

Report of Board of Management Meeting

21st September 2015

This was the final meeting of the outgoing Board of Management. Following the retirement of **Canon Willoughby** from the Board, **Mr Billy Skuse** was appointed interim chairperson. A new board will be appointed in October to be chaired by **Mrs Diana Scott**.

An analysis of Junior and Leaving Certificate results was discussed at the meeting and much satisfaction expressed at a further rise in performance. Of particular note was the very high proportion of pupils sitting higher level papers successfully, including core subjects. Almost 90% of all Junior Certificate subject papers were attempted at higher level with 89% achieving grades A,B or C. The same pattern was evident at Leaving Certificate where 78% of our students achieved above the National Average points and 10 gained over 550 points. Congratulations were offered to pupils and teachers. This year 85.7% of leavers have gone directly into third level courses in Ireland and abroad, another 11.3% have deferred entry.

Among the notable achievements by pupils recently were medal winning performances in swimming and Life Saving competitions. Most notable was the achievement of **Iseult Hayes** who competed at the European Junior Championships and the British Junior Sports Championships winning a gold medal with the Irish 4 X 100m Relay Medley team.

In Athletics **Scott Gibson** became our first pupil to compete at a European Junior Athletics Championship reaching a semi-final in the 400's event. **James French** attained a bronze medal at the Home Countries Athletics Championships in Shot Putt.

Rugby – Opening fixtures in the Bowen Shield competitions have gone well. Congratulations to our 4 pupils on Munster teams: **Gavin Coombes** U.19 (Interpro champions); **James French** U.18 Schools; **Ethan Greene** and **Colin Deane** on U.18 club sides.

Summer Works – The focus was on safety, refurbishment and ICT. Works included refurbishment and repainting of much of the exterior of the Williams Building, work to some girls' dormitories, erection of flagpoles and another small classroom was fitted out. Upgrading of ICT resources continued. Roadways were re-marked and new signage is being prepared. New security cameras replaced existing facilities on the exterior walls of Richmount House/Williams Building. A new system was fitted in the boarder boy locker areas following a review and updating of our CCTV policy.

Local public representatives and the NRA are to be contacted again about the condition and safety of public roads and footpaths leading to school entrances.

Enrolment 2016 - The enrolment for the school now stands at 661 pupils – the highest on record.

Staffing – The Board sanctioned a number of new appointments and substitutions. The following new staff are welcomed – Ms J. Morley, Ms A. Cronin, Ms E. Coughlan, Mr P. Cronin, Mr B. Shanahan, Mr B. Henry, Mr B. Phelan, Mr J. Twomey and Ms F Hanly (Matron). The Board expressed thanks and congratulations to staff who have taken on new posts elsewhere including Mrs A. Roche, Ms S. Falvey, Ms A. Deane and Mrs S. Moore (Matron).

A review of Posts of Responsibility has commenced prior to new appointments at Assistant Principal level.

The Boards of Management and Directors met with **Mr Sean Crowley** and his wife, Ann, for a farewell dinner to mark his retirement recently after 42 years of dedicated service to the school. It was a joyful occasion with many excellent and colourful reminiscences. We wish Mr & Mrs Crowley every happiness as they begin to savour the freedom of retirement.