

Ostia & Villanova Official Opening

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by

Mr Kilian Traynor following a blessing by
Fr John Hennebry OSA Prior Provincial

November 20th 2017

MORE PHOTOS TO FOLLOW

Monday November 20th saw the official opening of Ostia & Villanova following a process of funding, planning and building which began in 2013.

The school was delighted to have local a national political representatives with past pupil Minister John Paul Phelan representing the Government and Cllr Larry O'Brien representing local government. It was particularly good to hear of Minister Phelan's recognition of the work and success of the College for all students in our community.

Fr Hennebry OSA blessed both Villanova and Ostia and wished the students who will use these wonderful new facilities every success and happiness. He spoke of the opportunity which the new Villanova classrooms will present to our young men in Science, Technology and Maths. Fr Hennebry also made a presentation to the College on behalf of the Augustinian

Community for the purchase of additional resources in Ostia. This is greatly appreciated and will be fully utilised.

The Parent's Council, represented by Mary Lou O'Kennedy and Maria Lindell, also made a very generous donation of €12,000 for resources to the College. This funding comes as part of the 'Friends of Good Counsel' fundraising initiative. The College is appreciative to the members of 'Friends of Good Counsel' and to parents and Parents' Councils past and present for all of their work and support.

Guest of Honour, Mr Kilian Traynor, spoke of the significance of Ostia in bringing to the forefront and acknowledging all of our needs. He described Ostia as the manifestation of the Colleges support for all students in our care and in our community, it is however the relationships between students, parents and teachers which is the real support for students with different needs.

Mr Traynor then cut the ribbon to officially open Ostia & Villanova.

Documents from the opening

[Brochure for the Official Opening](#)

[Principals' Address at the Official Opening.](#)

Click below for a time-lapse video of the construction of Villanova & Ostia.

http://goodcounselcollege.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/New-video_Large.mp4

Click Below for a sweep of the school which clearly shows our new buildings.

<http://goodcounselcollege.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/School>

[-Sweep.mp4](#)



Saint Augustine & St Monica at Ostia



St Tomas of Villanova

Jack Whelan – 1st in Ireland – Technology

Congratulations to Jack Whelan (Adamstown) on achieving first place in Technology in the Junior Certificate this year. This is another wonderful achievement for our Technology Subject Department, his teacher Mr Daren Kenneally and Jack himself. Well done to all!

Photo to follow.

Leinster Hurling Final U-16

**Good Counsel College 3-4 St
Kieran's College 3-12**

Hard luck to our U-16 hurlers who were beaten by a strong St Kieran's outfit in Thomastown yesterday, November 9th 2017. Thank you to all members of the team and extended panel along with their teachers, Mr Walsh, Mr O'Brien & Mr Barron, for their effort this year.

Thank you to Mr Coffey for the photographs below.









We look forward to meeting prospective students and their parents this Saturday. Please arrive in good time as it can be a busy morning.

Schedule for the Day:

09:30 – 10:00 am Meeting of Parents and students. Distribution of Information.

10:00 – 10:45 am Presentation to Parents in the

Assembly Hall and boys in the Church.

10:45 – 12:30 am Guided Tours for boys and parents
free to view all areas of the school.

Staff and students will be on hand throughout the morning to answer your queries.

There will be light refreshments served in the school dining room for all parents.

Please follow the instructions of our parking attendants in order to manage the safety of students and parents on the campus during a very busy day.

E-cigarettes

Advice regarding the use of e-cigarettes.

[Click here to download the fact sheet](#)

It has been stated that e-cigarettes are “healthier” than traditional tobacco products. It has never been claimed or evidence produced to say that they are “healthy”. Hence they still have health implications for those who use them.

Are you informed? Is your son informed?

THE RISKS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH E-

CIGARETTES

Information for Parents & Students

We have noticed an increase in the number of boys using e-cigarettes. When the issue is addressed with them it is evident:

1. Many of these boys would never consider smoking tobacco based product. Because of the sweet like flavourings/lack of smoky smell students are not concerned by the use e-cigarettes.
2. The majority of the boys are not aware of the potential health risks attached to the use of e-cigarettes.

Almost 88% of young people think they would not try an e-cigarette if it did not have any flavour like candy or fruit.

What does an e-cigarette look like?



Reasons to be concerned about e-cigarettes.

- **They produce more than just water vapour where second-hand aerosol contain nicotine, ultrafine particles, heavy metal, diacetyl and other cancer causing agents.** [“Popcorn Lung Video”](#)
- **Nicotine is poisonous in concentrates of 30mg and over to children. The candy/fruit flavours in refills mask the danger associated with nicotine.**
- **The concentrate of nicotine in unregulated refills can vary.**

- E-cigarettes are a gateway to tobacco smoking for some young people.
- E-cigarettes products can be used as a delivery system for marijuana and other illicit drugs.

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Press ctrl + Click on the [Fact Sheet from the US Public Health Service^{\[1\]}](#)

[1]

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/2016_SGR_Fact_Sheet_508.pdf

1st Year

Thank you to all of those parents who attended last nights 1st Year Information night. Topics included were:

1. Transition from Primary to Post Primary (Ms Jane Byrne, Guidance Counsellor)
2. [Junior Cycle Information](#) (Mr PJ Walsh & Mr Mark O'Brien) Click to download slideshow.
3. Yearhead information (Mr Gay Calvey)
4. Homework, Study and organisation (Mr Aidan O'Brien)