

5TH 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 Fifth Year students since the February midterm break.

A major highlight of the term has been the opportunity for many of the 5th year students to participate in international school tours to Boston and New Hampshire and to Northern Italy. Boston and New Hampshire provided an excellent cultural and educational experience, with the skiing element proving particularly memorable. It was a pleasure to witness first hand how all students took to the slopes and their respect and attention as they made huge progress on the slopes daily.



The students who travelled to Northern Italy, visiting Venice, Milan and Lake Garda, had a wonderful trip filled with History, culture and shared experiences. Highlights were boat tours to Venice, Lake Garda, a tour of the historic San Siro, and a tour of St. Marks Square amongst many others.



EXAM REVISION & STUDY

We encourage you to remind your child to make full use of Examrevision.ie to enhance their revision and exam success in advance of the upcoming fifth year summer assessments.

CINNIRÍ SINSEAR

On Thursday April 26th, we had a Tionól about the role of the Cinnirí Sinsear (Student Prefect). This is a role for students who want to lead, inspire, and be the voice of their year group, as well as play a key mentoring role for next years 1st years. Students will be invited to apply for this role during the last term of 5th year.



SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

The school recently celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge. Students were encouraged to engage in activities such as a Baking Competition, Guess the Teacher, and Lá Trídathach where they could wear green, white, and orange alongside their school uniform. A number of the 5th year students also attended a screening of an Irish language film 'Báite' as part of their preparation for the Leaving Certificate course. Irish teachers noted the exemplary behaviour by students while on the tour.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We welcomed a guest speaker from the Show Racism the Red Card campaign, who delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation. Irish Country Meats to speak about the wide range of career opportunities within the agri-food industry.

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

The two-hour after school study will continue next term at a cost of €10 per week every Monday- Thursday. The free Maths Support Centre will also continue to take place every Tuesday after school.

As we move into the Easter break, it is important for students to continue maintaining consistent revision habits. While the break is an opportunity to rest and recharge, it is also an ideal time for students to review key material and keep up with coursework. Establishing good study routines now will be very beneficial as we move closer to the summer examinations.

I have attached to this newsletter a detailed subject list and expected engagement time for assigned work. I would appreciate your support at home to carefully monitor and ensure this is followed. Please note that this list will contain all subjects in 5th Year, and students should only concentrate on the subjects that are applicable to them.

The last term is always a very exciting and busy one. As well as exam preparation, we will celebrate our annual 'Culture Day', with a lot of hard work and preparation going on behind the scenes. We will also have the annual 5th year tour once the exams finish, to celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of the students, as they prepare for 6th year next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families an enjoyable Easter. I look forward to welcoming back students on Monday 13th April 2026 for the final term of this academic year.

Yours sincerely,
Máistir Murtagh
Fifth Year Year Head

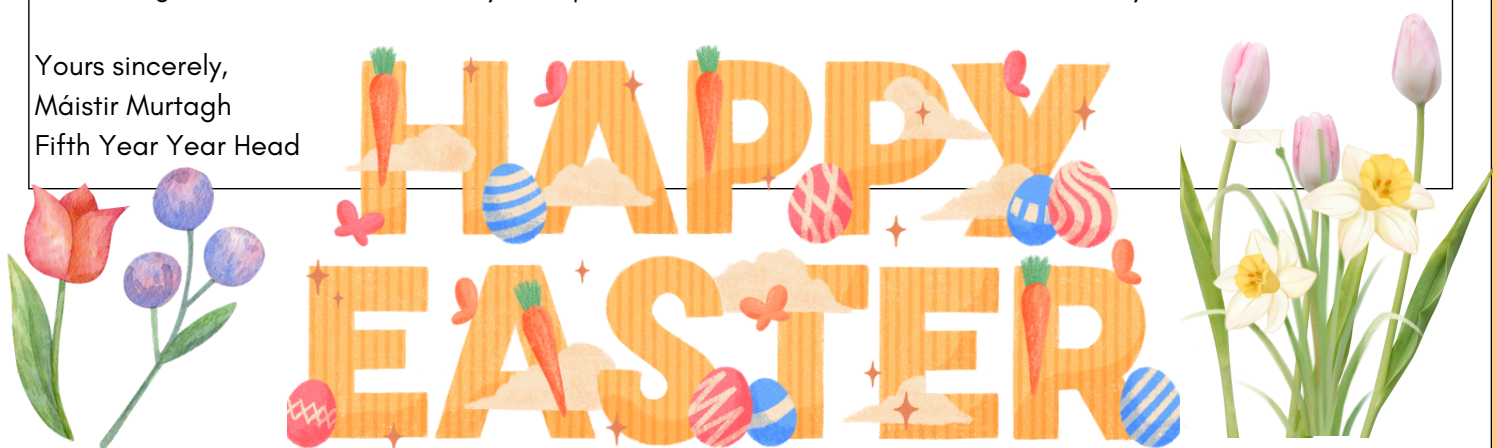
ATTENDANCE

An interesting 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/>

APPRENTICESHIP TRADE EXPO AND DUNBOYNE PLC

Students had the opportunity to attend Ireland's Apprenticeship Trade Expo, where they had the opportunity to meet the employers, explore hands-on career options, and chat with today's apprentices about how apprenticeships really works. Our students engaged with exhibitors and gained insights into business, enterprise and potential future career pathways. 5th years also visited Dunboyne PLC, where they had were able to see a number of courses available to them in the future.



Subject	Work assigned	Expected Engagement
Irish HL	Revision of poem (Dínit an bhróin) and exam question	2 hours
Irish OL	Revise Aimsir Chaite PP on OneNote and Sraith Pictiúr covered to date (DMO) All oral topics to date and all Sraith Pictiúr to date. Oral assessments after Easter (LOG), Exam questions on Eoinín na nÉan & study for test (SABO)	2 hours
English HL	Comparative revision, exam question prep ahead of summer exams.	2 hours
English OL	Short essay on 'The Shawshank Redemption', revision of poetry and comparative in prep for summer exams.	2 hours
Maths HL	Geometry (Agi) & (TASK) & (KL)	2 hours
Maths OL	Revision for Summer Exams section on OneNote (NE)&(OQ)	2 hours
Spanish	Revise both roleplays & 2025 OL exam paper	2 hours
History	RSR source 2 evaluation ; Pursuit of Sovereignty essay test revision	2 hours
Geography	Revise Physical Geography section for exams , essay question	2 hours
Biology	AAC Work - Research your topic and develop a hypothesis	2 hours
Chemistry	AAC Work & Chapter 9 notes on Gases	2 hours
Physics	AAC Work - Finalise your hypothesis and update your log	2 hours
Business	Prepare for Strand 2 Exam- last 3 topics for week we come back.	2 hours
Accounting	Complete 1 Company Accounts Hiher Level Exam question	2 hours
DCG	Road Geometry Exam Questions	2 hours
Construction	Passive Design Poster & Exam Question (DG) 2025, 2024, 2022 HL Q5 from Exam Papers (ADSAX)	2 hours
Technology	Revise Theory- Electronics, Electricity, Energy, Mechanisms	2 hours
Art	Complete notes in hardback on post impressionism period of the artist Paul Gaugin and sketch in colour with labels the 3 paintings listed. Revise all of the Post Impressionism period 3 artists and 3 paintings from each artists. Powerpoint on teams and notes in hardbacks.	2 hours
Politics	DBQ Practice Question	2 hours
Drama	Film Genre question given in class - Question can be found on teams	2 hours
Home Economics	KB: Complete first half of assignment 2. Instructions on Teams. CLMA: Commence Research of Assignment 2	2 hours
Music	Revise the 3 Beatles Songs, Berlioz Mvt. 4 and Complete the A1 and B phrase of the melody posted on Teams	2 hours
LC P.E.	Revision of Strategies and tactics, Sports psychology and skill acquisition. Exam paper Qs.	2 hours