# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**21st March 2024**

## return to school 2024-25

Board of Management has confirmed 23rd August as the return to school date. Only incoming First Years will be in on this date.

## Information meeting for incoming first year parents

A meeting for parents of incoming first year students will take place on Thursday 11th April at 7.15.

Is PC chair available to address parents?

## bake sale

Thanks to parents for their fundraising efforts via last Friday’s very successful Bake Sale

## construction traffic outside school gates

Niall met with site foreman on Tuesday 12th March to relay Parents’ Council concerns.

PC letter forwarded on Thursday 14th.

Reply received on Friday 15th:

*Thanks for passing that on Niall, I went through this with the relevant parties after our meeting the other day.*

*If any issues arise in future please feel free to contact me.*

## Free Junior cycle books and materials

The Dept. of Education published details of the new free books (incl ebooks) scheme for first, second and third years. Please see ‘Junior Cycle Books ‘ tab on school website for details.

## New leaving cert subjects

Following a survey of staff the school will apply to be part of the pilot phase of two new Leaving Cert subjects: Drama, Film and Theatre Studies and Climate Action and Sustainable Development.

Pilots will begin in Sept 2025.

## ethical education

The annual Ethical Education showcase takes place in the school on Friday 22nd March. This is the culmination of a month’s work in all classes on this year’s Ethical Ed campaign on the theme of Gender Equity.

## roinn na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated in Kishoge CC from 11th-15th March. The Irish Department created a number of activities throughout the week for our students and staff to celebrate Gaeilge and promote it as a lively and living language.

## Geography dept

5th year Geography students attended their field study in Kippure estate. The facilitators complimented Kishoge students saying they were well mannered and respectful. They also commented on the students’ enthusiasm in partaking in the activities, well done to all involved.

## TY programme

Brief update of some recent TY Actvities.

4th March - Nutrition talk for specific groups

5th March - Nutrition talk & BMX'ing for specific groups

6th March - Full Day - Ethical Ed project in tutor base classrooms

7th March - Local Enterprise Office Talk - Period 1 & 2 and Active Consent Play - Period 5&6

8th March - TY Ethical Ed project competition - Winners from 4A2

Students currently out on Community Work placements

## greenschools

We were lucky to receive funding from South Dublin County Council for our sensory garden. We were granted a €500 budget for plants and a horticulturist, Aoife, visited the school last Wednesday to plant for us. They are all edible, non- toxic plants. This is to strive towards our aim for a biodiversity green flag. If you get a chance pop out to our garden and look at the fantastic improvement, and in a year’s time we'll have some fruit and herbs to eat.

## ucd Entrance scholars

Kishoge CC Entrance Scholars 2023: Jeric Antony, Tom Biju, Adam Herczeg  
Michal Kluziak and George Trandabat. Scholarships are awarded to UCD students who achieve outstanding results in their Leaving Cert.

## senior cycle options 2024

**Two stage process:**

**The first deadline was Friday 15th March**. students had to indicate **choice of senior cycle programme**: Transition Year Programme, Leaving Cert Applied Programme or traditional Leaving Cert.

Numbers of students: TY: 109; LCA 6; Leaving Cert 161

**The second deadline is Friday 12th April.**  Current TY students and those Third Year students opting for the traditional Leaving Cert in 2024-26, choose **Leaving Cert subjects.**

## student voiceOG

The Class Captains council was held on 6th March. Three students from each year group of the council will presented feedback to the Leadership Team on March 20th. Main areas of concern raised by students: lunchtime arrangements and facilities, funding for new PE kits & mock /winter test proximity. The Class Captains have pledged to support the running of Sports Day this year as possible marshals for queuing etc.

## literacy/library Update:

Literacy committee met and new Literacy and Library policy is almost completed. Thanks to everyone for supporting World Book Day and for displaying posters on classroom and office doors. Deadline for 'Design a book cover competition' to be extended by a week. Promo video on reading to be published on school website shortly- thanks to all staff involved.

## sports day 2024

Sports day takes place on Weds 15th May.

## Review of anti-bullying policy

The annual review of the *Anti-bullying Policy* was conducted at last night’s Board of Management meeting. Board has asked for views of the Parents’ Council in relation to the policy and school’s handling of bullying and reports of bullying. Can this please be added to next month’s agenda.