

## Welcome to Issue 2 of our Newsletter LINK

How time flies! We are nearing the middle of the second school term already.

### TY Students and IT for Parents

Parents are now more than ever aware of their need to keep up to date with the latest uses of technology in students lives. Facebook, Twitter, email, internet, iPods, to name but a few! Over the last couple of months we have looked at ways in which parents can achieve this. The PA in association with TY students will pilot a new programme of ELearning in the College. Connecting the generations and learning from each other.

This pilot is planned to run from **29th February until Easter. It will take place on Wednesday afternoon from 2-3 p.m.** The plan is for it to continue after Easter until the end of the school year. It will be designed on a modular basis.

### Who can avail of this programme?

Any parent with a student in the College can take part in this programme.

In order to identify the exact course content we need to establish the needs of parents

**The questionnaire at the back of the newsletter will allow us to create the modules required, so please complete and return via our PA Postbox, or email [pa@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:pa@castleknockcc.ie) before Friday 10th February.** Any queries regarding this course can be sent to [pa@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:pa@castleknockcc.ie)

### Site of Remembrance

Following a meeting of the Remembrance Site Committee on Thursday 2nd February the

decision has been arrived at to construct the seating for the site from the skills available in our College community. The seating will be a circular construct with a hardwood finish. While we have some of the necessary skills amongst members of the Committee we are seeking anyone with building experience, particularly bricklaying or plastering, to lend us their support. Parents, students and staff will be involved. **If you know of anyone who would like to be involved in this project, parents or past pupils, please contact the Chaplain, Anne Barry-Murphy at 8221626 or [annebarrymurphy@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:annebarrymurphy@castleknockcc.ie)**

### 5th Year Students to design new PA Postbox

Ms. Fiona Byrne's 5th year students have agreed to design and construct a new PA Postbox. This will be located in the foyer of the Main Entrance of the College (near the Office). We look forward to seeing these great designs and wish to thank them for their co-operation.

### PA Database

Many thanks to those parents who completed and returned our contact slip from our Christmas Newsletter. If you have not already done so, please download this form from the PA page on the website

[www.castleknockcc.ie](http://www.castleknockcc.ie) or just email your contact details to us at [pa@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:pa@castleknockcc.ie) Using email is an excellent way of sending Newsletters in the future and significantly reduces the cost to the PA.

### CCC PA NOW ON TWITTER!

Why not "Follow us" on Twitter - @cccpa2 We will post items/events of interest over the coming months. ANOTHER WAY OF COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS!

### Extra-curricular Activities

Some parents have already identified ways in which they would like to help out. If you have any interest in a special area where you could help, please let us know - [pa@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:pa@castleknockcc.ie)

### Annual Plant Sale

A planning meeting will take place on Monday, 27th February at 7.45 p.m. in Room 6. All parents who would like to help with this great event are welcome to attend this meeting.

**Plant Sale** - 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### Talks for Parents

The PA are working out details of future parental talks to be held after the mid-term break. Further information to follow - another reason for you to return your email address! More details on Twitter @cccpa2.

### Mock Exams

We would like to wish all Junior and Leaving Cert students every success over the coming weeks as they sit their Mock Exams.

### IT Project with TY Students

To allow us to plan the modules for this initiative with TY students, please indicate below the areas you wish to be included -

- Email  Internet Browsing
- Microsoft Word  Microsoft Excel
- Social Networks (Facebook etc.)
- Digital Photos  iPod  iTunes
- Other area (please specify)
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### Policy Reviews

Every year three school policies are identified for review. Last year the following policies were reviewed

- Code of Behaviour
- Substance Abuse
- Suspension & Exclusion

Many thanks to those parents who volunteered to be part of these reviews. The Board of Management will ratify these policies in due course. The following policies will be reviewed this year :

- Child Protection Policy
- Uniform Policy
- IT - Acceptable Use

### Monthly PA Meetings

PA meetings usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. in Room 10 - ALL WELCOME - As the Festival of Music Concert is due to take place on 6th March the date of the March meeting will be changed. Agreed date to be posted on the website or @cccpa2 on Twitter.

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Please tear off completed form and return to the PA Postbox (Main Office) by Friday 10th February to allow us to plan these modules.

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