

Dear Parent

Student Return: 1st Years 2017

The new term will commence for your child on **Tuesday, 29th August 2017** at 9.00 am – 3.50 pm. Your child will be allocated their locker number on return. They will need to bring in a small padlock for their locker and a duplicate key to be given to the caretaker.

From September 2017 the Department of Education has instructed all Secondary Schools to ensure that classes are a minimum of 40 minutes in duration. As a consequence, we have had to restructure our timetable and in consultation with the other secondary schools in our locality and Bus Eireann we have established a later pick up time for the bus service, Monday to Thursday and collection at lunchtime on a Friday. The following timetable has been ratified by our Board of Management.

Timetable Schedule 2017/18

(Monday – Thursday: 9 classes per day, Friday: 6 classes)

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00					
9.40					
10.20					
11.00 – 11.10	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.10					
11.50					
12.30					
13.10 13.50	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Finish Half- Day All Students
13.50					
14.30					
15.10					
15.50	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	

New Extension and Maintenance Works

Planning permission has been sought for an eight-classroom extension (this includes a science room and a home economics room). This building will be completed for September 2018. We are also overhauling all the electrical wiring/sockets in the school and replacing the ceilings throughout. These electrical and structural works will commence at the end of the State Examinations and be ready for the new academic year 2017/18. Between these two projects the school will have a complete facelift and increase student capacity in the school.

Student Reports

Please note that all students will receive their on-line username and passcodes to view their school reports. Students are not able to view their Discipline Record; this can only be viewed by parents. Your username and passcode that you received in your information pack will be active from your child's

school return date. If you would like to get your username and passcode reissued please email **roscomcol@eircom.net** and we will text on your details. In line with our Green Schools policy and the operation of a more effective cloud based solution for parents, students and teachers, reports will be available online on a continuous basis. Should you wish to receive your child's report in hardcopy form, please email your request to the school secretary on **roscomcol@eircom.net**.

Book Rental and Materials Scheme

The fee of €75 (less deposit of €50) for the Locker Rental, School Journal and Materials is payable through our online school payment facility: Easy Payments Plus available from our website: www.roscomcol.com.

Student Insurance

Student Insurance: 24-hour cover (optional) you can secure your child's cover by making a payment through our online school payment facility: Easy Payments Plus. (No form needs to be completed)

Study Skills

After much request from parents, we are delighted to announce that we have successfully secured "Amazing Brains" a Study Skills Programme designed to engage and empower young people by teaching them about the power of having a growth mind-set, brain plasticity and effective, evidenced-based study strategies. They have developed an extensive range of research-informed education programmes and resources that are interactive, practical, relevant and highly engaging. Details are available on attached sheet. You can secure your child's place by making a payment of €10 through our online school payment facility: Easy Payments Plus. The course will be made available to students during 19th – 20th October 2017. Payment needs to be made prior to school return to secure a place. Further details are available from our school website www.roscomcol.com under the category of **Students and Parents**. (No form needs to be completed)

Evening Study

If you wish your child to participate on our Evening Study Programme which commences on the 4th September 2017, duration: Monday – Thursday 4 pm - 6 pm, Fridays 2pm – 4 pm (inc. 10 min break); you can secure your child's place by making a payment of €300 (for the academic full year) through our online school payment facility: Easy Payments Plus, before commencement of the school year. Payment can be made through instalments by local arrangement only. Please contact the Principal, Dr. Chambers through the school email: roscomcol@eircom.net. (No form needs to be completed).

Photographs, School Trips and Excursions

Please email roscomcol@eircom.net if you do not wish your child to have their photographs taken and/or participate in non-curricular school trips and excursions.

This letter will be available on our school website www.roscomcol.com under the category of **Students and Parents**. Should you have any queries or concerns please contact the Principal, Dr. Chambers through the school email: roscomcol@eircom.net. Please do not attempt to contact the school by phone as it will be out of service during the refit works.

Yours in education

Frank Chambers

Dr. Frank Chambers
Principal