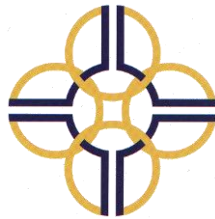


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August 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

I wish to bring to your attention a number of important pieces of information: -

Start of year dates for pupils 2022-23

Please note the canteen will not be open until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Therefore, pupils will need to bring their break and lunch into school.

<b>Year 8</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.00pm	CAT4 Testing and Induction
	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.00pm	PTE / PTM and Induction
	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.00pm	Timetable classes begin
<b>Year 9</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00am – 3.05pm	On timetable
<b>Year 10</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00am – 3.05pm	On timetable
<b>Year 11</b>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9.00am – 2.30pm	CAT4 testing and Induction
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00am – 3.05pm	On timetable
<b>Year 12</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00am – 3.05pm	On timetable
<b>Year 13</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 11.00am	GCSE Results and Interviews
	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.05pm	Team building day
	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.05pm	On timetable
<b>Year 14</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 11.00am	Post 16 Results
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.00pm	Yr14 Selected pupils interviews
	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am – 3.05pm	Team building day
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00am – 3.05pm	On timetable

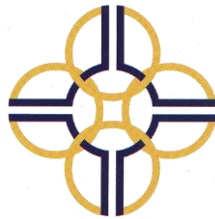


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## **COVID ARRANGEMENTS:**

- **We plan to return to full school uniform each day for pupils. PE quarter zips may still be worn by pupils in colder weather. Pupils will be required to remove all outside coats or fleeces on entry into the school building. On PE/games days pupils will be able to use the changing rooms.**
- Details of our school uniform have been sent to all parents, and we anticipate that pupils will have full school uniform, as identified within the guidelines booklet, including appropriate plain black school shoes. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that a mouth guard must be worn for hockey, rugby and any other sports/games where it is deemed necessary.
- **The school day will begin with registration class for all pupils at 9.00am. The school day will end at 3pm for years 8-10 and 3.05pm for yrs 11-14.** I would like to remind you that, in order to facilitate teacher professional development and training and to allow appropriate meeting time for staff, school will finish for pupils at 2.05pm on Monday of every **week one** during 2022/23. This cycle will follow the pattern of early finish currently in place at Antrim Grammar School and will provide further opportunities for collaboration. This time will also allow parents to book medical appointments etc. without pupils missing classes. Should your child wish to remain in school until 3.05pm, please put this in writing, and this will be accommodated. Details of bus times will be distributed to pupils on their return.
- Arrangements in relation to movement around the school and venues for break and lunch will be shared with pupils on their return.

**SIMS PARENT APP:** Please complete and return the reply slip at the back of the guidelines booklet together with the data collection sheet in the envelope addressed to the principal. Throughout the year, information regarding attendance, pupil progress and school events will regularly be communicated by SIMS Parent App, so it is crucial that you accept the school's invitation to this app if you have not already done so.

**ATTENDANCE:** There is a very clear link between good attendance and success at school. It is crucial that your child is in school every day possible and we are working very closely this year with the educational welfare service on a weekly basis to promote good attendance. Obviously there are times when pupils are very ill and cannot attend but we are noticing situations where children are missing school for minor reasons or that patterns are emerging of pupils missing a certain day during the week. The Department of Education and future employers will always ask the school for an attendance figure for each child so please ensure that every effort is made to keep attendance

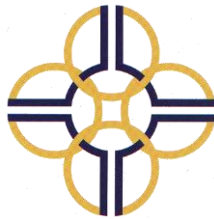


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figures as high as possible. I have included information from the Department of Education on how parents can assist in ensuring good attendance.

**PUNCTUALITY:** Punctuality is another factor that the Department of Education and future employers will consider closely. Registration classes begin at 9.00am sharp so pupils should be in school in time to get to their registration room. School opens each day at 8.30am and Breakfast Club is available from 8.30am. Please ensure that your child comes directly to school for 9.00am and does not spend time around the local shops. Pupils arriving after 9.00am without a valid reason and a note from parents will be marked late and placed into appropriate detentions.

**MEDICAL ISSUES:** As always please inform us of any medical issues that may affect your child. **We currently have a year 9 pupil with a very severe nut allergy and I would ask pupils not to bring any nut related products into school as these will cause a severe reaction.**

**REWARDS PROGRAMME:** We continue to develop our rewards programme through the generous support of our business partners and I have included details of the programme in this pack

**SCHOOL FUND:** As a school, we rely heavily upon donations from families in the form of School Fund. This allows us to provide activities/events/visits for our pupils. The current rate per family is £25. Please endeavour to pay this in the first few weeks if possible. A huge thank you to all those parents who have supported us annually by paying school fund.

Thank you for your continued support of the College and if you require any additional information, please contact me on 028 94 468556

Yours sincerely,

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