

Important Dates:

- 1st -19th An Cosán winter assessment month (in class)
- 2nd (Tues) TY Winter Fair
- 4th (Thurs) Eastern European Culture Day
- 9th (Tues) Parents' Association Meeting 7pm
- 10th -12th (Wed-Fri) TY Bag Packing Fundraising Event
- **16th (Tues) Staff Training (School closed for students)**
- 12th -19th (Fri-Fri) Winter Assessments (1st, 2nd and 5th year students) Timetables will be advised. Reports will issue online (Tyro) mid January 2026. Class as normal (3rd and 6th)
- 15th-19th (Mon – Fri) Transition Year Work Experience (Community Outreach Week)
- 19th Fri Last day before Winter holidays begin (Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January)

Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Helping the Community

Congratulations to our 6th Year Social Education Class who packed 21 shoeboxes as part of the Team Hope Christmas shoebox appeal.



The HETSS Volunteer Team is raising money and collecting useful items for the DSPCA. You can leave items in the bins at reception or donate money at the link on our social media. Collections will take place until December 19th.



December News

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Assessments

Assessments take place during the month of December.

An Cosán assessments take place in class throughout the month.

For 1st, 2nd and 5th year students, assessments begin on the 12th December until the 19th. 3rd and 6th year students have class as normal.

Our SSE team are focussing on the language of assessment this month. A whole school lesson will be delivered on Monday the 1st to help students become familiar with key terms that appear in exam papers. This will hopefully ensure all of our students are ready to do their best in the upcoming assessments! To make sure we're keeping a focus on numeracy the assessments will have a table where students can calculate their percentages after the exams. Best of luck to all students and families at this busy time of year.

New Chairperson

We would like to welcome and congratulate Susan McCullen who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of our Board of Management.

Policies

Four new policies have been published on the school website. These are: Bí Cineálta, Intimate Care Policy, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Communications Policy.

A consultation process is currently underway for the Dress Code Policy. Parents/Guardians have been invited to complete a short questionnaire via Tyro. Student consultation will take place from the week commencing 1st December 2025.

Wellbeing

This month we are focussing on the theme of **being resilient** as resilience is an important part of assessments. We wish everyone the best of luck.

Guidance Counsellor Notes

1st Dec: Shannon College Virtual Open event (online)

2nd Dec: CAO Open Day University Wide (Grangegorman)

6th Dec: Why study an Arts degree? Synergy Careers webinar (online)

8th & 9th Dec: BA in Stage Mgmt & Technical Theatre info session, Lir Academy (online)

10th Dec: BA in Acting/ Diploma in Acting & Theatre info session, Lir Academy (online)

15th Dec: Careers in languages, Synergy Careers webinar (online).

Lost Property

Karen the office manager and Eugene the caretaker will gather all lost property on Wednesday 10th December at lunch time in the Servery. Any uncollected items will be donated to charity.

LOST AND FOUND



ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT FOUND THIS LOVELY PUPPY WE MAY HAVE FOUND SOME OF YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS SUCH AS COATS, JUMPERS AND WATER BOTTLES!

TO CHECK IF WE HAVE SOMETHING BELONGING TO YOU
MEET KAREN AND EUGENE AT LUNCH TIME ON
10th DECEMBER
In the Servery