

## **Agreed Report of the Board of Management**

*Tuesday, 10th June 2025*

- The Board extended sincere thanks to Mrs. Bríd Kelleher, who retired after 37 years of service, having taught Maths and PE with great energy, care, and high standards.
- Maureen O'Brien and Ella White (5th Year) travelled to Lourdes as part of the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage, engaging in meaningful voluntary work.
- TY Geography students earned national awards from GLOBE Ireland for a creative air quality project featuring a song and a poem, with support from Ms. Hickey.
- The Green Schools Committee received the prestigious Travel Flag at the INEC, Killarney for their efforts in promoting sustainable travel, guided by Catherine Russell, Ms. Gray, and Mrs. Murphy.
- TY Mini Company 'Climate Cairde' (Ciara Twohig, Emily Mehigan, Clodagh Browne) won an Exemplary School Award at the AIB Future Sparks Awards, supported by Ms. O'Donoghue and Mr. Galvin.
- TY students travelled to the European Parliament in Strasbourg under the guidance of Ms. O' Donoghue and Mr Galvin for the Euroscola programme and later hosted MEP Seán Kelly, who spoke about Ireland's role in the EU.
- Well done to Éabha Ní Chonaola and Cara O'Brien proudly represented the school at the National Final of the Young Environmentalist Awards. Thanks to Ms Foley for her work in getting them prepared.
- Emily Mehigan and Chloe Lehane recorded an environmental vodcast for RTÉjr's 'Ecolution' as part of their ISSN work.
- Jessica Murphy and Rachel Twomey were finalists at the Young Journalist Ireland Awards held in the Aviva Stadium. Jessica won 1st prize in Sports for her article on equestrianism, while Rachel placed 3rd in Features. Thank you to Ms Murnane for her tireless work in preparing the girls.
- Graduation ceremonies were held for both Leaving Certificate and Transition Year students, with thanks to all staff involved in the organisation and celebration of these events.

- LCVP students raised €581 for the Make A Wish Foundation through Junior Cycle Sports Day fundraising activities.
- The Board congratulates all students who represented St. Mary's in athletics, including Saoirse Twomey who placed 6th in the Senior Girls 3000m at the All-Irelands and qualified for the Munsters in the 1500m. The Board would like to thank Ms. Kelleher for her work in organising this team.

The Board of Management wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to the entire teaching staff for their dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment throughout the school year. Your efforts—both seen and unseen—have had a lasting impact on the lives of our students. We extend our warmest wishes to all staff, students, and their families for a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Next Meeting: September 16th