

Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 1st June 2023

Teaching and Learning

The current Teaching and Learning group are working on a plan for next year which will focus on whole school initiatives to improve students study and study skills.

DES Subject inspection

The Board was informed that the school had a History Subject Inspection. We have yet to receive the report but the oral feedback to teachers and management was excellent.

School planning

- The Whole School Guidance are continuing to progress the whole school guidance plan and are meeting regularly.
- A group are continuing to work on the SPHE policy.

Year Planner 23-24

The BOM adopted the year planner for next year including the Croke Park Hours.

Buildings

- It was noted that the plans for Phase 2 are with the Department of Education for consideration at present.

Polish

It was noted that the school will continue to provide Polish from first year to sixth year. Polish is very popular with our students who have a Polish heritage.

Graduations

We had a lovely graduation ceremony for leaving certs and are losing three of our students in Rang Iosaif. They will be missed.

Transfer requests and admissions

The Board considered the applications for transfer taking cognisance of the available places.

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Assessment Verification Process

Final assessments have taken place and have been corrected by teachers. Teachers have undertaken the Internal Verification (IV) process and all External Authentication's (EA) have now taken place, with the vast majority of departments and courses going through the EA process.

Subject Department Meetings

Subject department meetings took place this week and last. Teachers are focusing on reviewing the year and planning for next year. Teachers are also looking at the modules they teach and looking at alternative ways of achieving learning outcomes and assessing students. This is both to offer a continuously evolving and improving experience for students and also to take into account the recently rise in the use of AI.

Continuous Professional Development

Teachers have undertaken various forms of CPD over the past two weeks. Including the Jigsaws 'One Good Adult' workshop, LGBTQI+ talk, Alternative Assessments Workshop, OneNote Workshop, First Aid CPR Refresher, Health and Safety Risk Assessments Update, Excel Workshop and a Technology Enhanced Learning Workshop.

2023/2024 Enrolment

Enrolment for the 2023/2024 academic year is ongoing. Marketing, promotion and recent campus events continue to attract future learner to the campus.

Events

Art Exhibition

The Kinsale Campus Art Exhibition, 'Aurora', opened to the public on Thursday 27th April. The night was a huge success which saw a very large crowd gather to enjoy and admire the learners hard work. The exhibition also ran from 2nd to 12th May where many different mediums and techniques including sculpture, combined materials, drawings, paintings and ceramics were showcased. The learners deserve huge credit for the quality of work they produced. Art teachers Julia Pallone, Jane Skovgaard and Caroline Smith need to be commended for their fantastic work with the learners and in organising such a successful event for the campus. The Professional Cookery students and their teachers, Jenny Fitzgerald and Theresa McCarthy, also deserve a special mention for the excellent food they prepared for the event. Also a word of huge thanks to Roy Anderson, our caretaker for all his work in preparation for the event.

End of Year Drama Show

The Drama Department and their learners showcased 'The Miser' on 3rd May in the Cork Arts Theatre and 5th and 6th May in St. Catherines Cultural Centre Kinsale. The shows were a huge success, with big crowds in attendance and receiving a standing ovation after each performance. The Drama

Department, led by Belinda Wild and assisted by Marcus Bale and Ian Wild, deserve great credit for putting together such a professional and thoroughly enjoyable production which as always was a highlight of the year.

Opening Evening 11th May

Our open evening took place on Thursday 11th May with many visitors attending to learn more about the campus and the courses on offer.

Graduation 31st August

Kinsale Campus will hold our graduation for our 2022/2023 learners on Thursday 31st August in Actons Hotel, Kinsale.

Tidy Towns

We were delighted to be recently recognised by Kinsale Tidy Towns for our work on sustainability and biodiversity in the Kinsale district.

European Education Area Working Group on Schools: Learning for Sustainability

We were delighted to collaborate with Kinsale Community School recently when they hosted, on behalf of the Department of Education, a Peer Learning Activity of the European Education Area Working Group on Schools: Learning for Sustainability meeting. In Kinsale Campus we hosted the afternoon session of the meeting on the first day of the two day meeting. Our part of the meeting focused on the importance of sustainable horticulture and permaculture, links with the community and collaboration in relation to sustainability.

Erasmus

Liz O Leary (ELC Teacher) travelled to Noordenpoort Groningen in Holland, recently as part of the Erasmus programme. She travelled with colleagues from other PLC colleges in Cork and visited a further education college in Holland. This was an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues in different centres and also to see how further education operates in other countries.

Building Upgrades

We have secured funding for some building works and upgrades over the summer months. We will install some new storage space, a new window in one of our classrooms and remove one of the cob structures from the campus. We hope to begin works over the next few weeks.

Cork College of FET

An update in relation to Cork College of FET was given to all staff on Wednesday 24th May.