



Weekly Bulletin from the Headmaster, Mr Oliver Murphy,
to the parents of St Vincent's Castleknock College, 19.04.13

Academic News:

- Well done to Niall Hill, Jamie Kennedy and David Nugent who have qualified for the Leinster finals of the Irish Junior Maths Competition which will be held in the college on Saturday the 27th of April.
- The Comenius Project on a new piece of mathematical software culminated with students and teachers from 10 European countries meeting at the College this week. The students were set tasks putting their newly-learnt mathematical knowhow into practice and made their final presentations on Tuesday. The whole venture has been most educative and worthwhile. There was a social element, too. The students and teachers got to know each other and could compare methods and practices of each others' countries. Thanks to Jim McElroy, Colin Townsend and James O'Loughlin for the hard work that made this EU-funded project possible.
- Congratulations to Adam Farrell who came 11th in the Texaco Art Competition.
- The Irish Orals and Music Practicals for the Leaving Cert students took place this week. Everyone seems pleased to be over the first hurdles and they seemed to have performed well. Tús maith, leath na hoibre.
- The 3rd year students are busily putting the finishing touches to their coursework in CSPE, Science and Art. Parents can help by checking that students express themselves clearly and accurately, use good English, write full and thorough answers filling the spaces provided. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that submissions are on time. We cannot send on late submissions.
- We do need more takers for our book on the 60 past pupils who lost their lives in the military conflicts of the 20th Century. We are inviting students (especially TY students) to write a one-page history of one of those who died. It's something that would look good on any CV. We have three volunteers to make the film: it'll be great.

Club News:

- Well done to the U19 chess team who came third in their chess competition last Saturday with Zaran Butt taking home 1st prize in the individual category. Well done to Alan Lau, Howard Tsang, Darragh Moynihan and Zaran Butt.

Vincentian News:

- We are delighted to announce that the College will offer four Entrance Scholarships to students who would otherwise not be in a financial position to attend. The scheme is open to students wishing to enter First Year in September 2013 and the Application Form is available on the Admissions Section of the College website at http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/Admissions/documents/Scholarship_Final.pdf
- The gala opening of our new Art Gallery took place on Thursday evening with a wonderful exhibition of works by Patrick Palmer and his wife Pamela Sillan-Palmer. Their work showed contrasting styles: his work is of rural scenes in Ireland, hers is of magical scenes with hedgehogs, butterflies and rabbits. The exhibition will be on show for the next two weeks and may be viewed by appointment.
- The 1st & 2nd Year Dads and Lads Breakfast was very well attended and we would like to thank our very generous Dads who contributed €345 towards the Ambo Leprosy Project.

Sports News:

- The cricket season got off to a great start with a victory by the Under 14s over King's Hospital in a nail-biting finish. Castleknock won by just two runs.
- The 1st year cricket match due to be played at High School tomorrow morning has been postponed until further notice.
- The First Year in-house basketball competition is well under way. The standard of play is exceptionally high.

Parents News:

- A bicycle was found on the grounds of the school over the Easter holidays. It is now in the possession of Mr McCarten. If you feel it might belong to your son please contact Mr McCarten during school hours.
- A reminder that the First Year Family Mass will take place on Sunday 21st April and we look forward to seeing the first year students and their families there. All the family is very welcome to Attend – even grandmothers and grandfathers.
- Parents are cordially invited to participate in the Past Pupil's Union Golf Outing in Milltown Golf Club on Thursday 23rd May. Please contact Rita on 01 8213051 extn 262 or email union@castleknockcollege.ie for full details.