



# An Nasc

## Coláiste Éanna Newsletter

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### **Nóta ón bPríomhoide:**

A Chairde,

Fáilte chuig an chéad eagrán don nuachtlitir, “An Nasc” (‘The Link’). In a special way we welcome the parents and guardians of our first years and students who are new to Coláiste Éanna to our electronic newsletter. Its aim is to keep you abreast of dates, events and information about Coláiste Éanna and our community throughout the academic year. Editions will be emailed to you in ‘pdf’ format on a regular basis and will also be posted on the School’s Website.

Congratulations to our Leaving Certificate Students of 2018 on their results, and we wish them every success and happiness in their future studies and careers. We welcome our new first years to Second Level and hope that they have many happy years in Coláiste Éanna. In these early weeks of the academic term, students are being informed about various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and we encourage them to participate in an activity/activities of choice.

To our teaching staff, we welcome Mr. James O’Reilly (Gaeilge), Mr. Thomas McCaffery (Business & Mathematics), Ms. Nicola Roddy (Mathematics & SEN), Ms. Carmel Cremin (Biology & Mathematics) and Ms. Rachael Keogh (English/SEN, Music & Gaeilge). To Ms. Denise Donlon, Mr. Ronan O’Reilly, Mr. Martin Quinn and Mr. Thomas Molloy, we express our sincere gratitude for their respective contributions to the education of students during their time in Coláiste Éanna, and convey every good wish to them in their new appointments. Finally, on her retirement, we wish Ms. Mary Kent many blessings, health and happiness in the years ahead, and thank her for her invaluable service to students, parents and staff over the years.

Comhghairdeas le foireann Áth Cliath as an mbua gaisciúil an Domhnach seo caite. Congratulations to the Dublin Senior Gaelic Football team and their Manager, Mr. Jim Gavin, on their 4-in-row victory last Sunday. Coláiste Éanna was proud to be represented on the panel by past pupils Niall Scully and Colm Basquel. We congratulate Niall on his excellent performance in Sunday’s game.

This summer has been a successful one for another past pupil. We salute the achievements of Graham Shaw in leading the Irish Ladies’ Hockey Team to Ireland’s

first World Cup Final. This is a great honour for Coláiste Éanna and Ireland, as this feat has not been achieved to date in any sport.

Next Tuesday night, 11<sup>th</sup> September, the school hosts the AGM of the Parents' Association, with Guest Speaker, Mr. John Wills. I would encourage all parents and guardians to attend this important meeting. As part of the agenda, nominations will be invited for the two parental representatives on the school's Board of Management 2018-2021, followed by the election. (More information on the AGM below).

Junior Cert. results will be presented to students in Coláiste Éanna on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, at 12:15 approximately. We wish our students every success.

Along with 'An Nasc' we are also emailing you important correspondence from Coláiste Éanna Parents' Association.

Guím gach rath agus séan ar do mhac don bhliain scoile nua.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

S. Ó Murchú  
Principal

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**An tSeachtain Seo Chugainn...  
(Next Week ...)**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	20:00	Parents' Association AGM
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	09:30 12:15 approx.	6 <sup>th</sup> Year Higher Options in RDS Junior Certificate Results
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September		
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September		
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	10:00 – 12 noon	Open Morning for 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Students

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**Uniform**

Students are required to wear school uniform in the school buildings, environs and outings (as specified).

Please note that school uniform includes black footwear only.

Students who present in school buildings or in the school environs wearing a non-uniform jacket or are visibly carrying one will be subject to the following sanction:  
First Offence: Jacket confiscated; text sent to parent/guardian; jacket returned to student at the end of the school day.

Subsequent Offence: Jacket confiscated; text sent to parent/guardian; jacket to be collected from the school office (during office hours) by parent/guardian when convenient.

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**Canteen**

Parents/Guardians are reminded that all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students are required to remain in school during lunchtime. Seating capacity has been increased in the canteen and a broader menu is being offered, developed in consultation between the chef, school management and students' council.

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## Careers Corner

### Sixth-Years:

Sixth-Year students who have paid for their ticket to Higher Options are reminded to make their **own way** to the event in the R.D.S. by 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday 12th. Students can leave the event at 12.30 p.m. and make their own way home. Tickets (paper wrist-bands) are currently being distributed to students who have paid. **Students must bring their tickets with them to the R.D.S. on Wednesday.** The event organisers will not allow students in without a ticket. All those attending are requested to bring the map and timetable of talks with them on the day to ensure that they make use of their time at the event. These will be distributed in school prior to the Wednesday.

The C.A.O. booklets for 2019 will be made available to students in October after they have received classes regarding guidelines on the C.A.O. system. There will be a C.A.O. information evening for Sixth Year parents on September 24th with speakers from Maynooth University and the Institute of Technology in Tallaght. More details will be given prior to the event. All Sixth-Year parents are urged to look at [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie) and if they believe their son is eligible for the D.A.R.E. or H.E.A.R. schemes it is asked that they would contact the Guidance Counsellor to discuss.

*[Ms. Ruane]*

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## Message for First Year Parents/Guardians

Our first years are settling into Coláiste Eanna and are starting to find their feet. Please note that parents/guardians are not permitted in the school buildings. If you need to visit the school, please go directly to the school office. School journals are used by teachers to communicate with home so it's important that they are checked on a regular basis and signed weekly.

*[Ms. Egan]*

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## Chess Club

### The Knights of Eanna Chess Club need your help!!

We are collecting the labels off any Deep River Rock water bottles that carry the special code (see link below). The funds raised will go directly to benefit our students who participate in Chess and the new Dungeons & Dragons club. Both clubs are thriving and we continue to have new students joining us on a weekly basis. Labels can be given to Dave or dropped into the School Office. The Clubs appreciate your help and thank you for your support.

[depriverrock.ie/thirstforbetter/the-knights-of-eanna](http://depriverrock.ie/thirstforbetter/the-knights-of-eanna)

*[Mr. Grant]*

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## Art Department

The Art Department would like to kindly thank all those that donated cameras to the school last year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*[Ms. Browne & Ms. Hogan]*

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## Table Tennis

Table Tennis training commences for 1<sup>st</sup> years **only** on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept from 3:50 to 5:20 in the Sports Hall. This is to assess the level of interest and ability. A bat can be borrowed from Tibor our school coach for the first week. Training will also take place on Tuesdays at the same time again for 1<sup>st</sup> Years **only**. From September 17<sup>th</sup> students from **all year groups** are welcome from beginner level up to advanced. School teams will be selected in October.

*[Mr. O’Gorman]*

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## Coláiste Éanna Parents' Association

The winners of this months' Parents' Association monthly draw are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (€250): T. Keyille  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (€100): Aiga Veltensone  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (€50): Ingrid McGovern

The next meeting of the Parents' Association will take place on Tuesday, 9th October, in Room 37 (ERST Building).

# Annual General Meeting

## Coláiste Éanna Parents' Association

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**8pm**

**Room 37/38, ERST Building, Coláiste Éanna.**

**Guest Speaker: Mr. John Wills\***

**\*\* Nomination & Election of Parents' Representatives for Board of Management \*\***

\*John Wills (BA Psych; MA; Dip CBT) He is a Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Teacher with over 12 years professional experience working with schools and colleges throughout Ireland. He is also a lecturer, supervisor and module moderator for PCI College and teaches on their BSc and MSc programmes. In the past he has worked for organisations such as Aware and Barnardos and has been a consultant advisor to other voluntary organisations and schools on bullying incidents. He has a wealth of experience of working with young people and will deliver a presentation to us at our AGM regarding the mental health of teenagers - looking at anxiety and depression.

*[Parents' Association]*

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