



## CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

### Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy, to the parents of St Vincent's Castleknock College Friday 16 August 2013

#### Fundraising

- I hope you've had a marvellous summer. And we actually got a summer! What a surprise. It's put everyone in great spirits – even when they hear the 'back to school' advertisements on the radio.
- Donations continued to arrive during the summer towards our new Rugby Astro. Planning permission problems to do with the lights have delayed the project, but we hope to iron these out and get started as soon as possible. Many thanks for all the support. We have now collected over **€125,000** in our fundraising campaign for the new floodlit, all-weather rugby practice pitch. We need just €23,000 more. If every family who has not contributed sent in **just €75** we would meet our target – so keep the donations (however small) coming and we'll get the job done – even if it's a bit behind schedule. (See form below)

#### Academic News

- The Leaving Cert results were really excellent again this year. There were a lot of happy faces around the College last Wednesday. There were quite a few outstanding results: Dylan Malone Stuart and Iwan Blake got over 600 points; Robert Farrell got an A in all of his eight subjects. 75% of the Applied Maths class got an A and 50% of the Music class got an A. Many others got high point scores – and almost every student was pleased with his results. But ALL of the students did well. There were no failures at all in Maths and English, which leaves the way open for nearly all our students to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level. So, congratulations to the Class of 2013 and to their dedicated and hardworking teachers. Well done all round and good luck with the CAO offers on Monday. Mr Cassells will be here to help students who want advice from 10-12 on Monday morning.
- We will welcome 107 wonderful new first-year students to the College on Monday 26 August. ... and a good few more up the school. We hope all the newcomers will be happy here when they join in our Vincentian family. It's a fantastic school; they are lucky to get a place here – and we are delighted to have them join us.

#### Vincentian News

- We welcome our new Director of Rugby, Adrian Flavin, who has already made a big impression with the students and coaches. We are starting a new era with a new Director, new coaches in place and a new can-do 'Team Castleknock' attitude. The structures and the infrastructure are top class. Watch this space.
- We also welcome the new Director of Administration, Gerry Davis, who takes over from James McHugh who is retiring. Gerry is a local man with a lot of experience in management and we wish him all the best in his new job.
- The new website went live in July. We think it's cool. Have a look – especially at the short video of college life. If you have any reflections on the new format – or new ideas – please email Ciara O'Byrne (the headmaster's PA) at [ciara@castleknockcollege.ie](mailto:ciara@castleknockcollege.ie).
- Book lists are on the website in the "Parents" section.
- I would also like to remind you that there will be a new Board of Management put in place in the coming academic year, starting on 15 October 2013. The Board has 8 members: two elected parents, two elected teachers and four nominees of the Trustee (the Vincentians). The PRA will seek nominations from parents for the two parent representatives and prepare for an election in September. The Board has several sub-committees, which work on Finance, House & Grounds, Education & Ethos, Fundraising, Marketing, etc. Members of the Board would usually work one to two days each month.

#### Sports News

- There will be a **rugby blitz** for boys in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> class at the College from 10 until 1 pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August (not the 24<sup>th</sup> as previously mentioned). It is open to **all** who wish to attend. If you want your son to attend, please text your son's name and age to 086-3150542. You will not receive a reply – just turn up at 10 to enrol. It is contact rugby, not tag. But it is very safe, with several short 10-a-side matches. Students will get a lunch at 12.30 and will be finished at 1 o'clock. Thanks to Coolmine Rugby Club for their support.
- Harry Purcell has had a marvellous summer running in many middle-distance races. His latest victory was in the Celtic Games in Wales.
- Conor Bermingham qualified for the Celtic Games too, but could not represent Ireland as he injured a finger before the games, which was very bad luck.
- The Rugby Camp went really well, with 40 enthusiastic young players here for the last week.
- Rugby fixtures for the coming year are available on our website; please note they are always subject to change. <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/rugby.html>. The Senior and Junior squads have been busy training three times a week all through the summer.
- Congratulations to our first ever rowing team who won a silver and a bronze at the Irish Championships at Ovens in late June. Well done to Shane Mulvaney, Ross Thompson, Harry Thompson and Liam Hawkes. Liam went on to row in England and won his big race there. Rowing is doing very well at Castleknock College!
- Our professional table tennis coach, Tibor, runs a club in Castleknock Parish Hall every Monday from 8pm to 10pm. If you would like to join for the coming year, ring Tibor at 085- 1079317 or email [tabletennis.ttt@gmail.com](mailto:tabletennis.ttt@gmail.com)

#### Parent News

- As the starting day for the new year approaches, I wish to remind parents about the uniform. Before your son leaves home, please ensure that his top shirt button is closed and that his tie covers the top button. If he has out-grown his shirt over the summer, he will need a new one. If the top button is missing, ask him to sew on a new one. Furthermore, hoodies may not be worn, even on the way to school. Hoodies will be confiscated and only parents will be allowed to retrieve them. Socks must be dark – white socks are not allowed. Shirts, trousers, socks and shoes may be bought in any shop (Dunnes Stores or M&S, for example) – as long as they are of the

right colour. For details, see the website.

- Earrings, studs and 'savers' are not allowed. Students will be asked to remove them on the spot.
- Hair must be of its own natural colour. Students may not attend class if they have some or all of their hair shaved. We do not allow a 'V' style of haircut or where the hair around the ears is shaved. Beards and moustaches are not allowed. Parents may be asked to take their son home, if the son's appearance is not acceptable.



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Headmaster  
Castleknock College  
Dublin 15

I would like to support Castleknock College's All Weather Rugby Training Pitch Fundraising Campaign as indicated below.

Please place a tick in one of the boxes below.

| Amount       | In a lump sum by cash or cheque | In monthly payments |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| €300         |                                 |                     |
| €500         |                                 |                     |
| €1,000       |                                 |                     |
| Other amount |                                 |                     |

Although I support Castleknock College's Sports Fundraising Project, I regret that it is not convenient for me to make a gift at this time.

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*As Castleknock College is a registered charity the tax benefit from a gift donated by a PAYE tax payer is passed on to the College, significantly increasing the value of the gift. In the case of a self-assessed individual the tax benefit is passed on to the donor. In order to assist our financial planning, please indicate whether you will be making your donation as a self-assessed person or as a PAYE tax payer, by ticking the appropriate box below. (Please note that where you are in receipt of both PAYE and Self-Assessed income you must tick the self-assessed box).*

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Name / Account Title (Block Capitals)

Branch Sort Code:

Account number:

In the sum of: €

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Frequency: (Please tick):                      Monthly

Start Date:       Finish Date:

and to credit the account of:

**Castleknock College Development Fund,  
AIB, 140 Lr. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9**

**Sort Code: 93-021-08    Account Number: 09510129**

Deductions to commence on:                      Start date:

Deductions to continue until:                      Completion date:

*(Please allow 5 working days notice prior to the date of the first payment. It shall be understood that the bank shall not be under any liability for damage or loss caused by any omission to make these payments)*

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Signature:       Date:

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