

WELCOME



Presentation for First Year Parents



Personnel



- ◉ Deputy Principal - Ms. Lynette Woods
- ◉ Guidance Counsellor - Ms. Claire Harrington
- ◉ Learning Support Teacher - Ms. Mary Mc Ardle
- ◉ Year Head - Ms Martina Farren
- ◉ Junior Cycle Co-Ordinator- Ms Roisin Marron



WHAT WE STAND FOR

- ◉ Caring, happy environment where everyone is respected
- ◉ Academic excellence
- ◉ Helping young people to develop in all areas of life - physically, emotionally, spiritually.

CHRISTIAN ETHOS

- ◉ Catholic Secondary School for all faiths and none.
- ◉ Religion is a Junior Cycle Subject for all students.
- ◉ We are a le Cheile Trust school



CHANGES: PRIMARY - SECONDARY

- ◉ Larger school and Layout
- ◉ From being the biggest students to the smallest
- ◉ Students rotate between 3 classrooms - teachers move (covid-19)
- ◉ Timetables
- ◉ Managing Lockers/ boxes - getting to and from / times
- ◉ Homework - different amounts depending on the subject
- ◉ Managing the school bag





CHANGES: PRIMARY - SECONDARY

- ◉ Getting to know teachers - from one to possibly ten or more
- ◉ Class Teacher, Year Head, Guidance Counsellor
- ◉ Getting to know new students
- ◉ Longer day - Tiredness
- ◉ Adjusting - up to Halloween



WHAT CAN PARENTS/GUARDIANS DO?

- ◉ Spend time chatting about their day.
- ◉ Check Homework and Student Journal
- ◉ Discuss concerns regarding new subjects.
- ◉ Talk about their friends new/old.
- ◉ Look at timetable and help pack bags.
- ◉ Monitor pocket and lunch money.
- ◉ Contact the school if you have concerns.

WHAT CAN PARENTS/GUARDIANS DO?

- Relevant information should be passed on - Family, Learning, Physical - through the Year Head Ms Farren- who will ensure that the information is passed on.
- Difficulties in individual classes can be addressed with the teachers concerned. Please contact the school office by phone or email to request a follow up call or appointment. If you need to give the teacher a short message, this can be done in journal.





WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- ◉ Difficulty with a number of subjects contact the Year Head.
- ◉ Inspect student journal on a regular basis - recommend nightly but not less than once a week and please sign it.
- ◉ Join our parents' association

TIME-TABLE

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
09.00 - 09.40	P1	P1	P1	P1	P1
09.40 - 10.20	P2	P2	P2	P2	P2
10.20 - 11.00	P3	P3	P3	P3	P3
11.00 - 11.40	P4	P4	P4	P4	P4
BREAK 11.40 - 11.55			BREAK 11.40 -12.00		
11.55 - 12.35	P5	P5	12.00 P5	P5	P5
12.35 - 13.15	P6	P6	12.40 P6	P6	P6
LUNCH 13.15 - 13.55			FINISH 13.20		
13.55 - 14.35	P7	P7		P7	P7
14.35 - 15.15	P8	P8		P8	P8
15.15 - 15.55	P9	P9		P9	P9

HOMework & STUDY

- ⦿ Entering of all homework in student's homework journal. NOT JUST WRITTEN WORK.
- ⦿ Completion and presentation of written assignments when due.
- ⦿ Preparation of classwork-reading, compulsory learning and revision all need to be addressed.
- ⦿ On-going revision and preparation for class tests, House and State Examinations.



HOMEWORK & STUDY

- ◉ Recommended duration of study time 1 to 2 hrs five/six days a week
- ◉ Prepare a study/homework plan.
- ◉ After school study for exam years depending on demand
- ◉ Show discipline by doing homework before fun and going out.



CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT & HOUSE EXAMS



- ◉ Each subject will have class tests or continuous assessments.
- ◉ There will be Christmas and Summer Exams of 1 or 1.5 hr in length.
- ◉ Exams should be a positive experience.
- ◉ Students should be encouraged to challenge themselves.
- ◉ The First Year Parent/Teacher Meeting is the ideal time to bring minor concerns to the attention of the subject teacher.
- ◉ Parents/guardians will receive a digital school report twice a year. This is available through vsware.



PRACTICAL MATTERS

- All textbooks and copies should have the students name on them.
- All items of clothing should be labelled with student's name.
- The school should be informed regarding student's health issues (medical form).
- Please inform us of any changes to your contact details, particularly phone numbers should they change.
- Students are required to leave their mobile phones in their school bag and only use them in class if directed by the teacher. They are only allowed to use them at break time and lunch time in their classrooms only. Our use of mobile phones will be reviewed before the start of term and will be communicated to parents as soon as it is finalised.
- Could we also please ask parents/guardians not to call students to their mobile during the school day. If you need to contact your daughter during the school day you should contact reception first.



MATTERS FINANCIAL

- Student Expenses include payment for boxes, student journal
- Voluntary contribution covers 24hr student insurance, photocopying and printing, practical subjects, contributes to cost of guest speakers etc
- Money can be requested for Buses/Matches
- Large sums of money, expensive items should not be brought to school
- As part of being an inclusive school we don't want any student excluded for financial reasons

EASY PAYMENTS PLUS

- ◉ <https://pay.easypaymentsplus.com/login>



COMMUNICATION

- Please download the cadoo app on your phone. This will be used for important letters and communication.
- Please familiarise yourself with the relevant email addresses for school- In Booklet
- Please follow us on social media, facebook, instagram and twitter.





SOME FINAL WORDS OF ADVICE

- ◉ We are here to help - do not hesitate to contact us
- ◉ There is an excellent pastoral care system in place in St. Louis - use it if you need to
- ◉ Encourage your child to seek help if necessary
- ◉ Report incidents of bullying behaviour
- ◉ School is about relationships. It's a three way experience. The greatest possibility of your child achieving their potential is when we all work positively together to make that happen.