

## **Principal's Report – Parents' Association AGM 2019-2020**

- LC and JC results 2019 were excellent- above the national average
- All subjects for 1st year 2019 have new JC specifications
- Tutor time introduced twice a week
- New Board of Management October 2019
- School year dominated by Covid 19 but between August and March it was a regular school year beginning with the induction of the new 1st years, Lourdes pilgrimage, Junior Cert 2018 results, appointment of Student Enrichment Officer, Retreats, PTMs, sports training and matches, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas holidays, mocks and then the realities of Covid 19 began to impinge on school life beginning with restrictions on sport, travel and visitors to the school.
- Very lucky that Sr. Orla Treacy met with all the students in the school on Friday 6th of March to talk about the work of Loreto Rumbek.
- 12th March brought the announcement of the closure of schools and the move to online teaching and learning.
- Continued with involvement in the Well Read programme – literacy initiative & also to improve level of reading among students
- Continued involvement in the Autism Friendly Schools Pilot Project
- The school received its 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Flag.
- Online teaching and learning continued from 13th March to the end of the school year.
- Kolkata Immersion Programme, school trips and outings cancelled due to the Covid crisis.
- JC and LC exams 2020 cancelled. Schools given autonomy over JC reporting and Calculated Grades were introduced for LC 2020.
- LCPE introduced in September 2020.

- Virtual Spirit Week, Sports Day, Portrait Artist of the Green and virtual assemblies and a 6th year graduation marked the end of the school year.
- Calculated Grades process completed by the school in June.
- Summer months especially the end of July and all of August were spent preparing for the return of students and staff to school.
- JC 2020 students will receive a school based JCPA in the coming weeks.
- Prizegiving for the 2019/2020 school year took place for each individual year group before midterm October 2020
- Prizegiving for the LC class of 2020 is being finalised. Information will be shared when all details have been finalised.
- Flexibuzz became obsolete so a new app is now in place.
- Social media presence with instagram and twitter accounts
- Mrs Lily Carroll, housekeeping staff, died October 2019
- Ms Carmel Geraghty, Latin teacher died in February 2020
- Ms Claudine Prendergast retired in August 2020. She taught for over 30 years in Loreto College.

Thank you to the PA and all the parents for their continued support throughout the school year.