



**OUR
LADY'S
SCHOOL**
TERENURE



18th June 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Free Post Primary Schoolbook Scheme

We are delighted to inform you that the DES have introduced the Free Post Primary Schoolbook Scheme to Junior Cycle students for the upcoming 2024/25 school year. All students in Junior Cycle years in the free education system will receive free schoolbooks and certain classroom resources. This initiative was introduced this year by the Minister of Education with the purpose of reducing costs to families. Please see guidelines from the Department of Education.

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/286441/2caaccc0-411a-437a-bf38-ad5c1ab6a310.pdf#page=null>

The school has been working tirelessly since the announcement through the procurement process in order to ensure that all students will have their school books and stationery requirements when they arrive into school to start the year. Your daughter's school books and some classroom resources will be provided when she returns to school in August 2024. Details of such resources are set out below:

Book List

All academic books and workbooks listed here have been purchased with a cover and will be provided to students. Attached is a copy of the Booklist for 3rd year 2024/25 so there is no need to purchase any of these books. <https://olschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/BOOKLIST-3RD-YR.pdf>

Stationery Provision

Each student will receive a stationery pack. Items provided in the pack are as follows:

- School Journal
- Copybooks (Pack of 10)
- Hardback (2 per student)
- A4 Display Plastic Folder
- A4 plastic Zip Carry Case
- Science Copybook
- Music Manuscript (if applicable)

Students will have access to the following class sets in school

- Set of Business Ledgers/ Journals/ Cash Books
- Maths Formulae / Log Books
- French Dictionary
- Spanish Dictionary

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Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to students for the duration of the 2024/25 school year and must be returned when requested by the school.

Please ensure that great care is taken of the schoolbooks, workbooks and classroom resources and that they are kept in good condition at all times. Parents should ensure that their daughter has extra copy books for notetaking. As per DES guidelines it is **not permitted to write on schoolbooks or on workbooks**.

OLS Junior Cycle Free Book Scheme Policy & Stationery Provision

Attached is a copy of the new OLS Junior Cycle Free Book Scheme and Stationery Provision Policy. We recommend that you read this carefully and note the terms and conditions of this book scheme.

[Junior Cycle Book Scheme and Stationery Provision Policy and Parental Co-operation Form](#)

All parents must return the Free Schoolbook Scheme Parent/Guardian Agreement form [Parental Co-operation Form](#) by **4pm Wednesday 21st August 2024**. **Books and stationery will be issued upon receipt of this form.**

3rd Year Administration Costs

Attached below are the 3rd year Costs payable to the school.

Total amount payable is €327

Classroom Resources covered under this scheme (Previously paid under costs by Parent/Guardian)

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| • Photocopying & Admin | €30 |
| • School Journal | €11 |
| • JC Academic Progress booklet | €12 |
| • Total | €53 |

The total amount of school costs covered by the Free Book Scheme is **€109**.

Additional Resources not covered by the Scheme

There are also some additional classroom resources that are not covered by the scheme. These items are itemised below and must be provided by the parents.

- Lock for school locker (NB - students must bring on first day of term to secure books)
- Specialised equipment and/or stationery for certain subjects which will be advised by the teacher at start of term.
- Pens/pencils/highlighters/pencil case/rulers/erasers/sharpeners/scissors/glue stick, etc.
- Additional copies/hardback notebooks as needed

Return of Books

All Books provided have been covered and must be returned to the school in good condition when requested by the school. All books remain the property of the school at all times.

Failure to Return all Books

Should all books not be returned in an acceptable condition a fee to replace the relevant book will apply. Please sign the attached [Parental Co-operation Form](#) which must be completed by you in advance of the school year and once returned by email to schoolbookscheme@olschool.ie your daughter will receive her pack of books and stationery at the start of the school year.

Please review the OLS Junior Cycle Free Book Scheme Policy (link above).

Should you wish to **opt out** of the Free Post Primary Schoolbook Scheme, you must inform the school by email to schoolbookscheme@olschool.ie Parents are then responsible for purchasing the books themselves.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please email schoolbookscheme@olschool.ie

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Gorby', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Marguerite Gorby
Principal

3rd YEAR COSTS	FINAL		
	2024/25	NOTE TO PARENTS	
	€		€
Photocopying & Communication	40	Part covered under DES JC Book & Stationery Scheme	30
Student Digital Fund	20		
School Journal	0	Covered under DES JC Book & Stationery Scheme	11
Locker Rental	13		
Insurance	12		
School Magazine / Year Book	13		
Study Skills	10		
Workshops	8		
Talks/Speakers	10		
Junior Awards	5		
Bonding Trip	27		
Dome Sports Levy	30		
Health Promotion Event	5		
Retreat	8		
Academic Progress Booklet	0	Covered under DES JC Book & Stationery Scheme	12
Subtotal	201		
Mock Exam Fees	126	Mock exams are a cost that arise externally and are not funded by the Dept	
Final 3rd Year Costs	327		53
NOTE	€		
Book Cost for Books Provided & Financed by the school	34		
Stationery Cost for Provisions Financed by the school	22		
Other Classroom Resources Provided by the school (as above)	53		
Total Cost of Provisions Financed by the school	109		