

24 November 2017

Dear Parent(s) Guardian(s),

New Junior Cycle

The new junior cycle is being implemented in all schools at this time. At present all junior cycle students are following the new specification in English; first and second year students are following the new specifications in Science and Business Studies; and first years are also following the new specifications in Irish, Art, French and German. Gradually all other subjects will take on new specifications over the course of the next few years.

The changes involved necessitate changes in teaching methodologies and assessment. In support of teachers introducing these changes the Department of Education and Skills has provided for two days of in-service for all schools. The first of these days for our school is on Monday 11th December and the second will be on 22nd February next year. Consequently there will be **no classes** in the school on **Monday 11th December** next.

Parent Teacher Meetings

As a result of the in-service taking place on Monday 11th December the schedule of parent teacher meetings has had to be altered. The new schedule of parent teacher meetings for the remainder of the year is as follows

3 rd Year	Monday 27 November	4.15 pm to 6.45 pm
	Classes end at 3.20 pm	
5 th Year/LCA1	Monday 4 December	4.15 pm to 6.45 pm
	Classes end at 3.20 pm	
Transition Year	Monday 22 January	4.15 pm to 6.45 pm
	Classes end at 3.20 pm	
2 nd Year	Monday 29 January	4.15 pm to 6.45 pm
	Classes end at 3.20 pm	
1 st Year	Monday 5 February	4.15 pm to 6.45 pm
	Classes end at 3.20 pm	

School Rules re: Recording of Images/ Use of Social Media

In recent weeks we have had to deal with a number of incidents in the school where students were upset by inappropriate recording of images or videos. We have impressed upon students that they cannot use their phones to take images or record

videos of student or teachers. We would ask you to reinforce this point with your sons.

Secondly we are increasingly concerned by the way social media is being used by some students to tease, embarrass or in some cases bully other students. I would ask you to talk to your sons about their use of social media and to highlight how hurtful it can be when inappropriate images or captions are used towards other students.

School Uniform

Following a range of consultations with students, teachers and parents the board of management has decided to implement changes to the school uniform from next September. The present uniform will remain unchanged but with two additions.

1. A school Jacket will be part of the uniform. No other jackets or hoodies or non-uniform jumpers can be worn in school.
2. Students will be required to wear black footwear. The footwear can be shoes or runners but they must be totally black.

The new uniform rules will apply to all students from 1st September next year.

Yours sincerely,

John Ryan

Principal