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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we move towards the end of January 2022, I want to thank all of you for your co-operation and resilience over the last few difficult weeks. The school is still being impacted by cases of Covid 19, but things are much improved, and we are now very close to returning to pre-pandemic times in the day to day running of the school. Further guidance will issue to schools at the end of February and hopefully there will be further easing of restrictions.

Listed below are some important dates in our school calendar for the remainder of the year.

4 th of February School closed for JCT Training for school staff as per Department Guidelines
7 th of February start of mock Exams for 6 th years
14 th of February start of mock Exams for 3 rd years
18 th of February mid-term break
28 th of February “Wellbeing Week” Theme is respect for oneself, friends, family, community, school environment and community
1 st of March Dr. Richard Hogan will talk with 5 th and 6 th year students. Theme is managing anxiety, setting goals, managing technology, self- image, and self-motivation
3 rd of March an after-school self-defence course for girls in 3 rd ,4 th , and 5 th will run for 4 weeks limited to 35
14 th , 15 th ,16 th of March 5 th year work experience (all students)
17 th , 18 th and 21 st of March School Closed
8 th of April School Closed for Easter Holidays (2 weeks)
15 th of May CDI Fun Run (provisional)
19 th of May TY Graduation
20 th of May Junior School Sports Day
20 th of May Awards Night
23 rd of May 6 th Year Graduation
23 rd of May TY Work Experience begins (two weeks)
30 th of May House Exams begin for 1 st , 2 nd and 5 th years

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Additional Information

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Unfortunately, the school is not able to run face to face Parent Teacher meetings this year and the teaching staff will be issuing an extra written report at the Easter Break. *If any parent/guardian wants a follow up conversation after receiving the November or Easter report, please contact the office and request a phone call from the teacher in question.*

5th Year Subject Options:

Our careers team have been working with all TY students in picking subjects for next year. An information video will be issued to all 3rd year and TY parents/guardians about subject choice and Mr. Landers and Ms. O'Leary will be available to meet with any parent/guardian after the mid-term break to clarify any questions you may have. This is a crucial decision and one that should be given serious thought as every student has a huge option of subjects to pick from and should be clear what are their top 5 picks.

Transition Year 2022/23:

The school will offer 96 places for TY in September 2022. The aim of the TY programme is to get a mixture between Leaving Certificate work in core subjects, tasting all Leaving Certificate Subject options along with additional modules in areas such as fashion design, leading learners, podcasting, Young Scientist, GAA coaching modules, driver licence theory preparation, horticulture, wellbeing, practical cooking lessons, School Community Awards, music and drama. Next year will see a greater variety of school trips. Interviews will take place after mid-term.

QQI:

Interviews for places in our 5th year QQI programme will text place after mid-term.

Pre-Examinations Exams:

The Leaving Certificate pre-examinations will run over two weeks, while with the Junior Cycle examinations will run for one week only, leading into the midterm break. All timetables have been released to students this week. Sixth Year students are asked to attend only for their timetabled examinations and will be allowed use of the Canteen area for study purposes if they have no examination. Third Years are expected to attend and remain in school each day regardless of any timetabled examinations.

Mobile phones will not be allowed in exam canters as is the practice in state exams:

Students should leave their phones at home and if a phone is seen in the exam centre the exam paper will be cancelled as in the state exams.

Please be aware that if, for whatever reason a student is absent, examination papers **will not** be sent home, but times will be set afterschool the following week where exams can be completed under supervision, thereby maintaining the integrity of our examinations process.

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All students must finish the year in the mind frame that STATE EXAMINATIONS will run in full.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

Following on from our term examinations ten positive points are being awarded by Year Heads for exceeding expectations, or for an exceptional set of results with seven positive points being awarded for maintaining or displaying a real commitment to performing well in examinations in line with expectations.

In a departure from previous years, we are scheduling two-year groups per day for presentation purposes and students will receive the following from Year Heads, Deputies and Principal when they reach the following levels of points:

- 110 – Certificate of Recognition
- 120 – Silver Coláiste Pendant & Certificate of Recognition
- 130 – Gold Coláiste Pendant & Certificate of Recognition

Certificates and pendants will be presented on the following dates:

- Tuesday 1st February
First & Second Year
- Wednesday 2nd February
Fifth (including QQI) & Transition Year
- Thursday 3rd February
Third & Sixth Year (Including QQI)

In May, a similar week has been set aside and all being well, will end with presentations to students feeding into our Academic & Cultural Awards Evening. At this time any student that has maintained 100 points will also receive a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts.

It is wonderful that the efforts, hard work and dedication of our students can be recognised by their teachers and SNAs.

Junior Dún:

This runs every Monday for two hours after school. Students in 1st year do one hour of activities followed by one hour of a homework club supported by teachers and TY students.

Afterschool Study:

Ms. Lohan can be contacted if you want your son/daughter to join after school study. The school runs two centres.

Uniform:

Full compliance with school uniform policy will be enforced daily from next week. The need for jackets in class will no longer be a requirement as the weather improves and all students will have to abide by these rules.

Students are not to wear hooped earrings or have any facial jewellery. Tracksuit should only be worn the day of PE class.

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An end of year trip will be organised for the group, but we now need to see full attendance every day for all students.

Parents Association:

The Parents Association will be issuing a form to gather information on how best they can support you. The Parents Association will also be working with students and staff in reviewing our mission statement and core values.

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