# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents 11th February 2021

## Remote learning

* KCC operating online from 9am on Monday to 3.45 on Friday
* Operating to a high level of satisfaction of students, parents and staff.
* This addresses a sig issue identified by many students and parents last spring – students finding it difficult to manage their time and learning without a structure in place
* Acknowledge great work of staff
* Great support by YHs
* Credit to MG

## ASD classes

ASD classes will open on 22nd Feb.

## mock Leaving cert exam

Currently intend to run mocks when 6th Years return to school.

Staff preference is to write own exams

## AP 2 competition

Interviews last week. Five newly-appointed AP 2 will take up duties on 22nd Feb.

## nurture group

Kishoge CC has been approved to take part in Educate Together's programme of Nurture Group education training, with a view to rolling out Nurture Group learning in the coming years. Micheal F, Nicole and Eva C are currently training to join Ciara M and Eva B as Nurture Group practitioners. Ciara M is working with Educate Together on the Trauma Informed Care educational program and all staff will complete CPD with Nurture Group facilitator Dr Susan Gibney in 2021.

## literacy policy

The Time Capsule project is underway, and work is being collected from students in stages. Work includes student letters to their future selves, original artwork and some journal work on life in the pandemic. Lessons and resources are being emailed to tutors in phases.

Kishoge will participate in *Ireland Reads*, a new government wellbeing initiative which takes place on 25th Feb. A 'Send a Selfie' competition is happening in conjunction with this event.

The senior and junior reading groups continue working online. Award badges are being ordered for junior students' reading efforts.

## Poetry competition

Budding poets from 2A5 and 4A1 have been working on their submissions for the PDST National Poetry Competition. The students produced 'occasional' poems, based on Amanda Gorman's *'The Hill We Climb'*. Their pieces, like hers, deal with some of the biggest news stories of 2020. Best of luck to all entrants!"

## TY update

**Stand Up Comedy Workshop:** The School of Improv ran a workshop for all our TY students. They all got the opportunity to work with a touring comedian. They learnt how to form their own one liner jokes, create their own stories and the technique of a joke structure.

**Social Entrepreneur Q&A - John O'Shea:** TYs got the opportunity to interact with John O'Shea (Formally of the charity GOAL) on all things associated with social entrepreneurship. They prepared for the workshop by working through some stimulus material and preparing questions to ask. They learnt about how their solidarity with the most vulnerable people in our world can make a real difference.

**Health Fest:** TYs were invited to participate in an online Health Fest. This explored the areas of physical activity, nutrition and mental wellbeing. There were over 8,000 attendees for this year's online event.

**Royal College of Surgeons - Mini-Med:**All TYs were given the opportunity to apply to participate in the RCSI's TY programme. It runs online this year from the 22nd to the 26th of Feb. Five students were selected to take part and have all now completed their registration.

**Houses of the Oireachtas:**Students of TY were all invited to apply for a place on the Houses of Oireachtas TY Programme. This is a highly sought-after internship for one week. The standard of application was very high and the most suitable candidate from our TYs has now been put forward. There are only 20 positions available nationally.

**TU Dublin - Science of Food - Transition Year Camp:** All students were invited to partake in this unique opportunity over the mid-term break. This is an online camp. Students get the chance to explore food sciences and discover if this is something that they would like to pursue as a career.

## art dept

The Art Department have secured a virtual tour of the Piet Mondrian exhibition to deliver to all our Art students this week. On January 27th sixth year art students took part in a virtual tour of the Francis Bacon Studio in the Hugh Lane Gallery as per their Art History course.