# Kishoge Community CollegePrincipal’s Report to Parents

 **22nd October 2020**

## Pors

AP1 interviews this Thursday and Friday

AP2 competition will commence when AP1 has concluded.

## additional accommodation

Five additional classrooms to be ready by 20th Nov.

Acoustic work on F09 and S07 scheduled for 3rd Nov.

## october assessments

Reports will close on 11th Nov. and published on 12th Nov.

## maths dept in Féilte 2020

Congrats to Maths dept.

Following on from Kishoge's successful Lesson Study project which took place in the last school term, our lesson study team was selected by the PDST Maths team to represent the programme at FÉILTE 2020. Our Lesson Study Team consisted of four teachers including Samantha, Deborah, Christina and Nicole. We engaged in this collaborative professional development journey and completed it just on time before the lockdown.

##  literacy policy

* Junior and senior reading groups have been established and will meet this week for the first time. Students will read a selection of books for the Great Reads Award.
* A virtual OneNote library has been set up for all seniors- juniors to follow
* The Wellread Award e-portfolio was submitted today to the PDST.

## covid awareness team

Q&A session with Dr. Matt O'Toole - We asked a number of questions collected from staff, students, and the parents under the subheadings: general COVID information, mask wearing, hand sanitizing, other precautions and additional COVID information. SPHE lesson to support the learning.

DDLETB head office loved the project and sent it out to every school in Dublin. The video and SPHE lesson has been sent out to every vocational school in Ireland and is currently being sent to various Youth Reach Centres in Dublin. It has been shared by the DDLETB Twitter account and will also be shared by the HSE on Twitter (147,000 followers) later this week.

The team has come up with several additional initiatives which will be phased out in Kishoge over the coming weeks. (E.g. students create COVID awareness videos, key rings with key info).

## maths dept

Maths clinic has moved online for this year. We are using the teams platform to help students remotely with their maths work. Tutors will engage with students on Wednesdays from 2.15 to 3.15 beginning this week.

## ethical ed

This month 1st years have been working on their ethical ed project of movement and migration, focusing on 'Product Journeys'

This has worked really well and they really enjoyed it.

## linguistics olympiad

We now have students from 1st to 5th year interested in taking part in the All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad. I will be running practice sessions via Teams on a weekly basis before the preliminary round of the competition in January.

## engineering dept

* Over a hundred students participated in our annual 'Space Week' project. The objective of the week is to create greater awareness amongst our students of Ireland's participation in Europe's developing space industry. A significant interest in activities during the week was noted.
* Our 4th annual participation in An Taisce's 'Air Quality' project has commenced. (October 12th - November 15th.) Three nitrogen dioxide sensors have been deployed around our school campus. These will remain in place for a period of 4 weeks. (Nitrogen dioxide is part of a group of gaseous air pollutants produced as a result of road traffic and other fossil fuel combustion processes.) Results will be issued in December and compared with our previous data collection. The test will be conducted again in March 2021.

## business dept

* TY students will attend a second enterprise workshop based on marketing ran by the Local Enterprise Office on Tuesday 20th at 10am.
* The TY Winter Fair will take place within the school Friday 11th December.
* The fair will abide by all Covid regulations.
* All students and staff will have an opportunity to attend the fair and purchase products on the day.
* As visitors cannot attend the fair, students will create a short video marketing their product and it will be displayed on the school's website. Orders can also be placed through this online store.
* The whole school community including the Parents Council, Students Council, Senior Management and our ET Educational Officer, Laura Dooley will be invited to judge the fair.
* Awards will include; most innovative, best display, best promotion of health and wellbeing, best supporting our ethos, best promoting diversity and inclusion and a range of new awards promoting cross curricular links.
* Thank you to all the teachers who have been assisting students in the creation of their products, a thank you to Michael Forrestal, Philip Deveraux, and Maeve Ward.

## restorative practice

1. Dale and Rachel are running a pilot program of 'Restorative Practice' with our second-year students, tutors, and teachers. CPD session was held Tuesday 22nd September with all second-year tutors. Restorative Practice CPD also held on Wednesday 30th 1.45-2.15.
2. Aim will be to roll it out to the whole school community in 2021.

## TY Report

**Walk**

A group of TYs were brought on a walk to the canal. It was being trialled to see if it would be a covid-friendly activity. Although the students enjoyed the experience it was considered by management afterwards to be potentially unsafe given the current covid guidelines.

**IACT - eLearning Platform**

Each student in transition year have been granted access to the IACT eLearning Hub. This allows students to engage with 60 hours of lessons in three different skill areas; these include computer skills, career skills & driving skills. Students will receive certificates for each completed skill.

**Cycle**

 A cycle to Phoenix Park was completed. The trip took our TYs along the canal as far as Kilmainham and then on into the park. The students cycled to the Papal cross and did a lap of the 40 acres. The round trip was a decent 30kms and the furthest most of our TYs had ever cycled!

**Covid-Keyrings**

TY students have been involved in raising awareness around covid symptoms. They have designed a keyring that have the different indicators of covid. They have been making these using the laser printer and distributing them to all students in Kishoge CC.

**Teaching Ethical Education in TY**

Aaron Kenny tutor to 4A3 was invited to present to the Ethical Education Teachers Professional Network. He showcased how ethical education is delivered to our transition year students in Kishoge Community College. His online presentation was very well received and highlighted all the innovative teaching and learning methodologies that teachers in Kishoge CC use.