



10th January 2023

Dear 2nd Year Parents/Guardians,

Wishing you and your families a Happy New Year.

Your daughters have settled back very well this year and are focused on their school work to achieve their academic potential. To assist their academic progress 2nd Years have an academic tracking booklet to help them set goals and targets and to review their academic progress. These are compiled in collaboration with their subject and form teachers.

## 2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meeting details

- The meeting is on **Thursday 19th January 2023** as per school calendar, from 4.15pm 6.45pm.
- This year parents will attend in person in the Sports Hall.
- 2nd Year students will not be attending the meeting.
- You will be invited to a scheduled meeting slot at a specific time with each teacher.
- Meetings are capped at 4 minutes and will be scaffolded by a reflection sheet that students will already have worked on in class with their teacher.
- If a parent misses a time slot it cannot be redeemed later in the evening.
- Conversations will be focussed on student engagement, progress to date and steps to take for future learning.
- As 2nd Year students study 13 subjects and because a lot of teachers teach more than one group/subject, please note that:
  - It is NOT possible for all parents to meet all of their daughter's teachers.
  - We are using a scheduling platform to arrange the appointments.
  - You will be invited to identify your order of preference for the teachers you
    most need to meet to maximise your chances of seeing these teachers.
  - Please be judicious about the teachers you arrange meetings with. There is no necessity to meet every teacher if you are happy with your daughter's progress in a particular subject.

The parent-teacher meeting requires some pre-meeting preparation stages by all.

Please read the following set up instructions carefully.

## Stage 1: Steps for Parent(s)/guardian(s):

- 1. You will need to log on to VSware (olschool.vsware.ie) and do the following:
  - a. Click on your daughter's name.
  - b. Click on Personal Info: Learn More.
  - c. Select **School** from the available tabs.
  - d. Copy down your daughter's **VSware ID** number.
- 2. From today, Tuesday January 10th, use this link to access an on-line scheduling portal (PTMOrganiser): <a href="https://ptmorg.com/parentlogin.php?School=60860Q">https://ptmorg.com/parentlogin.php?School=60860Q</a>



- 3. Enter the information required on the screen:
  - a. The school roll number (60860Q) should be already visible insert if not.
  - b. Insert your daughter's VSware ID (explained above).
  - c. Click: Log in.
- 4. Your daughter's subjects and teachers will be listed on the screen.
  - a. Enter #1 next to the teacher you wish to see most, #2 for the next teacher, and so on, numbering the teachers in order of the preference you wish to see to see them.
  - b. Please be judicious about the teachers you arrange meetings with. There is no necessity to meet every teacher if you are happy with your daughter's progress in a particular subject.
  - c. An entry of 0 means you do not wish to have an appointment for that subject / teacher.
  - d. **If you cannot attend the meeting**, select that option at the bottom left of the screen. Your daughter's Year Head will be in touch.

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5. The scheduling portal will remain open for you to insert your preferences from today, 10th January, to Thursday 12th January. It will not be possible to insert preferences after this date.

## **Stage 2: Steps for school administration:**

- 1. The school will run the system which generates the meeting schedules for parent(s)/guardian(s) and teachers to create the best possible, fair outcome for all.
- 2. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified of their schedule for the meeting by Tuesday 17th January, with instructions, via the school app.

We look forward to facilitating this parent-teacher meeting so that a quality review of your daughter's academic progress to date can occur and so that you will be clear about how she can make improvements to enable her to reach her target grades. I wish your daughter every success this year in her academic studies.

Yours sincerely,

Marguerite Gorby

Principal