

CALENDAR CHANGES

(1) Monday, January 7th is a Junior Cycle training day for teaching staff. **Students will return from Christmas holidays on Tuesday, January 8th.**

(2) The Junior Cycle training day for teaching staff, scheduled for **Tuesday, March 26th**, is cancelled. **Students will attend school on this day.**

KEY DATES IN SECOND TERM

- January 8th (School reopens for students)
- January 25th (Multicultural Day)
- January 26th (Entrance Assessments)
- January 29th (3rd Year PTM)
- February 4th (Written Mocks begin)
- February 26th (1st Year PTM)
- March 5th (2nd Year PTM)
- March 19th (6th Year PTM)
- April 3rd (TY/LCA 19-20 Info Meeting)
- April 9th (4th Year PTM)
- April 10th (1st Year 19-20 Info Meeting)

DAINA MOOREHOUSE (5th Year)



Congratulations to Daina Moorehouse (5th Year) on being nominated for the 2018 RTE Young Sportsperson of the Year Award. Daina has had a sensational year, winning the **gold medal in the European Youth Boxing Championships** in Italy in August. Daina, who boxes in the light-flyweight division, has now won back-to-back European gold medals. Well done, Daina!

WIGILIA 2018



The school's Polish community gathered in our Library on the evening of Wednesday, December 12th to celebrate **Wigilia**, Polish Christmas Eve. Almost sixty students, past-pupils and their families enjoyed the lavish meal, which included *borst* and *pierogi*, and which was all prepared by the families themselves. Thank you to **Ms Monika Uí Annaidh** (Maths teacher), herself a native of Poland, for organising this event.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

The school's fifth annual Multicultural Day will take place on **Friday, January 25th**. This has become a highlight of the school calendar and is a celebration of the cultural diversity at the school. Central to the day will be an international food fair, organised by parents, and there will be a wide range of interesting workshops and musical performances. If you are interested in being involved, please contact **Ms Izzy Fox (HSCL)** at the school. All are welcome on the day.

FIRST YEAR ENROLMENTS 2019

Places are still available in the 2019-2020 First Year class. Please contact the school without delay, if you or others are interested. Entrance Assessments will take place on **Saturday, January 26th**.

SCHOOL ENTRANCES

I am pleased to announce that the school's application for grant funding to **upgrade the building's four entrances/exits** has been successful. It is hoped that work can commence on this project early in the new year.

Grant applications have also been made to upgrade the **heating system** and to carry out extensive work on the school's **roof**.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations to **Arif Ogunseye**, **Emma Kelly** and **Niamh Murray** (Class of 2018) who have been awarded **Entrance Scholarships at UCD**. **Michal Mencnarowski** and **Arif** have also been awarded **DES Bursaries**.



Congratulations, too, to **Mikolaj Piotrowski** (Class of 2016) who has recently been awarded the highly prestigious **Kinsella Scholarship**. Mikolaj is a 2nd Year Engineering student at Trinity College Dublin.

Best wishes to them all, and to all of our past pupils, in their further studies.

OPEN NIGHT & PROSPECTUS

The school's Open Night on October 11th was a tremendous success and was a great showcase for all of the fantastic work that goes on at the school. All of the guests commented on **how fantastic our students are** – we were not surprised!

The school's new **Prospectus** was launched on the night. Copies are available from the School Office and can be downloaded from the website at:

[Download st-kilian-s-cs-prospectus-\(2\)-2018.pdf](#).

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

During First Term, the school has been promoting good student punctuality and attendance, through a range of initiatives. We thank parents/guardians and the students themselves for the support they have given to these efforts.

We encourage you to continue to make good punctuality and attendance a high priority for 2019.

COLLEGE/CAREERS AWARENESS WEEK

The Guidance Department organised a very successful week of presentations and talks for senior students, in early December. A feature of the week was the high number of **past-pupils** who generously gave their time to share stories of their college and career journeys.

We encourage 6th Year students to use the Christmas holidays to continue to apply themselves to their **studies** and to begin to finalise their **CAO and other college applications**.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of the Board of Management, Ms Leah Bools (DP) and all of the staff of the school, I would like to extend best wishes to everyone for a very happy Christmas and peace and good health for 2019.

John Murphy, Principal

December 2018



