



A.M.D.G.

CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

As we come to the end of our first half term I hope that you and your families are keeping well. It has been a very busy but enjoyable first eight weeks of our school year. As all of our students get ready for school each day wearing the crest on their uniform or packing their school journal they will see the distinctive A.M.D.G. '*Ad majorem Dei gloriam*' on our crest. The latin phrase meaning "For the greater glory of God".

All our students' endeavours are rooted in the belief that God can be found in all things, the desire to find union with God through the work we do, and the importance of seeking the choice that will give God the greater glory. I thank all our students and staff for the great work that has taken place so far this year keeping true to '*Ad majorem Dei glorium*'.

### Some Updates:

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** We are still awaiting Department of Education guidance regarding Parent Teacher Meetings for the upcoming year. There is a hope that these may be permitted as face to face consultations as pre covid. I will update parents as soon as the Department of Education issue new guidance. The provisional dates for the parent teacher meetings are on our school calendar.

**Uniform:** As a school that prides ourselves on excellence in all facets of school life, it has come to our attention that some students are not wearing the school uniform in its entirety. We would like to remind students/parents/guardians that the school uniform consists of:

### Girls

- Light blue shirt (plain)
- School tie
- Navy v-neck pullover with school crest
- Navy skirt mid-calf length (the skirt and pullover to match)
- Navy trousers (to match the pullover) are permitted for girls.
- Leaving Cert girls only may wear a pin-striped blue shirt

## **Boys**

- Light blue shirt (plain)
- School tie
- Navy v-necked pullover with school crest
- Medium grey trousers (flannel/wool mixture)
- Leaving Cert boys only may wear dark navy trousers (flannel/wool) to match pullover

We understand that over the coming weeks as temperatures begin to change and under the current circumstances of having windows open to provide sufficient ventilation due to Covid 19 that students may wish to wear additional clothing. For this purpose, students may wear a full zipped jacket, in addition to wearing the school uniform in its entirety. No hoodies or sports tops are permitted to be worn in class as per our Code of Behaviour and must be placed in a student's locker before first class and after break-times.

If a student is not wearing their uniform in its entirety they will receive a warning from their Year-head and/or Principal and/or Deputy Principal(s) and from there after the school will apply the Code of Behaviour and its disciplinary procedures.

There are a limited number of school, jumpers that can be purchased at a vastly reduced price from the school office if a student does not have one currently. Also, in line with the department of education circular regarding uniform cost, a v-neck navy jumper can be crested at So Hockey in Ballycummin for a small amount.

**CBA DATES 2021 – 2022:** Please find all the dates for the C.B.A.s for 2nd and 3rd year students.

### **THIRD YEAR:**

GEOGRAPHY = SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.

ART = SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> TO NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2021.

MUSIC = JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.

HOME ECONOMICS = JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.

### **SECOND YEAR:**

MUSIC = NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> (2021) TO 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY (2022)

ART = JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>.

HISTORY = JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.

HOME ECONOMICS = MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>.

GEOGRAPHY = MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> TO APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>.

ENGLISH = 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>.

MFL = 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY TO THE 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY.

MATHS = 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH to 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL.

METALWORK/WOOD TECHNOLOGY = 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

SCIENCE = 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY TO 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.

BUSINESS STUDIES = 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021.

### **Junior Cycle Cluster Day:**

We have been informed by the J.C.T. support team that our staff subject cluster day will take place on Monday 17 January. As this is a staff training day there will be no students in school on that day.

### **School Drop Off/Collection:**

As in my previous messages and in line with public health advice, I would encourage students to walk or cycle if they can to school. It is the healthiest option for students who can do this. In terms of collection please ensure that you park in the designated areas and please do not park on the roundabout areas or on the avenue. In addition to this please respect the neighbouring housing estates as some residents have complained of parents obstructing entrances to houses in Huntsfield while waiting to collect.

### **Student Facilities:**

We have installed a second bicycle shelter which will cater for 30 more bicycles. It brings our capacity for bicycles to 70 and I hope students will use these shelters more and more throughout the year.

### **Supervised Study:**

Supervised Study has resumed this term and Mr. Eamon Tuite has sent the necessary details to all students and parents. Supervised study will take place from Monday to Friday during midterm from 10am to 5pm.

### **Extra-Curricular Activity:**

All of our extra-curricular activities are up and running. It is great to see all the activity in rugby, hockey, hurling, soccer and basketball. I will send an October separate sports update for October later this week. If your son/daughter is availing of any extra-curricular options please make sure that you have paid the appropriate sports payment as this is the only way that we can provide such a comprehensive extra-curricular programme.

### **School Canteen:**

The cashless system is now up and running in the canteen which allows us to continue with this facility. **Pre ordering via the school app is the best way to ensure that you can access the canteen service.** Also when pre ordering please indicate which lunch time the order is placed for.

### **Second Year Retreats:**

All our second year classes have travelled to Castletown on a day retreat. Our retreat programme is a core part of our student experience in Crescent. Well done to Grainne Delaney and all our staff members who made it happen.

### **Parents Council A.G.M:**

The Parents A.G.M. took place and I am delighted to have a chance to work closely with our new chairperson Leo Colgan and secretary John McNamara. It was also good to see a number of new First Year parents who were elected to the council. I look forward to working with the many Parent Council initiatives that will benefit the school in the year ahead.

### **Transition Year 2021:**

The transition years finished September by participating in the mini-marathon in aid of St Gabriel's and raised over €12,000. On the day, TYs showed great energy and enthusiasm for the event, and this was further demonstrated by how much they raised for St Gabriel's. At the beginning of October, the TYs visited Derg Isle for a day of Kayaking, SUP, Archery. They finished the day with a team challenge running over obstacles, carrying poles and running through mud. The team challenge allowed the TYs to experience the impact of effective leadership and the importance of teamwork.

Barry Murphy gave a fantastic talk to TYs about his career journey to date, highlighting the importance of resilience and reflecting when making decisions. Barry had just competed in Ultimate Hell Week for Limerick Suicide Watch, and to support the charity, the TYs managed to raise over €1,000. During the final week of term, TYs took part in a week of coding activities, and in preparation for the Gaisce award's, three of TY's classes climbed Keeper's Hill. The TYs also got into the Halloween spirit by dressing up and dancing "Thriller" for students around the school corridors during lunch break.









### **First Year Spanish Celebration:**

Día de los Muertos is the Mexican festival that takes place every year on 1st and 2nd of November. It's a celebration of love and respect for deceased family members and is a time of music, dance, traditional foods and colourful costumes.

Our TY students prepared a display in the central area to mark this very special occasion in Mexican culture. Colourful skulls form an integral part of Día de los Muertos. 1st year students of Spanish from Castillo and Chabanel took part in a colouring competition. Maeve O'Donnell and I had the very difficult task of choosing the winners.

Congratulations to Elisabet Palkova, Emma McCarthy, Honour Bala Ahmed, Conor Gohery, Kate O'Mahony and Ciara Looby who each won a prize for their entries.



Best wishes

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