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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you and yours have settled back into the routine of school. We are delighted to see them again. Here are some notices that may be of interest.

Philosophy Themes

The themes for the past few weeks have been:

What is your superpower?

How do you play the part of student?

Why Pause?

Can you be master of the world and companion to your true Self?

Does Perfect Practice make Perfect?

For more information about the assembly themes please click [here](#).

Leaving Certificate Results

The class of 2016 worked extremely hard and achieved excellent results in their Leaving Certificate exams. Well done to all students and teachers who worked hard to achieve these excellent results.

Some of the highlights include

- Higher Level Maths: 46% of students got an A1. (5/11)
- Higher Level Physics: 50% of students got an A1. (3/6 students)
- Higher Level Art and Music: 100% of students got either an A or B. (8 students)

In addition:

- 27 % of students got more than 500 points, with two students getting 595 points
- 55 % of students got more than 400 points
- 82 % of students got more than 350 points

A particular mention must be made of Tess Tangney (5 A1s) and Aisling Gannon (4 A1s), who both got 595 points.

To read about the CAO offers they received and what they are studying please click [here](#).

Junior Certificate Results

The Junior Certificate results were published on Sept 14th. Well done to all students and teachers who worked hard to achieve these excellent results.

In all papers sat, the average number of students receiving A, B, C's was

20 % - A

34 % - B

33 % - C

86% of papers were at the higher level, well above the national average.

A particular mention must be made of two students, Aisling Spratt and John Doran, who both achieved an outstanding 9 A's in their Junior Certificate. Well done Aisling and John.

DEBS 2016

Our 6th year class from 2016 had a great DEBs reception at Morehampton Road on Saturday Sept 10th. Click [here](#) to see some pictures from the event.

Founders day trip to Larch Hill

On Thursday September 22nd, the whole school travelled to Larch Hill scouting centre in celebration of Founder's Day. It was an action packed 2 days of hiking, team games and outdoor activities. For pictures of the event please click [here](#).

Parenting Course

A parenting course for parents in the early years of the secondary school is being run at the moment by Dr. Michael Telford, former Principal of the School. Some of the topics include: healthy development, cultivating strength of mind, communication, technology and emotional/mental health. For more details please click [here](#).

Transition Year

Transition Year Students have been very active since the start of the year. To find out more follow the links below

[TY Cookery Course](#)

[TY@Larch Hill](#)

[TY Podcasts](#) and more [podcasts](#)

[TY Radio Week](#)

[TY Volley Ball](#)

[TY Genetics Module](#)

[TY Spanish](#)

[TY Visit to Chester Beatty library](#)

[TY Life Design Course and Google](#)

Study Skills Workshop

On Saturday, the 3rd of September Enda O'Doherty came into our school to educate our students about how to study. For more information please click [Study Skills Workshop](#).

Sports Update

Sport in John Scottus has got off to a bright start and as the year progresses a variety of different sporting opportunities, both team based and individual will be made available to students. It is our hope that students of all ages get involved in as many as possible of the wide variety of activities throughout the year. Please click [here](#) to read the latest sports update.

Anti bullying week

During the week beginning Monday Sept 12th our 6th year students organised a very successful anti-bullying week. As part of the week of activities, the 6th year students gave talks at assembly and met students from all classes. It is a credit to these students for planning and organising the week.

Teaching Meditation and Mindfulness in Schools UK

Edward Timpson, an education minister in the UK, said that schools across the country should start teaching "mindfulness" as a "normal part of the school day". To read more please click [here](#).

Consent for taking pictures

During the course of the year the school will be taking pictures of students during various educational, sports and extra-curricular activities. These pictures are used to promote the school and support student learning activities through the school website, school newsletters and school publications. If you do not give your consent to this could you please contact the office at secondary@johnscottus.ie.

Summary of Events coming up

6Y Geography Field Trip: Wednesday Oct 5th

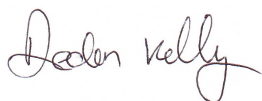
Numeracy Week: Oct 17th to Oct 21st

Midterm Break: Oct 31st to Nov 4th

A philosophical thought for the day

"Concentration is the secret of strength in war, in trade; in short, in all the management of human affairs" – Emerson

Yours sincerely,



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