



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

Bothar Caisil, An Chathair, Co. Thiobraid Árann

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8th February 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for accepting a place for your son /daughter in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh for the next academic year. I hope your son / daughter is enjoying their final year in primary school before they begin their post primary school journey. To help in this transition the following steps have been put in place over the next few to support a smooth transition into first year.

January/ February : Primary School Visits

During January and February Ms. Green and Ms. Tarrant will be meeting with all primary schools. The purpose of these visits is to gather information that will support the transition of your child into the Coláiste. I would like to thank all our feeder primary school for facilitating this.

22th February : School Information Night

An important School Information Night for parents/guardians and our incoming first years will be held on the 22nd February in the school. The sitting should last approximately 40 minutes. Your son/daughter is also invited to attend.

You will get Information on

- the Junior Cycle curriculum
- subject choice
- information on extra curricular activities
- day to day school schedule
- mobile phone policy
- Transition steps and Induction week
- and any other questions you may have for us.

An electronic form (link on a text message) will issue to you **prior** to this meeting which will give you an opportunity to ask any questions which you would like covered at the meeting.

To accommodate everyone there will be two sessions. The first will take place at 6.30pm and the second session at 8.15pm. **(It would be appreciated if parents of students who's surname start with letter A to M would attend session one at 6.30pm and parents of students who's surname start with letter M to Z would attend session 2)**

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4th – 8th March: One to One meetings:

During the week commencing the 4th March there will be one to one meetings with parent/ guardians and your son/daughter in the school. These meetings are informal which I have found very beneficial over the previous years. Again it's all part of helping your son / daughter to settle into the school, get a feel for the environment, get to meet some people from the school and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Shortly before this meeting I will issue a form to your phone where I will be asking a series of questions. These questions will vary from interests/ hobbies, whether they have siblings in the school and , any medical issues we need to know about and a series of other pieces of information that is necessary for us at this particular stage.

Your co-operation in completing this form would be very much appreciated.

15th – 22nd March – CAT (Cognitive Ability Testing) in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

The next step of the transition process happens between 15th and the 22nd March when all of our incoming first years will come to the Colaiste for CAT testing. It will give the incoming first years another opportunity to visit the school. A report of the results will be posted home to the parents / guardians on the 22nd March which can aid with subject selection.

June 23

I will issue a letter to all parents outlining start dates for the 2024/2024 academic year, school calendar 2024/2025 and information about book scheme and other relevant information.

I have attached links to our most recent newsletters which will give you and your son/daughter further information about our school.

[Christmas 2023 Newsletter](#)

[Mid Term 2023 Newsletter](#)

Finally, I want to express my thanks in advance for your co-operation in the transition process from 6th class to 1st year. I look forward to meeting all on the information nights on the 22nd of February.

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