

A very Happy New Year to everyone, I hope 2020 is a peaceful and happy one for us all.

Each year when we return after Christmas, we start a fresh new year with the usual buzz of school life. First years are getting well settled and once again, I encourage parents to make sure your daughter is getting involved in after school activities.

It is now an extremely busy time in school—mock exams, preparing for orals, practical's, completing Projects and CBA's etc. A lot of hard work starts to come together; students are making choices re Senior Cycle and Transition Year, and 2nd year options. As well as this we will mark Catholic Schools week between now and mid-term.

Congratulations to all of the students who have represented Presentation Secondary Wexford in so many sporting activities, debating, competitions in the last few weeks and since the start of the year. It also is chance to remind parents and students, of the vast amount of extra-curricular activities that are available here in Presentation Wexford, from camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Badminton, Soccer, Debating, Athletics, Deep-green, Games Club, Walking Club, Couch to 5K to the Feminist Society there is something for everyone on offer.

Currently our 3rd and 6th years are busy preparing for the Pre Leaving & Junior Cycle examinations, we wish them all the very best, the hard work will pay off. Mock examinations are a very important learning experience for students regarding time management and how to read questions carefully as these are the two main pitfalls experienced.

There is also a very excited group of Transition years who will be heading to Co Louth for their activity holiday, and a further 32 students will travel to Italy to hit the slopes in the next few weeks.

We will also welcomed all of our incoming 1st years who will be joining the school in September 2020 on Thursday the 16th January. I look forward to working with the new 1st year students over the course of the next 5-6 years. On behalf of the school, I thank you for choosing our school as the place where your daughter will spend the teenage years of her life. In hindsight, some of us say "The best days of our Lives". We hope that all our students strive to do their best in life.

A reminder to 1st & 2nd year parents that Parent Teacher meetings will be held for 2nd years on Tuesday the 21st January and for first years on Wednesday the 4th March.

Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when parents/guardians are involved in their education. That is why attending parent-teacher meetings is so important: it is a great way for parents to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year. Parent-Teacher meetings are a good way to meet your child's teachers and learn about your child's academic performance, as well as the teacher's expectations. If you know what is expected in the classroom, you can more easily address any issue that comes up as your child moves through the school year.

By attending these meetings, you also send a positive message to your child that school is important.

Keep in mind that you are an equal partner at the meeting. If you have questions or observations, the meeting is a good time to share them with the teacher. Do not forget to

share what you know about your child. Your information helps the teacher better understand and teach your child.

I wish all students, staff & parents every best wish for the half term ahead.

William Ryan

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