



ST. JOSEPH OF CLUNY KILLINEY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

CLUNY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS IN KILLINEY 1956-2016

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016/17



**Cluny represents Ireland in
EU Parliament in Strasbourg
October 2016**



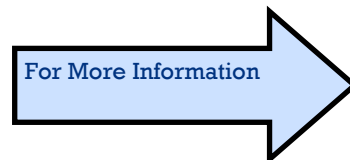
**Six A1's Leaving Cert 2016
Success Isabel Lawlor Plazas**



Latest News & Events Read About

- ◇ **Brendan Guildea Author & Teacher addresses Parents Association AGM**
- ◇ **Two Level 1 Coaches join Hockey Coaching Panel**
- ◇ **Cluny Wins BOI Art Competition & UCD Debate**
- ◇ **Cluny welcomes new teaching staff**
- ◇ **Board of Management facilitates New Fee Payment arrangements**

For More Information



**Well done Molly Burke who attained
11 A's in her Junior Cert '16**





From the Principal's Desk

Ms. Mary White, Principal



**HAIRDRESSING
AND BEAUTY THERAPY
MUSICAL
2016
WED-FRI
26-28
OCTOBER
8P.M.
TICKETS
€10/8**

Welcome to our introductory September Newsletter of the new academic year where we give a brief update of events over the last few weeks and include reminders for the beginning of the year.

Well done and congrats to our LC graduates of 2016-17

on their excellent achievements in the Leaving Cert 2016. There were great results across the board in all subjects and some great achievements throughout. Particular congrats to **Isabel Plazas who achieved 6 A1's** and overcome some health challenges in her final two years in school to triumph in the LC. **Eighteen students in total achieved over 500 points** and all students had many personal successes in the LC.2016. Congrats to the teaching staff and guidance counsellors for their commitment to the students over the years.

Congrats also to our Third Years

on their recent J.C. results and to **Molly Burke who swept the boards with her 11 A's**. There were many excellent subject results in this group.

New First Years

Welcomed to our **new First Years**. Our new First Years are wearing the **new distinctive 'Killiney' crest on the Cluny jumpers**, which was specially commissioned to bring the Cluny girls onto the next Sixty years. They have all had a high take up of our 3 main sports – Hockey, Basket-



ball and Badminton – which they are going to continue playing until mid-term to help them to decide which two sports they will play for the rest of the year. We are looking forward to meeting up with First Year parents for an early evening social on **Wednesday 12 October** next details included below.

New Coaches join the Cluny Sports Panel:

Welcome to **Ms Jenny Sykes** and **Ms Sarah Hyland** both Level 1 Hockey coaches and players from Monkstown HC, with Ms Hyland currently playing with UCD also.

BOM: New fee payment arrangement

The Bursar **Mrs Maura Bracken** will discuss a fee payment option with you should you wish. Fees can be paid by Credit Card if you so wish.

- **Fees can be paid in 2 moieties** ie August and December and other flexible fee payments can be made by discussion with the Bursar.
- The Bursar is available from **7.30 – 1.00pm Mon-Thurs** should you have any queries
- The school **Fees Policy** is available for viewing on the school website
- Please let us know if there is anything else we can assist you with regarding fee payment

The Board is most grateful to all parents for your financial support of the school and for your commitment to prompt payment of school fees. This continues to allow the school to have



Good luck to our Head Girl Amber Barry 6L (right of photo) and Deputy Head Girl Lara Quinn 6L—enjoy the challenge ahead!

From the Principal's Desk continued

high quality facilities and to provide a very high quality of educational service for the students.

- Cluny provides **smaller classes** – both base and optional subject classes – which has been identified by educationalists as one of the key elements in student success rates. With very few exceptions like optional school tours and trips and unlike other fee charging schools **our fees are all inclusive**
- Fees cover smaller items like student journals and locker charges larger items like ECDL certified exams, oral language examiners etc which other schools charge for in addition to the fees.
- All students who play **Hockey, Basketball** and **Badminton** are being asked to contribute €20 this year towards the cost of buses. The School will carry the main costs associated with sports travel for this year. Parents willing to give lifts will be most welcome.

Annual Morning traffic and the use of the grounds

Please observe **our traffic regulations** when using our school grounds. A little more thoughtfulness from drivers would help to keep the traffic flowing in the all- important 10 minutes before the 8.30am bell.

- Please **pull into the set down** area built to accommodate up to six cars when dropping off your daughters.
- Please **do not pull up outside the student entrance** when dropping or collecting your daughter. Just one car sitting outside the student entrance can cause a backlog of traffic down the avenue.
- **We again this year appeal to parents to please set a good example with your car on the school grounds.**

General Notices

1st & 2nd Year Parents Weekly Signing of Journal

We are continuing the procedure of asking parents to supervise the homework listed in your daughter's journal by signing the journal at the end of the week.

Supervision of Students

8.15am—4.00pm

Supervision of students begins at 8.15 and finishes at 4.00. We would ask parents to have their daughters attend only between these times.

School Procedures 2016-17

If you have any queries or matters to discuss in relation to your daughter's progress, subject, reports, behaviour, uniform or disciplinary issues your first point of contact is her Year Head. Letters from relevant Year Heads enclosed with this mailing.

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TY's experience Ireland Wild Atlantic Way!
Cluny Style!



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW TEACHERS
ON STAFF, FEATURED IN THE PHOTOS RIGHT

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From the Principal's Desk continued

Brendan Guildea addresses to the AGM of the Parents Association

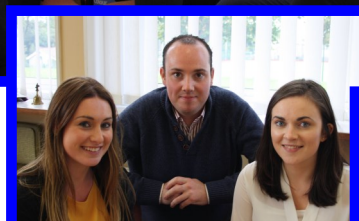
The Parents Association AGM took place on Wednesday 05th October in the school Library. Mrs Ciara Duggan, Chairperson reviewed the work of the Association last year and presented items of the Associations' business: there was a short presentation from the new Head Girl Amber Barry and Deputy Head Girl Lara Quinn and then Mathematics teacher **Brendan Guildea** spoke about **Mathematics in Secondary School** and managing that Mathematical journey for parents. His book is available from the school office €10.

Supervised Study After School :

- Mondays and Tuesdays continue to have extended **Supervised Study until 7.00** in the evenings for students who wish to avail of it in Fifth or Sixth Year.
- It is available on all days from 4.00-6.00pm.
- We continue to encourage the girls to keep up their commitment **to playing team sports** during the week and to keep a balance regarding their own study routine and in their fitness or in developing their skills in debating, music or the many other extra- curricular activities available to them.

The importance of school Attendance

A reminder to both students and parents that Tusla the government agency that looks after school attendance has laid down strict guidelines on school attendance. Parents are reminded that there is a marker of 20 days absence allowed for all students after which Tusla will firstly request a report from the school on the matter and then will be in touch with parents. That is in fact a lot of days absence for any student in Cluny and we advise that 20 days would be at the extreme end! For Transition Year stu-



dents please confine the **work experience programme to two weeks during the year** as this only is covered by our arrangement with the Insurance Company. Holidays are best kept to summer and mid-term breaks.

House Captains from Fifth Year

Good luck to our House Captains for 2016-17

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Fiji	Rebecca Clarke	Catriona Duggan
Gambia	Roisin Foley	Victoria Williams-Gaine
Ghana	Ally O'Neill	Anna Byrne
St. Lucia	Isabel O'Neill	Lara Grehan
Sierra Leone	Ana Deevy	Mairead Martin
Tahiti	Emma Maye	Emily Rafferty Doyle

