



# BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Board of Management Agreed Report April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

The Board of Management met for their **4<sup>th</sup> meeting** of the school year on **April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

The Principal reported on the successful Sechtaine na Gaeilge which promoted the Irish language through a range of activities. The History department also organised a very successful Proclamation and National Flag Day to create awareness around the events of 1916. The latest edition of Pause Magazine is now available on the school website and is a testament to the talents of our students.

The School Outings Policy is currently being reviewed by the Board for approval at the next meeting. The new TY co-ordinator has been appointed and a very successful information night was held for parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> year parents. A very successful Senior Cycle Academy information night on the Personalised Mentoring program was also held. A social event will be announced shortly for the two teachers retiring after many years of dedicated service. The recruitment process for the 2016/2017 teaching staff will begin shortly. The School has participated in an energy review by the SEAI and an energy conservation plan has been put in place.

A new one hour timetable is being introduced next year to support learning and teaching. This will

- Provide greater opportunity to develop power of attention and go into greater depth in a particular subject area.
- Provide greater opportunity to have enquiry based classes with time to explore and discuss questions.
- Provide greater opportunity to develop unity by doing collaborative based work such as group work and project work.
- Provide greater opportunity to reinforce learning by doing multiple activities with same content.
- Simplify structure of day for students. This will make it easier to organise books and equipment with two classes between each break.
- Make it easier for students to manage homework with a maximum of 6 homework tasks per day.

The new Meditation room is now available for use by teachers and students. Next year in the timetable there will now be two 10 minute periods of meditation in the morning and in the afternoon. The dedicated Meditation room is designed to become a place for students to become still and discover their deeper self.

The Bursar presented the financial forecast for the current year which is expected to be a small surplus. The enrolment figures for September 2016 were also presented. There is now full class of 24 enrolled and a waiting list has started.