

Drumshanbo Vocational School

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September 19th 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to all after the summer break, with a special welcome to our first years. I hope that this will be an enjoyable and successful year for everybody.

Year Heads for 2014/15 are as follows:

First Year: Ms Beirne

Second Year: Ms Traynor

Third Year: Ms Coen

Fifth Year (L Cert Yr 1): Ms O'Neill

Sixth Year (L Cert Yr 2): Ms Devaney

Each class group also has a Class Tutor. Full details available on www.dvs.ie

Career Guidance Counsellor: Mr Daithi Hughes

Learning Support Co-ordinator: Ms Lorraine McLoughlin

Exam Secretary: Mr John king

Parent/Teacher Meetings 2014/15

Tuesday 21st October: Second Year

Wednesday 5th November: First Year

Thursday 20th November: Sixth Year (L Cert Yr 2)

Tuesday 2nd December: Third Year

Wednesday 21st January: Fifth Year (L Cert Yr 1)

Meetings will take place in the Mayflower Hall from 4:15pm and school will finish at 3:45pm for all students on these days

School Improvement Planning

Our school is engaged in the School Improvement Planning process. We have been working on literacy and are currently reviewing numeracy and problem solving skills in maths. Reports are available on our web-site www.dvs.ie

Book Rental Scheme/ Personal Accident Insurance

A letter regarding the Student Services contribution is enclosed.

Attendance

Every absence of your child must be explained by forwarding a note to the Year Head or making contact with the school. The principal is obliged, under the Education

Welfare Act to inform the Education Welfare Officer if a student is absent for more than 20 days.

Child Protection

The Designated Liaison Person is Martin Fallon, Principal and Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Sean Wynne, Deputy Principal. They have a duty to report any reports or reasonable concerns of abuse or neglect of a student to the HSE.

Health & Safety

Students have been reminded that smoking is not permitted on any part of the school premises, including the Mayflower grounds. They have also been told that mainstream students are not allowed to be behind or at the side of the Mayflower any time during the school day from 8:45am. Parents/Guardians dropping off and collecting students at the school are requested to park at the pedestrian entrance at the front of the school or in the Mayflower grounds where students can safely use the side pedestrian entrance.

Contact Numbers

It is very important that we have up to date contact numbers for parents/guardians. A mobile number will be used for SMS messaging to notify and remind you of meetings etc.

Photographs

Memory Lane Photography will be in the school on November 6th to take class photos of our First and Sixth Years. During the school year, at various school events and ceremonies, students may be photographed for local newspapers, our web-site, prospectus etc. If you do not wish your child's photograph to appear in those publications, please inform the school in writing.

Mid-Term Break

This will take place from October 27th to October 31st inclusive.

Fiftieth Anniversary Event

The school's Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations will take place from Friday evening, October 24th to Sunday October 26th. If you wish to join the organising committee, please contact the school.

Further Information

You can find up to date information, approved school policies and school calendar on our web-site www.dvs.ie . We are also on Twitter @Drumshanbovs and @dvssports

Yours sincerely,

Martin Fallon

Principal