

Drumshanbo Vocational School

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Newsletter

Term 1 2013/14

Parent/Teacher Meetings

First Year:	Tuesday, November 12 th
Fifth Year:	Thursday, November 21 st
Third Year:	Wednesday, December 4 th
Fourth Year:	Thursday, January 16 th
Second Year:	Wednesday, January 29 th
Fifth Year (Post Mocks):	Tuesday April 8 th (Provisional)

All meetings are to take place in the Mayflower Hall between 4:15pm and 6:45pm.
PLEASE NOTE THAT CLASSES WILL FINISH AT 3:45pm ON THESE DAYS



Literacy Information Evening for parents/guardians of First Years This will be presented by teachers of the school's English Department and will take place in the school immediately following the First Year Parent/Teacher Meeting at 6:45pm on Tuesday, November 12th.

Annual School Mass

This will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday, November 12th at 3pm. All are welcome

Parents' Association

The AGM of the Association and the election of Officers will take place in the school on Thursday November 21st at 7:00pm.

Building Works

The new extension to the Engineering Room is well underway and should be completed for the next term. Planning permission for the new ASD Unit has been approved and this building is scheduled to be ready for next August.

French Assistant

We are pleased to welcome our new French Language Assistant, Ms Delhia Apollonio. We hope that she will enjoy the school year at DVS and trust that our students of French will benefit from having a native French speaker available for conversational practice.

Celebrating 50 Years



Next year, DVS celebrates 50 years of second level education provision in the area. Mr John King is chairing a committee in the school to make arrangements to mark this important event. If you have any memorabilia, photos etc. of your days at DVS and you would like to share them, you can e-mail the organising committee at DVS50@gmail.com

Volleyball

So far this year, we have two Senior Boys and one Senior Girls teams and four Cadet Boys and one Cadet Girls teams. The junior teams will be organised after the Christmas break. Our Senior A and Senior B Boys and Senior Girls all have matches this week.

Gaelic Football

The senior team are through to the post-primary school county final and will play either Lough Allen College or Carrigallen VS.

World Champion in Marshall Arts



Congratulations to **Niamh McCauley** who has just returned from Tuscany, Italy with the Karate u-15 World Championship title. Niamh took home six other medals. Well done also to **Ciaran Thiele** who won two medals at the same competitions.



Lunch Time Activities Club

Lunch time activities for junior students are organised every Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students can see notice boards or check with Ms O'Connor for details.



Lunch Time Canteen

Gala, Drumshanbo are providing a lunch time canteen service in the Mayflower this school year. Hot drinks, sandwiches and rolls are available. All students can use the Mayflower to have lunch and they can bring their own lunch if they so wish.

Dropping students at the school and collecting

In the interests of safety, parents are reminded to use the pedestrian entrance at the front of the school or in the Mayflower Car-park as drop off and collection points.

Mobile phones

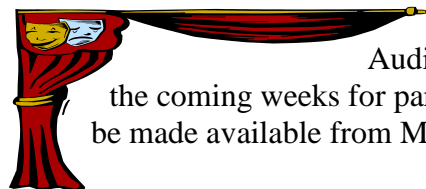
The policy that students are to keep mobile phones in their locker during all class times still applies. Under no circumstances, are students to use their phones to take photographs of others during school times.

Photographing of students

From time to time, photographs of your son/daughter may be taken by staff during school events – sports, prize winning, field trips etc. If you do not wish photos of your son/daughter to be taken and/or included on the school web-site or in school brochures, please inform the school principal, in writing at your earliest convenience.

Evening Study

Evening Study for senior exam students is due to begin next week. Please contact Mr Hughes, Guidance Counsellor, to book a place.



Drama Classes

Auditions will take place among first and second years in the coming weeks for participation in school drama classes. Information will be made available from Ms L Mcloughlin, Ms Martin and Ms Nangle

Policy Review

The following policies are currently being reviewed:

- Pastoral Care
- Code of Behaviour
- Admissions/enrolment
- Attendance
- Managing chronic Health Conditions

Your opinion/input is invited and can be submitted at principal@dvs.ie or in writing to the principal

Christmas exams

Christmas tests will take place during class time, between December 9th and 20th.

School Book Rental scheme

Thank you to all participants of this scheme that have paid in full. Any outstanding amounts should be paid as soon as possible. If there are any difficulties in this regard, please contact Mr Wynne. All school books should be covered to keep them in good order for the year.

Programme to enhance learning and teaching

DVS is one of a number of schools nationwide to embark on the “Instructional Leadership” programme, supported by the ETBI and facilitated by Canadian Educationalist Professor Barrie Bennett. Three staff members have been immersed in the programme since last year. The objective of this highly acclaimed programme is to promote and encourage new ways of teaching throughout the school in order to maximise student learning.

Contact numbers

It is very important that we have an up to date contact number for a parent/guardian or nominee that will be **contactable** in the event of an emergency. We also use web-text to send out reminders/notifications etc. A text message will be sent to one of the contact numbers we have for your family on next Monday, November 11th at 1pm. If you do not receive that message, please check that we have a valid number for you.

School Web-site

The school web-site will be re-constructed and updated in the coming weeks.

Martin Fallon

November 4th 2013