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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Meditation Room

We now have a dedicated Meditation room in the school for use by teachers and students. 5th and 6th year students can use the room any time they have a free class. All other students may be brought by a teacher or go there with the permission of teacher. Students may also use the room before school, during break times and after school. The message for using the Meditation room is "Bring yourself and nothing else".

Pause Magazine

The April 2016 version of the Pause Magazine can be view [here](#).
Well done to all involved on another great production.

2nd Years visit Gurukulam in India

Mr Kortenhorst brought four 2nd year girls to visit a Gurukulam in India to learn Sanskrit. A ground breaking trip! To read what life what like in the Gurukulam please click [here](#).

East Leinster Athletics Championship

The East Leinster Athletics Championships took place on Wednesday the 27th and Thursday the 28th of April. The John Scottus athletes performed brilliantly on both days. Please click [here](#) for more information and the April sports update.

Girls Ultimate Frisbee Finals

On Tuesday April 5th the John Scottus Ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Loughlinstown Leisure Centre to compete in the Dublin Ultimate Frisbee League finals. For more details and pictures please click [here](#).

Cotton Mill Factory

The second year history class got to experience what it would have been like to work in a cotton mill factory in Britain during the Industrial Revolution. For more information please click [here](#).

Mindfulness Practice in School's Conference 2016

The 2nd Mindfulness Practice in School's Conference organised and sponsored by John Scottus School was a sell out and attended by over 200 people. For pictures of the event please click [here](#).

Speech and Prize Giving, Thursday May 19th, 2016

On Thursday May 19th, the Secondary School Speech and Prize Giving will take place in Thomas Prior Hall, Clayton Hotel (formerly Bewley's Hotel). The evening starts at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Breakfast Morning, Incoming Students 2017/2018

On Thursday May 26th, there will be an information morning for parents wishing to enrol their children into John Scottus Secondary School. Please be advised that this year we have a full class coming into 1st year and we have a number of people on a waiting list.

National Enterprise Awards

Well done to Max Ivory, a 6th year Business student on reaching the finals of the National Enterprise Awards in Dublin Castle with his portable speaker system. A very creative business idea, well done Max!

Past Pupil: Robert Dempsey

Andrew Dempsey, a past pupil of John Scottus, is a member of the Maynooth choir which won the Choir of the World award recently. To hear some of their music please click [here](#).

Maths Counts Conference

Our own Mr. Brady presented at the recent National Maths Counts Conference about teaching Maths using problem solving. For more information please click [here](#).

TY Sonairte Workshop

Our TY students participated in an environmental awareness programme run by Sonairte in Co, Louth. For more information please click [here](#).

TY Play

The annual TY Shakespeare play will take place on May 25-29th. This year the play will be Twelfth Night. It is shaping up to be highly entertaining and outstanding performance.

Summary of Events coming up

End of year Exams: Monday May 16th or Wed May 18th

Speech and Prize Giving: Thursday May 19th, 7.00 pm Thomas Prior Hall, Clayton Hotel (formerly Bewleys)

6th Years Leaving Service and dinner: Fri May 20th

Breakfast Morning, Incoming Students 2017/2018: Thursday May 26th

TY Play, Twelfth Night: Wed May 25th to Saturday May 29th.

Class Trips for 1st, 2nd, TY and 5th year: Week of Monday May 30th

Last day of summer term: Friday June 3rd.

A philosophical thought for the day

“It’s always Now” – Eckhart Tolle

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Declan Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

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