

# Marist Newsletter



## Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the fourth edition of our newsletter for the current academic year 2022–23. Term two is now well advanced and the busyness around the College continues. Highlights of this issue include an article on the successful link up of our TY mini-company 'Just Tap' and Connect Credit Union, a report from the recent senior Art trip to Italy, news on the launch of this year's 5K Run, and an update on our girls U19 basketballers as they strive for All-Ireland glory.

### Just Tap

When TY students Callum Moore, Eoin Carpenter, and Sam Sweeney brain-stormed ideas for their TY mini-company, they could little have thought of the impact their project would have on the local community. Our three aspiring entrepreneurs utilised NFC (Near Frequency Communication) technology and eco-friendly natural wood materials to create their distinctive *Just Tap* tag. Their tag, with its inbuilt, pre-programmed technology works much like a contactless payment card.

Following some clever marketing, the trio have linked up with the local Connect Credit Union, who saw the tag as a distinctive method for Connect Credit Union to market and promote their products and services. The boys are busy completing their first bulk order for the company, while also preparing their project for the regional final of the Student Enterprise Programme, which takes place later this month.



### SAVE THE DATE: 5K Run 2023

We are delighted to confirm that the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Marist 5K run will take place on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00pm. This year, we are privileged to partner with another local charity, *Watch Your Back MND*. This charity was set up by Roy Taylor in 2018, following Roy's diagnosis with motor neurone disease. The Taylor family have a long affiliation with the College, with Roy's daughter, Ella, currently a student in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, and son, Aaron, a recent past-pupil. We look forward to raising awareness of MND and supporting Roy's charity in the months ahead. If any member of the College community has a business that may be interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact the College office.



# Art Trip to Italy

It was an enjoyable and educational midterm break for the Leaving Certificate students who travelled on the senior art trip to Italy. This 4 day tour commenced on the Friday of midterm with the students; accompanied by Ms. Bailey, Ms. Collins and Mr. Murphy, departing from the College for Dublin airport and the flight to Florence. The beautiful and historical city of Florence, considered the artistic birthplace of the Renaissance, was to be the group's base throughout their stay.

Saturday saw the students complete a walking tour of the city, visiting the world famous *Museum of the Medici Chapels*, the *Chapel of the Magis* and the *Galleria Dell'Accademia*. Sunday included further visits to the *Gucci* and *Uffizi* galleries, while allowing some down time for the students to experience the city, before their evening meal. Monday was the final day of the tour, and following a visit to the *Santa Croce Church*, the group was transported back to the airport for the evening flight back to Dublin. It was approaching midnight when students and teachers arrived back in Dundalk, armed with much inspiration for Leaving Cert Art history and projects to come, but also with a plethora of memories from an extremely enjoyable and rewarding experience.



## CALLING TY & 5<sup>th</sup> YEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We are hosting a talk from Dr. Alison Lennon in the College on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** as 7pm. The subject of the talk is *'How to help your child achieve at Leaving Certificate'*. More information will be sent to your Compass account.

## History Makers: U19 Basketball

This Thursday will see our Girls U19 basketballers travel to the National Basketball Arena in Dublin to compete against Heywood CC in the schools' All-Ireland final.

The girls, ably coached by Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Burns, have had an extraordinary season. Unbeaten throughout the regional league, they travelled to Dublin in mid-January for the All-Ireland quarter final and defeated Killina from Offaly 42-22. In the afternoon semi-final, the girls had a challenging match against a strong Sancta Maria College, Dublin. Following a very tight first half, the girls' superb team work (and an impressive personal score of 24 points from Elahna Faapito), eventually saw them run out 19 point winners. What a talented team! Good luck to all in the final, Go Marist Go...



Under 19 Girls Squad: *Elahna Faapito (Captain), Megan Gallagher, Anna Markey, Sarah Ellis McAlester, Jessica Finnegan, Michelle Agbolade-David, Esther Ayoade, Saoirse Martin, Toni Olowookere, Jessica Daly, Isabelle McCabe and Robyn Markey.*