



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Well done to you all for completing another week in lockdown and another week of remote teaching and learning! We know it is a bank holiday weekend with a difference, but we hope you and your families have a happy, healthy and safe weekend.

We would like to say a mile buíochas to all the families who took the time to respond to our survey. We had a 50% response rate which is exceptional regarding survey response and gives a validity and reliability to the results.

86% of respondents indicated high levels of satisfaction with their children's engagement and 92% indicated high levels of satisfaction with the support they are receiving from the school.

We are immensely proud of these results and rest assured, we are working our way through your responses and we are dealing with individual issues.

The weeks of speculation about the Junior Certificate finally came to an end this week and a letter regarding the PCH framework for Junior Certificate assessment was posted on the school website- please ensure that all 3rd year students and their parents read this. We have been extremely busy all week ensuring that a robust and educationally sound assessment framework is put in place for all students. Details of assessment for all years will be posted on Google Classroom, please ensure you keep up to date with these. We are still awaiting details of the Leaving Certificate – it may be early June before we have a timetable for the Leaving Certificate. We empathise completely with our Leaving Cert students, it is so difficult to stay motivated and focused. Please take some free time over the weekend and hopefully, you will feel refreshed and ready for work next week.

Tuesday, May 5th will be a study day for all students to allow staff time to prepare & post their assessment frameworks. There will be no online classes on that day.

Stay safe & well,

Aisling McAlpine, Ciarán Ryan & Orla Jackson

Keep These Things For A Newsletter

01 Letter

02. Good News – Green Schools

03. Important Information

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee." John Donne



You may notice an unknown number on your phone over the next few weeks- we know you may be uneasy about such numbers but it could be us checking in to see how you are doing or responding to a request.



FANTASTIC NEWS- GREEN SCHOOLS FLAG AWARDED TO PCH FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!



Huge congratulations to Ms. Hopkins, Ms Smith and the Green Schools Committee on being awarded PCH's first ever Green Schools flag. A huge amount of work, commitment and leadership went into this venture- well done to all, we are so proud of you.

Green Schools Committee 2019-2020

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SUPPORT PHONE LINES

This time of isolation can be difficult for everyone. If you feel you need support, please reach out to one of the organisations below:

Pieta House - **1800 247247** or
TEXT HELP to **51444**

Jigsaw - for parents and students alike -
1800 544729

Samaritans - Freephone **116123**

Teenline - **1800833634**



The Parents' Guide to Google Classroom

In our online survey some parents noted that they had difficulty navigating Google classroom
Please find below a link to an online guide to Google Classroom for parents.

<http://presheadford.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Parents-Guide-to-Google-Classroom.pdf>

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