

April 8th, 2022

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

As we come to the end of another term, I am happy to report on several developments. The **SWAY** magazine included in this communication contains a lot of information about student activities in school. You will find a link to the SWAY [here](#). Thank you to Niamh for her work on putting this publication together with a team of students in First and Second Year. Please keep up to date with all that's going on in our school via the website www.goatstownetss.ie, twitter @GoatstownE as well as on Facebook, Instagram and of course via the school app.

Survey Results and outcomes:

Thank you for filling in the surveys which we sent out this term. Please see below for the outcome of our discussions and engagement.

Third Year trip to Berlin:

Based on declarations of interest, there are enough students to warrant proceeding with the trip in term one of Third Year. We will be in touch after the holidays with an itinerary and with details on prices. It is important to note that the cost of the trip will increase if the numbers of students travelling drops.

Evening Study:

The Board of Management hopes to sign off on this at its next meeting. Details about pricing and availability will be published in advance of the next school year. The availability of evening study will depend on the expressions of interest materialising and on the system being financially viable.

School Food:

There is considerable interest from the school community in having a hot food service available next year. We are currently in discussions with the Food Village company on how we can make it economically viable to set it up in our school. We will update you before the end of the summer term.

SPHE/ RSE:

It was good to see that you seem to have broadly the same concerns and that you have identified the same challenges as our Student Support Team. We will use your responses to help us support students as our school grows.

Voluntary Contribution:

Unfortunately, funding from the Department of Education does not support provision of the range of services and equipment that we would like. A voluntary contribution from each family would go a long way towards supporting the school in continuing to increase the range of physical and human resources available to the students. To this end, please find attached a flyer about our voluntary contribution plan. Because the school is registered as a charity, all contributions of more than €250 will result in the school receiving additional funds as a result of tax relief from revenue.ie

Please do consider making a contribution of €250. There are a range of payment options and all contributions no matter how small are welcome.

Enrolment:

Although our school is currently full, please note the following:

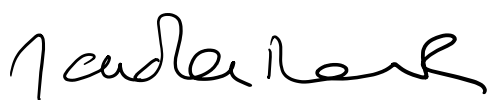
- **Transfers into Second and Third Year 2022:** We have very significant interest from families who wish to transfer into Second and Third Year 2022. Our transfer window is now open for applications from students in other secondary schools who wish to apply for any places **which may become available** in our school. The application form can be found on our website [here](#).
- **First Year 2022:** First Year 2022 is full. There is still a waiting list for places. Families are welcome to make a late application via the school website [here](#). Late applications will be added to our waiting list.
- **First Year 2023:** The school will publish its admissions notice before the end of term. There will be 72 or 96 (depending on accommodation) places available for entry to First Year 2023. Applications will open via the website in Autumn 2022.

Summer Assessments/Revisions:

Please find attached topic outlines to support students in their revision. Assessments commence on Tuesday, May 3rd. A timetable for the assessments will issue after the spring holidays.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, April 25th 2022 at 8.40am.

Best wishes,



Jonathan Browner (principal)



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS CAN HELP US TO:

- Invite speakers to our school
- Encourage Creative Arts
- Purchase additional books for the school library
- Purchase plants and seeds for students to work with in the polytunnel
- Support additional Extra Curricular activities
- Purchase additional IT not covered by DE

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If you complete the CHY3 form and return it to the school, Goatstown ETSS can claim a tax refund for contributions in excess of €250.

For payments and more information click [here](#).