

# **SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

## **THANK YOU**

As the 2013-14 school year draws to a close in Coláiste Éamonn Rís, it is time to reflect on another busy and eventful one. I would like to thank Mr. Hegarty, Deputy Principal, for his hard work, help and support in the running of the school. I would also like to thank all the teaching staff for all their hard work in guiding, instructing and inspiring our students during this school year. Special thanks to the many teachers who gave of their free time to undertake class tutor or year head duties or who volunteered for the various staff committees. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the various teachers who facilitate the provision of an array of extra-curricular activities on offer in the school. These activities add significantly to the educational experience of all our students and greatly enhance and embellish school life. I would like also to record my thanks to Bernie and Colleen, our SNAs, our canteen staff and Derek for their work and support during the last year. I would also like to thank our school chaplain, Fr. Brian Whelan for his work here.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

Mr Philip Quirke has notified the school's board of management of his intention to retire this summer. Mr Quirke has been teaching English and Religion here since 1995 and is a highly respected member of staff. Many of his students have been sharing fond anecdotes from their time in his classes in recent days. His teaching methods sought to empower the students to think and reflect for themselves and this helped to instil the self- confidence in those he taught to tackle any question. I always found Mr Quirke to be a courteous and professional member of staff and he has always been very supportive of me both as a teaching colleague and as principal. He has also been in charge of the school's successful Meitheal programme. I would like to wish Mr Quirke and his family well for the future and sincerely hope that he has a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mr Flood is also leaving us to take up a teaching position in London. Mr. Flood has been teaching English here for two years and has recently been covering Ms Spellman's maternity leave. He also helped to run the homework clubs in the school and also did much supervision and substitution work over the past few years. I would like to thank him for his work here and wish him well in his teaching career in England.

Ms Majorie Sabbatorsi, French Assistant is returning home to France after her year's work here. I would like to thank her for all her hard work during the year with our French classes. She has been was a major asset to the French teachers in the school and got on very well with all her students. We will be sorry to lose her and I would like to wish her future success with her studies and career in her native country.

Mrs Ann Howin is also retiring from our canteen staff. I would like to thank Ann for her work here over the past 17 years and wish her well for the future. I hope she gets a well deserved rest and has plenty of time to enjoy the grandchildren!

Ms Leacy, Mr Gannon, Mr Sinnott, Mr Smith and Ms Foley are also leaving us after spending time here as substitute teachers and I would like to thank them all for their hard work here and wish them well for the future.

### **BEST WISHES**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Leaving Certificate class of 2014 the best of luck in the Leaving Certificate. Ninety eight students will sit the Leaving Certificate here this year. Many hours of study and homework have been spent over the last five or six years in preparation for this exam. I hope it bears fruit over the next few weeks.

The school's mission is to develop responsible individuals in a Christian environment, who will participate fully in a changing society. I trust that our Leaving Certificate students' future lives will bear witness to our success in this regard.

I would also like to extend best wishes to all our Junior Certificate students. One hundred and four students will sit the Junior Certificate here this year. The Junior Certificate exam is an important milestone in their educational journey.

### **CONDOLENCES**

On behalf of all staff and students, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to any family in the school community who were bereaved in the past year and to the following in particular: to Mr Ahearne and Collie on the death of Cak Joyce, wife and mother ; to Ms Mac Donald and family on the death of her mother, Mrs Sheila Mac Donald: to Ms Wallace and family on the death of her mother, Mrs Margaret Wallace; Mrs Susan Dempsey and family on the death of her mother, Mrs Angela Whitmore ; to Reece Dobbs (Fifth Year) and the Dobbs family on the death of Willie Dobbs, Reece's father; to Jack Murphy (Third Year) and the Murphy family on the death of Jack's father, Francis ; to Mr Gerry Forde and his family on the death of his mother, Mrs Nellie Forde .

### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The board of management has had another busy year in guiding the fortunes of the school. I would like to thank Mr. Gerry Forde (Chairperson) and the other board members for their support and ongoing commitment to the school. The current board's term of office ends in October 2014.

### **PARENTS' COUNCIL**

The Parents' Council has also been very supportive of the school in the past year. I would like to thank the members of the Council for their efforts. Much of their work in endeavouring to further enhance our educational provision goes unheralded. This year the council co-sponsored the Gaeltacht scholarships in conjunction with the board of management. The Council also helped to fund the homework club. The Council has an important role to play in the running of the school. Active participation in the Council's affairs by even more parents would be welcome. I would particularly like to thank them for the fantastic work done for this year's Graduation reception in the school gym.

Six Gaeltacht scholarships were awarded this year and all six students will be heading to Coláiste na nOileán in Galway in June.



Our dynamic Roinn na Gaeilge also organised a very successful four day trip for 59 Transition Year and Fifth Year students to Coláiste Acla from 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May to improve their linguistic skills in our native

tongue and to help promote the language as a living one among the school cohort.



## **STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

I would like to thank the Students' Council for its contribution to school affairs during the last year. I would like, in particular, to thank Ryan Blanch (chairperson) and the other sixth year members of the council who will be leaving us this year for their efforts on behalf of the student body. Some members of the Council attended a workshop in Dublin on 30<sup>th</sup> April organised by the Edmund Rice Schools Trust.

## **SPORTING SUCCESS**

Extra-curricular activities play an important part in our educational provision here. Our existing activities were further complimented this year by the setting up of swimming and cycling clubs in the school.

Well done to our star athlete David McDonald who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump in the Intermediate Section of the Leinster Schools Athletics Finals recently and qualified for the All-Ireland Schools Finals on 31<sup>st</sup> May. David's performances are all the more remarkable given that he is young enough to compete in this grade next year. He has also been selected on the Irish team to compete in the upcoming Tailteann games. Well done also to Sam O'Neill who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100mhurdles in the Junior Section of the Leinster Schools Finals and also qualified for the All-Ireland Finals.

The sporting year was crowned by success on the rugby, hurling and Gaelic football fields. The Senior Rugby team won the McMullen Cup and were one match away from qualifying for the Leinster Senior Cup. This achievement was reflected in the fact that the school was awarded the 'Schools Special Merit Award' by the Leinster Branch of the IRFU at a function in the Mansion House recently. Mr Ahearne, Mr Walsh and Fr. Brian deserve special mention for their work with the team.





The Senior Hurling team won the Leinster C Senior Hurling Championship and was narrowly beaten in the All-Ireland final in this grade. The lads, under the tutelage of Mr Howlin, Fr. Brian Whelan and Willie Carley put in a great effort all year and were unlucky to fall short by two points on final day to Salesian College, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.





The Juvenile Gaelic Football team, under the guidance of Mr Davey and Mr Dennehy, reached the Leinster Final, only to go under by a wide margin against a very strong Granard team.

Congratulations also to Dale White (Transition Year) who won gold and bronze medals at the recent All-Ireland Kick Boxing Championships and who has been chosen to represent his country in the World Championships which will be held in Dublin in October.

### **LIVING FOR SPORT CHALLENGE**

Well done to the twenty third year students and ten first year students who took part in the SKY SPORTS "living for sport challenge" in school recently. The school had been chosen as one of eight schools to pilot the scheme in Ireland. This program has been up and running in England for many years. The idea is that the school runs some events to encourage more participation and enjoyment in sport among young people. SKY SPORTS provide a famous sporting ambassador to guide the students through the program and provide some useful tips on the skills needed to focus and hopefully succeed in sport and life. We had Eoin Rheinish, a triple Olympic kayaker (Athens, Beijing and London), who finished fourth in the Beijing games to work with the lads. As well as picking up useful advice the lads took part in a six week program where they tried "different" activities like cross country running, volleyball, weight training and insanity circuit training. They enjoyed the program and hopefully the experience will help them into the future. Thanks to Mr Hegarty, Mr Ahearne, Ms Hayes, Mr Kehoe, Ms Scallan, Ms Ivers and Paula Finn

who gave of their expertise during the program.



## **SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT**

Work is ongoing behind the scenes to advance the project. The job will go out to tender in the next few weeks and work is scheduled to begin on site in September. The initial part of the work involves construction of the new gym, computer room, storerooms and language laboratory. Work will also commence in installing temporary accommodation to facilitate the demolition of the front parts of the school to make way for the main school building. We will continue to work in the existing buildings until summer 2015.

## **LITERACY**

We have just completed Year 1 of the school's School Improvement Plan focusing on Literacy. The SIP is available on the school's website. All parents are asked to encourage their sons to read. Thank you to all

the first year parents who returned the recent literacy survey. The feedback from parents on the various initiatives was very positive and a number of interesting suggestions offered. Initiatives which have been put in place in the school to encourage reading among our students such as Drop Everything and Read and Book in the Bag will continue in the new school year. The continued support and co-operation of parents will be vital to their success as the school strives to further improve literacy standards in the school.

## **NUMERACY**

We will also be developing a School Improvement Plan focusing on Numeracy in 2014-15. A number of initiatives have already being implemented such as the Numeracy Wall and a weekly quiz.

Congratulations to Ryan Hodge (First Year) on winning a Kindle, which was the prize raffled among the winners of the weekly numeracy competition.

## **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Given the cutbacks in funding for education, parents' contributions are more important than ever. Higher insurance, electricity, gas and oil fuel combined with the reduction in the capitation grant to the school will mean that there will be even less money to meet the school's bills next year. I would like to thank those who have given generously this year and I would appeal to all parents to make an extra effort next year to contribute to the voluntary contribution at the beginning of the school year. Your financial contributions are greatly appreciated.

## **LOURDES PILGRIMAGES 2013-14**

This year seven of our students travelled to Lourdes to represent us on various pilgrimages. They acted as helpers on the pilgrimages and all found the experience to be a very rewarding one. Ryan D'arcy and Nicholas Maloney travelled on the IHCPT pilgrimage while Ross Long, Chris Doyle, Corey Mahon, Gearoid Finn and David Dempsey travelled on the diocesan pilgrimage as part of the Ferns delegation. I received very positive feedback from the group leaders on the students' contributions. They were a credit to their families and their school.





### **MENTAL HEALTH IRELAND PUBLIC SPEAKING ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS**

The Public Speaking team brought great pride to the school after landing the All-Ireland title in April. The team comprising of Ross Long, Matthew Devereux, Eric McGuire and Jack Crean performed superbly on the day and were a credit to themselves and their families. I would like to thank and congratulate them for their efforts throughout the year and to thank Mr Whitty for all the work he put in preparing the team.



## **ENROLMENT**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are reminded to have younger male siblings enrolled if they haven't already done so.

## **TRANSITION YEAR**

There will be three Transition Year classes next year. Sixty one students will take the Transition Year programme which will provide them with many educational challenges both within and beyond the school walls.

## **JUNIOR ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2013-14**

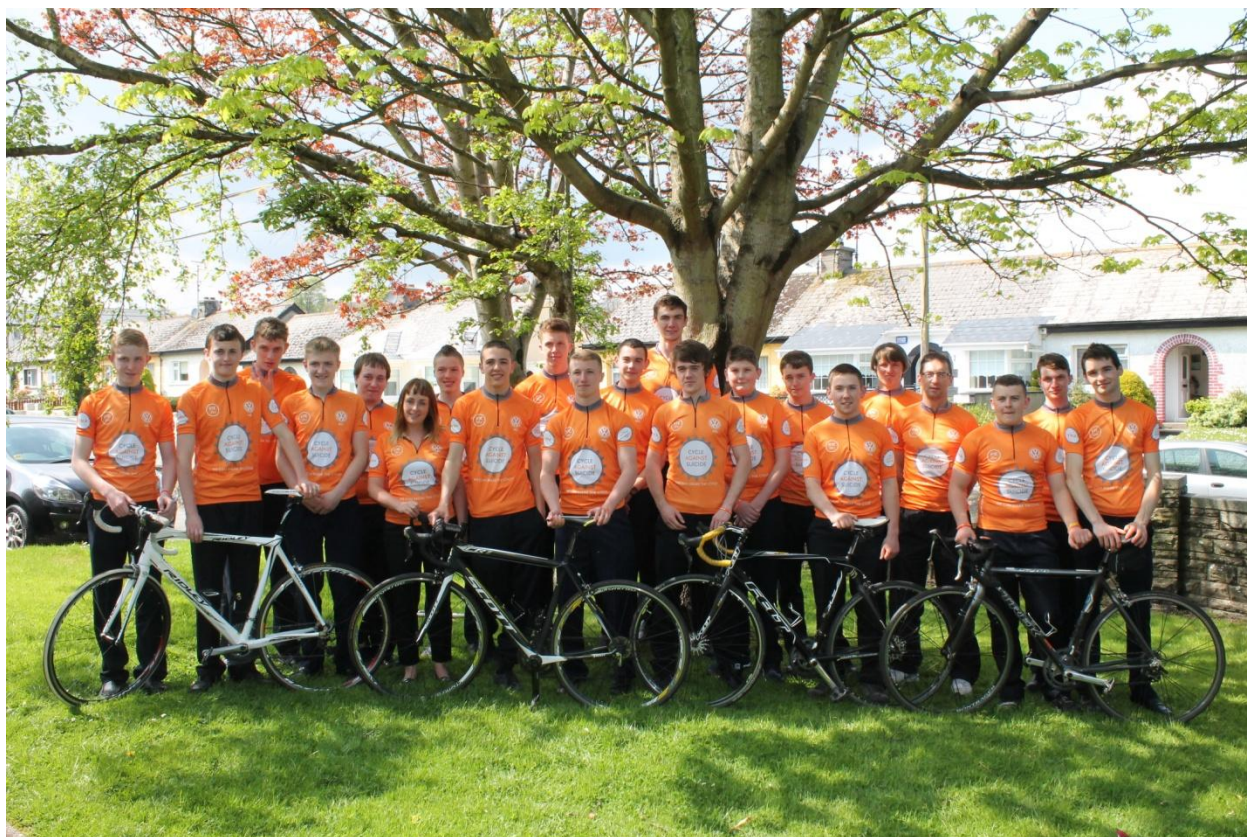
Coláiste Éamonn Rís was well represented at the X-Cel Enterprise Awards Co-Final 2014 in Whites Hotel on March 26<sup>th</sup> last. Best interview in the Junior Category went to Eoin's Treats- Eoin Kinsella, 2nd- Coinnle Ur- Shane Doyle & Shane Moore & 3rd- Bergins Biscuit Cake- Shane Bergin. Best report in Senior Section, Dylan Broaders- The Little Book of Business Studies. Well done to all the students involved and to Mrs Barry and Mr Smith for their work this year in promoting and fostering entrepreneurship in the school. Many students were also involved in the 'Build a Bank Initiative' and this project culminated in the launch of the bank by Kilkenny hurling legend, Henry Shefflin.



## CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE

Twenty students and three staff took part in this year's Cycle Against Suicide cycle from Carlow to Waterford. Many months of preparation took place in advance of the event. I would like to congratulate and thank Ms Ivers for her trojan work in spearheading the initiative in the school and thank her, staff members and parents who were involved in the training runs and also to congratulate all the students who took part in the cycle. Special mention to Jack Crean, Nicky Lawlor and Nicky Maloney who continued on for a further three days and finished in to Ennis.





### TEXT MESSAGING

As you are aware, a text message is sent out to parents of students who do not present at 9.05am or at 1.45pm. Text messages are also sent to alert parents about staff meetings, parent-teacher meetings, late detentions, report card detentions etc. Please ensure that if you change your mobile contact number that you let us know. Similarly, if you change address, please let us know in order to change your contact details on the school administration system.

### LUNCHTIME/SIGNING OUT

A reminder to all parents of Junior Cycle students that they are forbidden from leaving the school grounds at lunchtime unless accompanied by a parent or a teacher. No exceptions will be made. Junior Cycle students who leave the school premises without permission will face severe sanction. **Junior Cycle students must be collected if they need to leave the school premises during the school day for appointments etc. All pupils must get permission to sign out before leaving the school premises.**

### **ALLIANCE FRANCAISE WINNERS**

Well done to the French students who were prize winners in the 2014 Francophonie online contest, organised by the French Embassy in Ireland and the Alliance Francaise, Dublin. They were rewarded with a trip to the Irish Film Institute in Dublin for their endeavours. I would like to thank Ms Argue and French Assistant, Marjorie Sabbatorsi for involving the students in the project and for assisting them in their efforts.



### **BOOK FUND**

All parents who require financial help with the purchase of text books should have received the Book Grant form. These should be returned to the school as soon as possible. Limited funds will be available.

### **BOOKLISTS and EXAM TIMETABLES**

The 2014-15 booklists for the various years are available on the school website. Copies have also been distributed to each student. The 2014-15 school calendar is now also available on the school website. A copy will also be posted to each parent/guardian. The Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate timetables are also available on the school website and the State Examinations Commission website [www.sec.ie](http://www.sec.ie).

## **IMMERSION 2014-2015**

Preparatory work is under way for our next Immersion trip to Zambia. The trip is scheduled to take place in June 2015 and will be our fourth trip of this kind. The students will be actively involved in charity and community work during their stay. Much fundraising will need to be done in advance of the trip so any help they can get will be greatly appreciated. I would like to thank all the students who applied to participate in the programme. The following students were selected: Joe Redmond; Adam Barnes; Dillon Broaders; Ryan Byrne; Enda Doyle; Daniel Lynch; Eoin Hickey; Liam Hore; Rob Donnelly; Aaron Carley; Adam Baziz; Jack McGuire; David Gaule; Lee O'Connor; Brendan Furlong and Conor Larkin.

## **CHINA 2014-2015**

Preparations are also under way for next year's Transition Year trip to China. This year's trip was a great success with thirty one students and three teachers making the journey. They visited Beijing and X'ian for what was a wonderful educational experience. They visited the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace and went to view the Terracotta Warriors in X'ian.

## **GERMAN EXCHANGE**

Mrs Sinnott is currently planning a school exchange, in conjunction with the Loreto Secondary School, to St. Ursula's Catholic Secondary School in Baden-Wurtemberg in south-west Germany in early February. Those travelling will experience life in a German secondary school and stay with German families for a week.

The students who hosted our students in February will be coming to Wexford in September. They will attend classes and get a taste of Wexford life, while brushing up on their English.

## **PRODIGY LEARNING AWARD**

The school was presented with a 'Centre of Excellence Award' by a representative of Prodigy Learning recently in recognition of the fact that over 250 module exams of Micro Office Specialist (MOS) had



been successfully taken by the 2013-14 Transition Year students.



## END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Transition Year Awards ceremony was held in the school's G.P. room on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. This gave the Transition Year students an opportunity to showcase their year's work to their parents. Refreshments and musical entertainment were provided by the students.

Our ninth Annual Awards Night took place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the Riverbank Hotel. This year the guest speaker was Mayor George Lawlor. Mr Lawlor is a past pupil of the school. As well as his business and political interests, he is also involved in many cultural and organisations in the area. The awards ceremony is held to recognise and affirm the efforts of those of our students who have set high academic standards, those who have worked to the best of their ability and those who have set sporting standards in the school. They seek to affirm the positive and are a celebration of our students' academic and sporting excellence.

## **Academic Award Winners 2013-14**

### **First Year**

Ash : Gary Hall-Roche, Urie Sanin, Aaron Breen

Ash (Special Merit): Lee Somers and Sean Reck

Birch: George Gould, Paul Lohier, Marcin Bryla

Birch (Special Merit) Ian Browne and David Harte

Cedar: Fionn Roche, Cian Dempsey, Ryan Hodge

Cedar (Special Merit): Philip Cullen and Shane Doyle

Oak: Cian Foley, Jack Berry, Ryan Healy

Oak(Special Merit) Adrian Morris and Wiliam Cole

### **Second Year**

Boland: Conn McIntyre, Tony Wilde, Evan Daly

Boland (Special Merit): Eoghan Reck and Adam Butler

Heaney: Martin Kehoe, David Corish, Cormac Monaghan

Heaney (Special Merit): Ryan McLaughlin and Cian Rossiter

Meehan: Angelo Miculescu, Ben Butler, Luke O'Neill

Meehan (Special Merit): Jason Moore and Luke Flaherty

Yeats: Sam O'Neill, Kyle Long and Christopher O'Dowd

Yeats (Special Merit): David McDonald and Adam Flaherty

### **Third Year**

UCC: Chihun Lee, Tuan Wadding Hayes

UCC (Special Merit): Ben Walsh and Kean Kehoe

UCD: Abdullah Amin, Marco Fleck, Eoghan Mahon

UCD (Special Merit): Izaac Doyle and Paddy O'Reilly

UCG: Christopher Cash, Thomas O'Brien, Kevin Reddy

UCG (Special Merit): Enda Doyle and Aaron Carley

TCD: Ryan Byrne, Dylan Breen, Brian Sweetman

TCD (Special Merit): David Ngugi and John Anthony Murphy

### **Transition Year**

**Spirit of Transition Award Winner 2013-14-** Dylan Broaders

**Master Microsoft Office Specialist Certificate-** Eoin Hickey

**Enterprise Award-**Dylan Broaders

### **Fifth Year**

Irish (H): Gearoid Finn

Irish (O): James Pierce

English (H): Conor Bolger

English (O): Lee Dryburgh

Applied Maths: Seán Gayer

Maths (H): Hwan Lee

Maths (O): Jack Barrett

History: Emmet Sinnott

Geography: Conor Bolger

French: Patryk Dluzynski

German: Luke Lambert

Accounting: Robert Scully

Business: Ciaran Kirwan

Physics: Patryk Dluzynski

Chemistry: Gearoid Finn



Art: Evan Dempsey

Construction Studies: Niall Connick

Design & Communication Graphics: Sean Gayer

Biology: Hwan Lee

Music: Dylan McDonald

Religion: David Dempsey

Classical Studies: Craig Murphy

The Sixth Year Graduation Mass and Awards was held in the G.P. room in the school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm, celebrated by Fr. Brian Whelan and Fr. Lorenzo Cleary. All Sixth Years and their families were invited to attend. The Parents' Council provided some refreshments in the gym afterwards. I would like to thank all associated with the end of year awards and ceremonies for all the hard work in making the night such a success.

#### **Sixth Year Academic Award Winners**

Irish (H): Colm Joyce-Ahearne

English (H): Colm Joyce-Ahearne

Applied Maths: Adam McGuire

Maths (H): Colm Joyce-Ahearne

History: Stephen Dempsey

Geography: John Joe Browne

French: Colm Joyce-Ahearne

German: Adam McGuire

Accounting: Colm Joyce-Ahearne

Business: John Joe Browne

Physics: Stephen Healy

Chemistry: Stephen Healy

Art: Robert Smith

Construction Studies: Steve Roche

Design & Communication Graphics: Jamie McDonnell

L.C.V.P.: Conor Byrne

Biology: Colm Joyce-Ahearne

Music: Marty Mullally

**Edmund Rice Award Winner: Conor Byrne**

**Kathleen Fahy Award Winner: Conor Byrne**

**Performing Arts Award Winner: Luke Jackson**

#### **SPORTS AWARD WINNERS 2013-14**

U.19 Soccer- Lar Stoutt

U.17 Soccer-Alex Bergin

U.15 Soccer-T.J. Cousins

Senior Football- Jamie McDonnell

Junior Football- Jack O'Leary

Juvenile Football-Kallum Broaders/ Cian Foley

Senior Hurling-Evan Dunbar

Junior Hurling-Stephen Kearney

Juvenile Hurling- Cathal Kirwan

Senior Rugby-Josh Healy/Mikey Roche

Junior Rugby-Chihun Lee

First Year Rugby- Ryan Healy

Senior Athlete-Shaun Donohue

Junior Athlete-Sam O'Neill

Golfer of the Year-Brad Cohen

First Year Basketball- Ryan Kavanagh

Second Year Basketball-Shane Jordan

## **CAREER GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING – Ms. Barnwell**

### **CAO:**

6th year students are now in a position to review their CAO course choices for college through utilising the CAO 'change of mind' service. This facility allows students who have applied for CAO to add to, delete or alter the order of their course preferences. Changes can be made on line and it is advisable to do this as opposed to filling out paperwork as it helps avoid any mistakes. This facility will remain open until July 1<sup>st</sup>. After this date it will not be possible to amend selections. It is vital that every student enters their selections in genuine order of preference so as to avoid disappointment when offers are released in August.

On this note, it is important to note that CAO offers will be issued in August a number of days after Leaving certificate results have been released. Offers are usually issued at 6am on the CAO official website on the student's individual account and can be accepted online. There is usually a week's grace period within which students must decide whether they will accept the offer made. It is important to note that if a student fails to accept an offer and subsequently receives no further offers should there be a second round, they will have no entitlement to then accept the first offer. Second round offers are by no means guaranteed so it is advisable to accept first round offers. Should a second offer arise, the student may then accept it if they wish and it cancels out the first offer. If there are any queries whatsoever on this process, students & parents can contact Ms. Barnwell on [cbwexgc@gmail.com](mailto:cbwexgc@gmail.com) . There is also a contact facility for CAO which can be found on their website [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) .

### **Grants:**

All 6<sup>th</sup> year students have received information on how to go about applying for both fee and maintenance grants. All applications are now centralised through SUSI. Information on eligibility, income limits, candidate status etc. can be found on the official website [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) . A contact number for the SUSI support helpline as well as an email address for same can also be found on this website. Should parents/guardians wish to view a step by step guide on how to make a grant application, a video tutorial can be found by logging onto [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and entering 'susi video' in the search bar. This will show a 15 minute clip on the stages of the application and can be extremely useful especially for first time applicants. Various documents are needed to support the application and these are outlined in this video. Finally, applications opened on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and will remain open for the summer. Applications must be made through [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie) and I would advise that they are made as soon as possible so as not to risk any delays in payment once a student has enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> level or further education.



*Note:* Grant applications may also be made for students intending on pursuing a PLC course upon leaving school.

### **RDS Higher Options seminar September 2014:**

Every September, The Irish Times Higher Options brings a world of study choice to students. For three days, students are offered a unique opportunity to meet directly with over 150 representatives from universities, colleges and education institutions from Ireland, the UK, Europe and beyond. This year, on September 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) I will be taking a group of 50 students (next year's 6<sup>th</sup> years) to this great event. It will provide an invaluable experience in terms of information gathering and fact-finding for students exploring their options upon leaving the CBS. There will be various talks running throughout the day on different career paths as well as stands from each institution whereby students can pose questions to the relevant people on their courses of interest.

Throughout the year it is intended to also have numerous guest speakers from numerous institutions come into the school to speak to next year's 6<sup>th</sup> year students.

On a final note, just a reminder that careers, educational, or personal counselling appointments with Ms. Barnwell are available to all students in the school at any time throughout the coming academic year. Students who need assistance in any of these 3 areas are strongly encouraged to approach the Guidance office to make an appointment. Alternatively, any general queries, appointment requests etc. can be sent directly to Ms. Barnwell at [cbswexgc@gmail.com](mailto:cbswexgc@gmail.com).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **Re-opening dates:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014 First Year Induction Day 9.05am-4pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Year / Transition Year/ 5<sup>th</sup> Year 9.30-12.00

3<sup>rd</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Year 1.30-4.00

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 All Years

### **UNIFORMS**

**All Junior Cycle students require a school jacket as part of the school uniform in 2014-15. If any current First or Second Year student requires a new jacket, his order should be placed with the school secretary.**

Incoming Fifth Year and Transition Year students will require the blue polo short/ sweater combination instead of the blue shirt, tie and grey jumper. However, students going into T.Y. or Fifth Year may wear

their current jackets if they wish. The jackets/polo shirts/sweaters are only available from the school. Orders will be taken on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm-5pm with a view to having the merchandise on sale in the school prior to the opening of the new school year. Parents will be contacted by text re times and dates in August. Any incoming Sixth Year who requires a sweater, polo shirt or jacket should also order from Bernie in the office.

### **MEITHEAL LEADERS 2014-15**

Congratulations to all the fifth year students who applied to become Meitheal leaders for 2014-15. Twelve were selected from the applicants following an interview process held outside the school. The Meitheal leaders act as mentors for the first year cohort and play an important role in ensuring that each one of them has a friendly and accessible outlet to share and address any problem that may arise.



### **SCHOOL CLOSING**

The school office will close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June @4.30pm and will re-open on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August @ 9am. The Leaving Certificate results are due out on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

## **PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

**For health, safety and child protection reasons, all visitors to the school must enter the school through the front lobby and must wait there for attention. Any parent who wishes to meet with a member of staff should contact the school office and arrange an appointment. Parents are not to accompany a student to class under any circumstances.**

## **FINALLY**

I would like to wish all our staff, parents/guardians and students a safe and enjoyable summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí

Michael Mc Mahon.