



# Midleton College

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

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## Board of Management Agreed Report

Agreed report following the Board of Management meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021:

- The Board again commended the efforts of the teachers and students for their level of enthusiasm in continuing to provide remote learning and engagement in online lessons. Thank you to all on your efforts to date.
- The Board received the official report to confirm that that College received 100% compliance for the *Supporting the Safe Provision of Schooling* inspection which was carried out by an inspector from the Department of Education and Science (DES) on Wednesday 16th December 2020. Well done to all in ensuring the College is compliant in all regulations regarding COVID-19.
- The Board reviewed the Parent Teacher Meetings which have begun to be carried out by phone. The Form I Parent Teacher Meeting is due to take place Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Very positive feedback is being received from Parents and Teachers on how these were organized.
- The SNA's recently completed a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Course on the last week of January. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien, SEN Coordinator, and the SEN team for all of their work in supporting our students during this time.
- The Board approved the introduction of adding 2 new subjects for the Leaving Certificate Programme for the coming academic year; Computer Science and Physical Education - adding to the wide range of subjects already available at Midleton College.
- Dr Gash and Ms. Guest attended an in-service on the new Applied Maths course. This course is very different to the traditional Applied Maths course. It was discussed and approved by the Board that Applied Maths will be removed as a subject option for the coming academic year.
- 2 Assistant Principal II positions have been advertised. The closing date for the application is 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021; the interviews which are due to be held in the coming weeks.
- The Code of Behaviour policy was discussed. This is to be distributed to stakeholders before the next Board of Management meeting.
- Following a recent Government announcement in relation to the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate Examinations, the Board acknowledged that the Junior Cycle has been cancelled and there will be internal exams in May 2021. We will wait for guidance from the Department on this. Regarding the Leaving Certificate, it is planned to allow for a twin approach. Conventional exams will take place from 9th June – there will be adjusted papers with increased choice. Projects and practical dates have been extended & Orals are due to be before/after the Easter break. Teachers will also give an estimated grade in each component of each subject which will go the SEC, who will determine an accredited grade. Students will have the option to sit exams and/or receive an accredited grade.
- It is expected that Form VI students will return to school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March but that other years will have a phased return to school after this. Dr. Gash has arranged a meeting with Form VI parents on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, to discuss this and the Leaving Certificate examinations.
- The next meeting of the Board of Management is scheduled for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm.