

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

Admission to First Year, 2024/2025

As per the School's Annual Admission Notice in respect of admissions to the 2024/2025 school year, applications for admission to first year 2024/2025 closed on 27th October 2023. The School received 607 applications by this date. The total number of applications received for admission to first year 2023/2024 by the closing date was 604. Outcome letters in respect of admissions to the 2024/2025 school year will be emailed to all applicants on Friday 17th November 2023.

Biennial Review of Leadership and Management Needs and Priorities (Assistant Principals)

The Board apprised itself of the work of the Task Review Group assigned to this review and approved the revised document *Leadership and Management Needs and Priorities, 2023 to 2025*. The Board notes the current list of *Leadership and Management Posts of Responsibility 2023/2024*, and potential future roles and responsibilities to be designated in order to meet the leadership and management needs and priorities going forward. The Board acknowledges all members of the Task Review Group for their assistance with the consultation process for this review and for their consideration in redrafting the *Leadership and Management Needs and Priorities, 2023 to 2025*.

School Self-Evaluation and Improvement

The Board noted the summary of main findings and recommendations from the Whole School Evaluation – Management, Leadership and Learning (WSE-MLL) conducted by the Inspectorate of the Department of Education in November 2019. It is possible that a follow-through inspection on progress made by the School since the WSE-MLL may take place this academic year, either through a formal follow-up inspection, or as part of another, discrete inspection. Both the progress made thus far, and future goals in relation to recommendations in the report were noted.

Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DELFL) et Label Franc Education Awards

The French Ambassador, Monsieur Vincent Guérend, visited the School on Thursday 12th October 2023. He addressed all DELF students and presented each one with his/her DELF certificate. He congratulated the School on its retention of the *Label Franc Education* award. Prior to a reception, the Ambassador and his embassy staff took an extended tour of the School with the Principal and members of the sixth year French European Section class.

Celebration of 50 years

There was a whole school assembly in the gym on the afternoon of 28th September 2023 to mark the School reaching fifty years since its inception. Alumni Katie Killarney (Class of 2019) and Killian Sundermann (Class of 2011) addressed the assembly, along with Amelia Lloyd (Head Girl) and Jake Sweeney (Head Boy). After the assembly, there was a commemorative photograph taken in front of Belfort House of all members of the current School community. There was also one thousand commemorative cupcakes distributed to all present on the day. The Board notes its appreciation to all involved, in particular the Home Economics department and the PTA.

Co-curricular Activities

Matches and leagues continue apace across hockey, rugby, and basketball. The inaugural Newpark Model United Nations conference, *ParkMUN* is due to take place in the School on Friday and Saturday 24th and 25th November 2023. The Debs reception for the Class of 2023, hosted by the PTA, took place on Monday 25th September 2023 at 5.30pm. Rehearsals are underway for the 'musical that is not a musical'. The production is taking place in the Hunter Theatre from 6th – 9th December 2023. The Board gives it appreciation and good wishes to all involved in these activities. The Board also acknowledges the Cultural Council for organising a successful *Halloween Week* and a successful *Gold Week*, raising money for both UNICEF and Childhood Cancer Ireland.

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

0041/2023

[Revision of teacher salaries under the building momentum pay agreement with effect from 1 oct 2023](#)

0042/2023

[Revision of salaries for snas under building momentum a new public service agreement 2021-2023](#)

0044/2023

[Revision of salaries of school secretaries and maintenance staff in community and comprehensive schools under building momentum a new public service agreement 2021-2023](#)

0045/2023

[Rev of salaries for clerical officers and caretakers in nat schools under the 1978-79 scheme and clerical officers in pp schools under the 1978 scheme under building momentum a new public service agreement 2021-23](#)

0046/2023

[Revision of salaries for school secretaries previously funded under ancillary grant funding](#)

0047/2023

[Adoptive leave scheme for registered teachers employed in recognised primary and post primary schools](#)

0048/2023

[Adoptive leave scheme for SNAs employed in recognised primary and post primary schools](#)

0050/2023

[Unpaid leave for medical care purposes for registered teachers employed in recognised primary and post-primary schools](#)

0051/2023

[Unpaid leave for medical care purposes for SNAs employed in recognised primary and post-primary schools](#)

0052/2023

[Breastfeeding breaks for registered teachers employed in recognised primary and post-primary schools](#)

0053/2023

[Breastfeeding breaks for SNAs employed in recognised primary and post-primary schools](#)

0054/2023

[Curriculum and assessment related developments at senior cycle with particular reference to school years 2023-24 and onwards](#)

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