

Dear Parent

Student Return: 3rd Years 2017

The new term will commence for your child on **Wednesday, 30th 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 all classes are 40 minutes in duration. As a consequence, we have had to restructure our timetable, consult with the secondary schools in our locality and Bus Eireann regarding transportation for our students. The following timetable has been ratified by our Board of Management.

Timetable Schedule 2017/18

(Monday – Thursday: 9 classes per day, Fridays: 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 works will commence at the end of the State Examinations and be ready for the new academic year. 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 have received their on-line username and passcodes. Discipline cards will no longer be held in the school journal. An explanation of the discipline system will be contained in the student journal. You will be able to view your child's discipline record by logging onto your child's account using your username and passcode. The discipline process will remain the same, the only exception being that students are not able to view their Discipline Record, this can only be viewed by parents. Term reports are available online, printed copies of reports will only be made available by prior request. Should you wish to have your child's report printed and posted to you please email the school secretary on [**roscomcol@eircom.net**](mailto:roscomcol@eircom.net).

Book Rental and Materials Scheme

The fee of €165 for Book Rental, Locker Rental and Materials is payable through our online school payment facility: Easy Payments Plus available from our website: www.roscomcol.com. Please note that this is the last year of the Book Rental Scheme, next year student will receive a booklist at the end of the year. The Materials Scheme will remain in operation, it is not compulsory and parents who do not wish to avail of this service must notify the school, students will then be required to provide the materials deemed necessary by the teachers to carry out class tasks or projects (i.e. ingredients, wood/metal/paper/photocopied handouts etc.)

Student Insurance

Student Insurance: 24 hour cover (optional) you can secure cover for your child 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 mindset, brain plasticity and effective, evidenced-based study strategies. “Amazing Brains” have developed an extensive range of research-informed education programmes and resources that are interactive, practical, relevant and highly engaging. Details are available on our website under the Students and Parents category. You can register your child 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. Places are limited, early booking advised. (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. Payment can be made through instalments by local arrangement only. (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 photography taken and/or participate in non-curricular school trips and excursions.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the Principal, Dr. Chambers through the school email: roscomcol@eircom.net.

Yours in education

Frank Chambers

Dr. Frank Chambers
Principal

