

### The Digital Hub

We are delighted to announce that this year our Transition year students have the opportunity to complete the Microsoft Office Specialist course, an online training programme that allows students to become certified in specific Microsoft Office applications. The MOS Certification is renowned globally.

All students in the school now have access to a school email account and teachers are being encouraged to use Google Classroom, an online platform where class notes and useful materials can be shared.



TY3 working on their Microsoft Word skills.

**Please ensure you have signed your son's internet policy form in the school journal.**

Ms. O'Connor is now responsible for the production of the school newsletters. If any student has any relevant news items they think may be suitable for future newsletters, please speak with Ms. O'Connor.



### After School Study

Supervised study is available for all students for 2 hours after school, Monday to Thursday inclusive. Students interested in after school study should see Mr. Lynch. It is our experience that students who avail of the after school study perform well in their exams, both house exams and State exams. Two hours work in after school study will usually take more than two hours to complete at home. After school study costs €8 for four evenings or €3 for one evening. Saturday study is also available from 9am-12pm and costs €3.

### Contacting the School

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**If you wish to meet a member of staff, please phone and make an appointment.**

# School Calendar

## 2018 - 2019

### October 2018

- 1st - School closed
- 4th - Open Night
- 26th - Last day of term

### November 2018

- 5th-School re-opens
- Assessments/exams
- 26th-Third year parent/teacher meeting [4.15pm-6.30pm]

### December 2018

- 4th - Sixth year and LCA 2 parent/teacher meeting [4.15pm-6.30pm]
- 21st - Last day of term

### January 2019

- 7th - School re-opens
- 21st - Fifth, TY, LCA 1 parent/teacher meeting [4.15pm-6.30pm]
- 25th - Full school closure, JC staff training day

### February 2019

- 4th - Second year parent/teacher meeting [4.15pm-6.30pm]
- 6th - Start of the pre exams for third and sixth years
- 18th to 22nd - Mid-term break

### March 2019

- 18th -Bank holiday

### April 2019

- 9th - First year parent/teacher meeting [4.15pm-6.30pm]
- 15th to 26th - Easter closure

### May 2019

- 6th - Bank holiday
- 23rd - Sixth year Graduation Mass
- Assessments/exams
- 31st - Last day of term

### June 2019

- 3rd - Bank holiday
- 5th - Start of the State exams

Please note: on days where parent teacher meetings take place school will finish at 3.40pm.



Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year, and my first as principal of St. Joseph's Secondary School. I look forward to working with you and your sons in the future as principal. I would like to welcome Mr. Sean Kelly to the position of Deputy Principal and wish him well in this role. I wish the students and teachers who are travelling to India next week the best of luck with their work in Shillong. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents, Ms. Marie McCabe and Mr. John McEaney for their huge efforts in fundraising over the last year.



L-R: Mr. Sean Kelly, Mr. Paul Savage, Mr. Patrick Traynor

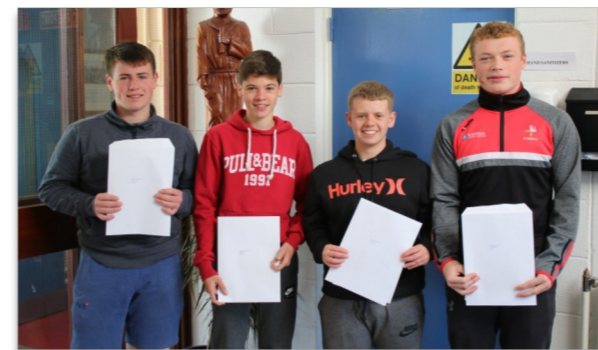
Congratulations to our Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Junior Certificate students on their excellent results and thank you to the teaching staff for their continued hard work. I would like to welcome our new students, especially those who begin with us in first year. I hope your time in St. Joseph's will be a rewarding and happy experience.

If I can be of any assistance in any way in my role as principal please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment with me.

Le gach deá-ghuí,

Paul Savage

First year students are settling in well to life in St. Joseph's. Class 1F working hard in Irish class below. First years attended a sports day in September, allowing them to participate in many activities and bond as a year group. Thanks to Mr. Stephenson and all other teachers involved. A great day was had by all!



L-R: Evan O'Reilly, Adam Leech, Zac Lennon, Rory O'Neil who received their Junior Certificate results on 12th September.



**Check out the latest news on our School's Website**  
[www.droghedacbs.ie](http://www.droghedacbs.ie)





## St. Joseph's Senior Prefects 2018 - 2019



**Back row (L-R):** Conor McKenna (5.5), Deane McWeeney (TY3), Liam Murray (5.2), Stan Goodwin (5.5), Daragh McHugh (TY3), Mark Soller (5.4)

**Front row (L-R):** Kamal Ibrahim (5.4), Samuel Simeon (TY4), Godwill Njekwe (5.2), Jack Duff (5.2), Joseph Sayers (TY3)

**Missing from picture:** Bailey Holcroft (5.2), Farai Chari (5.2), Donal Oseni (5.2), Al-Amell Oyelola (5.4), Alex Agbonifo (5.5), Sean Black (5.5)

### Erasmus+ Returns

The school will take part in its second Erasmus+ science project, which will be coordinated by Mr. McDonagh. Selection of the Transition Year science students to take part in the project will begin in the coming weeks. Further information as the project progresses over the next two years will be available in the school newsletter and on the school website.

### Wellbeing

The new Wellbeing curriculum has been implemented successfully in St. Joseph's with both first year students and Transition year students availing of swimming during their wellbeing lessons. This has been a huge hit with the pupils. Not only is it a combination of fun and cathartic, it builds on the schools extracurricular focus on swimming and water polo which has been taking place over the past five years. Let's see where this takes us, could be another big sport for St. Joseph's.

### We're all in this together!

St. Joseph's will take on the renowned musical High School Musical this May. Transition year students are working hard, both on the stage and behind the scenes.

Join Troy and the wildcats, and Gabriella and the Brainiac's as they find their way through high school, finding new interests and friendships along the way.

Thanks to Ms. Murray for the poster!



A huge welcome to Frank, our chef, and welcome back to Nicola and Fiona who are familiar to us all. Delicious lunches, including the option of three hot dinners, are available every day for both students and staff. There is now a much bigger and healthier variety, with some freshly baked goods too. Any allergies can be catered for also.



**L-R:** Cathal Leonard (IT) and Noel Binu (IT) at Music Generation lessons which are back in full swing again this year.



**L-R:** Fiona, Frank and Nicola

## India Project

This October ten students from Transition Year are travelling to Shillong, Northern India, with Mr. Traynor, Ms. Bugler, Ms. Conlon and Mr. Graham. Over the last year we have been working hard to fundraise for the project. We would like to thank everyone for the continued support. We have been preparing ourselves for the journey ahead so we know what to expect. To date, we have been given our vaccinations and we have completed team bonding activities. When we arrive in India we will be spending a lot of valuable time with the children in the school. Not only will we be teaching the children, they will be teaching us their precious trades and crafts that they do on a daily basis. Everyone in the group is extremely grateful for the opportunity to take part in this life changing project.

*By Evan O'Reilly (TY3), Cian Rafferty (TY3) and Luke Rochford (TY3)*

### Back row L-R:

Mr. Traynor, Ms. Conlon, Enda McEnteggart, Joseph Savage, Shaun Smith, Ms. Bugler, Mr. Graham

### Front row L-R:

Luke Rochford, Liam Matilla, Evan O'Reilly, Ronan Collins, Cian Rafferty, Ryan Corrigan

**Missing from picture:** Aaron O'Rourke



## St. Joseph's Open Night 2018

St. Joseph's annual open night for 6th class students took place on October 4th. There was a great turn out where students and parents met with our teachers, viewed our facilities and tried out different subjects. Both teachers and students went above and beyond to showcase what our school has to offer.



**L-R:** Luke Mohan (3R), Keane Kavanagh-Smith (3R), Sean Rice (3N)



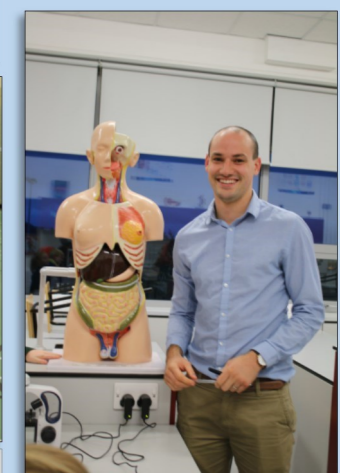
**Mr. Stephenson, Science**



**Enda McEnteggart (TY2)**



**L-R:** Ms. Bugler, Mr. Graham, Timothy Ivare (TY2), Rory O'Neill (TY2), Warren Smith (1N)



**Mr. Murphy, Science**