

Principal's Report
Thursday 17th November

Pastoral/Religious

- Congratulations to Ms Stephenie Curtis on the birth of Liam
- New quiet area created in the canteen area (next to new classroom). Ms Madden has also been relocated to this area.

Academics - Teaching and Learning

- November exams:
 - 5th and 6th Years - 12th - 20th November
 - 2nd and 3rd Years - 16th - 20th November

- Community Care week was very successful - conducted using blended learning methods i.e. in school and at home through the use of zoom
- 1st year and TY schedule for the week of exams completed
- Prizegiving took place between 20th - 22nd October, via Zoom
- JCPA Certificates were presented to TY (JC class 2020) on Friday 13th November.
- SET Review: Current allocation is 14.5 hours per week, 46.2 hours per week scheduled 2019/2020 school year. Approximately 13% of students are in receipt of Learning Support.
Timeline for review:
 - 17th November - deadline for receipt of teachers' and students' timetables, SET self reflection documents, records of students' needs and signed consent forms from all parents of students on SET records.
 - 27th November- zoom meeting with Patrick Kelly and Colm Manley, SEN coordinator and principal
 - 1st December - school visit by two NCSE officials to review all documentation including Student Individual Education Plans
 - The Teaching and Learning Committee, Literacy and Numeracy committee has been reestablished. During the week of exams inspirational poems have been placed around the school and also inspirational quotations on branches of trees outside.

- LC 2020 began on Monday 16th November.
- Online learning - may be times that will be needed e.g. TYs this week

Covid-19

- Excel files recreated and encrypted as per DES and HSE guidelines in preparation for contact tracing should a case arise in the school.
- Distance Learning Policy drafted for Board of Management review.

Staffing

- Ms Linda Malone SNA began work in the school on Thursday 22nd, Mr Tim Kenny replacing Mr Jamie Bain (Biology and Science) and Mr Chris Pearce Supervisor began working in school on 2nd November

Buildings

- HEAnet sent an email to inform the school that the HEAnet broadband has been increased.
- A new line has been installed in the Conference Room. This has alleviated previous WiFi problems in the Conference Room and neighbouring Music Room.
- Roof works ongoing - should be completed within the next few weeks
- Repointing ongoing-wigging and pointing near completion on the 4th and 5th floors - hope to dismantle the scaffolding on the top two floors within the next three weeks
- Window repair and restoration ongoing. Windows on 5th and 4th floor have been repaired, restored and reinstated.
- During midterm the roof lights on the 5th floor have been installed. The windows in the staffroom, the Oratory(now the Music Room), the Principal's office and Reception have been repaired, restored and reinstated.
- Two 60ft shipping containers arrived last weekend for storage currently being held in the Sports Hall.
- The temperature in the building is being monitored through sensors which have been strategically placed around the school building.

Other

- PA AGM attended by Principal, via Zoom, 9th November
- School app now launched.
- Uniform Committee is now working on a review of the uniform