

Dear Parent

### **Student Return: 5<sup>th</sup> Years 2017**

The new term will commence for your child on **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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)**

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

### **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 have received their on-line username and passcodes to view their school reports. This has proved very successful. Students are not able to view their Discipline Record; this can only be viewed by parents. If you would like to get your username and passcode reissued please email [\*\*roscomcol@eircom.net\*\*](mailto: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\*\*](mailto:roscomcol@eircom.net).

### **Book Rental and Materials Scheme**

The fee of €75 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:roscomcol@eircom.net). (No form needs to be completed).

### **Photographs, School Trips and Excursions**

Please email [roscomcol@eircom.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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