

## Board Meeting Agreed Report – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Minutes from the meeting of September 24<sup>th</sup> were accepted and the agenda for this meeting was adopted.

### **Principal's Report:**

#### *School Activities & Events*

- The Board was updated on recent school activities, including competitive games in basketball, volleyball and soccer, Black History Month, Stand-Up Week and recent theatre and Art trips. Rehearsals are ongoing for the school show which will take place at the end of the month.
- The Board was also updated on recent TY activities including a Drivers' Programme, the UG Careers' Fair and workshops in Mandarin, Polish and Irish.

#### *Staff CPD*

- The Board was updated on recent staff CPD in the areas of SEN, anti-bullying, and behaviour support, as well as subject-specific CPD in English, Geography, Art, and Drama, Theatre & Film Studies.

#### *Student Council*

- This year's Student Council has been elected and announced, with training due to take place this month.

#### *PGC Update*

- Parents'/Guardians' information sessions and workshops took place on October 21st. Parents and guardians were given year-specific information as well as an update on our SSE focus for this year (supporting self-directed learning) Information was also shared on our anti-bullying procedures in line with DE Cineáltas guidelines.
- The PGC AGM took place in October. The PGC Committee was thanked for its contribution to School of Sanctuary, the information night and their support with the school show.

### **Teaching and Learning:**

- Details of the recent Study Skills Day for students was shared with the Board, in line with our SSE focus for 24-25.
- The Board was briefed on a new Senior Cycle mentoring programme which has commenced with Senior Cycle students.
- Plans for Senior Cycle redevelopment were shared with the Board and subjects in each tranche outlined.
  - *Tranche 1: Business, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Drama, Theatre and Film Studies (2025)*
  - *Tranche 2: English, Geography, LCVP (2026)*
  - *Tranche 3: Computer Science, DCG, History, Maths, Home Economics, Music (2027)*

- Details of a new NCSE Behaviour for Learning support programme were outlined to Board. An advisor will support the school in setting up a Positive Behaviour Support Team, and in implementing further positive behaviour support programmes.
- Students and staff were congratulated on the excellent achievements of our students in the Junior Certificate Exams.

*GCE & School of Sanctuary:*

- The Board was updated on our recent recognition as a Champion School of Sanctuary, awarded on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the contribution of all involved was acknowledged.

**Other Updates:**

- Works have concluded on the adjacent building. The new Computer Science and Graphics Rooms are now operational. The new Nurture Room will be finished next week. Works on toilets in the main building will commence in the coming weeks.
- The Child Protection Oversight Report was completed. The Anti-bullying oversight report was completed.
- **Enrolment 2025-2026:** Our Admissions window has now closed and the first round of offers have been made. We had 313 applications for 72 places next year, with no Special Class places.

**Next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**