

# ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future**

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## Costume Day Fundraiser

It is tradition in St. Joseph's that a non-uniform day is held on the last day of each term with €2 collected from each student. Proceeds are given to a local charity or service. On the last day of term in October the non-uniform day took the format of a costume day where students could wear a Halloween costume or something pink to school for the day. Some students availed of the free nail painting service organised by Ms Mathews. The total funds collected on the day came to €1,700. This included the proceeds of a Staff Lunch organised by Ms Mac Namee. All the proceeds from the day were given to the North East Cancer Research and Education Trust based at the Lourdes Hospital.



Photo above: some of the staff who dressed up for Costume Day. L-R Ms Murphy, Ms Mac Namee, Patrice, school secretary, Ms Flood, Mr Carolan, Ms Callaghan, Mr Lynch, Ms Murray and Ms Wynne.

Photo top left: a selection of students in their costumes. Photo above: students compare their nails at Ms Mathews nail bar. Photo below: Mr Mathews gets a head start at the Staff Lunch.



Check out the latest news on our School's Website  
[www.droghedacbs.ie](http://www.droghedacbs.ie)







This Year's Senior Prefects pictures above after being presented with their badges by School Principal, Mr David Madden. Senior Prefects: Daniel Akinso, Louis Flanagan, Jake Fleming, Gary Fox, John Holdcroft, Cormac Hughes, Stephen Hughes, Michael Janik, Andrew McGovern, Adam Mc Loughlin, , Glen Mitchell, Luke Mitchell, Nehemy Mutombo, Scott Murphy, Brano Oracko and Jakub Rusin.

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Applied Maths is being offered to 5th year students as an additional Leaving Cert subject. Classes are on Mondays from 4pm to 5.45pm. There is no fee for these classes.

#### Homework/Study skills Workshops

In October the Resource Dept. organised a series of homework/study skills workshops for all students in 1st year and their parents. The workshops ran over a three week period and were facilitated by teachers involved in teaching 1st year. Issues such as student journal use, organisation and planning homework, preparing for tests and how to study were discussed. The important role parent play in supporting their son in relation to school work and study was also highlighted. There was good attendance at each workshop and the feedback provided by many parents has been very positive.



New mini gym facilities

## School Calendar 2014—2014

### November 2014

3rd School re-opens

3rd, 4th, 5th House exams for all students

27th Third year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

### December 2014

10th Sixth year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

19th Last day of term

### January 2015

5th School reopens

### February 2015

4th Pre exams start

12th Second year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

16th to 20th midterm break

25th Fifth year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

### March 2015

17th Bank Holiday

12th First year parent/teacher meeting, 4.15pm

30th Start of Easter break

### April 2015

30th March to 10th April Easter break

5th Easter Sunday

### May 2015

4th Bank Holiday

21st Sixth year Graduation Mass

25th TY Parent Evening

25th Summer House Exams start

### AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

After school study is available to all students from 4pm to 6pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive. Third and sixth year students in particular are encouraged to avail of this service.

### Halloween Bazaar

On the last day of term the school gym was transformed into a marketplace by Junior Cert Business Studies students. There was a lot of razzmatazz in the air as these enterprising students set up their flashy stalls with a view to enticing fellow students to purchase goods ranging from Hot Dogs to DVDs . Much wheeling and dealing took place between sellers and buyers in an atmosphere of goodwill where everyone was a winner. Our photo shows market traders Joel Safo , Dennis Gondzik and Eniola Smith demonstrating their selling skills to keen punters Princewell Esanbor and Sencer Han.

