2nd Year Newsletter

AUTUMN EDITION 2021

WELCOME BACK

Hi all and welcome to the year's October edition of the St. Caimin's 2nd year Newsletter.

We have had a good start to the year and hope to continue this positive start into the next term.



OCTOBER MID-TERM

October Mid-Term will run from Friday, 22nd of October until Monday the 1st of November 2021. Happy Halloween to all 2nd year students and their families.

COVID 19

Covid-19 remains prevalent in schools all around the country so we are reiterating to parents to remind students of their obligations to wear masks securely in a school setting and to continue with the safety precautions which have been implemented.

VS WARE

Parents can continue to log absences and monitor attendance on VS Ware.



CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENTS (CBA'S)

Classroom based assessments are an intregel part of 2nd and 3rd year, they are school based assessments that are separate to the state-based assessments i.e. The Junior Cycle. When students have completed their CBA's, the CBA will then be assessed by the students' teachers,

using specific tasks set out in the curriculum specification for each subject. They are completed within the teaching time allocated for each subject.

Using the features of quality teachers will decide the level of achievement, along with other teachers from that specific department, based on the following assessment descriptors, Exceptional, Above Exceptional, in line with Expectations and yet to meet expectations. The following are the dates for the 2nd years classroom-based assessment. (CBA's)

Subject: Dates:

Science 28\2\ 2022- 18\03\2022

Home Ec 1\11\2021- 16\01\2022

Geography 14\02\2022- 8\04\2022

Religion 21\03\2022-8\04\2022

Music 1\11\2021- 13\05\2022

English 25\04\2022- 13\052022

Maths 25\04\2022- 13\05\2022

History 28\02\2022- 18\03\2022

Business 25\04\2022- 13\05\2022

Gaeilge Both CBA1 and CBA2 are completed in 3rd year.

SHOUT OUT FROM THE YOUTH SVP GROUP IN ST. CAIMIN'S

What is being a member of SVP all about?

I have been involved with SVP here in St. Caimin's for over a year. I have gotten to see firsthand what they do to help people in our community and in our school. One of my favorite things we did last year was making Late Late Toyshow Treat Bags . These were really popular, and all the proceeds went to the local branch of SVP here in Shannon. We had great fun doing this and I got to meet new friends. Due to Covid restrictions many of the activities that the SVP do here in the school had to be curtailed. One of the most recent activities we did was to make surprise goody bags for world teachers' day. This was a small gesture to say thank you to our teachers, SNA's and Office staff. The SVP group is open to new members all the time and we have meetings every Monday at lunchtime. We are currently electing our new officers for the group and planning our projects and activities up to Christmas. If you would like to join, Come along to a meeting on Monday's at 12.45pm or go to Ms Guinnane's office (outside of the cafeteria) and tell her you want to join. I really like the SVP group because I meet lots of new people and have had a lot of fun.

Colin Devitt 2nd Year student



SPORTS

A number of different outdoor sports are up and running after the first term. Training has recommenced for these sports and 2nd years have shown excellent commitment and enthusiasm in any activities that they have been involved in.

MATHS GROUPINGS

On the first Monday after the mid-term break, it is envisaged that there will be 5 higher level class groups and 3 ordinary level groups in 2nd year. As previously stated, this will be based on an average grade from the 3 assessments that were taken before mid-term.

LOCKERS

Lockers are being made available to students after mid-term. Before the break students will be given a code to their lockers which they can access when they return to school after their break.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The student council elections took place under the guidance of Ms. Glendon Gary this year. All year groups have nominated and voted for the student representative they felt would best represent their voice at student council. Each class nominated a person and while there was some very stiff competition, the 2nd year student body voted for Lee Maguire.

