

LC 2 and LCA 2 Christmas Newsletter

December 22nd, 2023

Message from the Year Head

As this long and very busy term draws to a close, I am very conscious that this is our last Christmas newsletter for this group of students. This time next year they will be blazing a trail in the world of work or the world of third level education.

Since their return on August 30th, the LC2 and LCA2 classes have embraced the challenges of their academic work and have contributed generously to the extracurricular and social fabric of our school community. They deserve both rest and relaxation over the holiday period.

Yet we cannot forget that this is a very important year for them academically and it is due to this that we are recommending that each student spend a minimum of five days on their studies over Christmas. Further guidelines and support resources can be found below.

Recent news of the Treanor Scholarship has given a significant incentive to our students to focus on their studies. We are incredible grateful for the generosity of our benefactor. This scholarship will greatly enhance the educational opportunities of one of our students. More details below.

Finally, I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Looking forward to meeting you all again in 2024.

Kind regards,

Siobhan

Dates to Remember

Monday 8th January Return to school after the holidays.

Monday 29th January Mock Exams Begin

Thursday 1st February The CAO registration portal is now open for the 2024 campaign. Students are strongly advised to register by Feb 1st.

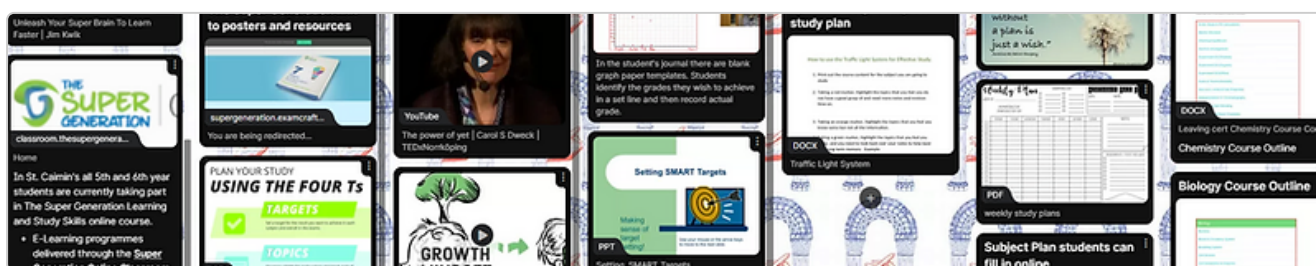
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Study Tips

All students are encouraged to devote a minimum of five days to their study over the Christmas break. Given all the excitement and celebrations in homes throughout our catchment, we realise this way prove difficult but self-discipline and focus will allow you Leaving Cert student to achieve this goal. Begin by identifying the five days which will be the quietest in your home over the holidays and mark these days on your calendar as study days. On these days students should begin work at 9:00 in the morning and follow the structure of the school day-taking short breaks every 40/45 minutes and longer breaks from 11:00 to 11:15 and from 13:15 to 14:00. Most teachers will have given the student's revision work or study guides for the break so creating a plan to tackle this work is also advised. Planning material and study aids collated by our Learning to Learn Co-ordinator, Ms O Loughlin can be found following this link.



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Learning 2 Learn Initial supports for SOME Students: Guidance from year head, one to one sessions Planning templates Support developing a study plan Develop culture of getting students to do their best Award system Learning to learn support and study tips and growth mindset in small groups Allow students

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Careers Corner

Please note the closing date for the HEAR and DARE for 2024 applicants is March 15th. All details on www.accesscollege.ie

The Treanor Scholarship 2024

The Treanor Scholarship is a scheme designed for the St. Caimin's Class of 2024. It's aim is to support the third level education of one of our 2024 graduates. The successful candidate will be awarded up to €5000 for each year of their undergraduate course, up to a maximum of four years. More details of this fantastic opportunity can be found on the link below.

2024 The Treanor Scholarship - Copy.pdf

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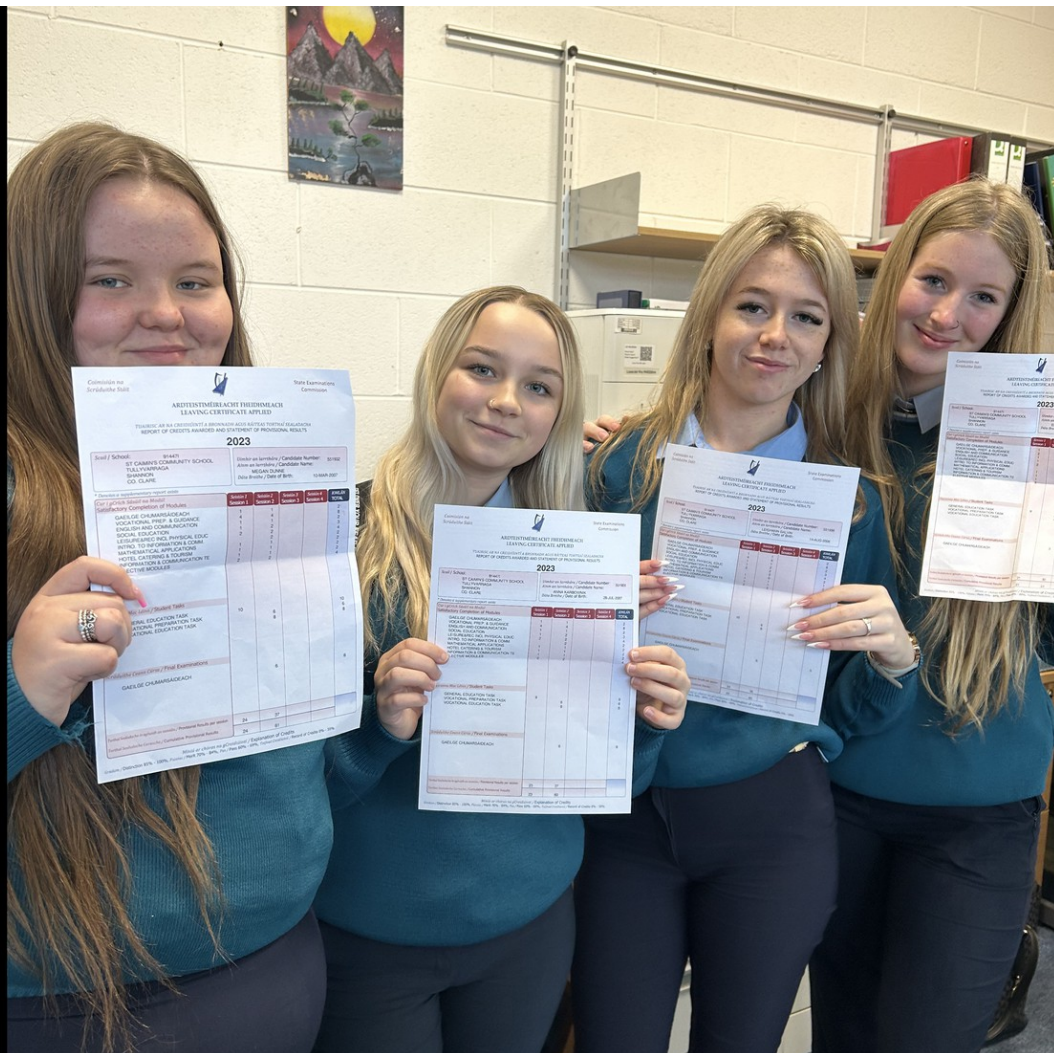
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It was with great pride that I saw our Senior Rugby Team get organised and head away to play their first rugby game of the season on October 17th, 2023. The team, anchored by seventeen LC2 students, were outplayed on the day but they had a fantastic day and were fantastic representatives of the school. Thanks to Mr McDermott for managing the team.



Congratulations to our LCA Students

Our LCA2 students received their Reports of Credits Awarded and Statement of Provisional Results on October 11th 2023. These reflected their achievements in LCA1. Their results were outstanding and have set them up for continued success for LCA2. Congratulations all.



Senior Football, Hurling and Camogie

Our Senior Boys Gaelic football team had a great victory in the first round of the Munster competition with a win over Glanmire from Co. Cork on a scoreline of 3-5 to 2-7. Unfortunately, we were beaten in the Clare Senior B Final by Spanish Point but we are still in the Munster Quarter Final in January. Lining out for the school for the sixth year in a row, Jack Bermingham found a regular spot between the posts and pulled off many fine saves for our team.

Our Senior hurling team were unfortunate in their Munster School's competition as they lost out narrowly to Hazelwood Community College and Ballingarry Presentation Secondary School, both from Co. Limerick.

Our senior girls camogie lost out in the quarter final of the Munster Senior Camogie competition in a hard fought battle against Scoil Pol Kilfinane. Well done to Claire O Grady, Aoibheann Sweeney, Avril Moore and Aimee Mc Namara for their great efforts.



Trick or Treat for Temple Street.

The entire school community pulled out all the stops on October 26th to raise money for Temple Street Children's Hospital in Dublin. Our Leaving Certs lead by example and looked fantastic



Spot the odd one out!



The Men and Women in Black!



The Star Spangled Banner.



The Colour Purple

November 10th marked Colours Day in St. Caimin's where we celebrated inclusion and LGBTQ Awareness. The Leaving Certs were encouraged to wear purple and again they rose to the occasion. Congratulations to everybody who took part.



Ladies in Purple!



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Looking great in purple.

Our Stars Shone Brightly

Following a seven year hiatus, our Music Department and Senior School Management Team decided to produce a musical this year, and what an amazing decision that turned out to be. Five LC2 students and well over one hundred others were very busy rehearsing and practicing diligently for the musical "**Back to the 80's**". Some of our students are involved backstage for the production while others are acting and singing with others painting and decorating the set. The show was an amazing success, showcasing the very best talent St. Caimin's has to offer. Shauna Byrnes and Dylan Kearney Kearse were magnificent in lead roles while Katelyn Diville and Ava Daly were integral to the talented troop of dancers. A big shout also to Darragh O Connell who played in the band.

The show transported me back to my own teens, and made me so proud of our very talented students. Follow the link for more pictures



School Musical 2023

Our School Musical. Back to the 80's. Held over 2 nights on 19/12/23 and 20/12/23

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Christmas Cinema Trip

As a special pre-Christmas treat, over ninety of our Leaving Certificate students headed to Shannon Omniplex to see "Wonka" on December 21st. The movie was a magical feast for the imagination and was enjoyed by all.



Tara O Loughlin

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