

Colaiste Eamon Ris – An Edmund Rice School

SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU

As the 2019-20 school year draws to a close in Colaiste Eamon Ris, it is time to reflect on what has been an unprecedented and challenging one. I hope you, your family and friends are keeping well and safe. The school closure brought about by the arrival of Covid-19 certainly brought many challenges to us all, not least the necessity to provide distance learning for our students. I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts in facilitating distance learning while also trying to support and encourage our students from afar. I would also like to thank you as parent/guardians for supporting us in our efforts and for the very positive feedback I received from many parents. On the whole student engagement was very positive with most students making a very good effort at work, projects, CBAs etc. It is very likely that there may be an element of blended learning for some time in the new academic year as well so it's important that all students are prepared for this reality over the summer.

BEST WISHES

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Leaving Certificate class of 2020 the best of luck in the future. The uncertainty around the scheduling of the Leaving Certificate exams obviously created much anxiety with the decision ultimately to go for a different model based on calculated grades was not to everyone's satisfaction either. Be that as it may, our Leaving Certificate 2020 cohort have certainly built their resilience which will stand them to good stead in the future. We hope to mark the occasion of their graduation from us in the traditional and fitting way when this is possible.

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 of Management members for their support and ongoing commitment to the school. The current board's term of office ends in October 2020.

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 in reviewing policies and to their representatives for attending sub-committee or board of management meetings etc.

CBS ENTERPRISE EDUCATION

Another very successful year of Enterprise Education was had in CBS. Yet again at Co-Level we scooped multiple awards. We are very proud of all our young entrepreneurs that won their school final & represented the school at this level. They were interviewed at County Council Buildings on March 4th by representatives from Wexford Local Enterprise Office and members of the Wexford business community. The Co-final was due to take place in The National Opera House on March 19th but this was not to happen due to Covid 19. However, the results were revealed online. 1st & 2nd yr students -Evan Dwyer & Jamie Clancy – J & E Enterprises were Runner-up in the Intermediate Category; Rian Doyle, 1st Year was awarded Joint Third Place in the Junior Category with his mini company Brilliant Bakes. Cousins Jack & Calum Corcoran were awarded 1st place in the Social Impact Award Category with their mini company Cul jerseys. Award ceremony and presentations will take place at a later stage and we are looking forward to this occasion!

Well done to all our young entrepreneurs throughout the year and thank you to our Enterprise teachers Ms Codd & Mrs Barry and also to Mr Byrne & Ms McGrath who helped out during the year. We look forward to another year of Enterprise Education in the CBS where new product & service ideas will be tried and tested!







VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Parents' contributions are as important and as welcome as ever. Higher insurance, electricity and heating bills over the last number of years mean that it will be harder to pay the school's bills next year. I would like to thank those who have given generously this year and would appeal to all parents to make

an extra effort next year to contribute to the voluntary contribution at the beginning of the new school year. Your financial contributions are greatly appreciated. Next September all students will have 24 hours insurance cover and the cost of same will be covered out of the voluntary contribution. We have spent some money putting in a temporary surface on the school pitch in order to provide some much-needed green space. As previously outlined, we hope to install a pitch to complete the school re-development and all costs of same will also have to be borne by the school. However, we are not yet in a strong enough financial position to get the necessary approval from our Trustees.

ENROLMENT

The school's Admissions Policy is currently under review and will go to the Trustees for approval to publish. There will be some changes to the existing policy to reflect the parameters set out in the recently enacted legislation dealing with such matters.

TRANSITION YEAR

With the timetable changing every 7-8 weeks in TY, students were busy learning new exciting modules. In January the students travelled to the Cycle Against Suicide Student Congress in Dublin. Students also took part in a Dance Workshop and learned a new dance for the planned Talent Show. In February the boys took part in the Drivers Ed Programme which proved to be the highlight of the year for most students. The programme is a fantastic, hands on learning experience for all students. Each student got a chance to:

- Drive a vehicle
- Change wheels safely
- Practice Theory test
- Buying and Taxing a Vehicle
- Basic Mechanics.

In March the boys had a trip to LeisureMax with a day of fun filled activities including bowling, archery and zip lines. A Ceili Against Suicide was organised in the Wexford County Council Building in which students from our school and the Loreto took part in. Our final trip of the year was to the Institute of Technology in Carlow. We got a tour of impressive, modern campus. The students were particularly impressed with the Aerospace and Sports Department.

Unfortunately, the year was cut short due to the pandemic. The school tours to China and Italy and trips to Tayto Park and Surfing and a Song School workshop could not take place.

TESA AWARDS SUMMIT –

Gold for Wexford CBS in Enterprise Education

CBS Wexford was invited to attend the TESA Summit at Microsoft in Leopardstown.

Thomas Cooney, professor in entrepreneurship at Technological University Dublin, delivers his keynote speech at the TESA Summit: he told how entrepreneurship education can help prepare schoolchildren for their future careers and lives. "Research in Denmark has shown that students who take entrepreneurship education are better attenders at school, interact better with their peers and their teachers, and perform better across their various subjects. Research from the Netherlands has found that students who study entrepreneurship significantly increase their confidence in skills such as risk tolerance, creativity and proactivity.

"Entrepreneurship education is not just about encouraging young people to start a business in their future life, it is about developing their cognitive and non-cognitive skillsets for the careers and lives that lie ahead."

Cooney said the awards are a way of celebrating schools which actively embrace the ethos of entrepreneurial education and recognise the value it brings to learning. An evaluation panel led by Cooney and various professionals from educational and entrepreneurial backgrounds validated the applications across Gold, Silver and Bronze standards, and then had the difficult job of selecting five category winners and one overall winner.

Wexford CBS were delighted to be awarded a Gold Standard in Enterprise Education which is testament to the hard work put in by teachers Mrs Barry, Mrs Codd and all CBS Enterprise students. Gold standards were awarded to schools which adopt a whole school approach with students and teachers from all age ranges. The judges identified that entrepreneurial education is embedded in the teaching curriculum in the school. A proactive approach to community engagement with positive partnerships with a variety of local agencies and businesses is also clearly evident and to a very high standard in CBS.



ATHLETICS

The athletics year for the runners in the school began with the Wexford cross country in Adamstown on 23rd January. The senior boys (under 19) team of Conor Keane, Darragh Collins, Owen McNulty and Rian Doyle took team gold on the day with Pierce McDonnell, David Kelly, Oliver Gould and Shane Sweetman making up the silver medal team. The senior boys have now won 5 county titles in a row with Conor Keane and Darragh Collins ever present members of the team. The school's intermediate team (under 17) finished up in second place on the day. The members of that team included Alex Gregg, Tadhg Hayes, Noah Whelan, Nicolai Tcaci, Ben English, Rian Sammon, Shea Ryan and Daithi Murphy. The highest finisher for the school in the Junior boys (under 15) race was James Hegarty who came home in 4th place.

The next race in the athletics calendar was the south Leinster cross country in Carlow town on 30th January. The senior boys team of Conor Keane, Darragh Collins, Owen McNulty, Pierce McDonnell, Rian Doyle, Alex Looney and Shane Sweetman qualified for the Leinster final after finishing in third position. St Kieran's College Kilkenny and Naas CBS finished first and second on the day.



The senior boys' team at the south Leinsters in Carlow

The Leinster cross country was held in Santry on 12th February. The boys found competition tough on the day with the senior boys' team not able to qualify for the All Ireland cross country. Conor Keane and Darragh Collins were the school's highest finishers on the day. Belvedere college won the senior boys' race on the day.

The track and field season was due to take place in April and May. Jack Forde and Gergely Pap would have been looking to medal at the All Ireland track and field championships. Gergely was showing good form having come second in the Shot Putt at the National Junior indoors in Athlone in January. Jack won the national indoor under 18 combined events in Athlone IT in January and would have been hoping to excel in the track and field events this season.

WELL-BEING WEEK

Wexford CBS Secondary School recently held their Well-being Week. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, it took a different format. The Well-being Committee led by Mrs. Ann Barry had been working since September to ensure a successful line-up of events. Flexibility was required and the proposed Well-being Week schedule was adapted to suit the virtual world. The daily themes of 'connect', 'be active', 'take notice', 'keep learning' and 'give' were identified and explored throughout the week, utilising many online platforms.

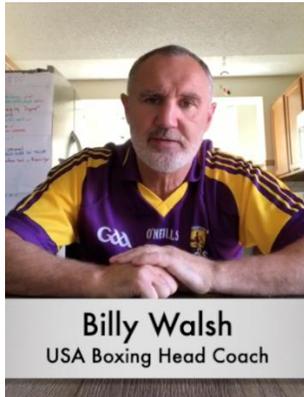
Well-being Week 2020 kicked off with a morning meditation from teacher Mrs. Hayes. This set the tone for the week as it encouraged our school community to stay well and keep connected during these unprecedented times. Our PE teachers, Mr. Kehoe and Mr. Colfer helped keep us in shape throughout the week with their daily five-minute workouts at morning break. Our Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Goff, provided us with some relaxation techniques during her online chair yoga demonstration. TY student, Quinton Kelly's graphic design skills, greatly enhanced the online promotion of Well-being Week.

Our students benefited greatly from listening to guest speakers from all walks of life during the week. They were also even treated to lunch with our School Chaplain Fr. James Cullen in the middle of the week. Through Microsoft Teams, guest speakers spoke about self-care, motivation and self-connection. Colin Browne, class of 1992 and leader of Global Sales Operations at Microsoft spoke to our first-year students about the importance of staying safe and well online. Dee O'Keefe, Wexford Hurling All-Star, spoke to our second and third years about the importance of self-care during Covid-19. Marie Casey-Breen, cancer survivor, Ironman competitor and motivational speaker, offered her words of wisdom to our transition year students. Collette O'Doherty from the Spirit Group encouraged and showed our fifth-year students ways to self-connect at this time. To finish our line-up of guest speakers, past pupil and Life Coach Damien Wade, provided our sixth-year students with words of encouragement as they embark on their individual journeys.

The highlight of the week was the publication of Wexford CBS #staywellconnected videos edited by Mr. Byrne, which were released on our social media pages daily. We called on our students and staff members, both past and present to send in a short video-clip showing how they self-care and stay connected at this

time. There was an overwhelming response from all corners of the world. Messages were received from places as far as Vietnam, China and the USA. It was wonderful hearing from past students and staff members as it gave an insight to our current students of where life could possibly take them.

Well-being Week 2020 exceeded expectations and even though we are currently living through a pandemic, it encouraged us to self-care and gave us an opportunity to stay connected to our past and present Wexford CBS school community all over the world.



HURLING NEWS

It has been a very busy year since we started back in late August. CBS hurling is on the crest of a wave after the summer of 2019 as a Bokerboy led Wexford to their first Leinster minor hurling final success since 1985. Team captain Richard Lawlor was joined by six other CBS students on the Wexford panel – Kyle Scallan, Josh Shiel, Michael Laffan, Darragh Carley, Eoin Kavanagh and Jason Gordon



On our own playing fields, it is exciting to report that all Wexford CBS hurling teams competed at Leinster 'B' level this year having been at 'C' for many years. The juniors were the first team in action and enjoyed super victories over FCJ Bunclody and Abbey CC Ferrybank before losing to Gorey CS in the final round. This qualified us for the Shield 'B' final where we underperformed and lost to FCJ Bunclody. Our senior hurlers travelled to Ferrybank in Waterford in November to take on the local Abbey Community College but lost out by 0-19 to 0-13. This put the lads under pressure and basically in knock

out hurling. We responded in round two and recorded a super three point victory over Castlecomer CS who were in last year's All-Ireland final. This set up a winner takes all showdown with Gorey CS and unfortunately our lads went under by just one point and exited the championship. This group of hurlers have given distinguished service to Wexford CBS hurling and leave the school with South Leinster 'C' medals at juvenile and senior level from their time here. We wish them every success in their future hurling careers.

The first years participated in a county blitz in Pairc Charman in October and it is pleasing to note that CBS emerged victorious from a blitz day involving St. Peter's College, Good Counsel College and Abbey CC (Ferrybank). These young men were scheduled to play Gorey CS on March 13 but school had closed by that stage and unfortunately the championship is unfinished. The second years were due to play Gorey CS on the same day but covid-19 has ended their championship! Not to worry, these young men have plenty of time to represent the school on the hurling field.

After having seven hurlers on the county minor panel in 2019, it was heartening to see CBS yet again had seven on the 2020 panel who have seen their preparations limited by the Pandemic. Well done to Darragh Carley, Jason Gordon, Cian Doyle, Mark Doyle, Ollie McClair, Eoin Hartigan and Josh Carley. Nine of our students were involved with the Wexford Schools Combined team which competes in the Leinster Schools SHC 'A' championship. The team had a great win over Dublin South but lost by 0-4 to Dublin North and were knocked out. This is fantastic exposure to elite schools hurling for our students. Well done to Kyle Scallan, Joe Barrett, Richard Lawlor, Josh Shiel, Eoin Kavanagh, Glen Murphy-Butler, Jason Gordon, Charlie McClair and Sean Byrne. Thanks to Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brosnan, Mr Foley and Mr. Howlin who continue to give their time to coach the CBS hurlers and it is also important to note the excellent coaching provided by Willie Cleary. We are also indebted to Faythe Harriers and St. Mary's Maudlintown for the use of their facilities.

Hurlers of the Year:

Senior – Joe Barrett

Junior – Darragh Carley

Second Year – Páidí Doyle

First Year – Jamie Doyle

JUNIOR RUGBY

It's fair to say that our Junior rugby team had the most successful rugby year at junior level that the school has ever seen. The junior rugby team went from playing in the third division at the beginning of the year to getting through to play in the Junior Cup.

The team made up of second and third year students were the first ever Wexford schools team to make it to the Leinster Schools junior cup competition. The boys' rugby achievements didn't stop at junior cup though. Along with this they were in the final of the Duff Cup and Fr. Godfrey cup. The team didn't get to play these finals but the Leinster Branch have awarded the team a shared win in both cups.



CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE

HEADSTRONG Programme, facilitated by Cycle Against Suicide

Cycle Against Suicide are working with the Mental Health Commission of Canada in introducing HEADSTRONG, an evidence-based anti-stigma initiative throughout schools in Ireland.

Over 5 years, leading researchers evaluated 60 anti-stigma programs. HEADSTRONG was born from the best evidence. This school programme inspires youth ages 12-18 to Be Brave, Reach Out and Speak Up about mental health. HEADSTRONG teaches students how to reduce stigma and become mental health champions in their schools. It challenges students to examine the dangers of stereotypes and the harm created by stigma.

Coláiste Éamonn Rís, Wexford has embraced this programme wholeheartedly. Transition Year students are the leaders, organisers and facilitators of this great initiative. There are three main areas within the programme, each with various themes.

HEADSTRONG Programme:

Area One: Compulsory Section has three areas: 1. Coping with Stress, 2. Bullying and Look Out... How to Talk About it

Area Two: Optional Section has eight areas to choose from: Eating Disorders, Physical Health, Social Media, Body Image, LGBTQ+, Sport, Grief and Peer Pressure. Our student leaders decided to focus on Social Media, Sport and Grief this year.

Area Three: Mental Illness: Anxiety, Depression, Schizophrenia, Personality Disorder, OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), Bipolar, Paranoia, Addiction, PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder), ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and Other. Our student leaders decided to focus on Anxiety and Depression.

A range of activities and events were organised throughout the year. During the first few weeks the Spinathon gathered momentum as over 300km were clocked up; The Vent-in-the-Tent, Spiegeltent, Wexford with Ask Campaign and "Face in the Crowd" with the Wexford Arts Centre were local events attend by senior cycle students. Our student leaders organised "Tutor Class Challenges" for Mental Health Week with the Final Plank-Off won by Seán White with 10minutes and 18seconds, followed by Niks Ziemelis and Conor Brady.

The Transition Years pedalled their way on the Greenway Cycle from Dungarvan-Waterford (48km). It was a windy, wet and bumpy cycle where their resilience was definitely tested. Next Transition Year students engaged in Peer-Peer Teaching on Stigma with other year groups. Once again, resilience, presenter and organisation skills were at the fore.





Students completed Resilience Worksheets and TY Ulster created a creative and clever Eating Healthy Poster. The “Mask you Live in” Documentary on Development of Young Male Adolescents, Podcasts on Mental Health, a Social Media THINK b4 You Post Campaign were carried out by a range of students. The message delivered during the TY Leinster Social Media Campaign is especially relevant as we have increased our use and reliance on digital communication:

B4 You Post: THINK....Is it **Thoughtful**, **Helpful**, **Inspiring**, **Necessary** and/or **Kind**. If not, **DON'T** Post, **THINK!**

The Christmas Babble Greeting/Gratitude Campaign ran by TY Connaught allowed us to come together as a school community and reach out or send a message to a loved one either with us or not during the festive season.

All Transition Year students had the opportunity to attend the Cycle Against Suicide Student Congress in Dublin and the Céilí Against Suicide in the Wexford County Council Building.

As we moved into the Spring Term, TY Munster rose to the challenge of researching and creating Anxiety Presentations for Well-Being Week. The digital skills they had acquired throughout the year were show cased across all year groups. A final round up of Reflective Posters were submitted to end the year.





TEXT MESSAGING

As you are aware, a text message is sent out to parents of students who do not present at 8.50 am or at 1.50 pm. 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The annual CBS Christmas Fair held in St. Michael's Hall on Thursday 5/12/20 and was a great success. Students from 1st, 2nd and Transition Year set up a mini-business which involved researching their product and services, producing a prototype and marketing and selling their product. There was a wide variety of products available on the day including Christmas logs and wreath, Christmas trees made from off cuts of stainless steel, bottle cap keyrings, medal holders with club crests, CBS power banks, CBS hoodies, shorts, half zips et. Santa Claus greeted all the children from the primary school and there was mulled wine and mince pies available for all. The children enjoyed Christmas colouring and face painting. Money was raised for St. Vincent de Paul and CBS Zambia Immersion Project. Thank you to all who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a wonderful event.





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.**

BOOK FUND

All parents who required some financial help with the purchase of text books should have downloaded the Book Grant form from the school website, filled it in and returned it by email to admin@wexfordcbs.ie.

BOOKLISTS, 2020-21CALENDAR

The 2020-21 booklists for the various years are available on the school website. The 2020-21 school calendar is now also available on the school website.

CUMANN ÉAMAINN RÍS

Well done to all the members of the Justice and Peace Society who undertook various initiatives in the school in the past year. The society reflects the values of Edmund Rice and presented further leadership opportunities for our students.

SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

We are currently finalising the list of class academic award and sports awards winners. The annual Awards Night to celebrate the winners will be rescheduled at an appropriate and safe time.

Colaiste Eamonn Ris

Career Guidance 2019/2020

Here is an idea of some of the activities and events that students took part in from Christmas until COVID-19 hit, as part of Career Guidance in Colaiste Eamonn Ris.

5th Year Trip to Maynooth University: On the 28th February 2020 50 5th Year students travelled to Maynooth University for a Campus Tour.







TY Guest Speaker from WIT Tourism and Hospitality: TYs also had a guest speaker, Anne Grace, in from WIT who spoke to them about the Tourism and Hospitality Industry and the courses the WIT has to offer in this area. She also offered the boys some very wise words about their future choices.





TY Trip to Carlow IT Carlow Campus: On the 12th March 2020 all TY students headed to Carlow IT for a Campus Tour and also got to hear what Carlow have to offer. They also heard talks from two current Wexford Hurlers – Cathal Dunbar & Seamus Casey, who spoke to them about their experience of studying in Carlow IT.







THIS WAS THE FINAL EVENT TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE COVID-19!



REMINDER TO ALL 6TH YEARS THAT YOUR FREE REACH+ ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS KINDLY OFFERED BY CAREERSPORTAL IS STILL ACTIVE, AND WILL REMAIN ACTIVE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU TRANSITION INTO THIRD LEVEL. THIS IS A FANTASTIC RESOURCE TO HELP YOU PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE INCLUDING SEARCHING SPECIFIC CAREERS AND COURSES. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU USE THE COMING WEEKS TO CONDUCT AS MUCH RESEARCH AS POSSIBLE. YOU RECEIVED THE LOGIN DETAILS FROM ME VIA YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL.

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REMINDER TO ALL 6TH YEARS THAT THE CAO CHANGE OF MIND FACILITY IS CURRENTLY OPEN TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO MAKE CHANGES TO THEIR APPLICATION!! THIS WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 1ST JULY.



REMINDER TO ALL 6TH YEARS THAT THE SUSI GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS IS CURRENTLY OPEN FOR NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AS IT IS BASED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.



I WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE COMING WEEKS FOR ANY STUDENTS THAT HAVE ANY CAREER GUIDANCE QUESTIONS OR QUERIES SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME VIA EMAIL - lgoff@wexfordcbs.ie.

Class of 2020

“This is your life, your journey, your story, your book. As one chapter ends, the next is just beginning. Do not let anyone else write it and do not apologize for the edits you make along the way. Just make sure it is one worth reading!”

Wishing you a lifetime of love, happiness and health now and always.

Best of luck – Ms Goff.

CAREER GUIDANCE WEBSITE

For further information, please make sure that you check out the Career Guidance Website which can be accessed through the school website at; <http://www.wexfordcbs.ie/> under Pastoral Care/Career Guidance. On the website you will find upcoming events and key dates, up to date careers/college information, careers/college articles, mental health articles and information, links to relevant websites and much more.

Welcome to our Guidance Counselling Website!

Recent Downloads

Leaving Certificate Preparation -
Managing Thoughts & Feelings
Dealing with Fear while Preparing
for Exams
Dealing with Anxiety while Preparing
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Advice to Young People while
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Wexford CBS

Welcome to the Career Guidance Website of Colaiste Eamonn Ris, Wexford.

Guidance and Counselling Service:

Guidance - refers to a range of learning experiences provided in a developmental sequence, designed to assist students to make choices about their lives. These choices may be categorised into three separate but interlinked areas Personal and Social, Educational and Career.

Counselling - Counselling empowers the students to make decisions, solve problems, change behaviours and resolve issues in their lives. Sometimes in Colaiste Eamonn Ris this may be personal counselling, educational counselling, career counselling or it may involve combinations of each. Counselling is a key part of the school guidance key programme offered on an individual or group basis as part of a developmental learning process and at

School Guidance Noticeboard

No notices at the moment... keep watching!

Career Events Nationwide

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Tourism, Culinary Arts and
Hospitality Management -
Live Q&A
Monday, May 11, 10:30
TU Dublin - City Campus

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Hospitality Management -
Live Q&A
Monday, May 11, 10:30
TU Dublin - Tallaght

I hope that all students and their families and friends have a healthy & relaxing Summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well at the beginning of the new school year.

“We are not all in the same boat, but we are all in the same storm, therefore support each other, be kind and don’t judge”.

Ms Goff

SCHOOL BANK

The school bank team had another very successful year. TY students applied for positions within the bank and were interviewed by bank personnel. Those selected for positions then worked with Bank of Ireland, who provide training and support. Peter Cooney from Bank of Ireland helped the team set up and show the students how easy it was to open an account. This year they successfully opened over 60 student current accounts where students have access to contactless payments and online banking.

It was a great experience for those who were selected for the following roles within the school bank team.

School bank team:

Bank Manager -Quinton Kelly

Bank Sales and Marketing Manager -Cillian Doyle

Bank Digital Manager - Jack Corcoran

Bank Operations and Audit Managers - Callum Cullen, Ryan Malone, Harry Ransom, Elliot Doyle.

Thanks to everyone who supported the school bank this year!

UNIFORMS

All students require a school jacket as part of the school uniform. Jackets are available from a number of outlets in the town. Incoming Fifth Year and Transition Year students will require the blue polo short/sweater combination instead of the blue shirt, tie and grey jumper.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Summer reports for first, second, third, T.Y. and fifth year students will be finalised and available on the school's E-Portal system by Friday 12th June. Those experiencing difficulties with passwords etc. should contact admin@wexfordcbs.ie. Please keep a record of your password. Third year students will be receiving a JC Report. This will also be accessible through E-Portal but we will also be sending out a hard copy to each student.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 365

All students have been issued with school email addresses. Passwords should be stored securely and not shared with any other student.

FINALLY

I am taking a career break for the 2020-21 academic year. Mr John Hegarty has been appointed Acting Principal and Mr John Nolan has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal. I would like to wish them well for the year ahead.

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

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Michael McMahon