



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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3rd March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the lifting of nearly all restrictions in relation to the day to running of schools I wish to bring the following to your attention.

Parent/Teacher Meeting:

These will now take place in person in the Coláiste over the coming months. It will be great to welcome Parents/Guardians back to our school for these very important meetings and full attendance would be greatly appreciated. A form will issue in advance of each P/T meeting to confirm attendance and students will provide lists of teachers and their locations on the day.

Dates for meetings:

- Thursday 10th of March 3rd Years
- Tuesday 22nd March 6th Years
- Tuesday 5th April 2nd Years
- Thursday 5th May 5th Years and TY
- Tuesday 10th of May 1st Years

Other Key Dates:

- Tuesday 8th of March Information Night for Incoming 1st Years in the Coláiste (7pm and 8pm)
- Monday 14th of March TY 2022 Information Night in the Coláiste (7pm)
 - Please see link below to video with images of some of the activities undertaken by our TY group 2021/22 and they still have some nice trips still to look forward to.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUAUGPv0rQA>

The following nights of celebration will take place in May.

- 19th of May TY Graduation
- 20th of May Awards Night
- 23rd of May 6th Year Graduation Mass

Senior Cycle Options:

Please see link to our Senior Cycle Options Video.

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- <https://youtu.be/PLxJyhtrIyc>

Please see link below to our **5th Year Subject Options Video**.

- <https://youtu.be/ST86aapqOGA>

A form has already issued requesting students to return their option subjects in order of preference 1 to 6. Over the coming weeks I and the guidance team will return to incoming 5th years with the option band selections for next year based on all student preferences. It is possible that 3 to 4 rounds will take place before the option bands for next year are decided.

Conflict in Ukraine:

On behalf of the staff in the Coláiste I want to express our full support for our students, their families, and their extended families from the Ukraine. I reminded all our students in assemblies this week of the importance of:

“Never taking our family, friends and right to education for granted”

Education should never be seen as a burden but as an opportunity to develop and grow as a person and while our students attend an excellent school each day that right has been taken from children in the Ukraine.

This week we are doing a collection as follows and your support is needed in collecting the following items which we have arranged to be transported directly to the appropriate parties in Poland/Ukraine.

- **Staff Members:**
 - sanitary towels and batteries AA.
- **First Years:**
 - toothbrushes, toothpaste, and non-perishable food items such as baby food / fruit pouches.
- **Second Years:**
 - shower gel and soap and non-perishable food item such as rice or pasta.
- **Third Years:**
 - cotton wool and baby wipes and a non-perishable food item such as Tinned soup .
- **TY and Fifth years:**
 - Socks, hat and a scarf also a non-perishable food item such as dog food or cat food.
- **Sixth years and QQ1:**
 - Hairbrushes and a raincoat and a non-perishable food item baby food in jars.



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The school will provide students with an opportunity to sign a petition which will be sent to the Russian Embassy and other fundraisers including a colours day will happen in the coming weeks.

Dr. Richard Hogan:

This week as part of our “Wellbeing Week” Dr. Hogan spoke to our 5th year and 6th year students.

He was very well received by students and staff and his advice was very practical and relevant. He has written a very good book called “Parenting the Screenager” and would be very much of the opinion that we must all develop our policies for device usage as it impacts on our IQ, quality of sleep and personal interactions with those in our family and friendship groups. Please see link below to his website which may be useful.

- <https://therapyinstitute.ie/director/>

While it is great to see our students and colleagues faces again, we are all conscious of staff and students who will find this period of moving out of restrictions difficult. It has been a long and challenging 2 years for everyone and I thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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