



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Board of Management Agreed Report November 5th 2015

The Board of Management met for their **1st meeting** of the school year on **November 5th 2015**.

The membership of the Board of management was discussed and Katryn Breen (teacher representative), Elizabeth Kirby (parent representative) and Michael Spratt (parent representative) were formally welcomed to the Board.

Elizabeth Kirby reported on the substantial refurbishment on the buildings over the summer. The front of the building was tidied up, the front entrance and hall were refurbished and most rooms in 74/76 Morehampton Road were painted. The feedback from parents and students has been very positive on the new look and feel of the building.

The Principal reported on the successful anti-bullying and Maths weeks. The Founders trip to Larch Hill was well received with very positive feedback from students. The study skills seminar for both students and parents was also very well received. The Principal also congratulated the Junior Certificate students on their excellent results: 20 % of all grades were A's. 89% of all grades were an A, B or C. There was no grade lower than a D. A special thanks was also given to teachers who provided them with expert guidance and support.

The Principal reported on the teaching staff who have joined since the summer. It was noted how quickly they had become key members of the school staff with their dedication, enthusiasm and high standards.

An overview was given of the work of the new school care team promoting well-being in all students. The care team provide both guidance and counselling in all areas with a particular emphasis on 6th years who have all received a one-to-one guidance meeting so far this year. An overview was also given on the new Senior Academy and the personalised mentoring programme in place. Senior cycle students are receiving coaching sessions on an individual basis getting advice on study techniques and study time-tables. The mini-mocks are continuing every Wednesday afternoon with the stated aim of improving exam technique and performance under the same conditions as the Leaving Certificate.

The Open day was very positively attended by interested parents and teachers. A new website is being launched over the few days which will continue to highlight all the good work students are doing in John Scottus.

The Bursar presented an overview of last year with a small surplus was reported. The enrolment figures for September 2015 were also presented and the financial forecast for the current year is very positive and a small surplus is expected.