

Agreed Report of the Board of Management

Tuesday, 4th November 2025

This was the first meeting of the newly constituted Board of Management. The Board thanked CEIST Faith Leadership Guide Yvonne Bane for her presentation and warm welcome to members.

The Board congratulated all Transition Year students on their excellent Junior Cycle results. The Board noted with pride that participation rates in higher-level papers were very high, with outcomes comparing very favourably to national statistics. The Board extends its thanks to teachers of the Junior Cycle class for supporting the achievement of such excellent results

The Board congratulated the Science Department on the outstanding success of qualifying nine projects for the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, with a further three on the reserve list. Twenty-one students will represent the school at the event. The Board thanked Ms Foley, Ms O’Keeffe, and Ms Maher for their dedication and guidance.

Congratulations were extended to Pia El Asmar (5th Year) on winning the National Aer Lingus Young Travel Writer Competition 2025 for her essay 'The Beating Core of Paris' — a remarkable achievement.

The Board acknowledged the strong spiritual and faith dimension of school life, including the recent Fifth Year pilgrimage to Cobh and the Sixth Year Well-Being Day in Killarney. The Board also expressed appreciation for the retreats held for First, Second, and Third Year students in Coolcower House. Sincere thanks were extended to Mrs O’Donovan and Ms Collins for coordinating these meaningful experiences.

The Board congratulated the school community on the success of the Catherine McAuley Awards Night, which celebrated the values and achievements of students across all year groups. Appreciation was expressed to Ms Donovan and the organising committee for their work.

The Open Evening on September 25th was noted as a great success, with excellent attendance and very positive feedback from visiting families. The Board thanked staff and student for their dedication to their school.

The Board commended the LCVP class and Mr Galvin for organising a hugely enjoyable Sports Day, and acknowledged the Geography Field Trip to Killarney National Park and the raising of the Green Flag for Travel, thanking Ms Gray and Ms Murphy for their leadership in environmental initiatives.

The Board recognised the school community's generosity in the Fun Run in support of past pupil Aoife Lucy and Childhood Cancer Ireland, raising nearly €1,500. The ongoing Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Fancy Dress Fundraiser were also commended.

Transition Year students' participation in the Kilfinane Outdoor Education Centre trip and completion of the TEFL qualification were noted as excellent examples of experiential learning. Thanks were expressed to Mr Quill and the accompanying staff.

The Board congratulated all students and staff involved in sporting activities:

- Camogie, with the Senior team contesting the final versus St Mary's Mallow.
- Football, thriving across all year groups.
- Basketball, with commendable performances at U19 and U16 levels.
- Equestrian, with Avril Casey placing 2nd in the 80 cm class at the Interschools Show Jumping competition in Maryville.

The Board expressed appreciation to all staff for their continued commitment to teaching, learning, and the holistic development of students across all areas of school life.

The Board wishes all students the very best of luck in their upcoming exams and extends warm wishes to the entire school community for a happy, peaceful, and safe Christmas break.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 13th January 2026.