the graduation class of 2018, we wish you all the best in your future and that you remember your school years fondly. If you wish to continue to hear from the PA that is no issue but if the time has come to say goodbye, then click [unsubscribe](#) and we will stop sending you emails. Many thanks for your support over the years and come visit us at the plant sale next May.

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