

School Newsletter 21, 2011/12

We have designated this week 'Life and Study Skills Week' in an effort to focus awareness on the area of effective study and personal wellbeing. Given the often documented link between exam/study pressures and stress, there is clear merit in linking the two. As part of this initiative all 2nd and 6th years will on Monday have a two and a half hour seminar on 'Introduction to Study Skills' presented by an outside professional body. The programme will be specifically tailored to the groups in question. This initiative is being undertaken in conjunction with the Parents' Council who have generously provided financial support and in recognising the role of the parent as primary educator, and acknowledging the great stress that parents can experience at this time in their child's life, there is an evening presentation to parents in the school church as a follow on to the work done with students. The seminar has two sections: 'Study Skills – How you can help' and 'Empowering students to reduce stress and learn new coping strategies'. We are confident these efforts will be well worthwhile and will prove helpful to students and parents.



Good Counsel College won the U/16 Division One Leinster Final on Monday 5th March in Baldoyle Badminton Centre Dublin. The team of Noel Dunne, Declan Carroll, Jack Dunne, Dylan Bookle and Ian Carty defeated St. Colmcilles, Terenure A and De La Salle Louth. They beat both Terenure and De La Salle 4-2. Their toughest match and ultimately the game that decided the champions was against St.Colmcilles, a match which ended up 3 games each so the winner was decided by points – Good Counsel recording the narrowest of victories, 116points to St.Colmcilles 115.

The team now go on to represent the school in the All Ireland finals later on this month where we wish them the best of luck. Many thanks also to their coach, Mr Murphy.

The U-14 hurlers got a stern reminder of the level of competition they face in 'A' colleges hurling when they met St Kierans College in Kilkenny last Tuesday. Having won well against Dublin Colleges the Counsel lads suffered a heavy defeat but will hopefully learn for the experience and perhaps get another shot at their illustrious opponents in the championship final.

Tickets for the joint schools' musical, 'Hot Mikado' are on sale from St Michael's Theatre, New Ross and by all accounts are going fast so don't delay in booking your tickets to what should prove to be a fabulous production.