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Headmaster's End of Term Notes – December 2018

Staff News

We welcome Miss Anna Beckett as Teacher of Home Economics and Hospitality. We also welcome Miss Annabelle Spence to the Art department to cover the maternity leave of Ms Lyndsay Donly and Mr Chris Smyth to the History department.

We say farewell to Miss Kathryn Duff and thank her for her work in the MFL department and in turn welcome Mrs Wendy Shannon back from maternity leave.

Mr Stephen Woodrow joins the College as Buildings Manager. Mr Michael Quee retired in October after 26 years of looking after the grounds, Mr Norman Rae joins in his place.

Miss Caroline Crothers has been appointed as Alumni Relations Manager.

Gap Students

The College has been most fortunate to have had the services of our 2018 'Gappies'; Connor, Jeremy, Tuan and Mahia. They contributed to both the Senior and Junior Schools in all manner of ways and proved themselves a credit to their parents, their schools and themselves; we send them home with our very best wishes for the future.

The New Year sees the arrival of four new "Gappies" in their place; Thomas Wagner from Rathkeale College, New Zealand, Shaan Johari from Dilworth School, New Zealand, James Warnock from Palmerston North Boys' High School, New Zealand and Max Elvin from Hilton College, South Africa.

Parents' Consultations

The consultations will follow the usual form, 3.45pm to 6.00pm, on the following dates:

Years 13 and 14	9 th January
Year 12	13 th February
Year 10	27 th March
Year 9	14 th March
Year 8	11 th April

Where Sixth Form students are attending lessons at Strathearn School, parents are also welcome to attend their Parents' Consultations as follows:

Years 13 and 14	Wednesday 13 th February, 1.30pm – 3.00pm
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Careers Opportunities in Year 12 – 14

A number of events and opportunities are offered in the Easter Term to assist boys in making sound choices at Post-16 and Post-18 level, also helping them develop the skills to be successful in application and selection processes. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following:

Centigrade is an online profiling service for Year 13 which can help match students to specific courses they are suited to and show interest in. This is available through the Careers Department and it is still possible to sign up.

Furthermore, we run two 'Assessment Centre' activities in both Year 12 and Year 13, which take students through a realistic selection process as used by a significant number of employers and helps them develop the skills required for success in application and interview. These take place as follows:

Year 12 Assessment Centre	Tuesday 29 th January	4pm – 8pm
Year 13 Assessment Centre	Monday 1 st April	6.30pm – 9pm

I would strongly encourage your son to avail of these opportunities offered.

Early Closings

The College will close at 12.05pm on Friday 18th January due to Open Evening and also at 12.05pm on Monday 18th March for St Patrick's Day.

The College Calendar

The College Calendar is available in electronic form on the website and Firefly, enabling it to be continually updated and provide up-to-date information about what is going on.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mr C Oswald, Vice-Principal.
The Deputy Designated Teachers are Mrs W Pearson and Mrs R McNaught.

The College's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy has been reviewed and updated for 2018-19. A copy is available from our website or a printed copy may be requested by contacting the College.

School Policies

A reminder that most of the College policies are available on our website and hard copies can be viewed by contacting Front of House. There are also links to useful guidance for parents including our Pastoral Care Handbook and topics such as Electronic safety, Examination Access Arrangements, Attendance and Concussion.



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School Attendance and Punctuality in the mornings

The school day officially starts at **8:40am** with tutor meetings. Although the vast majority of boys arrive on time, there are a minority who frequently arrive late. As lateness is recorded on your son's attendance profile and on any references we are required to provide, we would ask parents/guardians to ensure that your son arrives punctually.

The Department of Education now has full access to pupil attendance records and we would remind parents that their son should only be absent from school when absolutely unavoidable. **On the first day of absence a message should be left on the College's absence line (02890 764101) and for absences more than one day, a note should be sent in with him on his return giving reasons for the absence.** The Education Authority considers more than 10 days absence in an academic year to be unsatisfactory and requires attendance below 85% to be reported to Educational Welfare. We will write to parents at the end of each term when their son's attendance is below or approaching this level.

(Guidance from the Department of Education is given in the booklet 'Attendance Matters' which is available on our website)

Requests for Absence during a School Term

We would request that holidays and personal appointments are booked outside the school calendar. If there are exceptional circumstances when you need to take your son out of school, a request should be made in writing and sent to the relevant Head of Year.

Parents/Guardians should be aware such absences are recorded on attendance figures as 'unauthorised absence'.

Signing in and Out of School

Whilst we encourage medical and dental appointments to be made outside of school hours we understand that at times this is not always possible. If boys need to leave school during the day a note should be provided detailing the reason and times of the appointment. This should be signed by the tutor in the morning and then shown at Front of House when signing out. **Boys will not be permitted to leave school unless a note is produced or a call is made to Front of House.**

In recent weeks a number of boys have contacted home to ask parents to collect them early from school as they are unwell. **This should not be done.** The procedure is that boys should go to Matron who will then make an assessment and contact parents if necessary.

Security of belongings and Lost Property

Pupils are reminded that they must not bring expensive items into school as the security of their property remains their personal responsibility. All personal items must be clearly labeled so they can be returned to them if lost.



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Lost Property is located in Longfield Pavilion. The store is open from 2.30pm – 4.00pm from Monday to Thursday to allow for the re-claiming of clothing and other items.

Year 14 Car Drivers

We would remind all Year 14 car drivers and potential car drivers that they **must** complete a registration form to allow them to drive and park in the school grounds. If boys need to exit the College during the day permission must be obtained from either a parent or a Head of Year and the driver must collect an exit slip from Front of House. Pupils may not carry passengers unless the necessary documentation has been obtained and approved by the College. If these procedures are not followed, the permission to drive on school grounds may be removed.

Please ensure that if your son drives to school that he has registered his car with us.

Appearance and Uniform

The College policy on Uniform and Appearance is available on our website and we would ask that pupils return to us in January clean shaven, in the full uniform and with hairstyles in line with expectations.

Items for collection from Front of House

In the event that your son may leave something at home which he will need during the school day, items may be left in Front of House for collection. **Unfortunately, due to the number in circulation, it is not possible to deliver items or messages to boys on an individual basis and we would ask that parents not make such requests.**

The Old Campbellian Society

Mr Robert Bell will stand down as President of The Old Campbellian Society at the AGM in January having led the Society across a most successful year. In 2019, Mr Sam McIlveen will take up office, his first official event as the President will be at the OC Society Annual Dinner & 125th Anniversary Celebrations on Friday 15th February 2019 at the College.

The Old Campbellian website launched last year and I'm pleased to report almost 1800 OCs, members of staff and former members of staff have already activated their profiles. If you haven't yet, please do, for the chance to connect and network globally with other OCs, discover OC events near you, get recommendations from trusted OCs, share experience and perspectives, search for an old class mate with whom you've lost touch as well as keeping up to date on all the latest OC and College news: www.oldcampbellians.co.uk. The Old Campbellian Society also issues regular Newsletters to those for whom they hold email addresses. Please don't hesitate to contact our Alumni Relations Manager, Caroline Crothers: carolinecrothers@campbellcollege.co.uk with any queries.



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Website, Facebook and Twitter

Sporting fixtures and results are updated weekly on both the website and Hockey/Rugby Facebook pages. Please also check the website regularly for the latest news and events.

Next Term

The College will open for boarders from 2.00pm on Sunday 6th January 2019 and for day boys at 8.40am on Monday 7th January 2019. This is 'Week 1' in the timetable.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

R M Robinson
Headmaster