# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents 11th March 2021

## return to school

ASD classes reopened to students on 22nd Feb.

6th Years March 1st.

5th Yrs March 15th.

All students 12th April

Parents to complete Return to School declaration.

*Covid-19 Response Plan* updated.

## AP2 duties

Newly appointed members of the school Leadership team:

Aaron Kenny: TY YH (wef 12 April); Asst. Ethical Ed. Co-ordinator; Liaison with Parents’ Council

Dale McCarthy: Behaviour for Learning co-ordinator

Mary Gorman: Co-ordinator of School Self Evaluation

Michael Forrestal: YH to 2a4-2a7 and 6LCA; LCA co-ordinator

Niamh Burke: Teaching, Learning and Assessment development

Nicole Hyland: Green Schools co-ordinator

## Senior cycle options

Now asking parents of Third Years and TYs to make decisions in relation to their son/daughter’s senior cycle education.

To assist students and parents in making these important decisions the school is holding a number of information sessions:

**Weds 3rd March** **9.00am:** Information for students.

**Mon 8th March** **7.00pm:** Information meeting for parents about all three programmes but **focusing on the traditional Leaving Cert.**

**Mon 15th March 7.00pm:** Information meeting for parents focusing on **Transition Year Programme 2021-22.**

**Mon 15th March 8.00pm:** Information meeting **focusing on Leaving Cert Applied Programme** **2020-21**. Parents whose sons/daughters may benefit from LCA will receive a letter inviting them to attend this meeting.

Deadline for decisions on programme choice is 19th March and for LC subject options is 26th March.

## New Leaving cert subjects

This year the school will be offering Applied Maths, Polish and Lithuanian as full Leaving Cert subjects. All available to incoming Fifth years for examination in 2023.

## additional accommodation

Four classrooms have been returned by Griffeen CC: F26 (6LCA), F27 (5LCA), S26, S27.

## LC Information evening

LC information meeting for students and parents held on 8th March at 7pm.

## CBA talk

Aaron presented an information talk of CBAs on March 9th for parents of Second and Third yr students.

## coding dept

**Microsoft Women in Datacentres Pathway Program**

4 students (3 from 5th Year and 1 from 6th Year) have started the Internationally recognized Microsoft Women in Datacentres Pathway Program to upskill some Kishoge students to work in Microsoft Datacentres

The Pilot will equip students with IT fundamentals through trainer led and autonomous learning content with the aim of achieving an internationally recognised certification in CompTIA ITF+. The program, facilitated by Microsoft trainers and Learning and Development experts will promote professional development – networking, interview skills, LinkedIn tools, and how to build resilience. We will also provide a mentorship program led by young women who currently work in our Dublin Datacentre

**CLICK TY Edition**

Creating Leaders In Coding Kishoge was put on hold for our 1st Year girls during the current lockdown to reduce "Team Fatigue" of another call after school. On Monday 1st March TY girls attended a whole day event facilitated by women leaders in the tech world. They received talks from

Jo O Donovan - Director of Small Business at eir Ireland

Emma Heffernan  -  Security Analyst & Social Media Consultant at Edgescan

Alison Harpur - Global Onboarding at WhatsApp Inc.

Gráinne Smith - Product Design Lead at Hubspot

Before being assigned mentors from Verizon and attempted to design an "app for good" in smaller groups. The event was concluded with a talk by Mary Cleary - Secretary General, Irish Computer Society

It's hoped that similar events will continue to run for TY girls in the coming weeks.

## literacy policy

* Staff and students of Kishoge CC participated in *Ireland Reads* on 25th Feb. The book selfie competition gained good traction from staff and students- see website for photos & announcement of winners.
* The Time capsule project is underway and students in first and second year have submitted work. Art teachers are running a project called 'A Moment in Time' in conjunction with the time capsule project.

## TY update

**Houses of the Oireachtas:** Aqilah Ardy (4A2) has been accepted onto the highly sought-after programme offered by the Houses of the Oireachtas. Only 20 places are available to all TYs nationally.

**Magic Workshop** TY students were given an insight into the tricks of the magician’s trade on Tuesday.

## uniform committee report

Committee of two parents, two students and two teachers.

Two recommendations:

* PE bottoms
* Introduce option of leggings