

CEIST is the new trustee body for the voluntary secondary schools of the Daughters of Charity, the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, the Sisters of Mercy and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



### Principals and Deputy Principals Conference

The second Conference for Principals and Deputy Principals of CEIST was held from 28th to 29th November, 2007 at the Clayton Hotel in Ballybrit, Galway.

Many thanks to all who attended - your active participation ensured to the success of the conference. Many thanks also to all of our speakers for their insightful presentations and workshops, some of which are available on the website.



### Schools Relationships Management Team

Following the handover of Mercy West schools to CEIST at the end of November, Damien Kennedy and Tom Loughnane have already begun school visits. We look forward to building further on our contacts made at the Conference in Galway with you all, in due course. Thank you for submitting the School Statistics Forms on-line. We would appreciate receiving the remainder as early as possible.

Regards,  
Margaret O'Brien



### School Insurances - CEIST

Allianz, as providers of school insurance for CEIST, has a dedicated team of people together with local representatives throughout the country to assist principals, with any queries which may arise in relation to the insurance covers, claims etc. Please feel free to contact your local representative who will be delighted to call to your school and provide the necessary assistance.



### CEIST Education Office Team

The CEIST Education Office was officially opened on the 12th June 2007, and currently employs 12 people. Click on 'more' link below to view the list of personnel employed within CEIST, and a brief description of their roles.



### Members Area

CEIST is now introducing a Members Area for all CEIST members to share documents, images, and engage in conversation on a range of topics.

CEIST is seeking volunteers with specific interests to act as 'leaders' of interest areas, so if you have a particular area that you would like included or have any queries on the Members Area, please email [jwoods@ceist.ie](mailto:jwoods@ceist.ie).

To request access to the Members Area, [click here](#).



### ADVENT

**"Happy New Year"**

***As we begin our journey through this new Liturgical year we also begin our journey into our future together in CEIST.***

***If our CEIST schools are to continue to be:***

***"faith communities of welcome and hospitality where gospel values are lived" (CEIST Charter p.16)***



### Website Domains

It is a good idea to register your domain name under a number of suffixes, examples include .ie, .com, and .org (non profit organisation). It is actually quite cheap to register a domain name, prices range from 10-20 euros to lease out for 1yr and you can lease a domain name for maximum of 10yrs in advance. The CEIST website is registered under [www.ceist.ie](http://www.ceist.ie), [www.ceist.com](http://www.ceist.com), and [www.ceist.org](http://www.ceist.org) and this ensures that our CEIST name is not used by any other organisation under these domain name suffixes.

If you wish to register an Irish domain (.ie), the IE domain registry is [www.iedr.ie](http://www.iedr.ie) and the site provides useful information on registering domain names. The following link <http://whois.domaintools.com/> will allow you to check out the details of a domain and to check if the domain name you wish to take is in use or not.



**We would like to wish all in the CEIST community a **Very Happy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas.****

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