

Agreed Matters for Reporting to Parents/Guardians Board of Management Meeting 11th February 2025

Principal's Report

School Management

Feedback from in-school meetings: Last full staff meeting was held on 15th January 2025

Items discussed:

Child protection and safeguarding, Anti-bullying, Health and safety updates, Policies – SPHE, RSE, wellbeing, anti-bullying, healthy eating, whole school guidance plan - all in the process of being updated, Review of exam structures, Calendar (2025-26 school year), Mock examination updates, Entrance Exams – incoming 1st years (18th January 2025), SEN updates, Attendance updates, Leave management summary, Programmes update – LCA, IB and LCVP, Cover work folder
Senior Management Team meetings are held every second Tuesday morning. All staff are given an account of the items discussed at these meetings and any staff member can put items on the agenda for these meetings by emailing a member of this team.

Student numbers: Currently 167 accepted places for 2025 - 172 leaving in 6th year. Numbers will be steady for 2025/26.

Anti-bullying: Anti-bullying half-day was held on 11th December. Draft policy almost completed, will be ready for next board meeting.

Management of Resources

(a) Staff CPD

- Oide Senior Cycle Redevelopment Day – 10th February 2025

(B) Purchases and works

- No major purchases since meeting on 3rd December.

Curriculum Provision

- No shortages in terms of curriculum provision for next academic year.

Teacher Representative Report

Student achievements

- Well done to Louis O'Shea who competed at the Indoor Running Track in Abbotstown Sports Campus Ireland, at the weekend with Maistir Kevin Towell and Inion Jenny Gregory there to support after their ongoing training for the National Indoor Championship.
- A group of 5th Year students underwent an interview and training process to finally be our new 5th Year Prefects. This is a new mentoring programme for our fifth years to work with our younger students in the school.
- A massive congratulations to third year dalta Georgia Ryan on making the Ireland U16 Women's basketball Squad for 2024/25.
- Congratulations to 6th Year Dalta Nicholas Colville who became a published author with his first debut novel titled 'Storms and Sorcery'.

Extra-curricular

- Our U16 Boys Basketball team are getting ready for their All-Ireland Final in the National Arena in three weeks' time.
- First Year Boys Basketball secured another win last week against Coláiste Chú Chulainn.
- Both First- and Second-Year Girls Basketball Teams are well on their way in their League campaigns, coming away with wins.

- Our U16 Girls Basketball team were narrowly defeated against a strong Sligo team. Their coaches are extremely proud of their hard work and dedication.
- Unfortunately, our Boys Volleyball team fell short against a strong and experienced Patrician High School.
- Our First Year Girls Rugby team are continuing to develop and engage in competitive games.
- Our Girls Volleyball team were hugely successful in their last two games against Ashbourne CS and Mount Carmel.
- Our Senior Boys GAA team had a great victory over St. Olivers C.C. in early January. Player of the match performances went to Oisín Corcoran with both Niall and Liam O'Donoghue commended for their performances also.
- Our U19 girls Soccer Team concluded their season V Ardee Community School. The player of the match went to Abaigh Bracken.
- CNI's boxing daltaí visited Unit 3 Gym in Naas where they trained with lightweight champion Gary Cully.

School events update

Guidance Counselling Department

- Senior daltaí attended DIFE Open Day. A great success as always.
- We hosted several college talks for 6th years prior to the CAO closing date.
- Planned apprenticeship trips after midterm.

Musical

- School of Rock runs 6th 7th and 8th of March. Tickets on sale now, links on Instagram page. Limited number of reduced-price student tickets on sale. The daltaí are working hard preparing for the show.
- The artwork and construction departments are doing great work behind the scenes. The cast are very excited We are still looking for sponsorship towards the costs of rights, stage construction, lighting and sound.
- We are also looking for donations of makeup wipes, cotton pads, remover, make up items, hairspray.

My Canine Companion

- Earl's training is going well. He attends several classes as well as supporting the Guidance department.
- Karen Despard SNA is now a nominated second handler.
- We are currently running a fundraiser and appreciate all support.

Science Department

- Scifest @the Colaiste takes place on wed March 12th in the Halla between 10 and 1. This is a school science fair where the students will present their science project. We have 10 judges coming from DKiT, TCD and DCU. Second years and several other students from other years will be competing for a place at scifest @college in DKiT in April.

Other

- On the 29th of January we were delighted to have Community Garda Deirdre to speak with our First- Year Daltaí about Road Safety and Substance Abuse.
- 29th of January Idirbhlian Students visited 'Go Quest' - where they had to work out puzzles to move to the next 'Escape Room'.
- 23rd January; we had the Dublin Barista School visit and a select number of students, including LCA students, enjoyed learning these new skills.
- Thank you to Meath Sports Partnerships for providing 'HER Moves' sports programme in CNI. Our first years and transition years thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Our Mock Examinations began on the 29th of January and are still ongoing.
- A select group of students visited LMETB's Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence on the 20th of January. Thank you to the LMETB for facilitating with priceless trip for our students.
- 18th January we held our Entrance Exams for incoming first years.
- Our 5th Year Cohort visited Butler's Chocolate Factory as part of their LCVP course in early January.
- Iníon Sarah Matthew brought her TY film studies class to the Irish Film Institute in Dublin on the 11th of December to a special screening of Oscar Winning film 'Whiplash' by Damien Chazelle.

Student Council Report

- Cleanliness campaign for the school
- International student cards

Proposed: Gerard O'Reilly**Seconded: Cllr. Maria White**