06/11/2026

Weekly Update Number: 9

Dear Parents,

Please see updates and information below.

- We have been notified that there may be a **strike on Thursday next, 12th November**. If the planned strike goes ahead, there will be no school on Thursday. If plans change, I will let parents know.
- Our **LCA** students are enjoying their **work experience** every Friday, a reminder to parents that where possible, student should source another work placement for January. Ideally students would undertake four different work placements over the two years.
- Many thanks to the parents who attended the **parent voice** meeting this morning, we sincerely appreciate your input. If anyone would like to get involved please let our Home School Coordinator, Lisa McLaughlin know.
- We will be sharing details of our **'Christmas in the Community'** workshops for parents over the coming weeks, please keep and eye on facebook and the school website for further information.
- We will shortly commence sending texts in the afternoon to account for student **absences in the afternoons**. If you know your son/daughter will not be returning to school any day after lunch, please notify the office via the website and/or through email or phonecall. There may be some initial difficulties with this, so please bear with us as we work through it. A reminder to please let us know if your son/daughter will not be in school any day.
- Planning for the **TY and 5th year tour to Paris** is advancing, flights are being booked this week. All payments are being collected through GTI Travel, please ensure you monitor deadlines and dates with those students.
- Leaving Cert students are working on **Additional Assessment Components** (AACs) for the new Leaving Certificate specifications in Biology, Business and Chemistry. Full attendance in all of these classes is vital as students progress through the coursework.
- **First year** students are now allowed to leave the school premises at **lunchtime**. It is vital that students are back on time at 1.38pm and in class for 1.40pm sharp.
- Thank you for your continued support with **punctuality and attendance** – full attendance is crucial to your son/daughter educational attainment.
- There is a very busy **calendar of events** planned with curricular, co-curricular and extra curricular related activities. Thanks to parents for your continued support with permission slips etc.

Dates for Your Diary:

- **Possible strike action – school closed – Thursday 12th November 2026. If plans change I will let parents know.**
- **Parent – Student – Teacher Meetings for 1st & 5th year students will take place on 17th November 4.15pm – 6.30pm. All students will be dismissed at 3.25pm on that day. If industrial action alters these plans, I will let parents know.**
- **Friday 27th November, school closed for staff training.**
- **Annual School Mass – 2.30pm Tuesday 8th December 2026 – Parents and Grandparents are very welcome to attend on the day.**
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Non uniform day – Wednesday 9th December 2026**

Thanks again for your continued support,

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Nicholas O' Keeffe

Principal