

# Maoin Cheoil na Gaillimhe

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## Newsletter September 2013 Issue 20

### Dear Parent/ Student

A few small additions to our recent newsletter. Please check them in case they are specifically relevant to you.

### Bursaries

3 more up for grabs! Each bursary is to replace the school deposit for the winning student. This is up to a maximum of €128. As always the criteria for selection remain the same. Only parents with a genuine need should apply in writing to the office asking to be considered. Once the names are collected there will be a simple draw that will take place at 2.30pm next Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Those who are to be awarded the bursary will be contacted by the office. Names will not be released to protect the privacy of the individual families.

### Theory Classes

The free theory classes kick off this week. There is a provisional timetable but this is number dependant and it might shift slightly. For now it will run as follows.

Monday at **6.00** Grade Two

Tuesday at **4.30** pre-Grade One. **5.30** Grade one and **6.00** Grade Two.

Wed at **6.30** Grade Three. **7.00** Adult theory Grades 2 and 3. **7.45** Adult theory Grade One.

Thursday **6.15** Grade 4 and 5

Saturday at **10.00** Grade One (ish)

Students do not need to sign up for a class just turn up at the appropriate time to room **122** which is on the floor below the office. Registers will be taken by the teachers at that stage.

### Culture Night

Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> is Culture Night and once again we are hosting a free concert in the school. Starting at 8pm in the sitting room on the ground floor we are happy to announce that we will be presenting 3 separate performers. Mr Tom Portman (Guitar) will play selections from his new album along with a special selection of pieces geared towards younger audiences. The second half of the concert is your first opportunity to hear the wonderful playing of Mr David Szabo on Piano. David is new to MCnG and this will be an absolute treat. He will perform solo and also as accompanist to Mr Robert Solyom on Clarinet. We had over 70 people attend last year's concert and this is the absolute capacity of the room so please come early and get your seats. This is going to be amazing!!! Students pursuing the MCnG prize this year can also use it to gain credits....

### Drum Line

A reminder that we are about to start our formation drumming classes again. There is no way to describe the impact these classes have had on an entire generation of drummers in the USA. The development of good rhythmic skills also enhances playing on a number of other instruments and is a huge advantage to young people. The skills learnt are

immediately transferable to any percussion instrument. Indeed these young players will have the chance to play the full range of orchestral instruments with the Galway Youth Orchestra as part of their training. There are some spaces available and for students of MCnG it only costs €45 (€60 for those not a part of the school) for 10 weeks tuition. All materials and sticks provided for use.

## Administration

So we are open a week and I am aware that as yet not everyone has received an invoice or in some cases receipts for fees paid. The all new and shiny administration system is working very well as it happens but it takes about 15 minutes to deal with each family. There are just so many families in the school it will take about one more week for us to be fully up to speed. By next week we hope to have everyone detailed and contacted by email. Because numbers are up slightly as we start the new year, there is quite a large demand on space this year, and as a result we have had to give over a little more time to the office for a teaching space. What this means for this year is that the office will close at 3pm daily to facilitate the extra teaching.