

New Timetable

Our timetable next year will be slightly different.

There will be **Registration EVERY** morning – including Wednesdays (all at 8.50am)

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday we will have the following:

- 9.00 – class 1
 - 9.40 – class 2
 - 10.20 – class 3
 - 11.00 – 10 min break
 - 11.10- class 4
 - 11.50 – class 5
 - 12.30 – class 6
 - 13.10 – 30-minute lunch
 - 13.40 – class 7
 - 14.20 – class 8
 - 15.00 – class 9
 - 15.40 – school finishes
- School finishes at 12.30 on Wednesday now

Child Protection Policy & School Website

Please note that our Child Protection Policy is available to view on our school website – www.stkevinscc.ie. Our policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 13/2/19 and is due for review on 1/2/20. You can read all of our relevant policies on our website. This is a great way to keep up to date with events in the school. This newsletter, as well as our two previous newsletters in 2018/19 school year are also available on our website.



St Kevin's CC

Summer Newsletter – June 2019

As we enter the summer months, we would like to wish you all happy family time together this summer. Over the last year we remember the wonderful performances of our students in Legally Blonde and the many cultural, sporting and academic successes. We remember all of the hard work done by our teaching staff during our follow-through



inspection from the Department of Education and we await the report of the inspector's findings. We would like to congratulate all students involved in the extra-curricular programme of the college and to thank every single staff member who gives of their time for the benefit of the students. This is the backbone of St Kevin's Community College and is what makes being a student in our college truly something special. Our Parents' Association continue to work for the improvement of resources and facilities for our students. We are hugely appreciative of the work done by a small but committed group of parents and we encourage more parents to get involved. If you have not yet been involved, please do so as any time that you can spend on your son/ daughter's education is an investment in their future. State examinations are on-going and we know that our Leaving Certificate, LCA and Junior Certificate students have put huge efforts into their studies. The exam supervisors commented on the politeness and studious nature of our students, yet another reason to be proud of them as amazing young people. Reports for 1st, 2nd and 5th year students have just been posted along with booklists, uniform lists and other important information for all continuing students. This newsletter contains some important information about some changes in our school community next year.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful year. Our students, teachers, parents, admin staff, SNAs, cleaners, caretaker and Board of Management all play an important part in the success of our school. We appreciate your continued support as parent/ guardians and wish you all a fun, safe and relaxing summer.

Tony Barry & Ciarán Duffy

Please Note: This Newsletter contains important information about dates and times for students returning to school in August 2019

Lunch Arrangements

1st & 2nd year students MUST STAY in the school for lunch at all times. All other students in 3rd-6th year can go home/to shop for lunch. However, because it is a much shorter lunch break, it will be difficult for most students to get home and back in 30 minutes. We advise that you give your son/daughter a packed lunch or they can use a 2nd canteen area which will be

beside Mr Duffy's office. We will also allow some



students to sit in some classrooms to have their lunch. We will also have extra seating for them. Students who are late back will end up on detention if it happens regularly. If it is becoming a major problem, then these students will not be allowed to leave the school at all during lunchtime.

Because of this change, students will now finish school 20 minutes earlier. However, this 20 minutes can be taken away and used for detention if students continue to be late, or fail to meet any of our expectations during the school day. We will send a text message on the day this happens, meaning your son/daughter will not be able to leave school until 4pm on days when their behavior is not good. We hope this never has to be used.

School Footwear & Uniform

Towards the end of this term, there was an increased number of students wearing runners into school. This is not acceptable and we would like to remind you all about our policy regarding black leather shoes. (PTO)

Our school uniform was designed with parental consent and parents continue to tell us that they really like our school uniform.

We need ALL of you as parents/guardians to support us in this and there are many sound social and educational reasons that this is in place.

It is the policy of St Kevin's Community College for all students to wear black SHOES. No runners are allowed.

The reasons for this are:

1. Health & Safety in practical subjects – shoes offer better protection
2. Wearing black leather shoes reduces social snobbery and peer pressure in school. Some students wear runners which can cost up to €800. This can make life very difficult for some parents/guardians and is extremely damaging to some students' mental health and wellbeing.

Please check the following pictures of shoes that will or will not be allowed to be worn with the St Kevin's CC uniform. Parents/guardians are advised to check with the school if they are unsure BEFORE purchasing any footwear.

| The following types of shoes are permitted to be worn by students: | The following types of footwear are NOT allowed to be worn by students: |
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Any spare bits of school UNIFORM?

If you have any items of our school uniform that your son/daughter isn't using any more, you might consider dropping them in to Ms Dalton please. Items can be left at the front office. These can be very useful for students who have lost part of their uniform.

Home School Liaison News (Deirdre Dalton)

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents and guardians who participated in the **Parent Student table quiz** through the year. It is a really fun way to interact with your son/daughter while learning lots of new interesting facts. The Quiz takes place once a month and we are looking forward to many more parents/guardians getting involved next year.

A Parents' Plus Programme took place in the school this year. This a parenting programme to help parents/guardians guide their son/daughter through the adolescent years. It was a really successful course with parents graduating with their certs at the end of the 8-week programme. This course will be offered again next year.

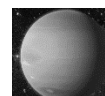
Flower arranging was a new course on offer this year. The parents/guardians really created some beautiful flower arrangements including some lovely arrangements for the school stage for our 6th year graduation. This was of great support to the school and we are now delighted to have these arrangements for future events here in the college. Thank you to all involved.

A big thank you to Mr. Duffy (our new DP) who ran a Maths Group for 1st year parents. This was a group set up to help parents support their son/daughter with their maths homework. The class was taught in an innovative way where the parents learned lots of new ways to help their children and had great fun while during it. We hope to offer this course again next year.

School Calendar 2019/20

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| Monday 26th August | 10.15 – 12.00 11.00 - 12.45 | 2nd Year student induction 5th Year student induction |
| Tuesday 27th August | 10.15 – 12.00 11.00 - 12.45 | Transition Year student induction 6th Year student induction |
| Wednesday 28th August | 9.00-11.00 | 3rd year student induction |
| Thursday 29th August | 11.00-15.30 | 1st year student induction |
| Friday 30th August | Only 1 st year students in school: 8.50-12.30 1st year student induction continued | |
| Thursday 26th September | Open Night – 18.00-20.00 | |
| Tuesday 8th October | 3 rd & 6 th Year parent/Teacher Meeting (16.00-18.30) | |
| Monday 14th – Friday 18th October | Maths Week including Caolan McBride, magician on Thursday 17 th in Library | |
| Saturday 12th – Wednesday 16th October | Rome Trip for Senior Cycle students | |
| Monday 14th - Friday 18th October | TY Work Experience 1 | |
| Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November | Mid-term holidays | |
| Monday 11th November | No school – Staff Training Day (JCT) | |
| Tuesday 12th November | Niall de Burca, storyteller – JCSP Library | |
| Thursday 21st November | 2 nd & 5 th Year Parent/Teacher Meeting (16.00-18.30) | |
| Thursday 12th December | TY Christmas Fair | |
| Monday 16th - Friday 20th December | Christmas Exams | |
| Monday 23rd December - 5th January 2019 | Christmas holidays | |
| Tuesday 14th January | 1 st & TY Parent/Teacher Meeting (16.00-18.30) | |
| Monday 3rd – Friday 13th February | TY Work Experience II | |
| Wednesday 5th – Friday 13th February | Mock Examinations – 3 rd & 6 th year students | |
| Monday 17th - Friday 21st February | Mid-term holidays | |
| Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March | Literacy Week & Engineers' Week | |
| Saturday 7th – Monday 9th March | Junior Football Tour to Spain | |
| Monday 16th March | No school | |
| Tuesday 17th March | No school – St Patrick's Day (Bank Holiday) | |
| Monday 6th - Friday 17th April | Easter Holidays | |
| Monday 20th April | School re-opens - full day for all students | |
| Monday 4th May | Bank Holiday – no school | |
| Wednesday 13th May | Sports Day – weather permitting | |
| Tuesday 19th May | Awards Night & TY Graduation Ceremony 7.00pm | |
| Thursday 21st May | Leaving Cert Graduation Ceremony 7.30pm | |
| Friday 22nd May | End of year trip for 1 st , 2 nd and 5 th year students | |
| Monday 25th – Friday 29th May | 1 st , 2 nd & 5 th year Summer Exams | |
| Wednesday 3rd June 2020 | Junior Cert, Leaving Cert & LCA exams begin | |

New ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Class



We are proud to announce the opening of a new special ASD class in St Kevin's this September. All of our first year classes will be named after planets in our solar system and our ASD class will be called Class Neptune (others being Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury). The ASD Class attempts to enable all students with ASD to belong to an educational community without prejudice and within which individual difference is celebrated. The class reflects the inclusive ethos of St Kevin's Community College and wherever possible the students in the ASD Class will be integrated within the mainstream school. We know that the rest of the students in the school will be respectful and helpful towards all of the students in Class Neptune.



School Fees 19/20

- Our book rental and Transition Year fees remain unchanged for 19/20 school year. Our Transition Year fee is €250, which is excellent value for money given the number of excellent trips and cultural activities enjoyed by the students. The fee for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th year students is €100. The fees include cover items such as book rental, school journal, photocopying expenses, lockers for 1st and 2nd years and a calculator for all new 1st years (to be used over the 6 years).

Sibling /Family Discounts

1st Student - €100
 2nd Student - €75
 3rd Student - €50
 EG Family of 3 = €225

Attendance Matters

How you can help your child to attend school regularly?

- Make education important in your home and let your child know it is not okay to miss school.
- Listen to your child. Be interested in his or her news about school and ask about what he or she is doing.
- Help your child to be proud of a good attendance record.
 - Build your child's confidence by praising him or her when he or she does well.
- Read letters and reports from the school and know the school rules.
- Go to school meetings and get to know the teacher, staff and your child's friends.
- Don't take family holidays during school term.
- Be alert for reasons why your child may not want to go to school. If your child finds school work hard, talk to the school right away.
- Encourage your child not to take on a part-time job during school term. A tired teenager will not be able to keep up at school.

Instructions for Online Payments

In order to facilitate ease of payment of school funds, St Kevin's Community College is using the MIT online payment system. This means that you can pay voluntary contributions and other school expenses through our secure online system by credit or debit card, keep track of payments paid and print off a receipt.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept payment of voluntary contributions and other payments to the front office by cheque/credit/debit card payments.

To set up your online payment account:

1. The recommended browser is Google Chrome

2. Go to the school webpage www.stkevinscc.ie

3. Click on Online Payment – MIT (Top Right of screen)

4. For your first time to login for this child select CREATE ACCOUNT

5. Enter your child's first name, surname and PPS number. If you have any difficulties at this stage please phone the school office for assistance (01-6282077).

6. Press NEXT.

7. You will be asked to enter an email address and password. Keep a secure record of these as this is what you will use to login on future occasions.

8. Please inform the school office by email, phone or note if you notice an error in your details. Click 'Take payment' and enter details of your payment as instructed on the screen. If you have any difficulties at this stage please phone the school office.

9. Print a receipt and attach a copy of the receipt to your acceptance form or to the trip permission form.

10. If instructed, deliver the form and receipt as instructed for that particular payment.

If you cannot use the online system, please phone us for assistance (016266277). Please support our efforts to reduce the amount of cash we deal with in the school office and to make our payment system more efficient. **Thank you in advance for your contribution.**

Our attendance statistics for the previous school year need serious improvement.

We need your help to ensure that your son/daughter is in school every day. We would like an attendance rate better than the national average. Ideally, students should NEVER miss school unless there are extremely sick. Our statistics for last year are shown below. What can you do to help us to help your child?

