

Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community June 2022

State Examinations, 2022

Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate examinations are underway in the School and the Board acknowledges all those involved in the successful administration of these exams. The Board wishes all students well in their examinations and hopes that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

Junior Cycle Assessment Policy

The Junior Cycle Assessment Policy has been reviewed to reflect updates and procedural changes to the current policy. It is available on the School website.

Incidental Inspection, May 2022

The Board acknowledges all involved in the incidental inspection from the Department of Education Inspectorate which took place in May 2022. The focus of this incidental inspection was on the area of wellbeing. Two classes of SPHE and one class of Art were observed, along with a Level 1 Child Protection check. The inspector described her experience of teaching and learning during her visit as both interesting and enjoyable. In light of the impact of Covid-19 on classrooms nationwide, the Inspectorate is keen to promote the reintroduction of *active student engagement* and *collaborative student work* in lessons and both these good practices were observed during the inspection.

Whole School Assembly & Prize Giving, 2022

The Board welcomes the return of the end of year Whole School Assembly and Prize Giving held on 18th May 2022. It is an important annual school event, which while functionable online, serves the School better when in-person. Appreciation was expressed to the parents of both the head girl and head boy for presenting the academic and extracurricular prizes on the day. It was also noted that the 4th year and 6th year graduation services were held again in the GPA this term on the 24th and 19th May respectively. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by students, parents/guardians and teachers alike.

Prefects, 2022/2023

The prefects for the forthcoming academic year were announced at the Whole School Assembly and will shortly be updated on the School website. For 2022/2023 the Head Girl is Alex Stewart-Millar, the Head Boy is Emmet Hodkinson, the Deputy Head Girl is Naiara King-Casanellas and the Deputy Head Boy is Adam Merabet. The Board wishes the heads, deputy heads and all prefects well in their contribution to the School for the forthcoming academic year.

DELFL examinations

The DELF (Diplome d'études en langue française) exams took place in term three for second year students and transition year students. A total of twenty students sat these exams administered by teachers in the School on behalf of the *Alliance Française*.

Retirements

The Board wishes Mr. David Acres and Ms. Carol Edge well in retirement and acknowledges the commitment and service of both Carol and David to the School over many years.

Department of Education circular letters since the last meeting of the Board:

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Arrangements for Inspectorate Engagement with Post-Primary Schools - April to June 2022

[gov.ie/en/circular/f4662-arrangements-for-inspectorate-engagement-with-post-primary-schools-april-to-june-2022/](https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/f4662-arrangements-for-inspectorate-engagement-with-post-primary-schools-april-to-june-2022/)

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Recruitment of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) - Supplementary Assignment Arrangements for the 2022/2023 school year

[gov.ie/en/circular/34197-recruitment-of-special-needs-assistants-snas-supplementary-assignment-arrangements-for-the-20222023-school-year/](https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/34197-recruitment-of-special-needs-assistants-snas-supplementary-assignment-arrangements-for-the-20222023-school-year/)

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Prescribed Material for the Junior Cycle Examinations in 2024 and the Leaving Certificate Examinations in 2024

[gov.ie/en/circular/0de9f-prescribed-material-for-the-junior-cycle-examinations-in-2024-and-the-leaving-certificate-examinations-in-2024/](https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/0de9f-prescribed-material-for-the-junior-cycle-examinations-in-2024-and-the-leaving-certificate-examinations-in-2024/)

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Permanent extension of the Employee Assistance Service (EAS) to all school staff employed in recognised primary and post-primary schools

[gov.ie/en/circular/5f780-00332022/](https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/5f780-00332022/)

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Special Needs Assistant Allocation 2022/23

[gov.ie/en/circular/f9d79-00352022/](https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/f9d79-00352022/)

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Additional resources and Payment Arrangements for schools to support running of State Examinations 2022

[examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=313ac9bb43af53a6e4c116f2317c750e29c4dc49](https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=313ac9bb43af53a6e4c116f2317c750e29c4dc49)

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Leaving Certificate: Extension of the RACE Scheme to provide deferred Examinations for Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied candidates unable to sit one or more papers in the main sitting in June on grounds of; A. Close family bereavement – funeral preparation and attendance. B. Serious medical conditions – Accident, injury or illness.

[examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=c842c38c8c2e0c797acc37783e56e96294530a60](https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=c842c38c8c2e0c797acc37783e56e96294530a60)

S34/2022 – Addendum

Addendum to SEC Circular34/22 - Leaving Certificate: Extension of the RACE Scheme to provide Deferred Examinations.

[examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=62aae3031ed8846730d7bd9c326ce104308e24ff](https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=62aae3031ed8846730d7bd9c326ce104308e24ff)

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Guidelines for Schools on the Conduct of the Certificate Examinations 2022

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Preparatory Work and Assessment of Projects 2022 and related claim forms

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