# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**9th May 2019**

## PoR appointments

Congratulations to newly-appointed Co-ordinator of Programmes Michael Manners and newly-appointed acting AP2 Ruth Malone.

Management team of 14 now: P, DP, 5 AP1, 6 AP2, 1 PC.

## WSE MLL

Thanks to PC members for their attendance at meeting with inspectors and their support of the school.

## recruitment 2019-20

Ad for teacher recruitment in April. Closed 5th May.

## policy development

The following school policies were adopted by the Board of Management at its May meeting:

*SEN Policy; SPHE (incl RSE) Policy; Substance Abuse Policy*

Thanks to members of PC for their input.

## Debs and pre-debs

The school will not organise or endorse activities that may involve underage consumption of alcohol nor will it organise or endorse an activity attended by former students.

Organising an event like the Debs is a very onerous task for young people. The PC may consider assisting the young people in terms of the collecting of money, making bookings etc.

## School uniform

Proposal that students have the option to wear school PE tracksuit to school on days when they have PE was accepted by the Board of Management.

## student leadership system

School working on the design of a student leadership system.

Parents willing to attend a meeting to discuss school plans om Monday or Tuesday of next week?

## school trips 2019-20

Proposal to organise the following school trips next year: Paris, Skiing, Barcelona, London.

Proposal to organise Outdoor Education trips for next year’s First, Second and Third years to take place in Sept/Oct.

Would parents like something for Sixth Years?

## Transition Year

4th March: TYs attended and presented their YSI social innovations in Dublin's Mansion House. Also known as the YSI Speak Out the students had to go on stage in front of 300 other students and make a short presentation on their social innovations for 2019.

11th March: Information evening for parents whom are considering TY for their son or daughter for 2019.

21st - 25th March: 30 TYs and 5th years were on the 1st French international trip. Over 5 days the students visited Paris and all its famous cultural landmarks and museums. The students also had a day in Disneyland (which included an emergency evacuation due to a security incident).

4th April: All TYs attended the Leaders on our Level conference in the Convention Centre. The event was opened by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and included speakers such as Peter McVerry, Jim Gavin & Mark Pollock.

9th April: Educate Together WWGS showcase hosted in Kishoge CC. We hosted the ET development education showcase where students get to showcase the work that has been taking place in the realm of global citizenship.

## English dept

5th year student Isabel Azu is one of three students shortlisted for the national essay writing prize awarded by UL Regional Writing Centre. They will publish her essay in a collection after some advised editing, and final winners will be announced May 16th.

## science dept

The 5th year Biology Students had their Ecology Trip on 1st April. They travelled to Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park in Co. Kildare where they engaged with the field study of a woodland habitat and also participated in a brief historical walk around the grounds. This was a great cross-curricular trip which focused primarily on Biology and also incorporated History and Geography.

## chess club

Kishoge came second in the Inter-school Chess League. Next year we would like to enter the Leinster league. Thanks to Órlagh.

## green schools

Green-Schools: The Green-Schools committee recently received notice that Kishoge C.C. have achieved the Energy Flag after two years of initiatives to save energy and raising awareness around energy usage. Committee members have been invited to attend the award ceremony in DCU in May. The committee plan to acknowledge this success to the whole school committee with a flag raising at the end of May.