

ST JOHN BOSCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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(NEWSLETTER 2015/2016)

Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to have all our students back in school. We hope they all have a happy, safe and successful year. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students on their recent success in their State Examinations. We wish our Leaving Certificate class of 2015 all the best in their future lives and Careers.

We as a school community wish Ms Coughlan Flynn, Mrs Mac Namara and Mrs Clancy every success in their retirement and thank them for their long service, commitment and dedication to the school throughout their careers.

Our Motto for the Year is TRUTH.

The school Calendar 2015/2016

- September 25th - Whole school Mass (10.30am in the school)
- September 29th - Careers Exhibition at Limerick Race Course (5TH years)
- October 14 - Leaving Certificate Honours English Class going to see 'King Lear' in Dublin
- October 26th - 30th incl. - Midterm Break
- Tour to Belfast - During October Midterm

Parent/Teacher Meetings

- November 3rd - 6th and 3rd Years - (4.15pm - 6.15pm)
- December 1st - 2nd years (4.15pm - 6.15pm)
- December 10th - 5th Years (4.15pm - 6.15pm)
- February 11th - 1st Years (4.15pm - 6.15pm)

- Open Night - for incoming Students November 12th at 7pm
- Christmas tests - for all Years November 23rd - November 27th
- School closed November 30th (Note - school as normal on September 25th - misprint in Journal)
- Christmas Holidays - school closes on Tuesday - December 22nd and Re-opens on Wednesday January 6th 2016.
- Mock Examinations for 3rd and 6th Year students immediately prior to February Mid-term Break.
- Midterm Break
February 13th to February 19th inclusive.
- Easter Holidays
School closes Wednesday, March 16th and re-opens on Monday April 4th
- Summer House Examinations
May 30th to June 3rd
- Summer holidays (for non - Exam classes) - Friday June 3rd
- State Examinations - will begin on Wednesday, June 8th 2016
- Ploughing Championships 2015 - please note that the school is **not** organising or involved with any trip to the ploughing championship 2015.
- Study Routines - we would like to remind students and Parents that good Study Routines are very important if students are to continue to make good progress in school.
- School Assessments - During this school year there will be a variety of Assessment styles used in School - ranging from **Continuous Assessment, Monthly Assessment, House Examinations and Mock examinations**. We hope that each student will work hard and make a genuine effort in all subject areas and be actively involved in their own learning.
- Support students - please note we will continue to support students in whatever way we can.
- Uniform - we also expect every student to be in correct uniform and abide by our school code of Behaviour.
- Journal - we would like to remind Parents/Guardians to sign their child's Journal every weekend. This is important as we see the Journal as a key

link between School and Home. Please can you also sign the Code Of Behaviour in the Journal.

- **Pupil Insurance** - All pupils in this school have 24 hour accident insurance cover. In the event of any injury contact should be made with the school as soon as possible
- **Homework Policy** - we think that homework is a key part of a students learning and assessment and as a guide we would expect:-

1st Years to do 10/15min. - Per Subject - Per - night

2nd Years to do 15/20 minutes - Per Subject - Per - night

3rd Years - to do 15/20 minutes - Per Subject - Per - night

5th Years - to do 20/30 minutes - Per Subject - Per - night

6th Years - to do 20/30 minutes - Per Subject - Per - night

NB. A conscious effort will be made by staff not to overload students - each subject department will take cognisance of this.

St. John Bosco Community College - reaching out to the Refugees
In an effort to help the refugees crisis - we are collecting goods such as men's winter clothing and toiletries - (full list of items gone home with students) We would be grateful if you could donate anything on this list to alleviate some of the suffering of countless refugees displaced in Europe. Thank you.

Mr O Mahoney would like to thank all the school staff, the students, the Parents and the Local Community for their warm welcome, and he is looking forward to working with everybody to continue the strong traditions of St John Bosco Community College.

Yours faithfully,

The staff of St John Bosco Community College