

Jesus and Mary College Parents Association Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- > Hockey Pitch
- > New management team
- > Parents Talks

The 2018/2019 Academic Year ahead

Dear fellow parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018/2019, and in fact, our first newsletter in quite a few years!

We're a few weeks into what promises to be an exciting school year, with a



new management team taking the reigns in the school, the hockey pitch (fingers crossed!) finally getting going, and for the parents council, an exciting line up of parents' talks and meetings throughout the year. We will endeavour to keep in touch, but fully encourage parents to reach out to us with any questions or suggestions.

As a Parents Council we need the input and contribution from you, the parents of our kids, and our first step in building that relationship is to put in place a regular communication channel with you. We encourage you also to reach out to us and keep an open dialogue and conversation amongst parents.

We are very lucky to have an open and communicative management team within the school who always have an open ear for the parents. We should leverage that to ensure the secondary experience for our kids is everything we and they want.



Help us keep in touch

With the advent of GDPR, we as a council have no access to parents contact details through the school, so communicating with parents will be a challenge. Unless you are one of a privileged few you are probably reading our newsletter from the school website rather than having received a direct mail. But we would much rather get in touch directly with parents. Please reach out to us via address opposite with the title 'Please add me to your mailing list' to allow us to contact you easier

Parents@jesusandmarycollege.ie



Best of luck to our new Principal and Vice-Principal



The 2018/2019 school year sees Colm Dooley take the helm as our new Principal, and Ms Sonya Lyons coming on-board as Vice Principal to fill that position.

Having worked with Colm over the last number of years, the council was very hopeful that Colm would both apply for and be successful in the principal's role, and

were delighted to hear the good news during the summer.

We wish them the very best and look forward to working with them for many years to come.

Hockey Pitch

The much needed rejuvenation and rebuilding of the hockey pitch has been a focus point for the council and school over the past number of years, but it seems we have reason to be hopeful as the final planning approvals were secured over the summer, and work is set to com-

mence very shortly!

Existing parents of the school will know of the frustration while this dragged on, but hopefully newer parents will have the benefit of new state of the art facilities within this academic year.



The success of the Irish ladies hockey

team over the summer will no doubt generate some new passion amongst the kids, and it will be great to have direct access to the facility onsite, rather than in UCD as is currently the situation.

Events to look forward to this year

In the current academic, we are planning to host at least two talks for parents, covering topics like **online safety** to **student wellbeing** and **positive parenting**. We are open to parents suggestions on other topics or similar talks parents may have seen that they would like to share with others.



We will also be organizing a uniform swap towards the end of the school year to look after both our growing kids and our wallets! More details on that will come up closer to the time.

Meet the team

We are a council of 8 members. If you are interested in getting involved in anyway or simply want to raise something to the council, reach out to anyone below or email us at parents@jesusandmarycollege.ie

- Mark Ryan (Chair) - 4th year parent
- Rosemary Enright - 6th year parent
- Ger Corcoran - 6th year parent
- Tara Byrne - 3rd year parent
- Deirdre Dowd - 4th year parent
- Safe Eltom—3rd and 1st year parent
- Noreen Maguire—4th and 3rd year parent
- Anne Kelly—5th year parent
- Ann O'Kelly—5th, 4th and 2nd year parent

Our next meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday 16 January 2019
8pm

All are welcome and invited. Speak to any of our members for more information or drop us an e-mail.