

LCII, LGAI NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 25TH 2024

Message From The Year Head

It is hard to believe that it is already midterm as we head from October into November 2024.

The transition from being junior pupils to being senior students in the school has gone smoothly for the vast majority of students this year.

My office is Room 110, and I am available to meet any students who need to drop in at any time.

My email address remains gerard.keane@stcaimins.ie.

A reminder to parents that:

- 1) Absent notes need to be uploaded on VShare so that they can be authorised by us.
- 2) If a student is leaving for an appointment or returning to school from an appointment, they need to sign out and sign in at reception. It should also be recorded on VShare.
- 3) A full school uniform is important. Having two of each item is encouraged, and jackets should be put into lockers or bags when students enter the school building.
- 4) Our mobile policy for phones continues to be "Not seen, Not heard, Not taken."

Wishing you all a restful mid-term break.

Take care,

Ger Keane.

Important Calendar Dates !!

- 5th of November: CAO Application Facility Opens for 2025 Applications.
- 11th of November: LC2 parent-teacher meetings.
- 6th of December: School Closed; Discretionary Day.
- 20th of December to the 6th of January—Christmas Holidays. (Return to school 6th of January.)
- 1st of February—normal closing date for CAO applications.
- 3rd of February: School Closed (St. Bridget's Day).
- 5th-14th of February: Mock Exams.
- 14th-24th of February: Mid-Term Break. (Return to school on the 24th of February.)
- 17th of March: School Closed for St. Patrick's Day.

- 31st of March: School Closed for Teacher Training Day.
- 11th-28th of April: Easter Holidays. (Return to school the 28th of April.).
- 5th of May: School Closed May Bank Holiday.
- Friday, the 23rd of May, School Graduation Mass.
- Wednesday, the 4th of June-Tuesday the 24th of June Leaving Certificate Provisional Timetable.
- Wednesday, the 4th of June-Thursday the 12th of June Leaving Certificate Applied Provisional Timetable.
- Monday, the 25th of August, Debs Ball.



Liam McCarthy Visit

On Friday, the 27th of September, the students of St. Caimins received a lovely treat with the visit of the Liam McCarthy Cup to the school. Three former past pupils were members of the All-Ireland Senior Hurling winning panel this year, and the school was honoured to be linked with the All-Ireland winning team. Darragh Lohan, Aaron Shanagher, and Rory Hayes all received a well-deserved hero's welcome from the students and the teachers alike in what was a visit that will be long remembered, as over 700 students packed into our PE Hall to welcome back their sporting heroes.

Emerald Park Visit

On Friday, the 20th of September, over 70 of our Leaving Certificate students made the long trip to Emerald Park in County Meath for a great adventure that will live long in the memory.

The buses left Shannon at 7am in the morning, and after a brief stop on the M7 for refreshments, we arrived at the park at 10:30am. Some of the rides that students took included The Quest, Na Fianna Force, Endeavour, and The Rotator, to name but a few. After lunch, many students tried the different basketball and throwing games in an effort to win a giant teddy bear, but to no avail.



After leaving Emerald Park, we stopped at Barrack Obama Plaza on the way home before landing in Shannon at 8pm with tired but content bodies. Overall, it was a great day out for everyone, including teachers, and the students had a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

Homework and Study.

Study Guidelines

Here in St. Caimin's, we refer to the last two years of schooling as LC1 and LC2 or LCA1 and LCA2, which reminds us daily that senior students are involved in a two-year course. All senior students are expected to focus on their schoolwork and engage actively in class. In addition to this, LC2 students are expected to complete three to four hours of homework/study per night leading up to the mocks. Homework comes in many forms: written work, learning, reading, creative design, and IT activities. Planning is essential to get the most out of your homework/study time and planners are available from outside Ms O'Loughlin's office near reception. We encourage students to avail of the resources outside Ms O'Loughlin's office, as they can help keep all students on track with their studying heading up to the mocks. Everyone must send a chat to Ms. O'Loughlin on Teams to avail of the StudyClix codes. Before sending a message to Ms. O'Loughlin, make sure you have your own accounts created. <https://www.studyclix.ie>

Additional supports and information is also available on our school website: www.saintcaimins.ie

A Visit From Thomas Barr.

On Thursday, the 19th of September, we were very fortunate to get Thomas Barr into St. Caimins to talk to our Leaving Certificate cohort.

Thomas, who is a three-time Olympian and multiple champion winner at the national and international level, was an excellent speaker who spoke about his many achievements and challenges that he has faced during the course of his career.

One of the highlights of the day was when Thomas passed around some of the medals he has won in major championships, including the gold medals for the 4x 400-meter European mixed relay in Rome this year, which took place just before the Olympics. Thomas was part of the team, which also included Rasidat Adeleke, Chris O'Donnell, and Sharlene Maudsley.

Thomas did some icebreakers at the start of the talk, adding with a PowerPoint presentation before finishing up with a Q&A session. Students were then able to take pictures and have a chat with Thomas before he spoke with our school's athletic squad.

Overall, a great experience for all, and thanks to Ms. Sheehan for organising Thomas to come into us.



Open Day

On Friday, the 18th of October, our LC2 students had the opportunity of visiting the UL, TUS, and Mary I campuses for their open days. They got an opportunity to meet the representatives of the academic facilities and departments as well as meeting current college students while availing of campus tours in all three college

This was a great learning experience for all of our students and a special thanks to Ms. Fitzpatrick for organising it.

Awards Ceremony

The LCII Awards Ceremony took place on Friday, the 27th of September. A large cohort of our students received Merit and Distinction awards for their academic achievements for the previous year, as well as their sporting and charity endeavours. A special mention must go to the LCAI student of the year, Katie Moloney, and the LCI student of the year, Marco Kokocinski.

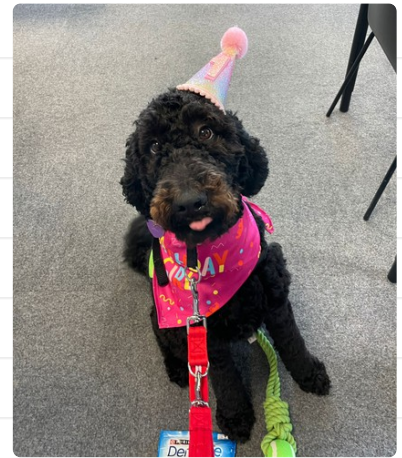
Student Supports.

With the October tests just gone and the mock exams just around the corner on the 5th of February, it is an ideal time to highlight the supports that are available to students, which include:

- Access to the guidance counsellor.
- One-on-one meetings with the year head.
- Access to the school chaplain
- One-to-one tuition with the Learning to Learn programme.
- Extra tuition support with your class teachers.
- Plus a wide range of well-being supports and activities.

If any student is not feeling their very best, then they can contact any member of the pastoral support team at any time.

- Lastly, we would like to notify all students about StudyClix, tie in with Ms. O'Loughlin, for passwords to access StudyClix offers.



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