



**OUR  
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31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many thanks for all your support throughout the very full second term since January. It was a busy return to school after the Christmas holidays. We have celebrated many sporting victories and were delighted to applaud 15 of the class of 2022 who were awarded Academic Scholar Awards in UCD last week for students who achieve over 560 points in their Leaving Cert. The TY Musical 'Fame' was a resounding success finishing on a high last night and it showcased the many creative and musical talents of our students. The Enterprise worked hard to ensure that the musical was financially viable and we also saw lots of business and entrepreneurial skills on display.

We look forward to supporting the Junk Kouture team 'All Dolled Up' who have reached the final stages of the competition, a great achievement.

We also wish our 3rd and 6th Year students the very best in their upcoming State Exam practical and oral exams over the Easter holidays.

### **Attendance Matters**

During the last term we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late to school and signing out early. The negative impact of this on a student's learning can be extensive. Not only does a student miss out on important class time but they are disrupting the learning of others by arriving late to class. Every day a student is late or absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Too many absences not only can seriously impact achievement for the absent student but also can disrupt learning for the entire class.

Research shows that students who consistently miss school or who are late to class are at risk of lower academic achievement.

I am asking for your support to improve student punctuality to school and to discourage any appointments during class time unless absolutely necessary. Parental involvement in ensuring consistent timely attendance in school is key to promoting student attainment.

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From Monday 17th April, on the return to school after the holidays any late student must as usual sign in at reception. Locker rooms will be locked at the first bell and students will only be able to access their lockers at the break times. Parents will be contacted by Reception when 3 lates are accumulated and subsequent lates will trigger additional sanctions for students such as detention and punctuality tracker documents.

Lateness due to traffic and buses will not be accepted as an excuse and a late will be recorded. Please schedule all medical appointments outside of the school day or on a Wednesday afternoon after school.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

I wish you and your families a very happy and restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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