

18th August 2022

Dear Third Year parents, guardians and carers,

Preparations for the return to school are almost complete and we look forward to welcoming Third Years back for induction on **Tuesday August 30th at 8:40.**

There have been several staff changes since I last communicated, and the most up-to-date information is available on our website [here](#). Clodagh Keane is Third Year Coordinator and Dan Aylmer is the Clan Tutor.

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.

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 2023:

A timetable for Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) 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.

In addition, a timetable for the Junior Cycle Examinations will be forwarded when this becomes available from the state examinations commission. Whilst we do not wish to place undue pressure on students during Third Year, it is important that learners maintain good homework and study patterns and that opportunities provided to review progress and improve standards are taken. Student wellbeing is of paramount importance and we urge students and parents to keep channels of communication open with us.

Third Year CBA Calendar 2022-2023

Subject	CBA Start Date
Applied Technology	September 5 th
Graphics	September 12 th
Mathematics	October 3 rd
History	October 10 th
Visual Art	November 7 th
Business Studies	November 7 th
Science	January 9 th
Music	January 9 th
Irish	January 30 th
Home Economics	January 30 th
Spanish	February 20 th
English	March 6 th
Geography	April 17 th
Coding	April 17 th
Artistic Performance	TBC
Philosophy	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 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 key dates for Third Year:

Date	Event
Tuesday September 6th	Food Service commences
Tuesday September 20 th , 19:00	Third Year Information Evening
Thursday September 22 nd , 19:00	PSA AGM with Guest Speaker – Shane Martin
Tuesday, October 18 th , 16:15	Parent/ Teacher Meeting & Berlin Trip Information
Tuesday, October 25 th , 19:00	Panel Discussion 'Towards Senior Cycle'
Monday November 7 th	3 Day Trip to Berlin
Monday February 20 th - 24 th	Junior Cert Mock Examinations (5 days)
Thursday May 11 th	TY Information 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)