



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we move towards our November Exams, I hope that your son/daughter is settled into school routines and is progressing effectively with their learning. It is still a very challenging time for everyone as Covid-19 impacts on all our systems and protocols, but your continued support is very much appreciated.

Parent/Guardian Teacher Meetings:

All school management teams have been waiting for guidance from the Dept. of Education on matters relating to the operation of schools as we move through this stage of the Covid-19 crises. No guidance has been given and we are now bound to continue with last years procedures. The staff of the Coláiste have agreed to defer all P/T meetings at this time to wait for clarification from the Dept. in the desired hope than in person meetings can be held. Further information will follow when I am updated from the Dept.

Covid-19:

The HSE are no longer contacting schools if any member of the school community has tested positive for Covid-19. It is therefore important that everyone follows the HSE guidance if contacted by them in relation to Covid-19. If your son/daughter is at home isolating as a close contact, please ask them to message their teachers directly through Teams for updates on work to be completed. Please bear in mind that our school staff are also being impacted by Covid-19 at present.

Signing Out:

All students must sign out at the school office if being collected from school by a parent/guardian. Please use the VSware Parent App to notify the school of the collection. The level of interruptions to teaching and learning recently due to overuse of the intercom must stop so, please arrange for all collections to happen at 11am or 1pm. I know that most of the collections were for vaccinations but please try and stick to this arrangement. Students should not be taking casual time out from school as it will impact on their education.

Extra- Curricular:

All teams are now up and running and it is brilliant to see our students leaving the school each day to play matches. Only students on team panels can go to matches and sometimes this may be restricted due to bus constraints. Parents and Guardians should not be signing out other students to go to these matches. Clubs are running at lunchtime and there is something for everyone. I want to say thanks to all staff involved.

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November Exams:

The 29th of November will see all students in the Coláiste sit their Christmas Exams and I will take time in December with Ms. Tarrant and Mr. Delahunty along with each Year Head to review the Academic Performance of each student. Students should approach these exams with a growth mindset where the focus is on continued effort to learning and time committed to effective study. No student should ever say they cannot achieve. All students can and should achieve.

TY Students:

Mr. Gavin Berry will be the new co-ordinator for TY and he can be contacted at gberry@tipperaryetb.ie

Our 4th years are an excellent group with great energy, and it is a pleasure to work with them. They have 5 days of work experience starting on the 29th of November and letters have been given to students. If students are unable to find work experience the school has organised two trips on Monday, the 29th and Tuesday the 30th of November. I will however be asking all TY students to wear their TY School Jacket when representing the Coláiste in and out of school.

Internet Safety Talk:

Dr. Maureen Griffin was to present an Internet safety talk to parents/guardians in the Coláiste on the 15th of November at 7.30pm. This will now move to an online platform. More information to follow but I think everyone will find this very informative.

I wish everyone good health and I and all the staff in the Coláiste look forward to welcoming all Parents/Guardians back to the school in the very near future for P/T meetings and all other regular events.

Yours sincerely,

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