# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**25th January 2024**

## school year 2024-25

Latest date for return to school is Tuesday 27th August.

Staff would like a return date of Thursday 22nd August.

## Asst Principal 2 competition

Interviews for 1 permanent and 5 acting posts were held in the school on Tuesday 23rd Jan.

One of these posts will be that of PR0 – responsibilities include updating the website

## incoming first years

The entrance tests for incoming first years will take place on Saturday 24th Feb. 9.15-1.00pm.

Letters will issue to parents next week.

## gambling game

Some of our senior boys have been playing a gambling game on the school premises. The game involves throwing coins against a wall to see which lands closest to the wall.

Students have been informed at assembly that this game is not appropriate in a school .

The game is now banned.

## Ty & Fifth Year Trips 2023-24

To accommodate 88 students and 10 staff going to Italy and France there will be no classes for TY of Fifth Year on Mon and Tues after midterm.

## School Trips 2024-25

Currently planning the following foreign trips:

* Fifth & TY: Paris 12-15th Oct 2024
* Fifth & TY: Madrid 12-15th Oct 2024
* TY: Skiing Feb 2025
* Third, TY and Fifth Greece Classical Studies students

## student voice

* ISIC came to the school and distributed 131 student cards. This was organised by the School Captains Tariq & Jennifer.
* Class Captains Council was led by School Captain Tariq & Inclusion Captain Dami.
* Tech Captains Helena, Cillian & Sam have launched a Digitial Suggestion box on the school website. Also nearly finished sound proofing the KAVE (pod casting room). They are also updating the Display TV PPT each week which includes the Canteen menu, SLT updates, themed weeks activities & the school's chess leaderboard.
* Creativity Captains Niamh & Dapo launched a whole Journal Cover design competition launched in assembly this month. The winner whose design is selected will be the cover of the 2024/2025 journal. Deadline is March. Trying to set up an Art club at present with the intention of launching a "Junk Kouture" competition in May.
* Creativity Captain Dapo & Olufunke & Senior Captain Kasia  were involved in helping run & short list poems for the Poetry competition.
* Sports Captains Kerry and Nikola are getting a great response to Gym & Fitness Club. They also ran a junior and senior volleyball tournament during Wellbeing week which saw over 30 students get involved each day. They are now looking into launching a bigger tournament during Active Schools week and possibly a school team next year.
* Junior Captains (Alex, Scott, Jess) running a boards game club every Friday for 1st years.
* SLT & Class Captains collected €505 for the non-uniform day during WellBeing week. All funds raised are going towards Pieta House.
* Inclusivity Captains Conor & Olufunke involved in running JAM sessions on Wed with Elaine & Michael M. Big turn out last week during Wellbeing week.
* ISSU: Scott Dunne was selected as the South Dublin Regional Officer.
* Two Captains Molly & Dami are representing Kishoge in the Student Advisory Group with Educate Together and other students from ET school. This will involve running a event with the theme based on: “Empathy and Solidarity in Action”

Focusing on:

SDG 1 - No poverty

SDG 5 - Gender equality

SDG 10 - Reduced inequalities

SDG 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions

Students will run their own workshops, invite guest speakers based on the SDGs above.

What the SLT are in the process of planning:

* Seachtain na Gaeilge & Active Schools week incentives - perhaps use a portion of the money raised from Festive Jumper Day to led an event during these weeks.
* Junk Kouture competition
* Looking to expand the canteen menu to meet more dietary needs of students.
* 6th year graduation.
* Working with Kristina to plan a 6th year breakfast the last week of school before graduation.

## literacy/library Update:

* A public exhibition of students’ poetry is available to view in the Lucan Library until Jan 26th. Poems have been entered into an Oide national competition and winners of the internal school competition will be announced in assembly today.
* Literacy committee met before Christmas and an updated version of the current literacy policy is currently being drafted. This should be ready by the end of February and OG will consult students and parents as part of process.
* A new promo video for reading, involving staff and students,  is currently being developed for school website/tutors.
* Read Dating featured as part of Wellbeing week- positive feedback received from 5th years.
* All literacy events are currently being logged in an e-portfolio as OG will be entering the school into the *Readers for Life Award* this year.

## leaving Cert Applied programme

**End of Session update:**

5th and 6th year classes have just completed Session 1 (5th year) and Session 3 (6th year) and completed a number of key assignments and tasks since returning September. Each student completed 4 key assignments per subject and tasks in the areas of Hotel, Catering and Tourism, Personal Achievement Task and General Education.

**State Examination Task Interviews:**

Both 5th and 6th years will attend interviews with the State Examinations Commission this week to discuss their work on their Hotel, Catering and Tourism, Personal Achievement and General Education tasks. These task interviews will go towards the students final Leaving Cert marks in these subjects.