

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the final weeks of the first term, I would like to take this opportunity to bring some information to your attention.

Parent/Teacher Meeting

Our 6th year P/T meeting last week was well attended and I would like to encourage all Parents/Guardians to attend these meetings as it provides a wonderful opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress.

3rd year 27/11/2018 4pm – 6:30pm

5th year 12/12/2018 3:30pm – 6pm

2nd year 17/01/2019 3:30pm – 6pm

1st year 29/01/2019 4pm – 6:30pm

TY 27/02/2019 4pm – 6:30pm

Classes will finish 15 minutes earlier on these days.

Christmas Exams

The Christmas exams will take place on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. I would ask that you encourage the students in their revision.

Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) & Assessment Tasks

2nd year & 3rd year students will be engaging with the above activities in specific Junior Certificate subjects during the course of the year.

CBAs

These are low stake activities which provide students with the opportunity to present their learning in different ways. Over a specific period of time, students will research and present/create pieces of work which will be assessed by their teacher. There will be one in 2nd year and one in 3rd year.

The Assessment Task

This takes place in 3rd year and is sent to the State Examination Commission for marking. It is worth 10% of the final mark. This year, 3rd year students will be doing an Assessment task in Business, English and Science. More detailed information on the New Junior Cycle is available on the school website in the Junior Cycle Section.

Book in a Bag

We would like all 1st, 2nd and 5th year students have a book in their schoolbag everyday so that in the event of a teacher being absent, the student will engage in reading. We will be asking the students to write book reviews and prizes will be awarded.

School Uniform

The standard of uniform in the school is excellent. Please ensure that the name is written on the school jacket. I would encourage students to fold their jacket and store it in the locker instead of placing it on the racks. Please ensure that your son/daughter is in full uniform when leaving the house each day. The skirts seem to be getting shorter, please ensure that they are at knee length.

Study Skills

The 3rd year classes will be receive study skills advice in the coming weeks. The power point will be placed on the website for Monday 26th November 2018 and is applicable to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Finn

Principal