

## **Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community June 2024**

### **Drama, Film & Theatre Studies**

The school's application to the Department of Education to be a phase one school for the introduction of the new Leaving Certificate subject *Drama, Film and Theatre Studies* has been successful. Two teachers will participate in CPD during the academic year 2024/2025 in preparation for the introduction of this subject as an option for fifth-year students in September 2025.

### **State Examinations, 2024**

Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle examinations are underway in the school and the Board acknowledges all those involved in the successful administration of these exams. The Board wishes all students well in their examinations and hopes that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

### **Summer Examinations, 2024**

Summer examinations for year groups one, two and five took place between 23 May to 31 May 2024 with corresponding reports now issued to students and their parents/guardians.

### **Whole School Assembly & Prize Giving, 2024**

The Board acknowledged the success of the end of year Whole School Assembly and Prize Giving held on 15 May 2024. Appreciation was expressed to the parents of the head students for presenting the academic and extracurricular prizes on the day. It was also noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> year and 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation services were held successfully in the GPA this term on the 21 and 23 May 2024 respectively. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by students, parents/guardians and teachers alike. The Board wishes to extend its appreciation to all members of staff involved in the organisation and support of these important school events.

### **Prefects, 2024/2025**

The prefects for the forthcoming academic year were announced at the Whole School Assembly and will shortly be updated on the School website. For 2024/2025 the Head Girl is Hannah Oak, the Head Boy is Oscar Schmidt, the Deputy Head Girl is Sibéal Keaney, and the Deputy Head Boy is Sean Behan. The Board wishes the heads, deputy heads and all prefects well in their contribution to the School for the forthcoming academic year.

### **Newpark Music Centre**

The Board regrets to hear of the closure of the Newpark Music Centre. The Centre has been located on the grounds of the school since 1979. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Board of Directors, the teachers, staff and patrons of the Centre for the many years of neighbourliness and for the valuable opportunity that the *School Links* programme has provided.

## Retirements

The Board wishes Mr. Robert Ryan, Ms. Deirdre Mackey and Ms. Janet Doherty well in retirement and acknowledges the loyal and committed service all three of these valued members of staff gave to the school over many years.

## Department of Education circular letters since the last meeting of the Board:

0043/2024

Revision of Teacher Salaries under the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/5cd3e-revision-of-teacher-salaries-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-june-2024/>

0044/2024

Revision of Salaries for Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) under the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/7097e-revision-of-salaries-for-special-needs-assistants-snas-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-june-2024/>

0046/2024

Revision of salaries for Clerical Officers and Caretakers employed in National Schools under the 1978/79 Scheme and Clerical Officers employed in Post Primary Schools under the Public Service Agreement 2024 – 2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/73a75-revision-of-salaries-of-clerical-officers-and-caretakers-employed-under-the-19781979-scheme-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-june-2024/>

0047/2024

Revision of Salaries of School Secretaries and School Maintenance Staff in Community and Comprehensive Schools under the Public Service Agreement 2024 – 2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/b4885-revision-of-salaries-of-school-secretaries-and-school-maintenance-staff-in-community-and-comprehensive-schools-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-june-2024/>

0048/2024

Revision of Salaries for School Secretaries Previously Funded Under Ancillary Grant Funding

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/0ec00-revision-of-salaries-for-school-secretaries-previously-grant-funded-effective-from-01-june-2024/>

0049/2024

Special Needs Assistant Allocation 2024/25

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/2d295-special-needs-assistant-allocation-202425/>

0051/2024

Prescribed material for Junior Cycle English (For the student cohort commencing Junior Cycle in 2024 and presenting for examination in 2027)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/9b3dd-prescribed-material-for-junior-cycle-english-for-the-student-cohort-commencing-junior-cycle-in-2024-and-presenting-for-examination-in-2027/>

0052/2024

Leave for Candidates in General and Local Elections for Special Needs Assistants employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/53b1f-leave-for-candidates-in-general-and-local-elections-for-special-needs-assistants-employed-in-recognised-primary-and-post-primary-schools/>

0053/2024

Recruitment of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) - Supplementary Assignment Arrangements for the 2024/2025 school year

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/dc16e-recruitment-of-special-needs-assistants-snas-supplementary-assignment-arrangements-for-the-20242025-school-year/>

0054/2024

Maintenance guidance for all schools

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/799f5-maintenance-guidance-for-all-schools/>

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