



Parents' Newsletter January 2019

Information Evenings: Information Evenings for Parents will take place on the following dates.

- Thursday 10th January: LC1 Information Evening with Guest Speaker, John McGinnity
- Monday 14th January: Second Year Parents Information Evening on New Junior Cycle
- Wednesday 16th January: First Year 2019 Options Evening
- Wednesday 23rd January: Senior Cycle Options Evening

Parent Teacher Meetings

- Tuesday 15th January: LC1 & LCA1
- Tuesday 22nd January: Second Years
- Tuesday 26th February: First Year
- Tuesday 5th March: First Year

Junior Cycle Training: The College will be closed on Friday 1st February & Tuesday 19th March for Junior Cycle Training for teachers.

Festival of Music: The DDLETB Festival of Music will take place on Monday 25th March in the National Concert Hall.

Mock Exams: Mock Examinations will take place between Monday 4th February and Friday 15th February.

State Exam Results and Awards: We would like to congratulate all involved with the Junior Cert Class of 2018 on the excellent results received in the State Examinations. We acknowledged publicly the success of our students at our Annual Awards Evening in November. The Leaving Certificate gold medal winner was Alex Clarkin and The Junior Certificate winner was Ellen Li.

Science Olympiad: The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has identified Sarah Clarke and Ellen Li as high achievers in Maths and Science in the Junior Certificate Examinations, 2017. Because of their outstanding results in these subjects, they have been invited to participate in the Irish Junior Science Olympiad. Our congratulations to Sarah, Ellen and their teachers on this great achievement.

Entrance Scholarships: We would like to acknowledge the success of our past pupils who were recently awarded entrance scholarships to university: Aisling Supple, (NUI Maynooth) Alex Clarkin (UCD), Hugh Hogan (Trinity) and Darragh Hewson & Sean Ryan (DCU).

Leaving Certificate Applied Annual Fergal Quinn Awards 2018: Lauren O'Brien (LCA 2018) attained the highest credits in the Leaving Certificate Applied Examination 2018 for our region. Lauren was presented with the *Fergal Quinn Award* on Saturday 24th November.

Numeracy: Numeracy week was celebrated during October this year in tandem with National Maths Week. The Numeracy team organised a wide range of activities across the whole school that promoted Numeracy and highlighted the use of Mathematics in everyday life. Activities included a Maths Quiz, Brain Teasers, interesting numerical facts and of the hugely popular Da Vinci Code

Treasure Hunt. The Numeracy Team continues to support Numeracy across the curriculum and is currently working on creating a Numeracy booklet that can be used by students, staff and parents.

Scifest National Final: Alison Egan, Caoimhe Harrington and Áine Morgan of Third Year qualified for the Scifest National Final which took place in the Marino Conference Centre on November 9th.

Sporting Highlights: Our students have shown outstanding commitment and enthusiasm through their representation of the College in a variety of sports including Camogie, Football, Hurling, Basketball, Soccer, Cross Country Running and Orienteering. We are very grateful to those parents who have assisted in the organisation of sporting events and look forward to your continued involvement.

Basketball: The Senior Boys won the Dublin Plate, beating Adamstown in extra time. The Senior girls were runners up to Pobalscoil Setanta in the East Region Final and secured a place in the All Ireland play offs after Christmas.

Camogie: The Senior and Junior camogie teams have reached the finals of their leagues.

Gaelic Football: The under 14s won the Dublin Championship and were runners up in Leinster. The Senior Team have finished top of their group and have advanced to the Dublin Semi-Final.

Hurling: The Senior Hurling Team beat Lucan CBS and St. Declan's in the group stages then defeated Terenure College in the semi-final. They now play Lucan CBS in the Dublin Final on January 23rd.

Soccer: The Senior Soccer Team are through to the Dublin Finals.

Orienteering: A record number of 200 plus students attended Orienteering events last term, many of whom were competing for the first time.

Athletics: Girls and boys competed in Cross Country events over in Castleknock College this term, winning gold and bronze respectively.

Literacy: The Literacy Team is busy working towards the Well-read Award, which is awarded to schools that have promoted and supported a culture of reading throughout the whole school. Activities have included teachers' displaying their reading choices on classroom doors, the creation of a student library committee, engagement with the MS Readathon and a student generated 'Recommended Reads' display. A 'Take One, Leave One' bookshelf has also been established in the new build as an additional reading space.

The Student Library Committee: 'The Lit Club' has taken responsibility for the library and have colour coded our collection of books. They work tirelessly to maintain the library and create themed book displays and also create and display book reviews. In December, they invited a class of First-Class students from St. Patrick's NS to join us in the library where members of the Lit Club read 'The Night Before Christmas' to them.

World Book Day: The Lit Club and the Literacy Team are currently planning a week of activities to celebrate World Book Day in March

Bicycles: Students who cycle to school should wear a helmet and have a good quality lock for their bicycles. Please remind your sons/daughters to lock their bicycles every morning and when they return to the college at lunchtime

Be Allergy Aware: We would like to remind all parents/guardians and students that Castleknock Community College is a nut free school. Please do not bring snacks or lunches containing nuts into the college grounds.

College Uniform/Punctuality & Attendance

As we start the New Year we appeal to all parents & guardians to ensure that your sons & daughters to comply with College regulations. Please contact the College should there be any issue regarding uniform, punctuality and attendance. Many thanks for your continued support as we strive to maintain excellent standards in these matters.

Parents Association: The Parents Association meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 8.00p.m. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5th February** in Room 52. All parents are welcome to attend. The Annual Plant Sale will take place on **Saturday 11th May & Sunday 12th May** and preparations are now underway. A meeting for parents who would like to help out with the Plant Sale will be held in the College on **Wednesday 27th February** at 8.00p.m. The Parents Association Spring Talk will take place on **Wednesday 6th March**. The Guest Speaker is Jacinta Kitt on the topic of *Wellbeing and Teenagers*.