



**SALESIAN COLLEGE CELBRIDGE**  
**“We care, develop, believe- together we achieve”**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are well at this time, and I hope for us all that Covid-19 has moved on from Salesian College. I thank all students for their excellent behaviour over the last number of weeks as we experienced unprecedented teacher absences. I assure all parents that asking students to remain at home was a decision only taken as the very last option in order to ensure the health and safety of all the school community. All our teachers will do their very best to make up for missed teaching time.

*SCC 500 Draw*

We are truly grateful for the amazing response to our SCC 500 draw. We thank all our parents, past pupils, staff and local community for their excellent support. Our next draw will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and good luck to all entered in the draw. Please make sure you follow us on our social media Facebook and Instagram accounts for all the updates on the SCC500 draw and all school news.

*Easter Break / LC Orals*

6<sup>th</sup> year students will be advised about the arrangements for the LC oral exams during the Easter holidays as soon as they are confirmed by the State Examination Commission.

*Easter Study*

We will organise Easter Study for students who are interested. This will be a great opportunity for a quiet structured approach to study during the holidays. Mr. Kerins Deputy Principal and Mr. Kilcline will advise students of the times and dates.

### ***Yeargroup Assemblies***

All students will attend yeargroup assemblies this week and all students will be reminded of key school rules. We appreciate your efforts to ensure our students have the correct uniform and school shoes. We will conduct a uniform check again on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Again, I ask that notes to excuse the wearing of runners are not sent in. All parents and guardians are fully aware of the school uniform on registration in Salesian College and polishable black shoes are the required school uniform for the full school year. As the weather is improving there is no longer a need for students to wear their coats and jackets in classrooms anymore and we will ask for their full cooperation with this. Students are not allowed eat or drink outside of their allocated lunchrooms. There is a €5 fine sanctioned for this. Chewing gum is banned in the school and a €5 fine also applies to this breach of the school code of behaviour.

I remind parents that students are not allowed use their mobile phones. The use of mobile phones is not permitted between 8.30am and 6.15 p.m. (Following afterschool study). All mobile phones must be turned off in school. ***The following can constitute use of a mobile phone on the school premises: accessing the phone in any way for information, check the time, calendar, text messages, taking photographs, making a recording (video, voice, making a note), using any apps or other mobile phone functions.***

- Breach of this rule will result in immediate confiscation of the phone for the rest of the day.
- The phone will be returned at the day and a sanction of either a €45 fine or 1 day suspension will be imposed.
- Students will have five days to arrange payment of this fine through the school Easy Payments on-line electronic payment system. If the fine is not paid within this five-day limit, a suspension will automatically be applied.

Please ensure you do not send text messages to your son in the school. Please contact the school in the event of an emergency.

Students are not allowed to leave the school premises at any time without a note presented to the school and shown to their Form Teacher or the Deputy Principals. Only students with lunch passes are allowed to go home. They are not allowed to the local shops. This will also be checked this week.

### ***Lockers***

It is our plan to issue lockers to 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th year students this week.

As it is over two years now since students have used lockers it is really important that all students access their lockers only at the allocated times – before and after school and only during the morning and lunch breaks.

Students are not allowed out of class to access their lockers and if students are at their lockers between classes, they will be assigned an afterschool detention.

### ***Ceangail & Cinnirí interviews Sarah Coleman & Karen Dunne & Kevin Flynn***

We wish all our 5<sup>th</sup> year students who are applying for the Ceangail & Cinnirí leadership programmes next week the very best of luck. This programme is a central part of our school structure, and we value every application. Ms. Karen Dunne and Ms. Sarah Coleman will address the 5th year students at their assembly about Ceangail & Cinnirí for 2022-2023 and the application process. We also sincerely thank

Ms. Laura Whitty for her work with Ceangail & Cinnirí for several years now. Well done on your commitment and leadership of this programme.

### ***Work Experience Report 2022***

The TY students enjoyed their second work placement in the week after the mid-term break. 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February. This was a change from last year when they went out before the mid-term, during the mock exams. The two other secondary schools in Celbridge were going out before the midterm and it was felt that there were not enough placements available for 3 schools. The students were lucky to secure interesting placements locally and elsewhere in Dublin or Kildare. The placements included places such as:

Pet shops, coffee shops, Supervalu, Primary Schools, K-club, Walshe's Pharmacy, mechanics, electricians, real estate, Gyms, Golf Shop, general retail, barristers, farm foods, engineering companies. Some students did on-line TY programmes, the best of which is The Royal College of Surgeons online programme. This is usually very popular, and the online version has allowed much greater numbers participate. During their placement a TY teacher calls the employer to ask how the student is getting on. All were given glowing reports with comments such as: Super hard worker, a gentleman, gave his best, doing very well, giving 100%, extremely well-mannered and a very good worker.

One exceptional comment stands out: always punctual, running rings around already established staff!! Manners are impeccable and if we have any more students like this one, send them our way! (Maxi-Zoo).

### ***Road Race, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022***

We are delighted to announce the return of our wonderful Road Race. Last year we held a special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race with 40 students taking part. This year we hope all our students will take part especially our 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, as this will be their first Road Race and the last for our 6<sup>th</sup> year students. This is always one of the highlights of our year and it showcases the very best of Salesian College. Training sessions will start soon, and we encourage as many students as possible to get involved and start training.

### ***Sports Day & Parents Association BBQ.***

We are also delighted to start preparing for our whole school Sports Day. Last year we successfully organised Sports Days for individual year groups, but we cannot wait to have the whole school back out on our school grounds again for Sports Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The Parents Association will post a letter on the school website looking for your assistance nearer the time to make sure we can organise the fabulous BBQ once the different jobs are sorted out.

### ***Subject options for 5th Years 2022-2023***

We will begin our planning for 5<sup>th</sup> year subject options this week. There will be an Information meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. This will be on-line, and the link will be made available later this week.

### ***End of year ceremonies & planning***

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May TY graduation.

### ***Incoming 1st years Information Meeting 04-05-2022***

There will be an Information meeting for our incoming first year students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the school. Parents and students will be notified in advance.

***School Office***

I remind parents and guardians that access to the school is still by appointment only. Please do not call to the school to leave lunches or forgotten materials as they will not be accepted.

***Covid-19***

As we all know Covid-19 is still very present in our community. We remind all parents and guardians to monitor symptoms and administer an antigen test if there are any concerns. Please write a note in the student's journal in relation to any absences for their Form Teacher.

I thank all parents and guardians for their continued support and wish our students well for the rest of this term.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms. Brenda Kearns,

**Principal.**