

Board of Management Meeting October 22 2025

Present: Brid Reddan, Martin Harold, Lourda Dunne, Mary Vaughan, Molly Crilly, Rowan Danaher, Thomas O Regan, Anneli Vaughan and Mona Hynes.

Apologies:

Rita Meagher – CEIST Regional Coordinator - Rita gave a presentation to the new Board.

The principal shared the minutes of the previous board of management meeting. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Minutes read. Proposed and seconded by Molly Crilly and Mary O Donnell

Matters arising – No Matters arising

Correspondence –

Remittance Letters

17-SEP-2025 CAPITATION GRANT 1st inst 25.2 - 40,787.33

24-SEP-2025 BASIC CARETAKER GRANT 1st inst. - 3,592.67

24-SEP-2025 SSSF CARETAKER 1st inst. 25.26 - 2,166.17

Personal Leave request from: Cathal Finucane - Personal days taken October 16 and 17 2026

Maggie Garrihy Personal leave request for October 24, 2025

Bereavement Leave - Robert Keogh – On the passing of his aunt Mary Boohan RIP October 9th 2025

Bereavement Leave - Cathal Malone on the passing of his uncle Tommy Malone RIP October 24th 2025

Proposed and seconded by Molly Crilly and Lourda Dunne

CEIST Template and Income and Expenditure - Martin presented both to the board referring to current budget figures.

HR – Post of Responsibilities advertised - Acting AP2 post - vacated by Molly Crilly. Independent panel to be appointed. An interview to take place in early November.

Maternity leave for Sophie Dardis Foley advertised – 22 hours Physics Maths and Applied Maths

Principal's Report:

Opening Mass Invitation – Mercy Day - We were delighted to have our Opening Mass for the new school year which took place on **Mercy Day, Wednesday, September 24th at 9:30 AM**, in **Corpus Christi Church**. This tradition marks the beginning of our academic journey and reflects the heart of our CEIST school community. We warmly invited **parents, grandparents, and members of the wider community** to join us in prayer and celebration. It is a meaningful moment to come together, give thanks, and seek blessings for the year ahead.

Open Evening for 6th class students – Wednesday, September 24th at 4:00 PM

We warmly invited all 6th class pupils to join us for our Open Evening. It was an exciting and immersive showcase of everything Mary Immaculate Secondary School has to offer.

Interactive School Tour Students enjoyed a hands-on experience across a wide range of subjects, including:

- Home Economics
- Science
- Graphics
- Art
- Wood Technology ...and more.

Student-Led Experience Our own students lead the way—sharing their stories, guiding tours, and representing the heart of our school. They are our proud ambassadors and the best reflection of our vibrant learning community.

A Time of Transformation With a new school building firmly on the horizon, this marks a period of transformational change and expansion. It will give our school the space and environment to fully express its uniqueness and the calibre of what it has to offer—academically, creatively, and spiritually.

Leaders in Innovation For 38 consecutive years, we've been trailblazers in the BT now Stripe Young Scientist Exhibition, earning numerous accolades and inspiring future scientists.

The entry process for the **Stripe Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition** closed on Friday September 26th, 2025, at 5pm. This year Mary Immaculate Secondary School had a record number of **20 entries**. Thirteen of which have got through to the final. This is a huge number of entries for a small school. The interest in the competition is increasing the whole time.

The teachers mentoring the students are Ms. Garrihy, Mr Collins, Ms. Crilly, Mr. Finucane and Mr. Sims. We are now a sizable part of the 550 entrees selected for Dublin in January.

Back in March 2025 the CSO announced the winners of the **John Hooper Statistical Poster Competition**. We were delighted when they announced that one of our students were the winners of the second-place prize. This is a great achievement as there are only three prizes over the two age categories. 5th year Katie O'Kane who was awarded second prize for her entry entitled Fashion over Function: Do Polo Wraps cause more harm than good. This was an amazing result as there are only three prizes awarded in the competition.

Katie was presented with her award at the CSO Awards Ceremony in Croke Park on **Wednesday 15 October 2025**. Katie addressed the attendees with an account of her project.

The John Hooper Statistical Poster Competition is one of Ireland's most respected and prestigious schools competitions. The competition is named after the first Director of Statistics of the Irish Free State and has become hugely popular with both students and teachers alike.

The competition provides an outstanding opportunity for students across the island of Ireland to showcase their data analytical and interpretation skills.

Participation in the John Hooper Statistical Poster Competition will improve students' abilities to describe their environment with the help of statistics and to use statistics as a tool for making sense

of daily life. This is the third-year students from the school entered this competition. The school has won an award each year they have entered a project. Well done to both students for entering the competition in 2025 and their mentor John Sims.

We are delighted to recognise the exceptional achievements of our students in this year's Junior Cycle examinations.

Junior Cycle 2025-results day October 8, 2025

A significant number of grades awarded fell within the top three bands — **Distinction, Higher Merit, and Merit** — a clear reflection of the dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence demonstrated by our learners.

These impressive results are a testament to the hard work of our students, the unwavering support of their families, and the commitment of our teaching staff. Every student should feel proud of their progress and accomplishments.

Ladies Junior and Senior Football competitions are well under way with success today for the Junior Ladies Football Group. Also, our boys senior u17 and junior football competitions are also well under way. U17 boys looking very promising this year again.

Volleyball fixtures going well also with the u16 and senior girls' competitions. Many thanks to parents Leigh O Connel and Dymrna O Kane who run the volleyball competitions for us this year again.

October assessments took place over that past week and results will be issued on VSware over the mid-term for all years except TYs

Ty work experience placement took place last week. All students engaged with this opportunity.

Tys are currently show casing a skills day for all 6th class students in our area today and tomorrow. A mixture of Home Ec Art Woodwork and Science skill workshops are being facilitated.

- **OLCS (Online Claims System) report on Leave, Claims and Appointments** was presented to the board.

All staff members were presented with their OLCS record of leave which they signed and dated. This process happens twice a year.

Appendix A

Child protection oversight report –

Principal's Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR)

Important Note regarding above summary data: It should be noted that the summary data under this heading relates to the overall number of cases/reports arising since the last board meeting and is therefore not a summary of the number of cases/reports recorded under the first 3 headings in the Principal's Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR).

Mona Hynes

School Principal

Date 18/09/2025.

Anti-Bullying Report

- 1 Report - Dealt with under the Bi Cinealta policy
- **Any Other Business**
- Date for following meeting is December 18th 2025 at 7pm
- Agreed Report: The principal to make a copy of the report available to the school community.

Signed

Chairperson

Proposed

Board Member

Seconded

Board Member