

Salesian Secondary College

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A Note from the Principal It is important you take the time to read our Summer Newsletter, as it contains important information, which you need to be aware of. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. Junior and Leaving Certificate students are finishing their exams this week; we wish our Leaving Cert students the best of luck in the future. Results available from the school on Wednesday, 17th August from 10am. We extend a warm welcome to our incoming 1st year students as they prepare to join us.

Payments to School & School Fees: All payments to the school should be made BEFORE 12th August 2016 via our on line payments system, Easy Payments Plus by; clicking the 'Pay Now with Easy payments Plus' icon at the bottom of our opening website page www.salesiancollege.ie OR on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/salesiansecondarycollege OR paste the link <http://www.easypaymentsplus.com/> into your web browser. We are requesting that all payments (for fees, for books, for specific subject materials, etc) is paid on line and BEFORE 12th August. As our Accounts Department works part-time, we wish to have relevant information on payments received available to staff when school reopens. Please note documentation issued to incoming 1st Year students earlier this year contained an **error** in relation to school fees, as the structure of same is changed. Please find enclosed School Enrolment / Re-Enrolment Form 2016/2017. For this coming academic year the school fee for 1st Year Student is €200, 2nd Year Student €200, 3rd Year Student €250, 4th Year Student is covered in the cost of the Transition Year Programme, 5th Year Student €200 and 6th Year Student €270. For families, when you establish total fees due deduct €100 discount. Cash is no longer accepted in the school office for safety and security reasons. Please make payments on line; cheques/postal orders are an expensive means of payment for you and us due to increased bank charges, stamp duty, postage, time spent making lodgements and unpaid cheques. Electronic payments are secure, quicker, less costly and more convenient. Please return the School Enrolment/ Re-Enrolment Form attached (blue) to the school on or before Friday, 12th August 2016 by post or email to secretary@salesiancollege.ie. You can download a copy of the Form from our Website. **School fees must be paid BEFORE Friday, 12th August 2016 before school re-opens.**



Weekly Tutor News: Tutor News contains all information relating to the school for that week and upcoming weeks, advising of events, activities, etc. Every Monday it is emailed to parents and read out to students by their Tutors. Ensure you receive same by emailing the school on secretary@salesiancollege.ie stating the name and year of your child. We will add you to the email database.

School Calendar 2016/2017: Enclosed please find a copy of the School Calendar, which gives details of the dates of holidays, Parent Teacher Meetings, etc. Any changes to the calendar will be notified to parents by email and on Tutor News. Accordingly, it is important we have an email address for each family. Please keep this calendar on display at home as it contains many important dates relating to your child's education.

2nd Years: Honours or Pass: Based on summer results, students are afforded the opportunity to study honours level in Irish, English and Maths. If you are unsure of the level you wish you son/daughter to study, and if that subject has different books for honours and pass, hold off buying the book until school re-opens after the summer and discuss same with your son/daughter's teacher.

Curriculum Planning: Our school is engaging in several areas relating to Whole School Self-Evaluation. We will need your assistance in parent feedback as part of this process, in the form of Questionnaires and Online Surveys, which you will receive/be advised of during the year. The areas we are looking at include Whole School Approaches to Literacy, Numeracy and the best ways for children to learn.



Parents Association Fundraising Events: CASH VALUE OF AN IRISH ANGUS HEIFER—CIRCA €1,200—DRAW TAKES PLACE THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 2016. Contact Catherine Fitzgerald 086-1087679 and Audrey Boulout 085-7153587 or the school office 061 393105. Please see enclosed flyer.



FASHION SHOW ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH 2017 at 8pm in the Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel. GOLF CLASSIC ON FRIDAY, 5TH MAY 2017 IN ADARE MANOR GOLF CLUB. **CURRENT Parent Association Officers** are

Catherine Fitzgerald, Chairperson and Audrey Boulout Secretary.



Book Grant: Families who meet certain criteria can apply to the school for the Book Grant Scheme. If you are a) dependent mainly on social welfare payments, OR b) are on low incomes from employment where such families are likely to be in receipt of Family Income Supplement, etc. OR c) you have a medical card you meet the criteria. You should forward a letter to the school from your Social Welfare Officer confirming that you meet the criteria as detailed, OR forward a photocopy of your medical card to the school **on or before Monday, 27th June 2016.** You may email the information to the school at secretary@salesiancollege.ie DO NOT SEND original medical cards to the school—photocopies are required. Please note the school office will be closed from Monday, 4th July to Friday, 5th August 2016 inclusive.

Email Address: You are reminded to email the school on secretary@salesiancollege.ie with the name and year of your child so that your email address can be added to our database. Please note we use email and text messaging as our main form of communication with parents. Accordingly, if you are not on our database; you do not receive information !!!!





School Journal The Journal is an official document rather than a private document, and is used by the Student, Tutor, Year Head and Parent. It also improves contact between teachers and parents/guardians by using the sections of the Journal to communicate with one another. Journals that are damaged or graffitied must be replaced at a cost of €10



School Lockers Each student will be allocated a school locker by their Year Head. All lockers must be securely locked to protect books and belongings. Specific locks for our lockers are available for sale in the school office at a cost of €10. The School is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Open Night for Incoming 1st Years Sept 2017 will take place on Wednesday, 28th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Summer Work 2016: This year we will be painting a substantial amount of school classrooms. New concrete areas will also be created and new furniture will be purchased for students' social and dining areas. We also hope to renovate the Biology and Chemistry Labs with new furniture and stools. We plan to carry out some renovations in Savio House (old Salesian Mission Office in right hand side as you drive into the College) to accommodate extra class groups and subjects.

'Ceangail' Mentoring Team: Our new Ceangail Mentoring Team for 2016/2017 will have a Workshop and Training Day on Wednesday, 24th August 2016 from 9.30am to 2pm with complimentary lunch provided. The Ceangail Mentor Co-Ordinators are Claire Sheehy, Siobhán Ronan and Yvonne Barry. The training facilitator is Pat Murphy. The Mentoring Team will be in school on Monday, 29th August to meet our new 1st Year Students.

School Uniform: Enclosed please find copy of the School Uniform Policy. Students must present in full uniform each day. All items of clothing must be labelled with your child's name. Uniform is available in Noel's on Wickham Street and Shaw's Department Store in the Crescent S.C.

Yours sincerely,

Paddy O'Neill, Principal

Evening Study: This is a two hour supervised facility offered to students, payable IN ADVANCE per half term, e.g. 05/09/2016 to Friday, 28/10/2016 is 8 weeks at €120. Evening Study will commence on Monday, 5th September 2016 for those who have paid for same. When study fills we create a waiting list. Evening Study commences 20 minutes after the end of each school day for two hours. Study will continue through the remainder of the year with periods and costs listed on the application Form (available on our Website under Parent Interest—Documents).

Canteen hot food continues to be served in the student canteen daily.



Lost & Found Every day many students' belongings, especially uniform, jackets and books are left lying around and abandoned at school. Items are returned to students whose names are clearly marked on same. The remainder is placed in the lost and found cabinets located on each floor of the school where students can reclaim same.

VSWare / Summer School Reports: As documentation was being posted to parents, we decided to print off Summer Reports also. If any errors appear on your daughter/son's Report, i.e. incorrect grade/ mark, please contact the school when it reopens. Parents are reminded to log into VSWare to view their son/daughter's Assessments results at the end of September, October, Christmas, February, Easter and Summer. If you have not already received a username and password, this will issue to you when the school reopens.

Vending Machines in Canteen: Please note these are not the property of the Salesian Secondary College. Accordingly, students are not permitted to use same between classes. Please advise your son/daughter that hot drinks must be consumed in the canteen. It is not safe for students to walk around with hot drinks.

Year Book 2015/2016: Another fabulous product this year co-ordinated by Kevin Geaney. Photographs of our students turned out lovely in same—thanks to PJ Corbett Photography. Well done and thank you to all the students who made contributions to the Year Book.

Book Lists 2016/2017: Enclosed with Summer Reports and also available on our Website under Parent Interest—Documents.



Limetree Theatre: We are returning to the Limetree Theatre to organize our Show. Participation in a show is a fabulous experience for students. We have not decided on which show to do yet, but students from Transition Year will have a big input in the production. We will also allow involvement by 1st, 2nd and 5th year students. We need all our parents to support this show. It will take place on Thursday, 2nd and Friday, 3rd March 2016. A show is an expensive undertaking but is affordable with the full support of our parent body, students and friends. The benefit it gives to students makes this very worthwhile.

School Office: The school office will be closed for summer holidays from Monday, 4th July and will reopen on Monday, 8th August 2016. However, during the summer months you should ring the office on 061 393105 before visiting the school to ensure the office is open.



Regina Healy manages the Accounts and Payroll Department and can be contacted by email on accounts@salesiancollege.ie. Karen Shanahan is our School Secretary and can be contacted by email on secretary@salesiancollege.ie or phone on 061 393105.