



CB STAFF NEWS

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A message from Mairéad

Hi Everyone,
As we approach the end of the school year, we say goodbye to our 6th years. At our last online assembly, we had a lovely meeting with the girls. They asked very relevant questions about the calculated grades and all the other issues raised by not sitting the regular LC. However, at the end as we began to sign off, they began to send in lovely messages, saying goodbye, wishing us well, thanking us. As one student put it 'this is so emotional' and it struck me how much we have lost since the lockdown. It could be a line from the 'Hunger Games' but the effects of the pandemic have been devastating, resulting in the loss of so many much-loved members of family and community but it also struck me how much we as teachers have lost because of Covid-19.

I always enjoy the end of final term. It is busy and full on as we prepare for Award ceremonies, Graduation ceremonies, final exams, preparing the Leaving and junior certs, making the tutor class symbols, all the little and big ways we mark the end for our girls. But this year, I feel a huge sense of loss, the relational nature of our work as teachers is so important to many of us. As I was thinking about this, I realised it's the little things I miss, the 'how are you Miss', from across the GPA, the friendly nod and smile as you pass by students, the thank you cards that arrive on your desk, the feeling of fulfilment when you finally steer a student or class across the end line. So many things that remind me of school and it's now confined to a virtual space. I miss the ready smile and comment, the little conversations as students come up to say goodbye, our goodbyes to our students sending them on their way with our best wishes. Their many ways of showing us their appreciation. Students know that working with them, while wading through the heaving hormonal world of the average teenager is demanding, yet at the end of school life the girls always find ways to thank us for our work with them.

I also miss the camaraderie of colleagues, the chatting in the staffroom, doing the thing teachers enjoy doing – debating and discussing all the little and large things that impact on our work. The structure of the school day, the safety of our classroom or office, the sense of purpose, a timetable to be anchored by ...so much of that has been lost this year and while I know that a lot of positive things have been learnt this year and there will be time to analyse all that, for now I just wish to wallow in my inner sadness and reflect on what's been lost this year.

Mairéad Earley



11am Friday, May 15th
All staff (& 6th year students)
are invited to attend a session
with Gary Keegan.



Gary is a performance coach & motivational speaker. He is founder and CEO of Uppercut.

Having honed his expertise in the high pressure environment of high performance sport, including working with the Dublin senior football team and the Tipperary hurlers, he now works with business leaders, elite sport teams and performers striving to compete and win in their respective industry sectors. His "improve on the move" philosophy is based on the understanding that success requires live performance support and agility.

Gary believes strongly in facilitating people to realise their own potential through the creation of supportive environments that allows people to take ownership for their own performance and growth.

We are very fortunate that Gary is available and willing to work with us as a school. The session will not be recorded nor will he share his slides, you are however welcome to take notes for yourself, so grab a coffee, a pen and paper and listen in. 11am, Friday, May 15th.



Class of 2020

along with your family and teachers



Join us for your
Graduation Ceremony
At 11am on the 25th of May



Leaving Certificate 2020: Useful Guides

A Guide to Calculated Grades for Leaving Certificate Students 2020

<https://www.education.ie/en/Learners/Information/State-Examinations/a-guide-to-calculated-grades-for-leaving-certificate-students-2020.pdf>



Leaving Certificate 2020: Information & Resources (includes a series of questions / answers)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2f07eb-leaving-cert-2020-information/>

Advice from NEPS re Health and Wellbeing of Leaving Certificate Students

<https://www.education.ie/en/Learners/Information/State-Examinations/wellbeing-mental-health-young-people-leaving-cert-covid-19.pdf>

How Calculated Grades work

1

**Estimation
of Scores
and Rankings**
by Teacher

The subject teacher estimates percentage mark the candidate is likely to have achieved in Leaving Certificate 2020

The teacher estimates class ranking of each candidate in order of predicted level of achievement for each subject.

2

**In-school
alignment**
by Teachers

Subject teachers review the estimated marks and rankings of students

Teachers finalise their estimated marks and rankings following alignment process

3

**Oversight of Marks
and Rankings**
by School Principal

The principal reviews estimated marks and rankings, and signs off on behalf of the school.

The principal may return the estimated marks and rankings to the relevant group of teachers for further consideration.

4

**National
Standardisation**
by Department
of Education & Skills

Marks and rankings submitted by schools will be examined and may be adjusted using statistical methods to ensure a common national standard is applied.

A message from a parent

Dear Marie Therese,

I hope you and the wider school community are all well.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the teachers during this difficult time. Schoolwork has been nothing short of a lifeline for my daughter, Olivia. Even though Olivia is only a first year student we would still be concerned about her schooling and her overall wellbeing. I must congratulate all the staff on their efforts. From a parent's perspective the transition to online platforms, classes etc was seamless. It has kept Olivia in a routine, it has kept her stimulated, challenged and very content. All the teachers have continued to host classes and assign work despite the obvious need to concentrate on exam years!! The whole family looks forward to the home economics class on a Thursday when all sorts of culinary delights are whipped up. I applaud all the teacher's initiative, drive, imagination, patience, encouragement, support and advice. I really find it hard to put it into words. I know only too well that it can often be a thankless job so thank you very much.

Le gach deá guí,
Sandra Tyrrell

P.S. My thanks extends to the admin staff too, you'd never know the school was closed!!

Thank you,
teachers!



Memory Book - 6th year teachers, please remember to send your messages and pictures (if you wish) for the memory book to Caitlin at 14cmcmullen@colaistebride.com

	Complete and return to
Booklists	Martina
Journal—updates, amendments, additions, deletions etc.	Martina
Subject Department End of Year Reports	Bernie
Name of Subject Coordinator, Mentor, SLARs etc	Bernie
Post Holders End of Year Report	Bernie
Staff Handbook—updates, amendments, additions, deletions etc	Bernie



**TY Graduation
May 20th, 2020
at 6pm (TY TEAMS)**

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



Word of the Day

COMPANIONSHIP

(n.) a feeling of fellowship or friendship



Goal:

We are all in this together. We need the love and support of others. Reach out and reconnect with family and friends and you will immediately feel better.

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Well done to everyone who took part, donated or raised awareness through photographs

Thanks to Valerie you can see a collage of CB pictures at <https://youtu.be/Xw44NPbULt8>

Word of the Day

FAITH

(n.) complete trust or confidence in someone or something



Goal:

Faith is the thing you have to cling to when you are in the deepest part of the trial. It is about believing. You don't know how it will happen, but you know it will.

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