



Annual Conference Programme – National Parents Council post primary (NPCpp)

Saturday, 5th November 2016

Tullamore Court Hotel

“Parents Voice in Education”

08:30 Registration & Coffee

09:15 Conference Opening & Welcome to Parents and Guests

Mr Paul Mooney, President, National Parents Council post primary

09:30 Parent and Student Charter – The Framework

Mr Martin Hanevy, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Education and Skills

10:00 Junior Cycle – Changing for the Better

Dr Pádraig Kirk, Director, CPD for Junior Cycle

10:30 New Ways of Learning in Practice (“it wasn’t like this in my day”)

Ms Noreen Reilly, Principal, St Paul’s Community College, Waterford

11:00 Break

11:30 Reasonable Accommodations (Special Arrangements for Students with Special Education Needs)

Ms Andrea Feeney, Director, State Examinations Commission

11:45 Leaving Certificate – New Grading System Explained

Ms Betty McLaughlin, President of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors, Team Leader – Wellbeing, Junior Cycle for Teachers

12:00 Workshops

- **New Apprenticeships in Finance:** *Carole McCaughey, Business Development Manager, Accounting Technicians Ireland*
- **Consent (understanding the meaning):** *Gráinne Carr, Life & Business Coach, Consent Matters Ireland*
- **The Fatherhood Experience:** *Brendan Dennehy, Director, National Parents Council post primary*
- **Stress Management, Study & Exam Skills:** *Georgina Skehan, Founder and Owner, Effective Exam Techniques*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 HPV Vaccinations – Schools Programme

Dr Anna Clarke and Dr Brenda Corcoran, National Immunisation Office, HSE

14:20 Wellbeing – Imparting a Vital Concept for the Wellbeing of Your Child

Ms Betty McLaughlin, President of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors, Team Leader – Wellbeing, Junior Cycle for Teachers

14:50 The Complaints Pathway in Education

Mr Tomás Ó Ruairc, Director, Teaching Council

15:15 Minister's Address to the Conference

Mr Richard Bruton T.D., Minister for Education and Skills

15:45 Break

16:00 Open Forum

Parents will have an opportunity to put their questions to members of the School Management Bodies, Teachers Unions and the Department of Education and Skills

17:00 Close of Conference

Mr Paul Mooney, President, National Parents Council post primary