



## Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope this latest edition of the newsletter finds you well. Please find below information for **Week 23**, including a message to all parents/guardians, an updated calendar and the latest news on events taking place within the College.



## Message to Parents and Guardians.

### Dear Parent / Guardian,

The easing of Covid restrictions has led to a more normal return for students following the midterm break. The brighter mornings and the lengthening evenings also remind us that summer is not too far off. We thank all our students, parents and guardians for the resilience shown over the past 2 years and we ask all to remain mindful of others in the weeks and months ahead.

March is an important month in the school calendar. For exams classes, the mock papers are finished and thoughts turn to the state exams in the summer. For all other year groups, it is a time to consolidate the work of the past 6 months and focus on the end of year assessments.

This March will see a further return to normality in the College. Lockers will be re-introduced on a phased basis, beginning with 1<sup>st</sup> Year students next week. Changing rooms will be reopened, although students will continue to have the option to wear their Marist PE crested uniform to school on PE days. Year Heads have explained to all students the expectations around the correct wearing of the uniform and that this will be monitored more closely now that many restrictions are ended. For clarity the following rules apply:

- The normal College uniform is to be worn on all non-PE / College team training days. Students **must** wear the shirt and tie and **may** choose to wear the College jumper or College zip-top or both. Runners may not be worn on non-PE days.
- On PE days or days when students have training for College teams, students have two options:  
**Option 1:** Students may wear their Marist PE crested uniform (crested zip top and crested bottoms\*) to school on PE days.

or

- **Option 2:** Students who do not have the correct PE gear on a given day must wear their school uniform and change into the non-crested gear for PE class.
- As per the Code of Behaviour, the school jacket is the only jacket that may be worn to, from and during the school day. Incorrect jackets will be removed from students and a cleaned, replacement school jacket will be offered. Parents can collect the incorrect jacket at the end of a school day. Following requests from students, students may wear a jacket of their choosing on PE day (preferably plain black, but not obligatory).
- While it is great to see faces again now that many students are electing not to wear a face covering, students need to remember that visible piercings are not allowed. Students are not to present with nose/bull/tongue rings. Clear plastic retainers are allowed. Boys are reminded that they must be clean shaven.

To limit the impact on learning and teaching, students who appear in the incorrect uniform will be offered the option of wearing a replacement item, before returning to class. Any clothing offered will have been washed and dry cleaned. Alternatively, parents may call into the College with the correct item of uniform. However, students who repeatedly fail to wear the correct uniform will be sanctioned.

Thank you for your continued support of the College and I wish your son or daughter every success over the remaining weeks of the school year.



## Our March Calendar

Some Key Dates:

- Pre-reports available
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year *Subject Options* meeting
- *Subject Options* portal closes
- TY entrance interviews

March Planner 2022							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	28 Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Year evening study resumes	1 CAO DARE Applications (Final date)	2 100 days to Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle 2022	3	4	5 Saturday Study: 6 <sup>th</sup> Years • Art • Computer Science • General Study	
6	7 Pre-Reports uploaded to Compass & posted	8	9	10	11	12 Saturday Study: 6 <sup>th</sup> Years	
13	14 Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year subject webinars to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year/TY parents & students	15 5 <sup>th</sup> Year <i>Subject Options</i> Parents Meeting (Zoom)	16 5 <sup>th</sup> Year <i>Subject Options</i> Portal Opens	17 College Holiday.	18 College Holiday.	19	
20	21 College Holiday	22	23 5 <sup>th</sup> Year <i>Subject Options</i> Portal Closes	24	25	26 Saturday Study: 6 <sup>th</sup> Years	
27	28 TY Entrance Interviews commence	29	30 Staff Meeting Weds 1.10 – 3.10	31 TY Entrance Interviews conclude			

## Blue and Yellow Day / Sean & Roy Climb Slieve Foy

The College will be joining with other local secondary schools in the community to support two very worthy appeals. Firstly, next Wednesday will be **Blue and Yellow Day** to show our support for the people (and especially the school children) of Ukraine, suffering as a consequence of President Putin's invasion of their country. The following week, we will again join with local schools in promoting awareness for the 'Sean & Roy Climb RMN', supporting Roy Taylor and Sean Woods in their fundraising for Research into Motor Neurone.



## Sports News

**Schools' Cross Country:** Congratulations to Daire Matthews, Rory McLoughlin & Dearbhla Allen who competed for the College in the Leinster Schools Cross Country Championships. Dearbhla had an incredible run finishing in 2nd place & will compete in the All Ireland Schools in Belfast later in the term.



**U16 Gaelic:** A fantastic week also for our U16 Gaelic squad who won their North Leinster semi-final v St. Mary's Drogheda on Wednesday. A superb all round team performance played in difficult conditions saw the Marist team win by a score-line of 3-10 to 2-8. The squad await the winners of Boyne v Ballymahon in the final.

## Alumni Updates

Former student, **Bart Baran** (Class of 2018), was recently awarded Dublin City University's prestigious *Chancellor's Medal* in recognition of 'his extraordinary academic achievements and engagement in student life during his studies at DCU'. Bart, who won numerous other awards and bursaries during his 4 year course, graduated with a first-class honours degree in Electronic and Computer Engineering.



**Israel Olatunde** (Class of 2020) continues to set new records in Irish athletics and his victory last week in the National Indoor Championships 60m final gave him the qualifying time for the World Indoor Championships later this year. All this while balancing his third year of studies in Computer Science in UCD! Our canteen company, TFW Foods, purchased Israel his first set of running spikes back in 2019 and continue to support him annually. The College was also delighted to make a recent contribution to his sports clothing.



Israel and Declan Walsh, Director TFW Foods.