



## KEY CALENDAR DATES IN SPRING/SUMMER TERMS

- **6<sup>th</sup> January** First day of term
- **24<sup>th</sup> January** Multicultural Day
- **25<sup>th</sup> January** Entrance Assessments  
(2020-2021 First Year students)
- **30<sup>th</sup> January** Staff Training  
(school closed for students)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> February** Written Mocks begin
- **17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February** Mid-Term Break
- **9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March** Seachtain na Gaeilge
- **17<sup>th</sup> March** St Patrick's Day (school closed)
- **25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March** TY Killary Trip
- **6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Break
- **17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April** German Exchange: St Kilian's  
hosts students from Würzburg
- **25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May** Summer Tests
- **29<sup>th</sup> May** Last day of the school year
- **3<sup>rd</sup> June** State Examinations begin

## MS KATE D'ARCY R.I.P.



Ms Kate D'Arcy, a member of the school's teaching staff, passed away on Thursday, October 9th, after a year-long illness.

Ms D'Arcy was first appointed to the teaching staff of the school in 2003, and made an exceptional contribution to the life of St Kilian's, as a dedicated classroom teacher and in her work in the area of special educational needs. She will be greatly missed as a teacher, colleague and as a friend.

The Board of Management extends its sympathy to Ms D'Arcy's husband Pat, her children, her mother and her extended family and friends.

Solas na bhFlaitheas uirthí.



## DAINA MOOREHOUSE

Congratulations to **Daina Moorehouse (6<sup>th</sup> Year)** on her first **National Senior Boxing title**, in the light-flyweight division.

Daina is already a double European champion in the Junior ranks. Well done, Daina – we are so proud of you!



## GERMAN EXCHANGE

The school is looking for families to host students from our partner school in Würzburg, Germany, who will visit in April 2020. Those who host a student this year will be guaranteed a place on the trip to Germany in 2021.

**Please see the attached letter for full details.**

## STAND UP AWARENESS WEEK 2019



**Stand Up Awareness Week 2019** took place from November 11th to 15th. There was a full programme of interactive events, encouraging friendship with and understanding of LGBTQI+ young people. Events included a **flag-signing**, **table-quizzes**, **cinema screenings**, **discussions** and an **LGBTI+-themed lunchtime concert**. Well done to **Ms O'Regan** and the **Yellow Flag Committee** for the great work that they do in raising awareness of issues around identity, acceptance, tolerance, support and friendship in our school.

## RETIREMENT

**Ms Adrienne Hume** has retired from her position as an Art teacher. Ms Hume was first appointed to the teaching staff in 1985. In 1998, she was seconded to work at a European Commission school in



Luxembourg, but returned to St Kilian's in 2009. Ms Hume made an invaluable contribution to the school as a dedicated and hardworking teacher, who

inspired a great love of the arts in her students. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

## COLLEGE-CAREERS AWARENESS WEEK 2019

**College-Careers Awareness Week** was held from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Organised by the Guidance Team, **Ms Casey** and **Mr Keane**, there was a wide range of guest speakers from universities, colleges of further education as well as training and apprenticeship bodies.

Fifteen of the talks were given by past-pupils, who made presentations about their career paths since they left St Kilian's CS. These included **Sharon O'Reilly (Director, Evros Technology Group)**, **Brian Devlin (Radiographer, Royal Liverpool Hospital)**, **Alan Prendergast (Partner, Prendergast & Keogh Accountants)**, **Oran O'Toole (Paramedic, Dublin Fire Service)**, **Richard Lagan (Senior Analyst, Merrill Lynch, Bank of America)**, **Jordan Mooney (Journalist, Food & Wine magazine)** and **Kate Marrey (Partner, AMOSS Solicitors)**. The week was an outstanding success and the school is very grateful to everyone for supporting our students so generously with their time.

## ART EXHIBITION

Another past-pupil, **Mark 'Rasher' Kavanagh**, recently hosted a group of the senior Art students, accompanied by **Ms Casey** and **Mr Connolly**, at a private viewing of his most recent exhibition, '**Chrysalis**', at the Eden Hotel. The students had an amazing time and felt privileged and grateful for having this great opportunity.

## EVROS / JUNIOR ACHIEVERS IRELAND

The school's new partnership with **Evros Technology Group** has been an outstanding success. All of the Transition Year students have taken part in the first phase of the programme. This involved a **Launch Day** at the Evros site in Cherrywood, and two follow-up workshops at the school called '**Marketing Myself**' and '**Building A Team**'. Twenty Evros volunteers facilitated these high-energy, interactive sessions.



Twenty shortlisted students will now work in teams with five Evros engineers on an **app development** project during second term. This will culminate in a 'Dragons' Den' event in March. All TY students involved will receive certification from **Junior Achievers Ireland (JAI)**.

## EMBED PROGRAMME

The EMBED programme has gone from strength to strength. **Dr Daniel Crean**, through the **UCD Access Office**, has been working with the 6<sup>th</sup> Year students since early September.

The programme is in its pilot stage, and is unique to St Kilian's. It involves large and small group discussions covering areas such as **ambition, goalsetting, commitment** and **study skills**. It is hoped that there will be significant, real and very positive benefits for the students involved.

**Daniel Crean**, as a past-pupil, has a unique insight into the life of St Kilian's and has unparalleled loyalty and commitment to the school. We greatly appreciate his enthusiasm and hard work.

## 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 for peace and good health throughout 2020.

**John Murphy, Principal**

**December 2019**