



Dear parent / guardian, staff member and students,

As we commence our final term of the 2021/2022 academic year I would like to take this opportunity to thank families, staff and students alike, for the continued support for school and school life. It has been a challenging year to date, but we have endeavoured to keep the building running smoothly while providing our usual happy and challenging environment where teaching and learning can flourish.

I want to alert you to some changes that are now happening since our return to school on the 25th of April:

Firstly, the school day will revert back to a single break at 10:45 - 11:00 and a single lunch at 1:00 to 1:40. This will mean that teaching and learning will occur in three blocks, 8:45 until 10:45, 11:00 until 1:00 and 1:40 until 3:40. (The structures that were in the building pre-COVID19.)

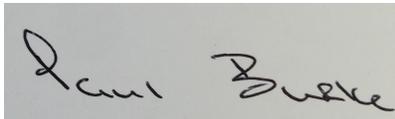
Secondly, we have recently carried out surveys with some students, parents and staff in relation to wellbeing in the school. These surveys highlighted the need for us to look at the provision of food within the school. As an initial step we have engaged with an external provider with regard to the provision of hot food at lunchtime. From Monday 25th April, a range of hot foods (e.g. Chicken Korma, Pasta, Bolognese, Curry etc) will be available on a first come, first served basis for students to purchase in the school cafeteria. The cost of these hot dishes will be €3 on a trial basis. Initially we intend to gauge numbers, and it may take a number of days to settle in a routine that best serves the needs of the student body. We hope that this will be popular with students and staff alike.

A number of key dates in the life of the school during the last term (May and June) :

Thurs 7th –	TY Prom (7pm – 10pm)
Mon 9th –	1st Year Sports Day organised by TY and Meitheal students
Tues 10th	TY trip to Ballyhass
Fri 13th –	TY Enterprise Summer Markets

Mon 16th -	TY MOS Exams
Wed 18th -	6th Year Graduation
Thur 19th -	TY Graduation - evening in the school for TY students and parents
Fri 20th -	JCT Day - students will not be in school.
Mon 23rd - Wed 25th-	TY Exams
Thurs 26th -	TY Gaisce walk
Wed 25th -	Thurs 2nd House Exams (Years 1, 2 & 5)
Wed 1st June -	Classes end for 3rd & 6th Years
Fri 3rd June -	End of term

We look forward to a positive final term.

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Mr. Paul Burke (Principal)