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# Holy Faith Parents' Association

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## Message from the Parents' Association

This year has been busy and a year of change for the school. First of all we would like to wish Ms Williams the very best on her retirement as Vice Principal. Her contribution to the school over the years has been enormous. She will also be missed at the school gate in the mornings!

At the end of the year, the school was very pleased to launch a new website at [holyfaithclontarf.com](http://holyfaithclontarf.com). This will continue to evolve over the coming months. You can use it to verify dates of events, access booklists, peruse myriad of student achievements and get general information. The Parents' Association will use our section of the website to replace this general newsletter. There is also a new electronic payments facility for parents on the website. We would encourage all parents to use this going forward.

As with previous years, we ran a number of successful fundraising events. This money will be used to directly benefit all the girls in the school. Details of funds we raised and the projects funded will be available in our financial report at the AGM in September.

At the end of each year we like to thank those parents who have supported us during the year. This year, In particular, we would like to thank a big group of members who are 'graduating' with their daughters and have been active members of the committee. Special mention must be given to Carol Carberry and Niamh Fynes for their exceptional work over a number of years.

Naturally, we are always seeking more parents who wish to join the committee or indeed help out at any event during the year. Come along to our AGM in September or simply contact us by Email above. We would welcome any new members.

We would like to wish you and your family a very enjoyable summer.



## Upcoming Events

### September 21

Parents' Association AGM and Election of Parents' representatives to the Board of Management.

### September 30

Parents' Association to host pre-Debs reception in school for 2016 Debutants.

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Pre-DEBS reception in School

1<sup>st</sup> Year Parent's evening

Mock Interviews

November Book Fair

Table Quiz at Clontarf Castle

May Book Fair

Helping at TY show, Graduations and Parent teacher meetings.

## Student Achievements

The girls are involved in a wide range of activities; here are some of the achievements from this school year. We refer you to the website news section for further information, as well as the gallery of photographs.

### A Poem for Ireland Competition

Many congratulations to Róisín Finnegan of 3rd year on winning the national final of 'A poem for Ireland competition'.

Congratulations to the junior relay team on winning the Leinster Schools title in May.

### Cadet Basketball Team

Congratulations to the Cadet Basketball team. All Ireland Cup and League Champions 2016.

### Taekwon-Do

Congratulations to Rebecca Mooney who won gold in the Taekwon -Do European Championships in Tampere, Finland at the end of April. She participated in 1st degree patterns – 45Kg sparring.

*Well done to all from Deirdre Gogarty, Principal*

### TY Experience 2015 -2016

By Isabella Dunwoody 4th Year.

Going into TY we didn't know what to expect but it has been a brilliant year! From our trip to Carlingford at the beginning of the year, Skiing and the London trip at the end of the year, we have done a lot. There have been so many opportunities to do new things and meet new people. Being put in new classes gave us a chance to talk to different people in the year and make new friends. We learnt so much from going on work experience and doing community care. We had so many different speakers and got the opportunity to join so many different activities, such as Paired Reading, Silver Surfers, and trips to the Botanic Gardens and Butlers Chocolate Factory.

When we first heard we were doing the Music Man as our musical, nobody was had never heard of it before. But once we started everyone had a great time and the performances were sold out each night. Everyone was impressed that we managed to pull it off at the last minute and we had an amazing time.

To next year's TY's try out new things and keep your folders up to date! It has been a great year and we're glad to have had such a good time.

Thanks to everyone who made TY possible.



### Good Luck

The Parents' Association would like to wish all of the Leaving and Junior Cert students every success in their exams.

