



# Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of June, I wish to bring the following to your attention:

## **New Deputy Principal:**

This week Ms. Sinead Tarrant joined the staff of the Coláiste as our new Deputy Principal to work as part of the schools Senior Management Team. Ms. Tarrant, a native of Cahir held the position of Deputy Principal in Carraigline Community School for 6 years. I wish to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Tarrant to the Coláiste on behalf of the whole school community.

## **Extension:**

I was delighted to receive formal notification from the Department of Education this week that the school can progress to the design phase of our extension plans, leading to the opening of a multimillion-euro extension. This will cap the school's population at 750 students. Over the last number of years our numbers have grown from 605 to 735. I thank everyone for supporting your local Community College and for trusting us with your son/daughter's education and these new facilities will only further enhance our student's education in the Coláiste.

## **Summer reports:**

- Reports for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>. will issue early next week. These can be accessed through your VSware account. In difficult times nearly 100% of our students returned all online exams. That is a tribute to you as parents and to our students. It was not the way we would have wished to carry out our end of year assessment, but it did give closure to what transpired to be a difficult school year.
- It has been decided to present our 3<sup>rd</sup> years with their results in late September in conjunction with the Junior Certificate of Completion to be issued by the Department of Education. This will recognise in a more formal manner the completion of Junior Cycle for this cohort of students.
- Our TY students will receive their Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the new academic year.

## **Return to school start dates:**

The following are our provisional return dates for the 2020/2021 academic year. As of now no official guidance on return to school protocols have been issued to school Principals so our main focus is on a full school return as normal. Thus, everything is subject to change.

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1<sup>st</sup> Year Induction day (8.50am to 3.45pm)
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of September **3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** Years only
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 1<sup>st</sup>, **2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>** and 6<sup>th</sup> Years only
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, **5<sup>th</sup>** and 6<sup>th</sup> Years only

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- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of September TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year QQI return

Each student will get individual timetables on the day they return to school, and timetables will also be available to parents by logging into VShare at this time.

Last year we had a morning assembly on the first day for 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and TY students with their parents and guardians present. This was a really positive way to start the school year for students in these year groups and it is a tradition I would like to continue with dependent upon NPHET advice to schools.

## **Covid 19:**

I have no doubt that public health advice will play a significant role in how schools will run next year while the potential for outbreaks of the virus in communities exists. Thus, while I am planning for a normal school return, contingencies will be developed to try and ensure that the education of students continues in the best manner possible.

Each family's circumstances will be unique as will that of staff members, of the Coláiste so while our goal is a normal school return in late August our "old normal" may have to adjust for the new realities that we all now face.

## **Blended Learning:**

In the event that the school has to implement social distancing and we are unable to have all year groups present each day a model of blended learning will continue. In order for this to be successful students and teachers will need to continue with their upskilling in the use of MOS 365 specifically

Teams and OneNote.

This will work best for students if they have access to a good quality phone and laptop/tablet while at home along with decent wi-fi. I realise this is an extra cost burden, but these devices will be essential if students have to receive tuition in their own homes during the coming year. All students have been provided with a school email address with access to all of Microsoft products. All incoming 1<sup>st</sup> years will receive training in these products during their Induction Day.

## **School Costs for all Year Groups:**

The following fee can be paid online using our [Way2Pay System](#) (instructions attached) before students return to school.

Please pay online €120 to cover the cost of:

- School Insurance
- School Locker rental
- School Journal
- School photocopying
- Bus costs for extra-curricular events where students represent the school
- RSE talks and other guest speakers

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## **Maths Pack:**

1<sup>st</sup> Year students are requested to purchase a Maths Pack in the school. The cost is €30 and this includes all essential equipment for Junior cycle maths. This can be paid online using our **Way2Pay System**.

## **Junior Cycle book rental scheme:**

The cost of the book scheme for **1<sup>st</sup> year students** will be €160 for three years. This covers the cost of the books that may be required in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. This can be paid online using our **Way2Pay System**. A date for collection of books will be issued by text in early August.

## **Senior Cycle book rental Scheme:**

The cost of the book scheme for 5<sup>th</sup> year students will be €150 for the two years. This covers the cost of the books that may be required in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year. This can be paid online using our **Way2Pay System**. A date for collection of books will be issued by text in early August.

A text will issue during the summer when then **Way2Pay System is live**.

Further information will issue over the summer and I hope that everyone stays safe and well over the coming months. My colleagues and I and are really looking forward to hopefully returning to the “buzz and hum” of a busy school in September.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Creedon

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June 2020

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## Student Calendar 2020-2021

<b>August</b>	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	First Year Induction Day
<b>September</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Third & Sixth Years only
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Years
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Years
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All students return (TY & QQI)
<b>October</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Week
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Midterm break
<b>November</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Third Year PT Meeting
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sixth Year PT Meeting
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Second Year PT Meeting
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
<b>January</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wellbeing Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth Year & TY PT Meeting
<b>February</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-exams
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	First Year PT Meeting
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Midterm Break
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break
<b>April</b>	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday Weekend
<b>May</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	TY Graduation
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	TY Work Placement
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Year Graduation
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First, Second- & Fifth-Year House Exams Study Week – Third & Sixth Years

- *Alternative arrangements will be put in place in the event of any school closures, particularly with regard to PT Meetings & Open Evenings etc.*
- *Exams at November/Christmas time will be confirmed subject to school remaining opened in Term One.*

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