



# Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of June, I wish to thank all our parents/guardians for your support throughout the last Academic Year. Your support was always very much appreciated, and I am looking forward to your continued support over the coming year.

## Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Years:

On behalf of all our school staff I want to welcome all new parents/guardians to the Coláiste and I thank you for trusting us with your son/daughter's education over the coming years. Later in the summer we will provide you with all necessary information about the following:

- VShare
- Microsoft 365 (student emails)
- Day to Day school routines

## Return to School Start Dates:

The following are our return dates for the 2021/22 academic year. Students remain in school once they return. All school days will finish at 1.10pm during the first week.

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1<sup>st</sup> year induction 8.50am to 1.10pm
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of August 6<sup>th</sup> year induction 8.50am to 1.10pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of September 3<sup>rd</sup> year induction 8.50am to 1.10pm
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 5<sup>th</sup> year induction 8.50am to 1.10pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2<sup>nd</sup> year induction 8.50 am to 1.10pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of September TY and QQI (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years) induction full school day

Each student will get individual timetables on the day they return to school, and timetables will also be available to parents/guardians through the VShare parent app. Subject to public health guidelines a morning assembly will take place on the first day for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and TY students with their parents and guardians. This was very much appreciated by all when last held before recent restrictions.

## School Management Structures:

Each year group will have a senior teacher assigned to them as their Year Head. The Year Head should be parents/guardians first point of contact with the Coláiste if you have concerns or questions about your son/daughter's progress in school.

Ms. Tarrant will be the Deputy Principal with responsibility for the **Junior Cycle Year Groups** and Mr. Delahunty will be the Deputy Principal with responsibility for our **Senior Cycle Year Groups**.

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## Year Heads:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Mr. Paul Ryan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Ms. Cara Shanahan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mr. Stephen O'Brien
- TY to be confirmed
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Ms. Ann Marie Quin
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year Ms. Norma Barry

## Leaving Certificate 2021:

Our 6<sup>th</sup> year students have now completed all their exams and they must be complimented in the effort they made throughout the last two years. This year we have 6<sup>th</sup> year students applying for courses in medicine, teaching, business courses, science courses and engineering courses to mention a few. Some of our students have already started their apprenticeships. Well done to everyone in the class of 2021.

## Extension:

I have held our first meeting with the design team for our new school extension. This should now move quickly through to planning, and it will be a huge addition to the facilities already available to our students and staff in the Coláiste. It is too early to give a timeline for completion, but hopefully we should have access to this new building sometime during the 2023/24 school year.

## Summer Works:

The school will be renovating one suite of toilets over the summer along with replacing our entrance and exit doors. Other minor works will also take place as we continue to look at improving our school environment for students and staff.

## Summer Reports:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> year reports are now available to view through the VShare parent app and a hardcopy of your son/daughter's report is included with this information pack
- The 2020 Junior Certificate of Completion from the Department of Education and Science is also included
- Our TY students have received their Gold, Silver and Bronze medals on their final day of school

## School Code of Behaviour:

This will issue to all parents/guardians by link before returning to school. I would ask that time is spent reading this with your son/daughter before school begins in late August. This will clearly state our expectations for student behaviour which is essential when you consider that more than 780 boys and girls will attend the Coláiste each day next year.

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## Covid 19:

Public health advice remains the same for schools for this September. Physical distancing guidelines and mask wearing will still be in operation and practices to reduce congregation will also have to be adhered to. This guidance was received by all schools this month.

## School Uniform:

The school uniform can be purchased in Uniform World in Clonmel. This year however the School PE gear will be distributed from the school. Next year PE gear can only be worn on the day of PE and **full uniform** must be worn on all other days. Unlike previous years all 5<sup>th</sup> years will have timetabled PE classes next year and above rules will apply.

## Afterschool:

This will run each day for Junior and Senior Cycle students subject to demand.

## School Costs:

### Way to Pay:

This is our school Parental Payment System and information about it is attached. Once our systems are fully updated in early July a text will issue to all parents to state that it is live for payments to take place. This will allow for payments to be spread over several weeks before school begins.

Below are details of our return to school costs.

- **Annual School Fees Per Student are: €120**
  - School Insurance
  - School Locker Rental (these may or may not return in September)
  - School Journal
  - School Photocopying
  - Bus costs for extra-curricular events where students represent the school
  - RSE talks and other guest speakers such as study skills
  - CAT Testing and other necessary testing costs as required
- **Junior Cycle Book Rental Scheme: €160**
  - The cost of the book scheme for **1<sup>st</sup> year students** will be €160 for three years. This covers the cost of additional books that may be required in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. It is important to note that if the school did not operate a book scheme the cost of books would be €300 plus.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Year Maths Pack: €30**
  - An additional cost of €30 is requested of 1<sup>st</sup> Year students. This is for essential equipment for Junior Cycle maths.



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- **Senior Cycle Book Rental Scheme: €150**
  - The cost of the book scheme for 5th year students will be €150 for the two years. This covers the cost of all books that may be required in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year.
- **School PE Gear:**
  - The costs of the new school PE Gear are as follows:
    - €80 for tracksuit bottoms, top and school jersey purchased together (required by all 1<sup>st</sup> years)
    - €25 for tracksuit top only
    - €30 for tracksuit bottom only
    - €35 for school jersey
    - €40 for school jacket (optional)
  - A school form will issue in July to allow our school office staff set up the online payment system for school PE gear. All items can be collected in school in late August before students return to school.

**It is still perfectly okay to wear the existing school tracksuit, but the school jersey will be required for PE classes**

- A school jacket will also be available for sale in the school next year. This is optional but it is being provided to all TY students as part of the overall cost of TY.
- **TY Cost: €300**
  - The fee for the year is €300 and the School Jacket will only be given to TY students who's fee is fully paid before students begin in September. All money collected from parents for TY is fully utilised to cover costs of activities undertaken by our 4<sup>th</sup> years.

Further information will issue in August. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

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