

Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community April 2023

Anti-Bullying Policy review

In line with Department of Education guidelines and with best practice, the annual review of the *Anti-Bullying Policy & Procedure* has concluded. The new policy is published on the School website and posted on the noticeboard in the School reception area. Written notification of the review has been sent to School personnel and to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). A record of the review and its outcome will be made available, if requested, to the Patron and to the Department of Education.

Information Technology Acceptable Usage Policy review

The Board reviewed and approved the *Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy*. It will be posted on the School website accordingly.

University College Dublin, Entrance Scholar Awards

Seven students from the Class of 2022 received UCD Entrance Scholar awards. Entrance Scholar awards are presented to first year university students who achieve 560 points or more in their Leaving Certificate in recognition of their academic accomplishment to date. The students were Sorcha Collins-O'Regan, Alexander Fleming, Lauren Gillham, Fionn Jordan, Cristina Manning, Lauren Moore and Nada Tabaku. The School was presented with a commemorative plaque.

Oral Language and Music Practical examinations

Leaving Certificate oral language examinations in Irish and modern foreign languages took place successfully in the School during the Easter break, from Saturday 1st April to Thursday 6th April 2023. There will be a small number of follow-up examinations conducted for students who were unable to attend due to illness, as per SEC provision. Further practical examinations, LCA task assessments and LCVP examinations are due to take place in the School during May 2023. The Board acknowledges all involved in the successful facilitation of these exams.

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.

Academic Calendar Year

In line with Circular 0072/2022, the School must be open for 166 days in the academic year and must observe the standardised breaks at Christmas, Easter and mid-term in the first and second terms of the school year. For the academic year 2023/2024, the School will open on Friday 25th August 2023 and close on Friday 31st May 2024. Along with the standardised breaks, the School will close on Friday 29th September 2023 and Friday 1st December 2023.

Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate examinations, June 2023

The Board wishes all students well in their forthcoming state examinations and hopes that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

Co-curricular Activities

The Board acknowledges the participants in the successful girls' and boys' teams in hockey and basketball and the boys' teams in rugby and wishes the upcoming athletics teams well in their summer term meetings. The Board wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all the coaches and coordinators of the various co-curricular activities over the course of the academic year 2022/2023.

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

Department of Education circular letters

Circular 0014/2023

[Post-Grad Cert/Dip Prog of CPD for Teachers working with Students with SEN \(Autism\)](#)

Circular 0015/2023

[Amendments to Junior Cycle Irish T1 and T2 specs and assessment arrangements for CBAs 1 and 2](#)

Circular 0019/2023

[Prescribed Material for the Leaving Cert English examination in 2025](#)

Circular 0020/2023

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