



**Dear Parent / Guardian,**  
Please find below information for **Week 14**. A big thank you to the Art department (Ms. Collins and Ms. Donnelly) for bringing the Christmas message to the College with their stunning decorating, which took place over the long weekend.



#### Monday 06.12.21

- **6<sup>th</sup> Year:** Academic Study continues from 4.00pm. Mr McMahon supervising.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Year:** Academic Study continues from 4.00pm. Ms Lennon supervising.
- **LCA 2 Guest Speaker:** Communication Development talk. Period 4 (12.10).
- **Soccer:** Home U15 Boys soccer v Col Rís. Periods 2 – 4. Mr. Byrne & Mr. Lally attending.
- **TY:** Virtual Driving School. TY students will be leaving school throughout the day in groups of 3 to attend the VDS in Williamson Mall for virtual lesson.

#### Tuesday 07.12.21

- **TY:** Virtual Driving School. Final day.
- **TY Activities:** Drama, Self Defence, Gym. Period 5 and 6.
- **'Cup for Christmas':** 5L Charity Bake taking place today.

#### Wednesday 08.12.21

- **Ethos:** Mass to celebrate Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Period 3 (Zoom).
- **Basketball:** Away. U16 Boys v St. Joseph's. Ms. Gallagher & Ms. O'Connor P1 - 4.
- **MFL German:** Goethe Institute German Debating Competition via Zoom @ 16:00.
- **BOM:** Board of management meeting at 6.00pm on Zoom.

#### Thursday 09.12.21

- **Soccer:** Home U17 Boys soccer v Col Rís. Periods 2 – 4. Mr. McDonnell & Mr. Murphy.
- **TY:** Forensic Workshop to be hosted in Lisdoon. Classes will be split over course of day.

#### Friday 10.12.21

- **Accelerated Reader:** Star Tests for 1<sup>st</sup> years during English classes throughout the day. Both computer rooms will be needed on the day.

#### Saturday 11.12.21

- **6<sup>th</sup> Year:** Saturday study from 9.30am – 1.00pm. Ms McDonnell supervising.

#### Please support the Parents' Council Christmas Draw.

Each family have been given two cards and the parents really appreciate your support with this venture. The proceeds of recent draws have been used to fund improvements in the College such as the Accelerated Reader Programme in 1<sup>st</sup> Year, classroom conversions, additional benches in the GP area and Technology rooms. Overall prize fund of over €1200. Please return your draw cards to the office this week.





## Information.

### Rotary Club Youth Leadership Competition.

Congratulations to Kate McArdle (5<sup>th</sup> Year) and Ty O'Brien (6<sup>th</sup> Year) who took part in the Rotary Club Youth Leadership Competition interviews over the past fortnight. We wish Kate every success in the regional finals which take place after Christmas.



### Book Club.

With the College library reopened as a reading space at lunchtime for students, teachers Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Yore have recently launched a Friday book club for 1<sup>st</sup> Year students. This well attended club has already reviewed their first novel, the horror book *Savage*, and all new members are welcome.



### Online Christmas Carol Service.

Due to Covid restrictions, our annual carol service will be an online event this year. Under the direction of Ms. Crumlish, our Junior and Senior choirs, soloists and narrators are busy preparing to record a special service, which will be broadcast live on our College YouTube channel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. More details including a parents link will follow...



### Online Safety Webinar for Parents.

DCU are hosting an anti-bullying and online safety webinar for parents on Zoom next Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. The webinar complements the FUSE programme that all our 2<sup>nd</sup> Years are completing in SPHE class. We will forward the registration link to this webinar by separate email.

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### Virtual Drive School.

TY students got the opportunity over the past week to practice their (virtual) driving skills in Dundalk's (and indeed Ireland's) only virtual drive school academy. Local entrepreneur and proprietor Paul Brady was highly impressed by the competency of the students, but he refused to comment as to whether this was a consequence of good driving etiquette or the students F1 online gaming skills!

