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A Note from the Principal This Newsletter contains important information that you need to be aware of as your child attends our school. Therefore, it is imperative you take the time to read the Newsletter. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our Junior and Leaving Certificate Students were a credit to the school and their families during the exams. The Superintendents requested that I acknowledge this with parents. We wish our Leaving Certificate Students the best of luck in the future. Results available from the school on Wednesday, 16th August from 10am.

We also 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 2/3 weeks BEFORE school re-opens. Please make payments through Easy Payments Plus, our on line payments system. Log onto our newly designed website www.salesiancollege.ie and click the icon PAY NOW WITH EASY PAYMENTS PLUS. **All payments (for fees, books, specific subject materials, 6th year retreat, etc) needs to be paid BEFORE school re-opens.** We require 2/3 weeks to enable us process all payments made to the school.

Please find enclosed **School Enrolment / Re-Enrolment Form 2017/2018 (pink)**. 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 €260. For families, when you establish total fees due deduct €100 discount. Please note discount is not to be taken where second child is in Transition Year, e.g. 2nd and Transition Year fees are €200. Cash is not accepted in the school office—all payments to be made via Easy Payments Plus on line. Please return the School Enrolment / Re-Enrolment Form to the school before we re-open; post or email to secretary@salesiancollege.ie. You can download a copy of the Form from our Website under Parental Interest.

Junior Cycle, Teaching & Learning, New Leaving Certificate Subjects and Well-Being: Please see attached page with information.

Book Grant: Families who meet certain criteria can apply to the school for the Book Grant Scheme. Email forwarded to you in May 2017 with Application Form. If you did not receive same it means we do not have an email address for you — email the school on secretary@salesiancollege.ie before the deadline for copy of the Application Form. Completed Application Forms must be returned to the school with relevant documentation no later than **Thursday, 6th July 2017**. We distribute the grant among the Applications we receive. Therefore, late applications will be too late for 2017/2018. Vouchers will issue by post in July/August, and can be redeemed for books or stationery in Tony Clarke's Bookshop.



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 made available for students. Ensure you receive same by emailing the school on secretary@salesiancollege.ie stating the name and year of your child.

School Calendar 2017/2018: Is enclosed and 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.

School Uniform: Enclosed please find copy of the **new 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 Shopping Centre.

Board of Management: The Trustees and school community would like to thank members of our Board; Breda Enright Chairperson/Trustee, Fr. Dan Carroll, Bro. Pdraig McDonald & Bernard Gloster Trustees, Karen O'Sullivan and Paul Whooley Teachers, Catherine Fitzgerald and Eddie Nolan Parents, who served the needs of the school for the past three years. A new Board will need to be formed in September 2017 to take office in October 2017/2018 to September 2019/2020.

Parents Association Fundraising Events: FASHION SHOW ON THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH 2018 at 8pm in the Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel. GOLF CLASSIC IN ADARE MAN-
OR GOLF CLUB ON FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL 2018.



CURRENT Parent Association Officers are Catherine Fitzgerald, Chairperson and Audrey Boulot Secretary.



School Website www.salesiancollege.ie: This has been up-graded and will be made live shortly. All documents will be uploaded here, e.g. Evening Study Application Form, Tutor News, Book Lists, etc., etc.



Email Address: If you have previously not received an email from the school, please email 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 forms of communication with parents as postage is now so costly.**



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 2018 will take place on Tuesday, 19th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Summer Work 2017: Our school heating system is being up-graded with the assistance of a Department of Education & Skills Grant. The result will give a much greater output of heat. A new IT Room will be created adjacent to our existing IT Room. We are also creating a sensory space in Savio House to assist current students who require such a facility. Renovation will take place in all student toilet areas including painting and tiling. New goal posts for soccer pitches and GAA pitch will be installed.

'Ceangail' Mentoring Team: Our new Ceangail Mentoring Team for 2017/2018 will have a Workshop and Training Day on Thursday, 24th August 2017 from 9.30am to 2pm with complimentary lunch provided. The Ceangail Mentor Co-Ordinators are Claire Sheehy and Tara O'Donnell. The training facilitator is Pat Murphy. The Mentoring Team will be in school on Tuesday, 29th August to meet our new 1st Year Students.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Paddy O'Neill, Principal

6th Year Retreat: A one day Retreat for 6th year students has been arranged for December 2017. It will take place in the school and will be facilitated by Pat Murphy. The cost is €15 per student, payable in advance via Easy Payments Plus. A letter with a Consent Form will issue via email to Parents in September.

Evening Study: This is a two hour supervised facility offered to students, payable IN ADVANCE per half term. Evening Study will commence on Monday, 4th September. When study fills we create a waiting list. Evening Study commences 20 minutes after the end of each school day for two hours. Study runs for the whole school year with periods and costs listed on the application Form available on our website site under Parental Interest.



Canteen; The canteen has been totally reorganised and will be focusing on a bigger selection of healthy options including dinner (meat, veg and potatoe), sandwiches and wraps. The cost for a student school dinner in September will be €3. This is fantastic value and we endeavor to provide good quality food for all our students.



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.

Year Book 2016/2017: Another fabulous production 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 2017/2018: are enclosed and also available on our Website under Parental Interest—Documents.

VSWare / Summer School Reports: If any errors appear on your daughter/son's Report, i.e. incorrect grade/ mark, please contact the school by email on secretary@salesiancollege.ie. 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. Parents of incoming 1st years will received their username and password by text in September.



Limetree Theatre: We are returning to the Limetree Theatre to organize our annual Musical. 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 and Friday, 1st and 2nd February 2018. 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, 10th July and will reopen on Monday, 14th August 2017. However, during the summer months you should ring the office on 061 393105 before visiting the school to ensure the office is open.



Karen Shanahan is our School Secretary and can be contacted by email on secretary@salesiancollege.ie or phone on 061 393105.

Regina Healy manages the Accounts and Payroll Dept and can be contacted by email on accounts@salesiancollege.ie.