



Term 1 Newsletter for 3rd Year Students 2024/2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to wish you and your child a happy and safe October midterm break. The 3rd Year students have been working exceptionally hard since they have returned after the summer holidays and deserve an opportunity to recharge as well as look to continue with study and preparations for their state exams.

A schedule of proposed project and relevant Classroom Based Assessment dates have been shared with each student and is also included on their 3rd Year Teams page. A number of classes have begun exam paper revision and our practical option subjects have started discussing project briefs and exam requirements in class. Attendance and punctuality are therefore exceptionally important to ensure students do not miss out on key content and instruction in these lessons.

Each student has been regularly reminded that they need to continue to work towards a study plan at home. The expectation is that a 3rd Year student should be spending two hours six days a week on homework and study to ensure that they are able to maximise their potential in their state exams.

There are already a number of 3rd Year students engaging in teacher supervised after-school study to support these expectations and there are still places available should you wish for them to take part at a cost of €10 per week. A free Maths Support Centre is also available for students every Tuesday from 15.30-16.30. The more prepared a student is for their exams, the less stress they will experience in their time at school.

When we return after the October Midterm, there will only be 11 school weeks until the Mock Exams. To support learning and revision over the break, each exam teacher has assigned approximately 2 hours per exam subject of work to be completed over the break and I have also asked for teachers to give this work as early as possible for planning purposes. A breakdown of this work can be seen below for you to link in with them at home and monitor their progress.

Subject	Work Assigned
Irish HL	AMCM & NR - revision worksheet on Cúpla and exam questions DMO - Revise literature covered in 2nd year and provide evidence upon return
Irish OL	Work set by individual class teacher.
English	Revise both studied novels. Studied novel exam questions - 2022 and 2024. Posted on Teams.
Maths HL	Exam Paper work and ixl (Will vary for each class)
Maths OL	Exam Paper work and ixl (Will vary for each class)
History	Students have been given 4 First Year topics to revise for a test on return. Revision notes given on Onenote/Teams
Geography	Students have been given First Year Topics to revise for a test on their return. Notes on Teams/Onenote/ Exam paper work based on physical Geography section
Science	Students will revise chapters from first year and second year and will complete exam on return . (notes on teams & OneNote)
French	Mock paper given to both groups. 2 hours.
Spanish	2024 paper section B reading texts & learning/ revision homework
Art	Complete four pages in A5 CBA2 sketchbook. Details on Teams.
Business	2024 Mock Paper- full 2 hours
MTW	Project Work to be completed over the midterm assigned by individual teachers.
Technology	Revision Topics, 3 designs ideas of JC project fully sketched, labelled and coloured, model making
Graphics	2023 Mock Exam Paper - Full 2 hours
Music	Prepare and rehearse 2 pieces for practical. Revise Key signatures and notes on film music
Home Economics	Cooking task at home based on JC Cookery Tasks and Exam questions



Parent/Teacher/Student meetings will take place on Thursday November 7th from 16.15 to 18.45. This will be a great time to discuss student progress in each of their subjects. We are also looking forward to welcoming you to the new part of the school building which has been a very exciting part of this academic year.

For the November Exam week (18th-22nd), 3rd Years will have 2-hour blocks for their subjects. Teachers may decide to include an assessment for their subject in this block or use it to continue with the course. A school report for November Exams similar to previous years will be issued also which will indicate academic progression so far this year.

There will be a Senior Options evening for parents and students to attend online in December. More information about this evening will be communicated home in due course.

3rd Years have represented the school across a multitude of extra-curricular activities and events. This is fantastic to see and I would encourage as many students as possible to get involved in something this year to enhance their school experience.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support in relation to our school policies and procedures. 3rd Years are well aware of rules and expectations in relation to uniform, mobile phones, and code of behaviour. I would like to ask that you continue to monitor the school Dialann each week as this is still being used for homework and communication.

Kind Regards

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3rd Year Year Head