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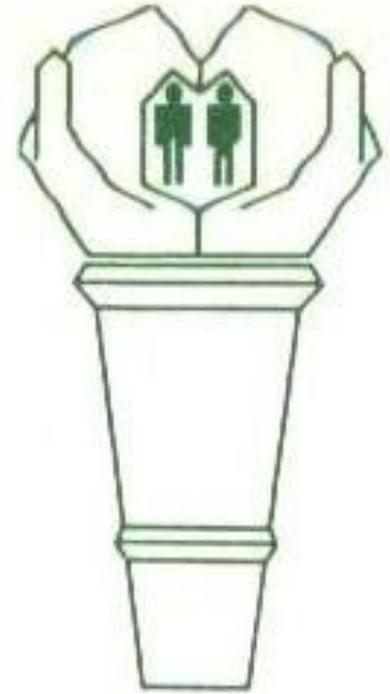
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*WELCOME TO  
THE 6TH YEAR  
INFORMATION  
EVENING  
05/09/2023*

WORKING TOGETHER TO  
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS



# *AGENDA FOR THIS EVENING*

- 1. M C                      Ms Farrell                      Year Head
- 2. Careers                      Ms Stanley & Ms Travers                      Career Guidance
- 3. Deputy Principal's Address                      Ms Ronan                      DP
- 4. Year Ahead                      Ms Farrell                      Year Head

*CAREERS*  
*PRESENTATION*

MS TRAVERS AND MS STANLEY

*5<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER*

*GUIDANCE AVAILABLE  
TO ALL 6<sup>TH</sup> YEARS*



- **1-1 Guidance interviews continuation from meeting in 5<sup>th</sup> year. **N.B to attend****
- **Mentoring meetings- Year head and Deputy Principal**
- **Higher Options/ World skills – 21<sup>st</sup> September**
- **Career classes**
- **College , Apprenticeship Talks and PLC Talks**
- **College Open Days**





# *POSSIBLE PATHWAYS ON LEAVING SCHOOL*

- Work
- College – in Ireland or Abroad
- PLC Course
- Apprenticeship/ Training Course
- Repeat Leaving Cert.
- Year Out



# *CAO - CENTRAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE*

- What is the CAO.
- How the CAO application works
- Best choices in order
- Important dates



# *WHAT IS THE CAO*

- The CAO is a central method for applying to all level 6/7 & 8 college courses in the republic of Ireland.
- It processes the applications in a fair and efficient manner.
- 1500+ courses to choose from
- Apply for up to 20 courses



# *HOW TO APPLY TO THE*

- Cao opens on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November
- Apply before the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb for a fee of 30 euro
- Log onto [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) and start filling out the application form online
- You will start to add courses to the level 6/7 and level 8 box.
- Apply for 20 courses in total- 10 level 7 courses, 10 level 8 courses.
- you can change your courses between May and July the 1<sup>st</sup>
- When the results are out in August, offers are made based on points from your best 6 subjects.



# NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

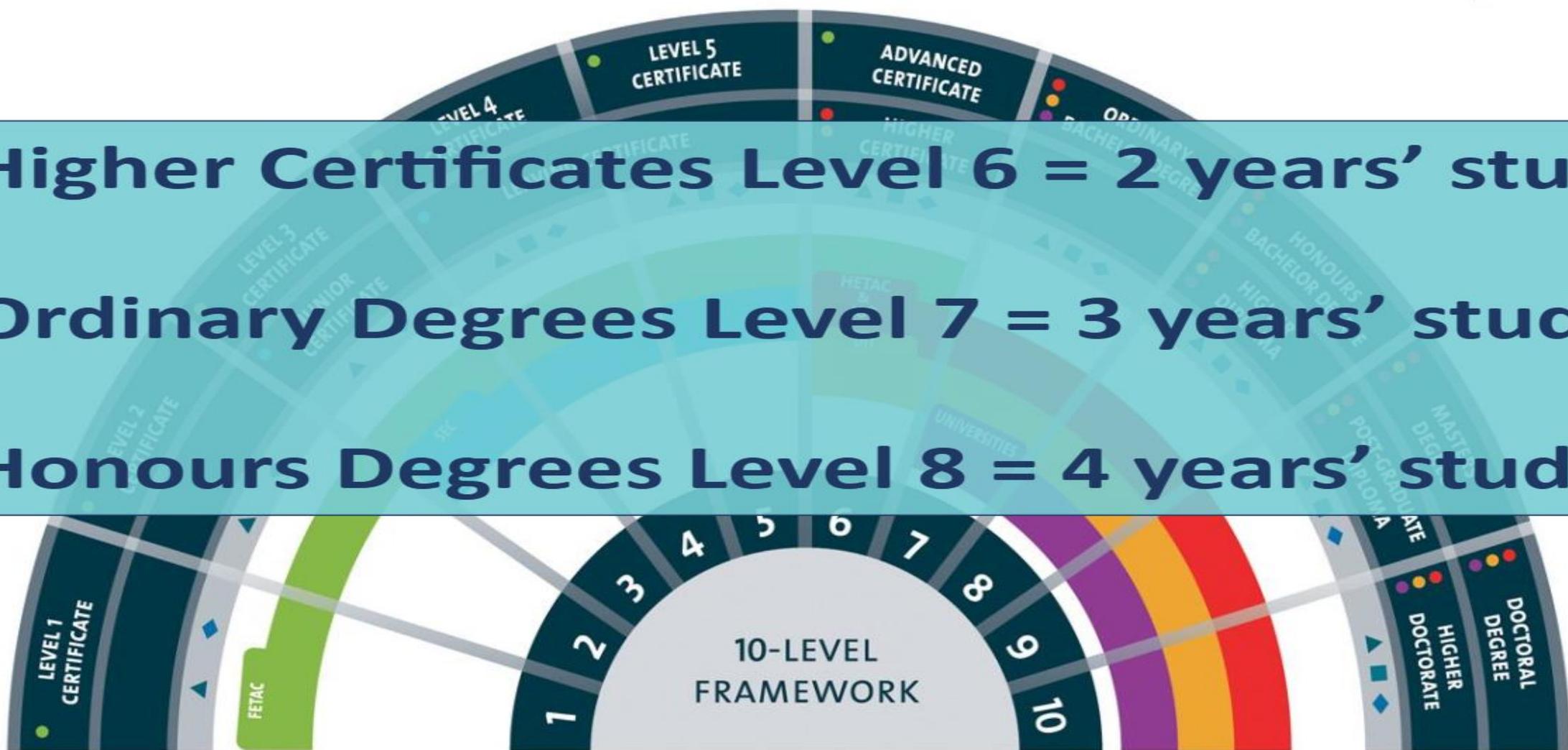
Údarás Náisiúnta  
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National Qualifications  
Authority of Ireland



**Higher Certificates Level 6 = 2 years' study**

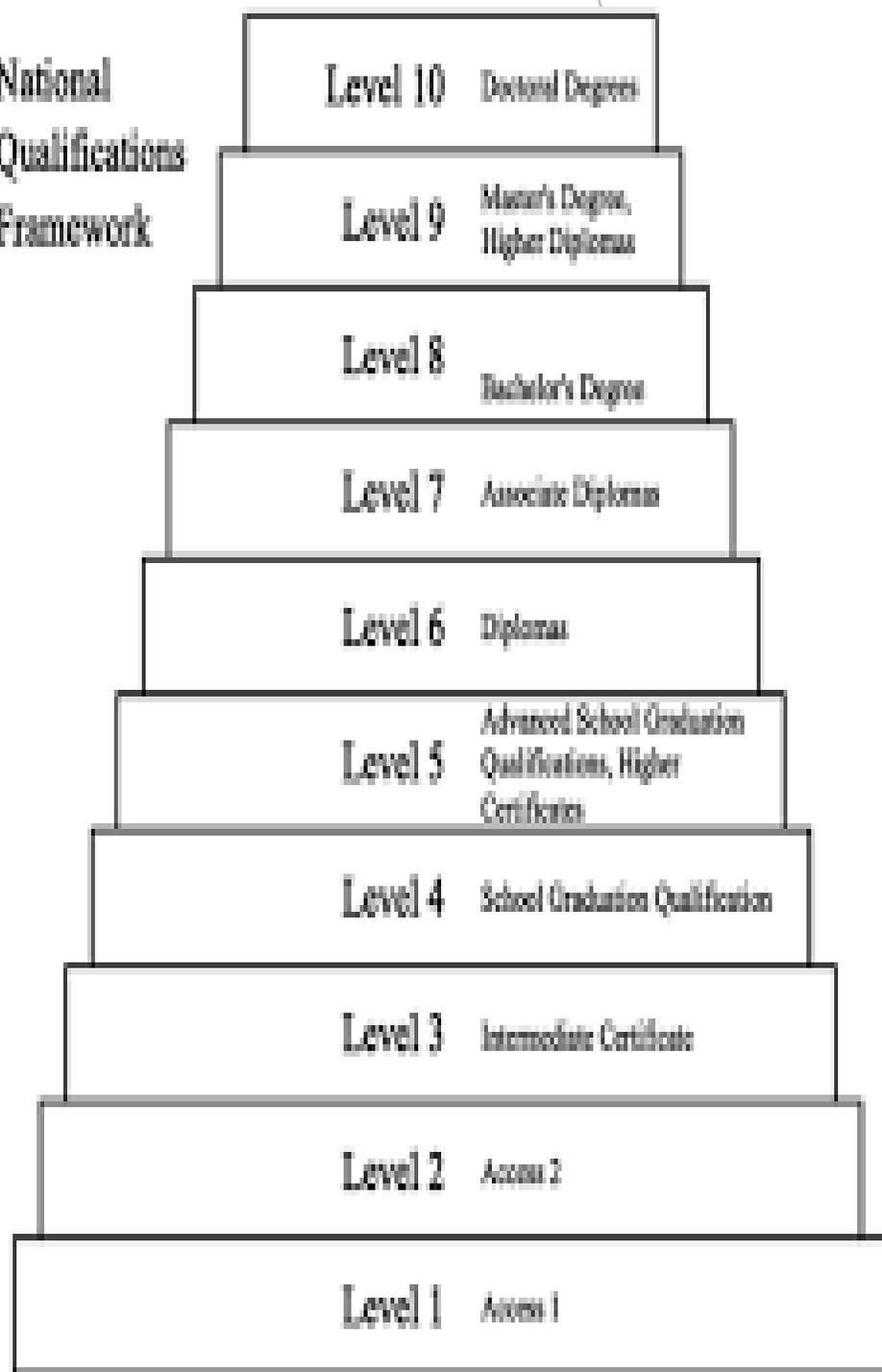
**Ordinary Degrees Level 7 = 3 years' study**

**Honours Degrees Level 8 = 4 years' study**



# NATIONAL FRAMEWORK QUALIFICATIONS NQF

National  
 Qualifications  
 Framework



Level 8	
Pref.	Course Code
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Level 7& Level 6	
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# **Making Your Choice**

**Choose in genuine order of preference.**

**First choice is the course most wanted.**

**Ignore the points.**

**Keep at least “one dead cert ” in choices.**

# *3 THINGS TO CHECK TO GET ONTO YOUR COURSE*

- College Minimum Entry Requirements
  - varies from college to college, e.g. 2H5 & 4 O6
- Specific Course Entry Requirements
  - e.g. H4 Chemistry, O4 Math's etc
- Did you receive enough points.

*EXTRA REQUIREMENTS FOR SOME COURSES MAY INCLUDE.....(DETAILS ON QUALIFAX.IE)*

- Portfolios
- Performances/ Interviews
- HPAT for Medicine in Ireland
- Law/ Medicine/ Veterinary tests for overseas
- Do you know the deadline dates for applying for extra exams?

# *POST LEAVING CERT COURSE (PLC)*

Generally a one year course  
(Level 5).

Offered in many different  
areas – over 3,000

Many PLC courses link to  
third level and allow you to  
progress to third level – can  
be a back door route into  
university for many students

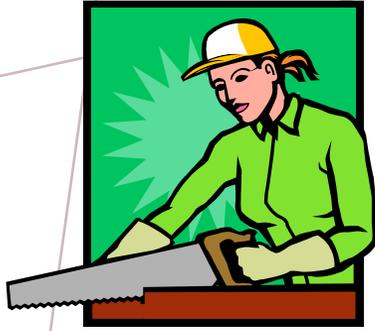
You apply to each individual  
PLC course on-line, and will  
be interviewed

Cost from €200 per year

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) to research  
what PLC courses are on  
offer

# *PLC IN PORTFOLIO PREPARATION*

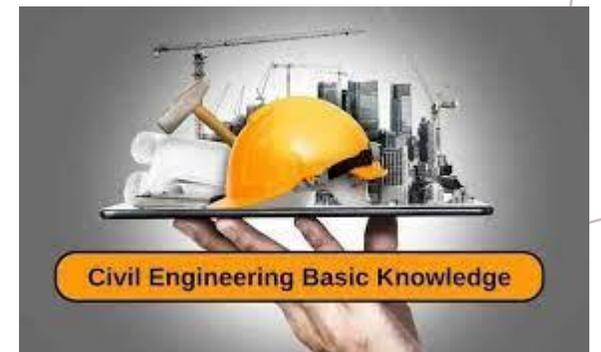
- Art students may consider a portfolio preparation year
- PLC for one year to put together a portfolio for application to Art college



# *APPRENTICESHIPS*



- 2- or 4-year work and training programme in a variety of areas
- Earn while you learn
- Mix of work and college
- Contact [www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie)



# *NEW APPRENTICESHIPS 2023*



<b>Apprenticeship title</b>	<b>NFQ level</b>	<b>2023 Launch date</b>
Farm Manager	Level 7	July to September 2023
Advanced Quantity Surveyor	Level 9	July to September
Farm Technician	Level 6	July to September
Executive Chef	Level 9	October to December
Horticulture	Level 6	July to September
Precision Machinist and Quality Control	Level 6	July to September
Sports Turf Management	Level 6	April to June
Civil Engineering	Level 6	July to September July to September
Civil Engineering	Level 7	July to September
Digital Marketing and Media	Level 6	October to December

# *HEAR AND DARE SCHEMES*



The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places at reduced points to school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and Financial support.



**Disability Access Route To Education**

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places on a reduced points basis to school leavers with disabilities or illness as well as extra supports.

[www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)



GRANTS- [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)  
Apply online Spring 2024

Each applicant is means tested

- May cover college fees and also give money to help with living expenses while in college.

*SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES– THERE ARE MANY AVAILABLE IN ALL DISCIPLINES*

- Sports
- Academic
- S.T.E.M. Etc.....

See individual college websites and  
[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

# *STUDYING IN BRITAIN – WWW.UCAS.COM*

- Students wishing to apply for entry to university in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland must apply through [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- First deadline is 6pm Oct 16<sup>th</sup>
- Second deadline January 2024
- NB - PERSONAL STATEMENT
  - - Fees - AVERAGE COST €11,000 PER YEAR + living and accommodation costs

UCAS

# STUDY IN EUROPE

[WWW.EUNICAS.IE](http://WWW.EUNICAS.IE)

- OVER 1,000 COURSES *TAUGHT THROUGH ENGLISH* IN EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES
- FEES VARY – OFTEN LESS THAN IRISH FEES
- REMEMBER LIVING & TRAVEL COSTS



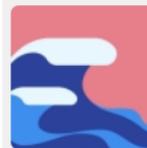
# [WWW.CAREERSNEWS.IE](http://WWW.CAREERSNEWS.IE)

ALL COURSES- [WWW.QUALIFAX.IE](http://WWW.QUALIFAX.IE) &  
(POINTS AND PLC COURSES) [WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.IE](http://WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.IE)  
APPLICATION PROCESS- [WWW.CAO.IE](http://WWW.CAO.IE)  
GRANT INFORMATION- [WWW.SUSI.IE](http://WWW.SUSI.IE)  
HEAR & DARE PROGRAMMES-

[WWW.ACCESSCOLLEGE.IE](http://WWW.ACCESSCOLLEGE.IE)  
APPRENTICESHIPS- [WWW.APPRENTICESHIP.IE](http://WWW.APPRENTICESHIP.IE)  
ARMY & CADETSHIPS- [WWW.MILITARY.IE](http://WWW.MILITARY.IE)  
COURSES IN U.K.- [WWW.UCAS.COM](http://WWW.UCAS.COM)  
COURSES IN EUROPE- [WWW.EUNICAS.IE](http://WWW.EUNICAS.IE)  
FURTHER EDUCATION [WWW.FETCHCOURSES.IE](http://WWW.FETCHCOURSES.IE)

*REMEMBER TO CONSTANTLY CHECK  
THE 6<sup>TH</sup> YR  
INFORMATION/RE/CAREERS TEAM*

- A lot of information will be posted on this team – keep up to date
- With good information you make an informed decision and good choices for your future



*ATTEND YOUR 1-1 GUIDANCE  
MEETINGS*

*DO YOUR RESEARCH CAO.IE,  
QUALIFAX.IE,  
CAREERSPORTAL.IE*

*ASK IF YOU ARE UNSURE – THE  
GUIDANCE TEAM ARE HERE TO  
ASSIST YOU.*

# *GUIDANCE TEAM 2023-2024*

Ms. McGee,

Ms. Travers or

Ms. Stanley

For help with any query you have.

Thank you.

*MS RONAN*

*DEPUTY PRINCIPAL*

# *ATTENDANCE*



Essential for successful learning outcomes



Poor attendance = Gaps in learning



Attend every day for the full day



Absence and permission to leave early must be notified in advance via the school app **BEFORE 8.30 IN THE MORNING**



Late to school- must sign in at the office



Leaving school early- must sign out at the office

# *SCHOOL UNIFORM*

NAVY HALF ZIP  
PLAIN WHITE T SHIRT  
PLAIN NAVY/BLACK BOTTOMS

STUDENTS WILL BE SENT HOME TO COLLECT  
THEIR PROPER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Full school uniform  
every day

Neat and tidy

Dark shoes/runners

No non-uniform  
jackets/hoodies  
inside the school  
building

PE uniform- Correct  
PE uniform must be  
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# *MOBILE PHONE POLICY*



- Distraction in class
- Cause of conflict in and outside of class
- Can be an invasion of privacy
- Used to bully and harass others

May only be used with the permission of a teacher e.g. in class to complete an online quiz etc.

Confiscated for two days if used without permission

**NOT ALLOWED BE USED IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING OR  
GROUNDS WITHOUT TEACHER PERMISSION**

# *NO STUDENT PARKING*





*MS FARRELL*

6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR – YEAR HEAD

# MS FARRELL – MY ROLE THIS YEAR HEAD

## HELP & SUPPORT EVERY STUDENT IN 6TH YEAR



### MERITS HELPING ME TO LEARN

<b>MANAGING MYSELF</b> <b>PUNCTUALITY</b> - BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL AND CLASS <b>PRESENTATION</b> - BEING TIDY AND CLEAN - WEARING FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM <b>ORGANISATION</b> - HAVING MY BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR CLASS	<b>COMMUNICATION</b> <b>ACTIVE PARTICIPATION</b> - BEING ENGAGED IN CLASS - LISTENING - ASKING QUESTIONS - SHARING OPINIONS AND IDEAS - EXPRESSING MYSELF RESPECTFULLY	<b>WORKING WITH OTHERS</b> <b>CO-OPERATING WITH OTHERS</b> - BEING WELL BEHAVED - BEING MANNERLY AND POLITE - BEING HELPFUL TO OTHERS - WORKING WELL IN GROUPS
<b>STAYING WELL</b> <b>POSITIVE ATTITUDE</b> - TO MYSELF - TO CLASS - TO MY SURROUNDINGS - ACHIEVING MY POTENTIAL	<b>MANAGING INFORMATION &amp; THINKING</b> <b>HOMEWORK</b> - ALWAYS HAVING HOMEWORK COMPLETED - ALWAYS MAKING AN EFFORT - STUDYING AND REVISING - REFLECTING ON WHAT I'VE LEARNED	<b>BEING CREATIVE</b> <b>CHALLENGING MYSELF</b> - TAKING PART IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - TAKING PART IN SCHOOL EVENTS - WORKING ON MY OWN INITIATIVE

STUDENTS ARE  
REWARDED FOR  
GOOD  
BEHAVIOUR  
THROUGH THE  
MERIT  
SYSTEM...



# MERITS HELPING ME TO LEARN

## MANAGING MYSELF



**PUNCTUALITY**  
- BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL AND CLASS

**PRESENTATION**  
- BEING TIDY AND CLEAN  
- WEARING FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

**ORGANISATION**  
- HAVING MY BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR CLASS

## COMMUNICATION

**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

- BEING ENGAGED IN CLASS
- LISTENING
- ASKING QUESTIONS
- SHARING OPINIONS AND IDEAS
- EXPRESSING MYSELF RESPECTFULLY



## WORKING WITH OTHERS



**CO-OPERATING WITH OTHERS**

- BEING WELL BEHAVED
- BEING MANNERLY AND POLITE
- BEING HELPFUL TO OTHERS
- WORKING WELL IN GROUPS

## STAYING WELL

**POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

- TO MYSELF
- TO CLASS
- TO MY SURROUNDINGS
- ACHIEVING MY POTENTIAL



## MANAGING INFORMATION & THINKING

**HOMEWORK**

- ALWAYS HAVING HOMEWORK COMPLETED
- ALWAYS MAKING AN EFFORT
- STUDYING AND REVISING
- REFLECTING ON WHAT I'VE LEARNED



## BEING CREATIVE

**CHALLENGING MYSELF**

- TAKING PART IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- TAKING PART IN SCHOOL EVENTS
- WORKING ON MY OWN INITIATIVE





**TUTORS:**

6A- Mr Clohessy

6B- Ms Jenkins

6C- Mr O'Brien

6D- Mr Mulligan

6E- Ms McHugh

6F- Mr Mulhall

6 LCA – Ms Callanan

**PRINCIPAL**

**Mr Martin**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**Ms Ronan**

**YEAR HEAD**

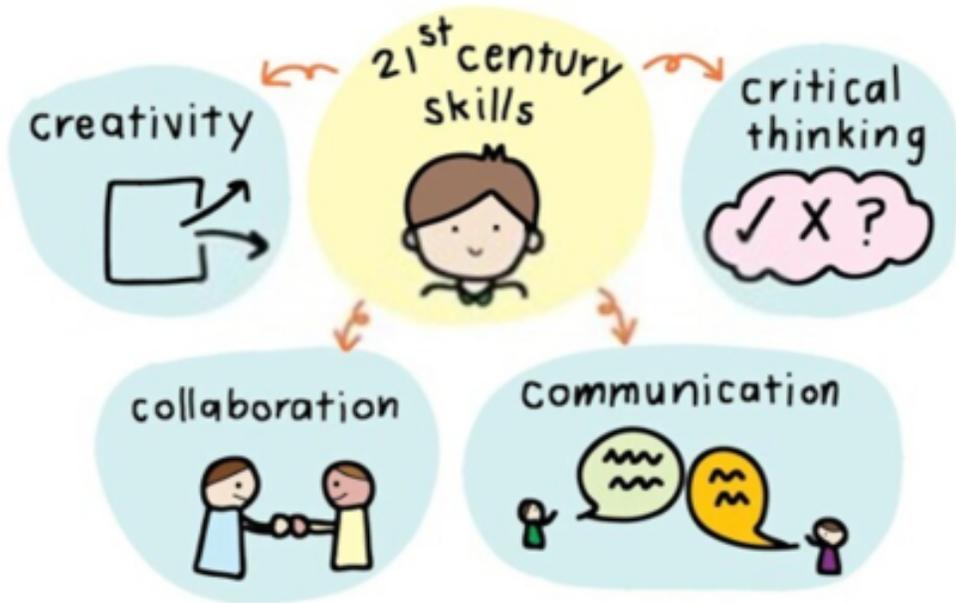
**Ms Farrell**

# *SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS*



- TUTOR
- SUBJECT TEACHERS
- YEARHEAD
- CARE TEAM
- GUIDANCE TEAM
- CHAPLAIN

# Sixth Year Religion Programme



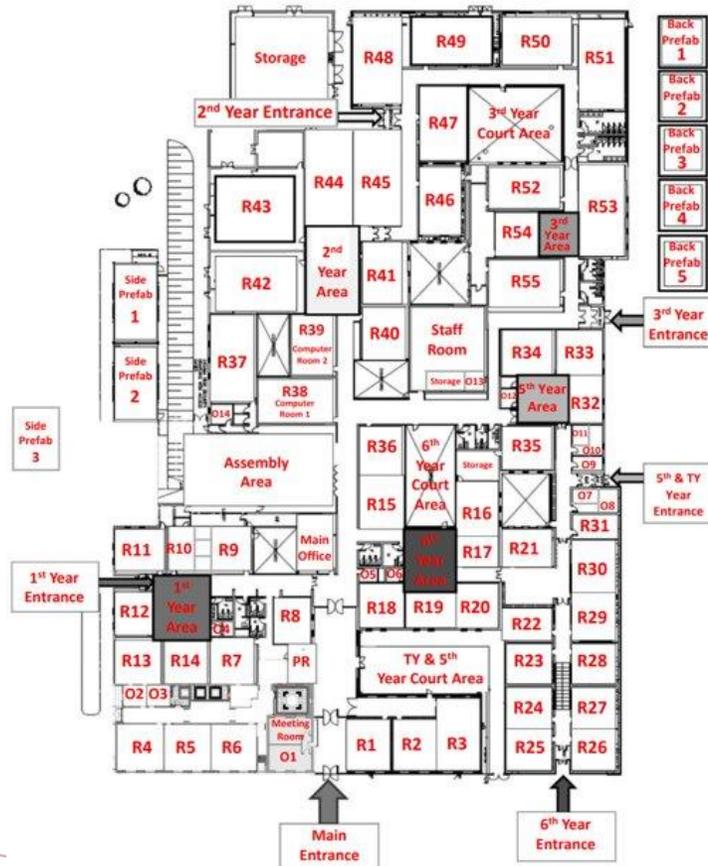
- Fantastic programme –aims at promoting the holistic development of our students..
- Modular based throughout the year... Modules include; inspirational people, (dis)ability, social issues, relationships and sexuality, wellbeing, mental health etc.
- A wealth of incredible speakers, including: Fr. Peter McVerry, Joanne O’Riordan, Niall McNamee, Recovering addicts, Frank Diamond and many more.....
- We would really appreciate parental support on promoting and supporting this valuable programme which will benefit students immensely during this challenging year.

*THE LEAVING CERT  
IS A TWO YEAR  
PROGRAMME*

*WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN IN 6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR*

SOME SUBJECTS MAY BRING STUDENTS ON TRIPS. FOR EXAMPLE HL ENGLISH STUDENTS WILL GO AND SEE HAMLET ON 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023.

# KEY CHANGES



- NEW RESOURCE AREA & A COVERED AREA
- NEW ROLE AND EXPECTATIONS
- TO BE A ROLE MODEL FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS
- NEW ROOM NUMBERS

# *Expectation for each Student*

Abide by the school rules at all times

Attend school every day

Respect all staff and students

Do not disrupt another student's learning

Wear the correct uniform

Use the toilet at break times

Do your best in every subject

Use the journal, keep it neat, & signed

No rough behaviour

Keep the resource area & courtyard clean

# *BUILDING GOOD ORGANISATIONAL HABITS*



HOMEWORK  
JOURNAL



MICROSOFT TEAMS



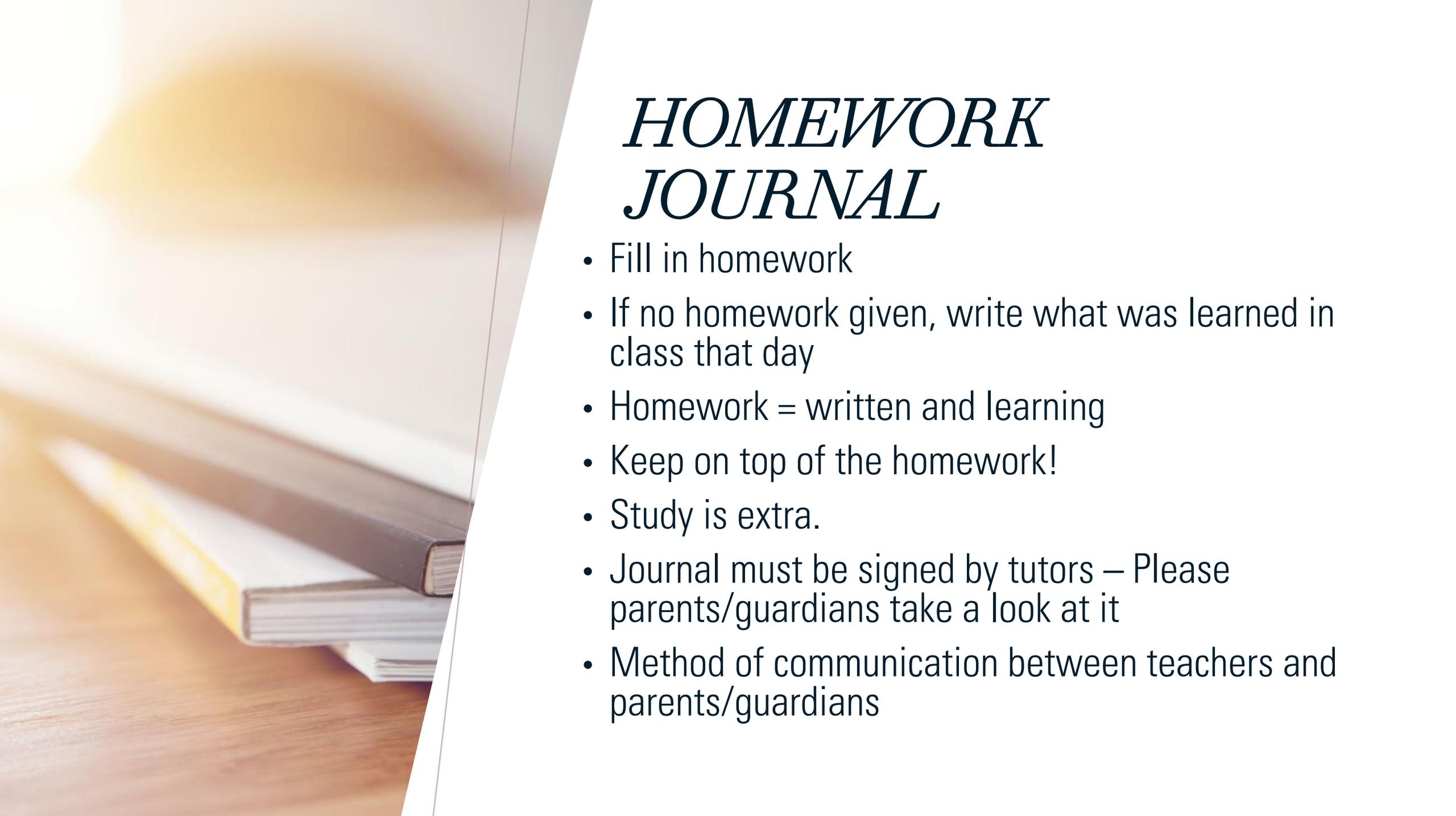
SETTING GOALS



SCHEDULING STUDY



WEEKLY PLANS



# *HOMEWORK JOURNAL*

- Fill in homework
- If no homework given, write what was learned in class that day
- Homework = written and learning
- Keep on top of the homework!
- Study is extra.
- Journal must be signed by tutors – Please parents/guardians take a look at it
- Method of communication between teachers and parents/guardians

# New Homework Journal

- Updated **user-friendly** layout for students and teachers.
- Student journal is now a **learning log**, any learning homework or content covered in class should be recorded the end of the lesson.
- Type of learning/homework should be recorded alongside the date its due.
- There is a **Positive Behaviour column** which allows staff to give positive feedback to the students.

Codes	
P	Preparation
L	Learning
W	Writing
PW	Project Work
R	Revision

	Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
<b>MONDAY</b>	1 Maths	Pg. 100 Q1-5	W		Tues
	2 English	Bishop Essay	W		Fri
	3 French	Vocab in Copy	L		Tues
	4 Art	Continue Project	PW		MON
	5 Home Ec	Exam Questions	W		FRI
	6 Irish	Oral Questions in Copy	L		FRI
	7 Biology	The Heart Diagram + Ques	W		FRI
	8 LCVP	NO HOMEWORK. DID CV IN CLASS	-		-
	9				

	Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
<b>TUESDAY</b>	1 English	Bishop Essay	W		Fri
	2 Art	Continue Project	PW		MON
	3 Irish	Oral Questions in Copy	L		FRI
	4 Biology	The Heart Diagram + Ques	W		FRI
	5 MATHS	Pg. 105 Q1-10	W		THURS
	6 Home Ec	Exam Questions - BRING INGREDIENTS	W		FRI
	7 PE	DID BASKETBALL	-		-
8					
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	Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1 MATHS	Revise for Test on Friday	R		Fri
	2 IRISH	NO HOMEWORK. ORAL WORK IN CLASS	-		-
	3 English	Bishop Essay	W		FRI
	4 Home Ec.	NO HOMEWORK. BRING INGREDIENTS	P		-
	5 Biology	The Heart Diagram + Ques	W		FRI
	6 LCVP	Career Investigation	W		MON
7					
8					
9					

	Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1 English	Bishop Essay	W		FRI
	2 ART	Continue Project	PW		MON
	3 IRISH	Reading Comprehension 2023	W		MON
	4 MATHS	Revise for Test Tomorrow	R		FRI
	5 PE	ROUNDERS IN CLASS	-		-

	Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
6	FRENCH	Reading Comprehension 2023	W		MON
7					
8					
9					
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1 ENGLISH	NO HOMEWORK. GAVE UP ESSAY	-		-
	2 ART	Continue Art Project	PW		MON
	3 HOME EC	BRING INGREDIENTS	P		MON
	4 BIOLOGY	TEST ON MONDAY → HEART	R		MON
	5 MATHS	HAD TEST → NO HOMEWORK	-		-
	6 IRISH	ESSAY → HEALTH SYSTEM	W		

**WEEKLY REPORT**

Positive Behaviour		Leaving Class	
Date	Reason	Date	Reason
27/5	Super Work in Art class today!! Keep it up SC	27/5	TOILET SC
29/5	Excellent result in French Test! EC		
30/5	Volunteered at Breakfast Club. Thank you. HM		

Homework		Books/Equipment	
Date	Reason	Date	Reason
		30/5	No Ingredients for Home Economics NM

# *MICROSOFT TEAMS*



Assignments/homework will be uploaded onto the subject Team by the teacher



Check that your student knows their password and are part of the team.



Subject notes, supplementary material etc. will be uploaded to Teams



All students should have access to a Team for each subject

# *STUDY*



Should be scheduled, ongoing and specific



Study can happen at the weekend



Study clix- access will be sent out via the school app  
New Password required for students



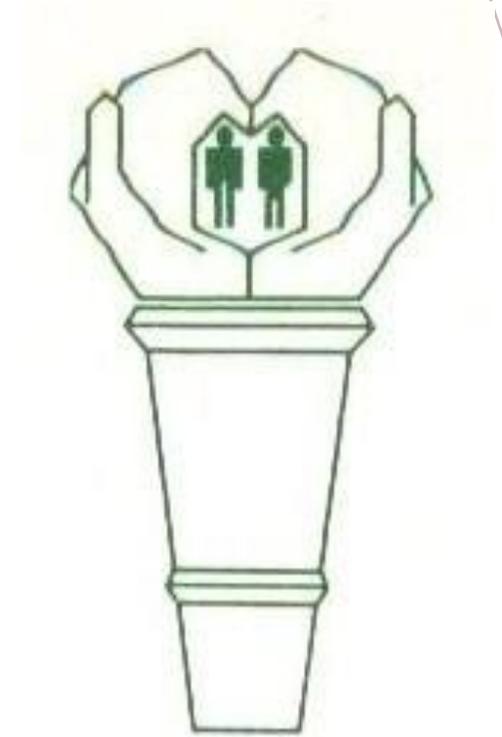
Study skills assistance throughout the year



Support from Guidance team, tutors, teachers and Yearhead

**EVENING STUDY WILL START  
NEXT MONDAY 11TH OF  
SEPTEMBER AT 4PM.**

**IT COSTS €144 PER STUDENT AND  
CAN BE PAID IN INSTALMENTS.  
PAYMENT CAN BE MADE VIA THE  
SCHOOL WEBSITE**



# *SUPERVISED STUDY*



- ✓ CANNOT LEAVE EARLY WITHOUT NOTE FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN
- ✓ MOBILE PHONES NOT ALLOWED
- ✓ NO TALKING DURING STUDY
- ✓ NO MEETINGS ON DAYS OF PT MEETINGS
- ✓ ALL JOURNALS STAMPED
- ✓ PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE CHECK JOURNAL FOR STAMP

# *STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SET GOALS*

- Consider the goals they wish to achieve by the end of 6th Year
- Be realistic but aspirational
- What steps can I take to realise my goals?
- Set targets for each subject
- Review and evaluate all assignments and test results.
- Regularly review and reflect on your goals and the steps you need to take to achieve them.
- See failure as a motivational learning experience.



*FINDING  
BALANCE  
FOR OUR  
WELLBEING-  
WEEKLY  
PLAN*

Make  
time  
for:

- Homework and Study
- Extra-curricular activities
- Hobbies and interests
- Friends
- Family
- Other commitments

# *LCA*

- Try to complete Key Assignments on time
- Plan your work for Tasks don't leave anything to the last minute.
- Practice for the exam throughout the year there are major credits to be gained in the written exam so good solid revision and being familiar with exam is going to help a lot.

# *COMMUNICATION*

- HOMEWORK JOURNAL
- SCHOOL APP and or PHONE CALLS
- P/T MEETING
- SCHOOL REPORTS
- IN SCHOOL MEETINGS



# *PERMISSION TO LEAVE*

- Permission must be given by Parent/Guardian on the app before 8.30 am
  - Or by phone call in case of emergency to the office
  - Parents/Guardians are still requested to put a reason up on the app.
- 
- It is best practice to put a note with a reason up on the app before 8.30

# *SENIOR STUDENTS- SCHOOL LEADERS*

# *LEADERSHIP TEAMS*

Scoil Mhuire is a progressive school and offers many senior leadership opportunities;

- Extra-curricular activities- sports, play etc.
  - Breakfast Club
  - Prefects
  - Mentors
  - Green Schools
  - Leaders of Learning (Hubs & Clubs)
- 
- Ms Deschenes will be speaking to our 6<sup>th</sup> Years about these opportunities.

# *OUR EXPECTATIONS*

- Participate in class and work hard
- Co-operate with all staff
- Remember we are a community- show respect and dignity to all members of our school
- Always seek to be the best you can be- in your schoolwork, in your interactions with others, in your behavior and conduct

# *HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT*

Parents/Guardians .

1. Check Journal weekly.
2. Negotiate a study/HW timetable.
3. Have a suitable homework/study area.
4. Regular routine at home.
5. Full attendance at school.
6. Ensure balance between study and other activities.
7. Encourage healthy eating and sleeping patterns.

help



# *HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT*

8. Ensure phones are switched off at night and during study
9. Check regularly on progress of project work, key dates.
10. Attend Parent Teacher meeting.
11. Encourage students to stay for the duration of the exam
12. Stay informed of important dates.



# *KEY DATES*

Be aware of Key Dates for projects, portfolios, practical's, orals, aural's etc

We will endeavour to keep you up to date  \*Take home message with key dates.

*Thank You!*



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SUPPORT AND  
ATTENTION**