

18th August 2022

Dear Second Year parents, guardians and carers,

Preparations for the return to school are almost complete and we look forward to welcoming Second Years back to school as follows:

Second Year Induction dates and times:

Monday August 29 th , 11:00 – 13:00	Second Year induction part 1
Tuesday August 30 th , 8:40 – 10:40	Second Year induction part 2
Wednesday August 31 st , 8:40 – 12:03	Period 1–3 timetabled classes/ Food Village onboarding
Thursday September 1 st , 8:40 – 15:32	Full day as per timetable

There have been several staff changes since I last communicated, and the most up-to-date information is available on our website [here](#). Bridget Cody is the Second Year Coordinator and Eamon Wallace and Ronan Reddy are the Clan Tutors.

A range of information is included below for your attention:

Facilities:

The Department of Education has fitted our modular buildings out with a full-sized Technology room and a new Science Lab. Redecoration of classrooms in the old school building has been completed. Meanwhile, the Department has also applied for planning permission for significant modular building provision on the permanent site. You can find out more by clicking on [this link](#).

The *Food Village* service will provide hot and cold food on site from the second week of September. Details of onboarding as well as a menu will be notified in a separate communication this week.

Planning for the Future:

A key priority for the school this year is the completion of our first State Examinations in June 2023. In addition, we will begin the process of planning for senior cycle. Part of this process will include a panel discussion on Tuesday, October 25th at 7pm in the school. Dr Jerry Jeffers, from Maynooth University, who will work with the school on developing its Transition Year programme will join Chairperson of our Board of Management, Ben Murray (Director, National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) and others to discuss the shape of senior cycle in an Educate Together secondary school.

Junior Cycle Second Year CBA Calendar 2022-23:

A timetable for Classroom Based Assessments (CBA) is detailed below. The subject teacher will communicate the completion dates with the students. Please note start dates can be changed at the discretion of school management.

Subject	CBA Start Date
Home Economics	September 12 th
Geography	November 11 th
Applied Technology	November 11 th
Visual Art	November 11 th
Graphics	January 9 th
English	January 16 th
Business Studies	January 30 th
History	February 20 th
Science	March 13 th
Spanish	March 27 th
Music	May 8 th
Irish	TBC
Mathematics	TBC

School Administration Charge:

The school administration charge of €150 is now payable via the school app. This school administration charge covers the cost of licences for office 365, 24-hour pupil injury insurance, a school locker, a school journal and some charges for activities done during the year.

Enrolment:

All year groups are currently oversubscribed. The Department of Education is limiting our enrolment to 72 students per year for the time being. Enrolment for First Year 2023-2024 opens on Saturday, October 1st at 9am and finishes on Saturday, October 22nd. As the number of applications for places will hugely exceed the number of places available, the Board of Management has identified the following priorities for enrolment:

1. Siblings of students already enrolled in the school.
2. Students who attended Goatstown/ Stillorgan ETNS (from September 2026)
3. Students residing inside the school planning area as determined by the DE.
4. Students who attended an ETNS outside the school planning area.
5. All other students.

Communications:

As always, the school will communicate all information through the school app and assessment results via VSware. You are asked to use the app for all standard notifications to the school about lateness, absence, and attendance. Permissions, payments, and surveys will also appear on the school app. The school website is the most up to date source of information about programmes and people at the school. The most up-to-date version of the school calendar is also on the website.

Please note the following dates specific to Second Years:

Date	Event
Tuesday September 6th	Food Service commences
Thursday September 15 th , 19:00	Second Year Information Evening
Thursday September 22 nd , 19:00	PSA AGM with Guest Speaker – Shane Martin
Monday September 26 th	Second Year Trip to Carlingford (overnight)
Tuesday, October 25 th , 19:00	Panel Discussion ‘Towards Senior Cycle’
Thursday, January 26 th 16:15-18:45	Parent/ Teacher Meeting

Please do try to attend all evening events.

We all look forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Best wishes,



Jonathan Browner (principal)