

# 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR

## Year Head Newsletter

### EASTER 2026

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the progress of our Second Year students since the February midterm break.

All Second Year students recently completed their Athena review meetings. During these one-to-one reviews, students reflected on their learning so far, identified their strengths, and set clear, achievable targets for the upcoming summer examinations. A strong emphasis was placed on developing effective study habits, including consistent revision and active engagement in class.

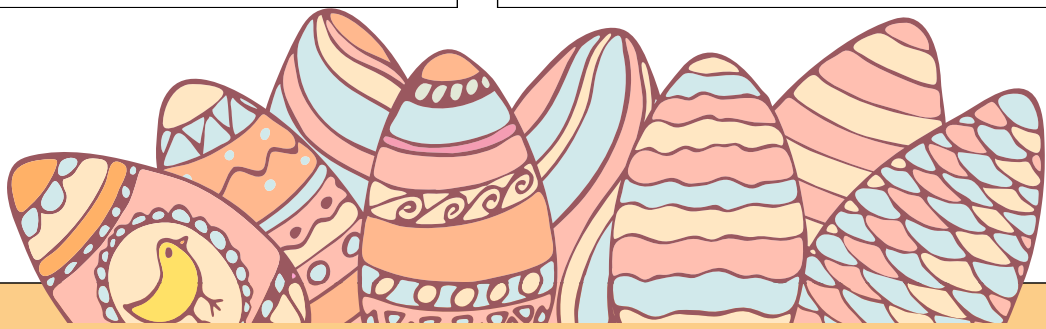
Students recently attended Cyber Safety talk delivered by CyberSafeKids. This interactive session focused on helping students develop essential digital media literacy skills and navigate the online world safely and responsibly. Key topics included cyberbullying, managing their digital footprint, online scams, and the importance of critical thinking when engaging with online content.

#### SEACHTAIN NA GAELGE

As part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations, students enjoyed a fun and energetic lunchtime event in the sports hall on Tuesday 10th March. Open to 1st and 2nd years, the event featured a lively disco alongside a range of activities including cluichí, skipping, music, hula hoops and face painting. It was wonderful to see such great participation and enthusiasm, with students embracing the Irish language in a relaxed and enjoyable way. A big well done to everyone involved in making the event such a success.

#### SUMMER EXAMS & STUDY

As we approach the summer exams, students will be encouraged to get into good revision habits. The school has made a significant investment in purchasing log ins for each student in the Examrevision.ie website, which I distributed to students earlier this year. We encourage you to remind your child to make full use of this tool to enhance their revision and exam success.



## SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to 2 Skeffington on winning the 2nd Year Lunchtime League title after a brilliant 3-2 victory over 2 McNamara in a very competitive final. Well done to all students across the seven Caomhnoir groups who took part over the 7 weeks tournament. The effort, teamwork and sportsmanship on display led to some fantastic and highly competitive games throughout the league.

The U14 girls' GAA team have shown fantastic determination and resilience so far this year. Despite facing two challenging matches against O'Carolan College and Oldcastle, the girls have continued to grow in confidence and performance with each game. Under the leadership of Aoibhe Cheevers (2 McNamara), who has captained the team with great commitment and positivity, the team has gone from strength to strength. The team have one game remaining after Easter against St. Ciarán's Community School, Kells, and they will be hoping to finish their campaign on a high note.

On the 2nd of March, our 2nd Year Boys' GAA team represented the school with great pride as they competed in the final. Reaching a final is a fantastic achievement in itself, and this group of players should be very proud of their commitment and effort both in training and on the day. We commend their resilience and positive attitude, and we look forward to seeing them continue to build on this experience in the future.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

Please see below, Teachers have outlined and set work with study and revision focused for students to complete over the Easter two week break. Your support at home on this work being completed is much appreciated. An interesting and relevant read is linked here focusing on the importance of students attendance to school.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/education/2026/0226/1560475-school-esri-study/>

In advance of the Barcelona trip, a Parents/Guardians information evening will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 5pm in school. Please note that Parents/Guardians and students attendance is mandatory. Student only meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 1pm in school. Student attendance is mandatory. Students must bring their passport, EHIC and medication form to their link teacher.

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I would like to wish all students and their families a very happy and restful Easter break. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to recharge, enjoy some well-earned downtime, and spend quality time with family and friends. A reminder that summer exams are only a few weeks away and some study over the Easter break is important in order for students to achieve to the best of their abilities and to reach the targets they have set for themselves in their Athena reviews. A reminder that examrevision.ie is available free of charge to all students.

I look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Yours sincerely,  
Iníon Corcoran  
Second Year Year Head

Subject	Work assigned	Expected Engagement
<b>Irish</b>	Revision of gearrscéal - An Cluiche Mór and grammar (AMMC), Revision of An Cluiche Mór, Jeaic ar scoil/Dán do Lara and Grammar (LOG), Revision of Dráma & past exam questions on Teams (SABO) Revise poetry and short story exam question (ERFI)	1 hour 15 minutes
<b>English</b>	The Merchant of Venice revision, exam on return.	1 hour
<b>Maths</b>	Revise for test upon return/ Practice Questions. (NE) IXL revision (OQ) (TL)	1 hour
<b>History</b>	CBA1 Completed, revision on 1916 and Irish Independence Glacial worksheet revision and secondary activities(RADO)/ Revision of topics covered since mid-term for tests after	1 hour
<b>Geography</b>	Easter break eg Glaciation, aerial photographs CBA work - Choose a topic, research question and at least 10 points of background research on the topic. Create a hypothesis based off that research.	1 hour
<b>Science</b>	Revision over Units 6 - 10, and Grammar from 1st Year (JG)	1 hour
<b>French</b>	Chapter 1 or chapter 2 revision worksheet from aprendemos 2 book	1-1.5 hours
<b>Spanish</b>	Fully complete final piece A2 scale painting of the design from CBA1 Project using a range of tones, textures and techniques.	2 hours
<b>Art</b>	Enterprise 2 rapid revisions - Cash Flow and Finance/Ownership structures as prep for summer exam	1 hour 15 minutes
<b>Business</b>	Key/Jewellery holder A3 process sheet and Carving chapter in workbook (CGIL)	1.5 hours
<b>MTW</b>	Complete and hand in CBA1 on Teams	1 hour
<b>Technology</b>	Finish drawing out Dump truck project (70% of final grade)	1 hour
<b>Engineering</b>	Auxiliary Projection Questions	1 hour
<b>Graphics</b>	Revise key signatures and scales, recording techniques and processing effects, the bass clef and forming triads	1 hr 30 mins
<b>Music</b>	Cookery Assignment uploaded onto Teams	1 hr 30 mins
<b>Home Economics</b>		

