



## CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

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

Friday 04 October 2013

#### Academic News

- Congratulations to James Watson, Joe O Boyle, Pádraig Scully and Muhammad Munir who have all been selected to take part in training for The Irish EU Science Olympiad . If the boys are selected as part of the top 6 students in the training group they will then travel to Athens and compete in the final from the 30<sup>th</sup> March to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.
- Mr Townsend is still accepting applications for the 2013 – 2015 Comenius Maths Project. Should your son wish to apply for a place please follow the link to download an application form and have him return it to Mr. Townsend directly. <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/comenius-maths-project.html> The closing date for applications is Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2013.

#### Club News

- Monday's golf out to Carton House was a huge success and a great day was had by all!
- Best of luck to the 4 pole vaulters who start their training tonight! Niall Larkin, Jamie Kennedy, Jamie Murphy & Ethan Ryan!
- Our basket ball team played CS Knocklyon (Last years All Ireland champs) yesterday and according to all reports held their own! Eoghain Kiernan was man of the match scoring over 30 points. Conor Fortune also put in an excellent day's work at the office with Anthony Healy and Kyle Dixon heading up an excellent defence! The future is looking very bright for this team!

#### Vincentian News

- Today we welcomed the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year mothers for their mother's lunch. It was a fantastic occasion and we would like to thank all the ladies who attended! We would also like to thank them for their generosity and the generosity of those ladies unable to attend but who still donated their money. The ladies raised € 629! Fantastic!
- We have applied for planning permission for the lights for the Rugby Astro. We have now received over €140,000 and are on the home stretch in our fundraising campaign.

#### Sports News

- Well done to the SCT who beat CUS in the league 53 – 3! A great start!
- Well done also to the senior 2<sup>nd</sup> team who also beat CUS 38 – 0! An excellent start!
- The 4<sup>th</sup> years also beat CUS this week, 71 – 38! Congratulations!
- Hard luck to the 4<sup>th</sup> year B team who lost by the narrow margin of 26 -24 to CUS.
- The JCT also suffered defeat this week! They lost 15 – 10 to CUS.
- The Junior B & C teams play Belvedere at home on Saturday.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> year A & B Gerard's away on Saturday at 11am.
- The Development A & B teams play Gerard's at home on Saturday also.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> year A & B teams play at home to Gerard's at 11am on Saturday.
- Mr Gallagher will be holding his annual cross country race in Castleknock College on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct! All parents welcome to attend. <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/news/>

#### Parents News

- A full list of the co curricular activities that your son can participate in is now available to download from our website. Click on the following link: <http://www.castleknockcollege.ie/co-curricular.html>
- You may remember a visit last year by education specialist Joseph Driessen. Joseph is returning to the Dublin West Education Centre on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October at 7.15pm. He will discuss topics such as:
  - Parent – child relationships as the key to learning success
  - Mothers' and Fathers' different approaches to leadership
  - The importance of nurturing and of setting boundaries
  - Why many boys and girls need a structured household.Any person interested in attending should contact the Dublin West education Centre on 4528000 or [info@dwec.ie](mailto:info@dwec.ie) to register for the seminar.
- We are asking parents when they are delivering their sons to school to please park in a designated parking space and then allow your son to exit the car. Please don't drive up to reception and use the bus drop off point, this creates a traffic jam in the car park.
- Castleknock Localise are recruiting for new members for ages 12 and up! Localise is an action packed youth programme, enabling young people to look at their area and organise community action. For further information contact Leo Gibson on 086-13334781.

#### TY News

- Driving Awareness begins on Monday the 7th for SD4. Tuesday 8th for SL4. Monday 14th for SK4 and Tuesday 15th for SM4. This is a compulsory module. Venue the Leinster Driving Academy.
  - Students go to LAPC and then to their first class. Students will depart at 09:30 and return at 2pm approx.
  - Students are advised to bring a packed lunch.
  - Mon 7th SD4
  - Tues 8th SL4
  - Mon 14th SK4
  - Tues 15th SM4
- Work Experience forms are overdue please submit forms to Mr.McDonnell as soon as possible.
- As students are nearing the end of module 1, Parents are urged to check their sons myty.ie account to ensure that their sons are up to date with assignments and homework. This is a valuable tool and greatly assists Staff to

get the full potential from students.

- Senior debating for TY students takes place every Thursday at lunch time with Mr. Wafer.