

## **Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community March 2023**

### **Special Needs Assistant Policy**

The Board reviewed and approved the Special Needs Assistant – Role and Responsibilities policy. This policy compliments previous reference to Special Needs Assistants in the AEN Inclusion Policy. It will be posted on the School website accordingly.

### **Job Sharing, Career Break and Secondment Policy**

The Board reviewed and approved the School’s Job Sharing, Career Break and Secondment policy for teachers and special needs assistants. It will be posted on the School website accordingly.

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

The Board reviewed and approved the School’s Mobile Phone Usage policy for students. It will be posted on the School website accordingly. The Board acknowledged the work of the Task Review Group in consulting on and drafting the Mobile Phone policy review.

### **Hockey Pitch Redevelopment**

The Board is pleased to confirm that works on the hockey pitch redevelopment are due to proceed during the summer months with the contractor *Sole Sports and Leisure*. This joint project between Newpark and Avoca will continue to be project managed by *Sports Labs Limited*. Completion of the project is intended for mid to late August 2023.

### **Student Wellbeing**

As part of the School’s post-pandemic response to managing student anxiety, the third and final planned staff session with Dr Claire Hayes took place at a whole staff meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Dr Hayes also addressed all parents and guardians at a PTA organised session on the evening of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. There were over 200 parents/guardians in attendance at this session. The online program is now available to all senior cycle students and to all parents and guardians. Dr Hayes will address all junior cycle students over three sessions in March during *Wellbeing Week*.

### **Trinity College Dublin, Entrance Exhibition Award**

The Board acknowledges Oran O’Sullivan (Class of 2022) on his recent award of an Entrance Exhibition by Trinity College Dublin. Entrance Exhibitions reward academic achievement of new undergraduate entrants to Trinity College Dublin. They are awarded to the student accepted into the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree programme who achieves the highest points among Trinity entrants from their secondary school.

### **Co-curricular Activities**

The Board acknowledges the significant successes of both girls' and boys' teams in hockey and basketball and of boys' teams in rugby across a range of age groups this term. The Board also wishes all students and staff a successful *Wellbeing Week* later this month. Congratulations are due to the sixth-year music class for hosting a successful musical evening ahead of their Leaving Certificate practical examinations and good wishes are offered to all involved in the productions of the Newpark Variety Show and the Newpark Junior Plays later this month.

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

#### **Department of Education circular letters**

Circular 0003/2023

[Staffing arrangements in community and comprehensive schools for the 2023-24 school year](#)

Circular 0005/2023

[Teacher fee refund scheme 2022](#)

Circular 0007/2023

[Revision of teacher salaries under the building momentum pay agreement with effect from 01 March 2023](#)

Circular 0008/2023

[Revision of salaries for SNAs under building momentum pay agreement with effect from 01 March 2023](#)

Circular 0010/2023

[Revision of salaries of school secretaries and maintenance staff in community and comprehensive schools under the building momentum agreement wef 1 March 23](#)

Circular 0012/2023

[Graduate cert in the education of pupils on the autism spectrum for teachers working with pupils on the AS in special schools special classes or as SETs in mainstream primary and post primary schools 2023-24](#)

Circular 0013/2023

[Post grad diploma programme of CPD for SETs 2023-24](#)

Information Note TC IN 001

[Teacher supply post-primary teaching hours extension scheme for 2022-23](#)

Information Note SE 0001/2023

[Report of education needs for the purpose of assessment of need disability act 2005](#)

#### **State Examination Commission Circular Letters**

Circular S13/2023: Examinations 2023 Financial Matters - Examinations Entry and Appeal Fees; Additional Resources for Schools to Support the Running of the State Examinations including Payment Arrangements.  
[Examinations 2023 financial matters](#)

Circular S07-23 Oral Examinations in Irish and the Modern Foreign Languages – Important Information for schools and candidates

[Oral examinations in Irish and the modern foreign languages](#)

**End.**