

9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Dear Parents,

Now that we have reached the month of October I want to invite you to a meeting in the school for **all Leaving Cert Students and their parents**. The meeting will take place in the school's Assembly Hall on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide important information for the year ahead. Some of this information will include:

- Dates for Christmas exams, Pre-exams, Practical and Oral exams;
- Study arrangements that we would like our students to put in place;
- Important Careers Information as our students decide on where they hope to go next year;
- Deadlines that have to be met when submitting third level applications to the CAO system;
- Answers to questions that students and/or parents may have.

It is critical to get all our Leaving Cert students focussed at this time. It is therefore really important that you and your son/daughter make every effort to attend. I would hope to finish the meeting before 8:45 pm. If for some reason you cannot make it on the night please let the school office know so that I can make arrangements to forward any relevant information to you.

Looking forward to meeting you on the night,

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Pádraig Hamill

**N.B. Please turn over for important updates relating to school and school events**

- **AGM of Parents & Friends Committee** takes place in the School Canteen at 7pm on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **After School study** continues from 4 to 7 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 1:30 to 5:30 on Wednesdays. The cost from Halloween to Christmas will be €45 which can be paid in 1 or 2 instalments. If your son/daughter would like to join sooner please get him/her to come along to talk to me at After School Study.
- We have been contacted by Túsla requesting that we forward the following message to our parents:

*“Túsla Louth is urgently recruiting foster carers for children in your area. If you are interested in receiving more info please contact the Fostering Team on 042-9392201.”*

- **Our school library** is always looking for donations of books, particularly nonfiction and sports books suitable for teenagers. If you have any to spare, a donation box will be available outside the library, or they can be left in the school office.
- With regard to **Stationery Fees and Insurance Payments** thank you to the vast majority of parents who have already made these payments; all students were issued with a receipt. Any outstanding payments can still be made through the school office.
- Thank you to parents for your support in encouraging your son/ daughter to wear the **school jacket**. Non-school jackets are not allowed and with the onset of cold weather students will definitely need their school jacket. Please make sure that the jacket is labelled so that if lost it can be returned, We appreciate that jackets are expensive. The school has a limited supply of jackets for recycling and if you would like to avail of one of our supply please contact the school office.
- Thank you to all parents who support our **School Lotto**. It has proven to be very successful and all support by Weekly Envelope, Standing Order or through localotto.ie is very much appreciated,
- **Important Upcoming Dates:**

Wednesday Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Open Night (for 1 <sup>st</sup> Years Sept 2018)
<b>Mid-term Break:</b>	<b>Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> (3:45 pm) – Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> (8:45 am)</b>
Monday November 13 <sup>th</sup> :	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Parent-teacher meeting (4:15 – 6:45.) School closes at 3:30 pm
<b>Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Year Parent-teacher meeting (4:15 – 6:45.) School closes at 3:30 pm</b>
Friday December 8 <sup>th</sup> :	School closed
<b>Christmas Holidays:</b>	<b>Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday January 8<sup>th</sup></b>