

Parents Council 2016/17

The Council has held three meetings since September, chaired by Helen Gardiner, with Roger Childs as Secretary. The following events were organised:

- Careers Night 2016 took place on 23rd November 2016. There were presentations from a panel of speakers from diverse professions and backgrounds and a Q&A session followed. The fields of Accountancy, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Journalism and Law were represented and each speaker spoke candidly about their career path, from the end of their second level education, through university to their present role or position. They outlined the requirements and opportunities for their specific career paths, reminding the girls of the necessity to thoroughly research all the options for the careers that they may be considering, and to recognise that there are many pathways and opportunities to your chosen career. Some career paths require years of study and/or CPD, and most offer student's opportunities to travel and work around the world.

The 4th, 5th & 6th Year pupils in attendance all appreciated the real life experiences and choices made by the presenters, as well as the hard work put in, to reach their current successful and senior levels, and they were also rewarded with some fascinating insights into their working worlds.

- The Mock Interviews were held on 1st December 2016. Each 6th year student was interviewed by 2 interviewers with feedback provided after their interview. Feedback from the interviewers noted the confidence and self-assuredness of the students, the level of interview preparation and enthusiasm for their chosen career path. The Council would like to thank the large number of parents who volunteered as interviewers, the Career Guidance Counsellor and the 6th Year students.
- The Social Evening is coming up early in 2017 and further details will be communicated to parents shortly by their class representatives.

Class representatives also continue to forward items raised from parents for discussion to the Council, some of which are the responsibility of the Board of Management, and to circulate relevant items of information/discussion arising from Council meetings back to the parents. These include information on the progress of the current building projects, school calendar events and activities, the ASTI industrial dispute and activities and projects arising from the Sports Committee, who also have representation on the Parents Council.

The commitment and dedication of the parents involved contributes significantly and proactively to enhance the all-round educational and personal development of our daughters.

Parents' representatives on the Board of Management are: Paula Casey and Margaret Nelson.