



Tommy
Dennis



Samson
Obisan



Padraig
O Donoghue



Michael
Ryan

Leaving Cert Class of 2016

Top five students (in alphabetical order)

Tommy Dennis, studying Chemical and Pharmaceutical Science in DCU

Samson Obisan, studying engineering in UCD.

Padraig O Donoghue, studying Actuarial and Financial Studies in UCD.

Michael Ryan, studying Science in UCD.

Cormac Young, studying Engineering in TCD.



Cormac
Young

After school study

Supervised study is available for all students from 4pm to 6pm, Monday to Thursday inclusive.

Students interested in after school study should see Mr Crummey. 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.



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If you wish to meet a member of staff, please phone and make an appointment through the school office.

School Calendar 2016/2017

October 2016

3rd School closed
6th Open Night
28th Last day of term
31st Bank holiday

November 2016

31st Oct to 4th Nov. Mid term break.
7th School re-opens.
9th, 10, 11th House exams for all students.
21st Third year parent/teacher meeting.

December 2016

6th Sixth year and LCA 2 parent/teacher meeting.
22nd Last day of term.
23rd Dec to 6th Jan. Christmas closure.

January 2017

9th school re-opens.
25th Fifth year, TY and LCA 1 parent/teacher meeting.

February 2017

8th Start of pre exams for 3rd and 6th years
16th Second year parent/teacher meeting.
20th to 24th Feb. Mid term break.

March 2017

21st First year parent teacher meeting.

April 2017

7th Last day of term.
10th to 21st April. Easter closure.

May 2017

1st Bank Holiday.
8th Peadar Mc Cann Awards.
25th Sixth year Graduation Mass.
29th TY end of year night.
30th, 31st May, 1st and 2nd June end of year exams.

June 2017

5th Bank Holiday.
7th Start of the State Exams.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now half way through our first term and we hope that your son has settled back into the routine of the school day. To the parents/guardians of our new first year students, we have seen these students settle into St. Joseph's and the novelty of the new subjects, new teachers and going to secondary school has not worn off yet! The enrolment in the school has increased to 750 students for this school year. We welcome students from Japan, Moldova and Vietnam to the school this year bringing the numbers of nationalities who have attended the school over the past five years to 37 countries.

I would like to this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent results achieved by our 6th year students in the Leaving Cert and Leaving Cert Applied. It is a credit to the students and their teachers that all their hard work paid off. This Newsletter features our top students from the 'Class of 2016' and their chosen field of study at third level. We would also like to say a serious well done to our students who sat the Junior Cert last June, to acknowledge the hard work of their teachers and the results that the students achieved. These students have now progressed to undertake the either the traditional Leaving Cert, Leaving Cert Applied or the Transition Year programme. For the first time in St Joseph's we now have three TY classes.

Our Newsletter contains the calendar for the academic year detailing our closures and parent/teacher meetings. The times for parent/teacher meetings will be texted to parents in advance of the date of the meeting. There is one more school closure of one day to be added to the calendar and we will communicate this date to parents/guardians when the date has been decided.

At the end of the last school year in June our tuck shop operator Valerie retired after 25+ years in St. Joseph's. She will be fondly remembered by many generations of St. Joseph students and we wish Valerie well in her retirement. During the summer we tendered for a new canteen operator and we have appointed Get Fresh Catering to provide the service. Their cooking has proven to be a big hit with both students and staff. They offer a full canteen service at the morning break and lunch break. We continue to operate the Breakfast Club where we offer breakfast for free to all students in the morning time from 8.15 to 8.45 am. This is funded by the Parents Council and the Board of Management.

The Parents Council Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 11th of October at 7.00 pm and a guest speaker Wayne Denner has been booked to talk at the meeting about the Social Media/Apps that your son is using on his phone. I can't recommend enough that you come along on the night to Wayne's presentation. There are further details in this letter about Wayne.

Finally, on behalf of the Deputy Principal Mr Savage, all the staff and myself, we would like to wish that our students have a really good year in St. Joseph's, that they achieve to their full potential and that it is an enjoyable year for them.

David Madden.

Principal.

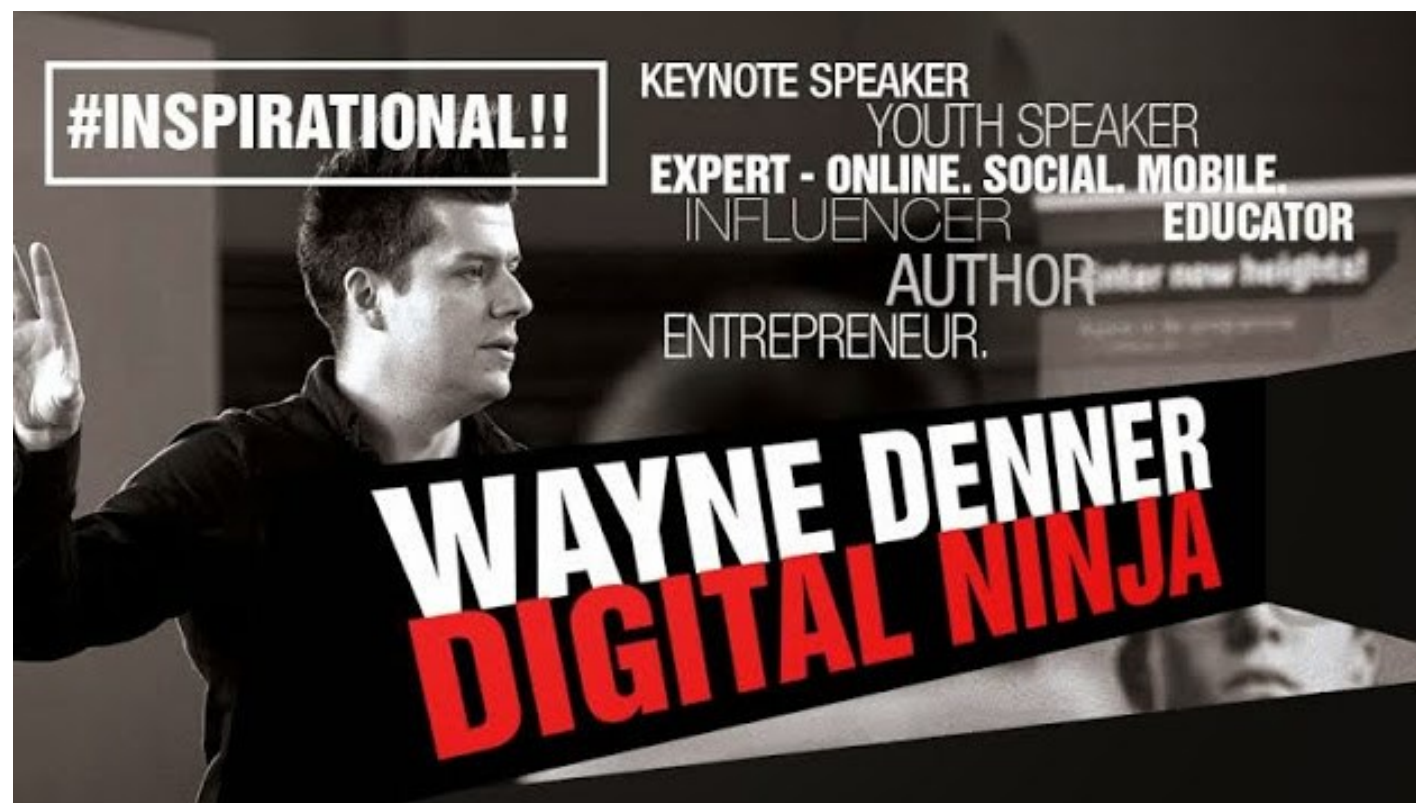


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Parents Council AGM 7.00 PM Tuesday 11th October

The Parents Council Annual General meeting will take place in the school at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th of October. The agenda includes a report from the Chairperson and Treasurer of the Parents Council and the Principal. The election will take place for the officers for this year's Parents Council and there will be an invitation at the meeting for parents to become involved in the Parents Council.

As part of the AGM the Parents Council have invited guest speaker Wayne Denner to give an informed talk to parents on 'Online reputation Matters'. Wayne will demonstrate the latest Apps available on smart phones that parents need to be aware of and no doubt are on your son's phone. He will also discuss cyber bullying and how material that your son stores on various social media websites could come back to haunt him when he applies for that first job.

Wayne set up Ireland's First Social Network platform in the early noughties – before Facebook, Twitter, Myspace and Bebo. Wayne is a Motivational Speaker, Author, Entrepreneur, Educator and Trainer known for his engaging approach. With over 18 years experience in the digital space Wayne is a self confessed Digital Ninja, working with professionals around the globe and delivering the ONLINE REPUTATION MATTERS PROGRAM in schools and with businesses and organisations in Ireland, the UK and the UAE.

We can't recommend enough to you to come along to the AGM to hear Wayne's presentation.



Rugby squad's trip to Tignes, France 6th—11th September.

By David Lally, 3rd year.

Following the well-deserved success last year which brought St. Joseph's Junior Rugby team to two finals in Donnybrook Stadium, the rugby squad was asked to attend PSA Academy in Tignes, France. PSA Academies run training camps founded by Philippe Saint Andre, former French rugby captain.

The team departed from Dublin airport on the morning of the 6th of September. Shortly after we arrived at Geneva, then a scenic three-hour bus journey through the Alps followed until we reached our destination of Tignes. Here we stayed in the Aigle Hotel for the duration of the trip.



A training programme was laid out, along with leisure activities including a mountain hike and white water rafting. We also went to the gym to do strength and conditioning training with a fitness instructor. The rugby training for the week was by Naas Rugby coach Johan who is a very experienced and knowledgeable trainer. It was an amazing experience overall. although it was tough, it helped with team bonding. Everyone is really looking forward to going again next year!

Thanks to Ms. Hackett, Mr. Madden and parent Peter Kerr for making the trip and coming with us to Tignes. We would like to thank Johan, Jason and Louis for staying with us for the five days, training us and helping us to be on time!

Photo above: Back Row L to R: Harry Lipscomb, Adam Booth, Dylan Matthews, Cody O'Neill, Aaron Kierans, Cian Fitzgerald, Alan Connor, Shane Hickey, Eoghan Winters, Niall McDonnell, Andrew Dalton, Killian Grant, Robbie McAuley. Front Row L to R: Emmet Kerr, Enda Mc Enteggart, Rory O'Neill, David Lally, Ryan Delaney, Joe Sayers, Luke Rochford, Evan McGinn, Alan Thornton, Conor Sweeney.

