**Deputy Principal’s Report**

**11-11-2019**

1. **The new school website is now up and running. We are very happy with how it has turned out.**
2. **This week is Science Week in the school so a number of events are taking place.**
3. **This week we celebrate inclusion. It is LGBTQI+ awareness week and there are wrist bands being distributed. There are also presentations being given during pastoral care time.**
4. **Congratulations to the senior debating team on their victory last week.**
5. **Congratulations to Caoimhe Healy who was victorious in the Soroptomist Association Public Speaking competition and who was selected to represent the school in the All Ireland.**
6. **Myself, Ms L. Doyle and Mr. S Keightley finished up our second round of two day conferences with ACCS ‘Middle Leaders’ this week. A presentation will be made to the BOM soon.**
7. **Christmas exams are beginning soon. The timetables for 1st, 2nd & 5th years are on the website.**
8. **CBA’s are currently taking place. 2nd and 3rd year students involved.**
9. **Sports competitions are in full swing at the moment. Teams from all across the sporting disciplines are represented.**
10. **Staff had a successful JCT day on November 4th. It was concerned with assessment and reporting at Junior Cycle.**
11. **iPads are proving to be a great success.**
12. **1 hour classes are proving very popular with staff and students. Having 6 period as opposed to 9 creates a much calmer school environment and students report that having one full hour, especially in higher level subjects at Leaving Cert, makes for a more sustained approach to learning.**
13. **SEN Inspection took place in September. A copy of the report will be available after it has been presented to the BOM.**
14. **Furniture, shelving and exam desks were kindly donated through a connection to one of our teachers, Michael Egan. Michael, Christy Morrin and Tony Rooney spent a significant number of hours collecting all the furniture and we thank them.**
15. **Mr Derek Maher is the new 5th year Year Head.**
16. **It is difficult to get teaching staff, most likely not helped by the high cost of rent in the Dublin area.**
17. **We need a wireless portable PA system. It would be of great benefit to the school.**