



# BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Board of Management Agreed Report March 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Board of Management met for their **3rd meeting** of the school year on **March 5<sup>th</sup> 2015**.

The Principal reported on the very successful Philosophy week. The theme of the Philosophy week was Emotional Intelligence- from Crisis to Calm. The week was devoted to the enquiry into emotional intelligence. There were sessions on Improvisation Drama, Art, Emotions and Mindfulness Meditation. The feedback from the students was very positive and thanks to all teachers and students for supporting the week.

A report was also provided on the progress of the creative arts engagement projects – the film “Gone Missing” and the Art Mosaic project. The Oliver musical was very successful both terms of the standard of the performance and the number of people attending the shows.

The principal also reported that for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Transition Year students with Mr. Alexander, Ms. Breen and Mr. Flynn visited Kolkata and the Jharkhali Sundarbans in India. This year the project has expanded on the work of previous years where the students developed an English Education outreach programme. Before travelling all students received training in how to teach English as a foreign language. In India, our students worked in pairs teaching classes of up to 90 children. Feedback from students was extremely positive and it was clear that this trip was a life changing event. School trips such as the visit to India really do offer opportunities for students to live in the present moment and discover in that moment their unlimited vitality and brilliance.

The Principal reported on job sharing applications, the bus driver recruitment process and on changes in SNA personnel. The catering recruitment process for a new person in charge of catering was outlined. An outline of the work being done by the marketing committee was also presented. Parental involvement in school trips was also discussed and how best to encourage. It was also reported that the Mindfulness Practice in Schools Conference on March 18<sup>th</sup> was completely sold out.

The Bursar outlined was very pleased to report that financial affairs of the school were looking positive and that budgets for next year would be presented at the next meeting. It was also outlined how for hiring out the school premises the JMB model for hiring out premises would be adopted.