

Congratulations to all involved in the Ocean Hero Competition : School of the Year for the 4th time.
Congratulations to the Basketball finalists - just narrowly beaten in extra time.

Open Evening: October 17th.

Large turnout. 22 feeder schools visited in the week prior to the evening by senior leadership team/teachers/students. New prospectus. Thank you to all involved on the evening.

Awards night : Oct 25th

Parents and students(72 students) attended. Theme 'A Celebration of Learning'

Guest speaker: Ms Gillian Keating.

Enrolment closed: Nov. 8th

Places offered in line with policy

Waiting list created in line with policy

10/12/18: WSE/MLL follow up:

In 2016 six recommendations were made by the inspectorate. Meetings with senior leadership team, SET, Student support, 3 students. Level 1 Child protection inspection. Positive feedback on all six from inspectorate, we will have the FV in January/Feb 2019

The BOM would like to congratulate and commend the staff on the work involved in the WSE/MLL follow up.

New Junior Cycle well embedded

- Our first year students are now almost fully immersed in the new Junior Cycle, as well as studying new specifications in most of their subjects they are also following a new wellbeing programme that has been designed by a team of teachers in the school.
- Our second year students are studying new junior cycle specifications in a number of subjects including English, Irish, German, Science, Art and Business. Wellbeing also plays an important role in their programme of education.
- Our third year students are currently working very hard on classroom based assessments in English, Science and Business. They are also preparing for Assessment Tasks which will be worth 10% of their final grade in each of these subjects.
- As such, formative assessment is becoming an integral element of teaching and learning in our classrooms.
- Our staff have two Junior Cycle CPD days coming up in the new year. On the 22nd of January we have whole school CPD on collaborative practice and on February 25th there is a cluster day which will provide .

Night School

The Autumn term of night classes is winding down while planning for the Spring/January programme is underway.

For the upcoming term the focus will continue to be on hobby courses

A new Director of Adult Education will be appointed for the New Year

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Courses 18/19

All six courses across our three locations planned for are underway

PLC Student Numbers: 117 an the date of October returns

The QQI awards ceremony for 17/18 academic year is being held on 6th December 2018.

Risk Management

An application was made for extra funding to do significant repairs to the roof, to upgrade toilet blocks, to replace the hall lights placing guards over them. Funding was granted for repairs to the roof and to replace the hall lighting .

Digital Technologies to enhance Teaching and Learning

As part of the *Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020, Enhancing Teaching, Learning & Assessment.*, the DES/PDST developed a new strategy for Digital Planning in 2017 called 'The Digital Learning Plan'.

Focus for 18/19

- Current initiative underway to embed the use of visualisers in T&L.
- Oct 2018 10 visualisers purchased/ installed
- Oct 18 - Dec 18 support teachers on visualiser usage
- Nov 28th : First report back from teachers
- If review supports use of visualisers roll out initiative to 10 more teachers.

School Excellence fund (Digital)

- DES have asked that we work with a primary feeder school (they will receive substantial funding for digital technologies) to develop a transition programme from primary to secondary school. The programme will start in third class and work through to sixth class. We will be partnering with Educate Together on this project

Feedback on Learning

2017/18 : A group of 6 teachers undertook a pilot project to explore and develop effective feedback strategies.

2018/19 : A template was created and it is included in the staff handbook.. The group of teachers have continued to develop feedback strategies and are working with a number of classes to develop templates suitable for different subjects. These templates will be used to provide feedback to students to improve learner outcomes. The DEIS team Partnership with Parents' will work with parents to create an awareness of this new feedback initiative.

2018/2019 - Assessment strategies in the classroom

A new teaching and learning group has been set up to gather information on assessment strategies in the classroom. The group in consultation with teachers, students and parents will look at the different methods of assessment in our classrooms and the frequency of assessment. A number of strategies will then be implemented over the school year to help us develop successful assessment strategies. This group has commenced work

Subject Dept Planning .

Subject Depts continue to meet regularly

Dept heads and one other member of dept met with one pf leadership team to look at 'Looking At Our Schools' document to choose a standard of practice they would like to improve within their departments. Depts will use the School Self Evaluation process to plan an action, monitor and evaluate progress.

Staff CPD: November 7th (1.5 hours)

- Team - teaching : Dr Finn O Murchú facilitated a workshop on team-teaching and the potential impact on teaching and Learning in our school
- NCSE (NBSS): Regional Coordinator Dr Clara O Byrne delivered whole school presentation on Behaviour For Learning Support Programme

Curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular and activities

Thank you and congratulations to all involved in taking our students away on trips, for organising sporting events and other extracurricular activities. This work is very much appreciated and commended by the Board of Management.

Celebrating Achievement at the end of each week is very positive.