# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**16th January 2020**

## New Board of management

Educate Together: Chris Lennon (Chair), Meena Baskarasubramanian, Dr Joe Oyler

ETB: Cllr Liona O’Toole, Daneve Harris (Nat. Parents’ Council), Ken Farrell

Parents: Somantha Killion-Connolly, Colm Reid

Teachers: Aaron Kenny, Lisa Nolan

## enrolment 2021

Enrolment for 2021 closed on 29th Nov.

Lottery for places in Band 2 and Waiting List in Bands 2,3,4 and 5 took place on Weds. 8th Jan.   
Lottery conducted by Principal, PC Chair and SC Chair.  
Offers of places sent out on 15th Jan.

## enrolment 202o

Tests for incoming First Years 2020 take place in the school on Sat. 1st Feb. Letters going out this week.

## PST Meetings

Reminder that TY & 5th Year PST meetings on 21 Jan. and Second Years on 30 Jan.

## School closure

Reminder that school is closed to students on Thurs 6th Feb. for NJC training.

## Mock exams

Reminder that Mock Exams begin on 4th Feb.

## LGBT+ Policy Committee

First meeting was on Monday 16th Dec.

CPD for staff on 15th Jan.

Presentations for students to be organised.

## Uniform Re-tendering

Board of Management has decided that tenders will be invited for supply of school uniform for next three school years, 2020-2023.

Committee of parents, students and staff will work with Procurement section of DDLETB. Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.

Intention is to have supplier appointed at BoM meeting on 12th Feb.

Committee met last week to compose Tender doc.

Competition launched on 14th Jan with a closing date of 31st Jan.

## Calendar 2020-21

DES have not yet released standardised school year for 2020-21.

## Robotics

Kishoge College begins on a new venture next week with our first entry into the VEX robotics competition.

VEX robotics began in America and has now spread into 61 countries worldwide.

In this year’s competition students are required to design, build and programme a mechanised robot capable of stacking large cubes into as large a column as possible.

Kishoge participate in the regional round - to be held in Dundalk TU next Tuesday, January 21st.

Successful teams then progress on to the All-Ireland finals due to take place in April at the Cork TU.

Our team consists of 16 students, male and female ranging from 1st to 6th year and is led by our engineering teacher, Philip.

## choir

The choir are busy preparing for their performance in the DDLETB Festival of Music in March. They are also practicing some Grease vocal numbers for assistance in the Transition Year Musical.

## computer science dept

**Success at BT Young Scientist and Technology Competition for Kishoge Community College**

Kishoge CC won two awards at the BT Young Scientist (BTYS) this week in a fantastic achievement for the students and the school. This nationwide competition saw over eighteen hundred applications, with only 550 projects being selected for the final.

Two teams from Kishoge CC’s Computer Science Department were entered;

Oscar Gomez Keenan worked with Marcin Witkowski to create a program to better teach the physics of the laws of light.

Madalina Costovici and Nedas Smigelskas looked at analyzing the happiness of students attending Kishoge by creating a facial recognition software.

It was all smiles for both teams as Oscar and Marcin secured the Irish Science Teachers Association Trophy and Madalina and Nedas won “Highly Commended”

**Bebras Final**

Kishoge has 7 student going to the Bebras Computational Thinking final in March, the students;

Farsaad, Sebastian, James, Katarzyna,Ana,George and Jeric got into the finals from 6,873 entrants and is a great achievement for the students involved.

## Green-schools

The Green-School's committee are working on 2020 plans, planting biodiversity plots to encourage bee pollination, petitions against major supermarkets on using compostable plastic bags and raising water awareness through a campaign on water pollution. The committee are currently drafting letters that will be sent to local primary schools to encourage them to join our action plans and develop communication between local Green-Schools groups.

## transition year

**Jan 9th:** All TYs went to the RDS for the Young Scientist Exhibition. There they got an opportunity to visit all of the stalls of the projects including those of KCC students. There was also a host of talks on throughout the day that the students got to attend.

**Jan 15th:** A full morning was spent in the Facebook Offices in Dublin City Centre by the TY students. The students were given a talk on the IT industry and there was a focus on encouraging women into the sector. A tour of the offices was facilitated and students got a real insight into what it would be like to work for a social network company.