

## **Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community April 2025**

### **In Memoriam**

The Board acknowledges the recent death of Ms. Ciara Power, mother to Bradley Power-Kelly (3NCR) and to Devin Power-McDonald (Class of 2018). The Board extends its condolences to Bradley and Devin and to the wider Power family.

### **Health & Safety Statement and Policy**

The Board reviewed and approved the school's *Health & Safety Statement and Policy*. It will be published on the school website accordingly. The Board acknowledged the work of the Health & Safety Committee in drafting this policy review.

### **Personal Devices Policy**

The Board reviewed minor alterations to the draft *Personal Devices Policy* in light of requisite implementation procedures. The revised *Personal Devices Policy* was finalised by the Board and will be published on the school website accordingly. Communication of the new policy is currently taking place with students from first to fifth year via year group assemblies and once these assemblies have concluded, the policy will be communicated to parents/guardians of current first to fifth year students and to parents/guardians of incoming first year students.

### **Transition Year Interview Day**

The TY Interview Day took place this year on 2 April 2025. It is an event from which the students gain great experience and enjoyment. The Board acknowledged members of the wider school community – past students, parents/guardians, friends – for giving of their time as interviewers.

### **Student Voice**

A meeting of the Board Student Voice Subcommittee took place on Thursday 10 April 2025 with student representatives from the Student Council, the Cultural Council, the Sports Council, and the Prefects in attendance. The agenda covered items including: the Prefect Buddy System, Transition Year, the Lunch Box, promoting school community and promoting student success.

### **Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate examinations, 2025**

Leaving Certificate oral language examinations in Irish and modern foreign languages took place successfully in the school during the Easter break, from Saturday 12 April to Thursday 17 April 2025. Music practical examinations took place prior to the Easter break. 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 2025. The Board acknowledges all involved in the successful facilitation of these exams. The Board wishes all students well in their forthcoming state examinations and trusts that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

### **Education for Sustainable Development**

Transition Year *World Wise Global Schools* (WWGS) organised a Sustainable Transport Workshop for first to third year with a focus on increasing the number of girls who cycle to school, a figure which nationwide is very low (1 in 250). The workshop and presentation were submitted to *AIB Future Sparks*, and it has been awarded an 'Exemplary School Award'. Green Schools lunchtime club has been lobbying local councillors and TDs for more bins and the re-marking of the cycle and pedestrian paths in Rockfield Park and hopes for improvements accordingly.

### **Co-curricular Activities**

The Board extends its congratulations amongst recent sporting successes in the school to the junior boys' rugby squad who has won both the league and cup double this year. This latest triumph was a testament to the boys' teamwork and commitment throughout the season. The Board also wishes to acknowledge the successful participation of the school in recent swim galas and in athletic meets in term three. It has been another successful year for the Junior Plays with over 120 students involved across first, second and third year, a credit to the students and to the *Drama Department*.

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

0022/2025

Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma of Teacher Professional Learning for Teachers working with Students with Special Educational Needs - Autism

[postgraduate-certdip-of-teacher-professional-learning-for-teachers-working-with-students-with-sen-autism](#)

0023/2025

Review of Enrolment in a Special Class

[department-of-education/circulars/review-of-enrolment-in-a-special-class](#)

0026/2025

Allocation of Assistant Principal Posts 2025/26 (Post Primary)

[allocation-of-assistant-principal-posts-202526-post-primary](#)

0028/2025

Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate 2027 and Notification about the removal of restrictions on students studying combinations of Classical Studies, Latin and Ancient Greek

[prescribed-material-for-the-lc-2027-and-notification-about-the-removal-of-restrictions-on-students-studying-combinations-of-classical-studies-latin-and-ancient-greek](#)

0029/2025

Multi-Annual Climate Action Summer Works Scheme (CASWS) 2026 onwards

[de/multi-annual-climate-action-summer-works-scheme-casws-2026-onwards](#)

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Cost Limits for Primary and Post-primary School Buildings

[de/teorainneacha-costais-dfhoirgnimh-bhunscoile-agus-iar-bhunscoile](#)

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