

Agreed Report to Staff and Parents/Guardians from BOM Meeting 20th September 2023

Congratulations: Leaving Cert student class 2023 on their recent Leaving Cert results

Educational Matters

- Leaving Cert top 5 result points: 613,509,478,468 and 457
- LCA results from 20 students: 14 Distinctions & 6 Merits

School Planning & Policy Matters

Enrolment Total 355

1st year: 52

2nd year: 68

3rd year: 64

4th year: 33 (some from Bláthú)

5th year: 40 LCA1: 18

6th year: 38 LCA2: 17

Bláthú: 18 (some integrated fully into mainstream above)

Level 2: 14 (integrated for some subjects)

Policies Ratified:

- Admissions Policy
- Admissions Notice
- Health & Safety Statement
- Child Protection & Safeguarding Statement
- End of Year Report 2022/23

Child Protection: No reports

Anti-bullying: No reports

Report on School Discipline

Suspensions – September (to date) 25 (1 student x 4, 2 students x 3, 1 student x 1)

Confirmation of expulsion

Report on Risk Management: Snag list being completed following window installation

General Report from Principal

- PPADE testing carried out on 1st years in August
- Speaker from Marie Keating Foundation spoke to students on 6th September

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Congratulations: Junior Cycle results 18th October 2023

Educational Matters

- Junior Cert results received on 18th October
- JCSP Profile statements also issued
- Session 2 results from last year received for current LCA2 students
- Assessment Arrangements for Junior Cycle, Leaving Cert & LCA have been sent to teachers and uploaded on website for parents
- History subject inspection took place on 4th & 5th October

School Planning & Policy Matters

- Received 72 Applications for 1st year by closing date yesterday
- Mainstream 56 – 31 male & 25 female
- Special Class 16 – 5 for both class & mainstream 11 for special class only
- Section 29 – refusal to enrol – have been directed to take the student – letter sent to parents about meeting to sort enrolment
- October returns figure of 359 submitted

Child Protection: No reports

Anti-Bullying: No reports

Report on School Discipline

Suspensions:

- September 30 (4 students twice, 1 student 3 times)
- October (to date): 20 (1 student twice, 1 student 3 times)

One confirmed expulsion

Report on Risk Management

- Stock update being carried out due to new recording portal engaged by Cork ETB
- CCTV Data Protection Impact Statement completed and sent to Cork ETB for approval to allow for tendering for updating internal CCTV
- Asbestos update following article in newspaper – was dealt with as per Dept Ed & HAS Advice. Air quality reports were carried out following ceiling removal. Students did not have access to it.

Report from Principal

- A number of students attended Joseph & his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat show as a student was part of the cast
- Art workshop carried out by Leanne Mc Donagh for a group of students
- Parents Association Meeting was held on 26th September
- 1st years went to West Cork Secrets on 4th October
- TY cycled Waterford Greenway on 4th October
- Number of Basketball & soccer matches held
- Open Night was on 10th October
- TY students did a hill walk on 11th October
- Some 5th & 6th years went to Gaeltacht on 12th,13th & 14th October
- 3rd years did athletics in the gym as part of an LCA task on 17th October
- Coffee morning for 1st year parents held on 20th October
- TY drivers awareness talk will be held tomorrow
- Trick or Treat for Temple Street – Halloween fancy dress tomorrow
- Parent Teacher meetings for 6th years held today

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Congratulations

- Ms Fitzgerald on her recent retirement
- Rachel Kelleher LCA 2023 on being selected for National LCA Award

Educational Matters

- NCSE Advisor visited to meet with some Bláthú teachers on 14th November
- Deirdre Madden from UCC gave a talk to staff about digital technologies on 21st November
- Focus on promotion of Attendance by students across different year groups. Received grant to promote attendance. Letter sent to parents. Posters being printed. Rewards being given for short term attendance achievements. Attendance policy being updated.
- CBAs being carried out with Junior Cycle students across a number of subject areas.
- Junior Cycle staff training day being held on 5th December
- Christmas exams will take place the week of 18th December

School Planning/Policy Matters

Applications received for mainstream 72 plus 5 for either ASD or mainstream

- 77 Offers sent
- 35 Offers accepted to date
- 5 Refusals received to date
- No reply yet from 37 offers
- Closing date for acceptance forms is 1st December
- Waiting list for ASD class 17
- 2 late applications also received – offers to be sent

Child Protection Report - None

Anti-bullying Policy Report - None

Report on School Discipline Issues

Suspensions: October 21 suspensions (2 students 3 times), November (23 students, 2 students twice)

Permanent Exclusions: None

Report on Risk Management

- Fire Drill was held on 6th November
- Drains in Science lab were foul smelling. Had to get area dug up to clear blockage as couldn't be cleared with suction.
- Gutters were full of moss etc – Gutters and downpipes have been cleared

General Report from Principal

- Stand Up Awareness week was held from 6th -10th November included: Movie club, guest speakers, rainbow colours
- TY Driver awareness talk held on 27th October
- 3rd year PT meetings held on 8th November
- Class Senan (TY) visited Janssen on 8th November
- TY students completed first aid training on 15th November
- Senior students attended MTU Open day on 17th November
- LCA2 visited Mayfield & Blackpool training centres on 27th November
- Number of Boys Soccer & girls basketball matches have taken place

- Boys basketball U16 & 1U19 reached County finals A division, U16's won but U19's were defeated
- Men's Mental Health week taking place this week includes: Digital detox, Appreciation day, music workshops, worry box
- 5th Year Parent Teacher meetings were held on 30th November
- Christmas craft evening for parents will be held on 7th December

BOM extended a Merry Christmas wish to all staff and a thank you for the work done during 2023

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Congratulations: Leaving Cert students 2023 who received awards at Cork ETB Annual Awards ceremony

Educational Matters:

- Pre Junior Cycle and pre Leaving Cert exams taking place since 30th January
- LCA Task interviews were held week of 29th January
- JCPA certificates presented to students today
- History inspection report received
- Planning for staffing & timetabling for 2024/25 has started. Awaiting allocation from Dept Education. Will apply for curricular concession hours to help with provision of option subjects in 5th year
- SET allocation remains unchanged for 2024/25. Don't have SNA allocation yet
- LCA 2024/25 – maximum class size 14 with preference given to those who have already completed TY
- Level 2 at Senior cycle may not be introduced for another few years – some students meeting this criteria
- Leaving Cert Orals taking place during Easter holidays

School Planning/Policy Matters:

- Enrolment for 1st years 2024 – currently 50 – CAT Assessments taking place 8th February
- Junior Cycle Staff training days took place online on 5th December and in school on 8th January
- Wellbeing training for some staff took place on 17th January
- Place in ASD class filled from waiting list

The following policies were ratified:

- LCA Policy
- TY Policy
- Substance Use Policy
- Mobile Phone Procedures
- Teaching Practice Policy
- Book Loan Scheme Procedures

Child Protection: No reports

Anti-bullying: No reports

Report on School Discipline: Suspensions December 4, January 15, February 11 (to date) No students twice

Report on Risk Management:

ESB need to replace the switch gear in the ESB substation – this will mean an additional section being added to the substation building in the yard.

General Report from Principal:

- Parents Christmas craft evening held on 7th December
- TY Work experience took place week of 18th December
- 2nd Year PT meetings took place on 18th January, 1st & 4th year PT meetings took place today
- Parents coffee morning held on 15th December and Parents Association Meeting took place on 29th January
- TYs went to Aquadome in Tralee on 4th December
- TY's had a 3 day law course with Matheson's 22nd – 24th January
- A number of boys soccer (first year and U17) matches have taken place
- A number of girls and boys basketball matches have taken place
- First year vaccinations took place on 22nd January
- Wellbeing sessions were held for Juniors & seniors on 29th January