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RE: SCHOOL UNIFORM AND CHANGE TO TIMETABLE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that your daughter is enjoying her summer break. Summer reports are now available on VShare and the booklists are available on the school app and school website. Our Junior Cycle students completed their exams last Friday and the Leaving Certificate will be finished next week. I would like to commend all of the students on their hard work and excellent behaviour.

Thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in our survey regarding the school PE uniform. Based on the survey results and consultations with both the Student Council and Parents' Association, the school will introduce new school crested bottoms. These bottoms will be worn along with the current grey school hooded top. Students will have a choice between school crested navy leggings or school crested navy tracksuit bottoms. The tracksuit bottoms will come in two different styles; cuffed ends or un-cuffed ends. Please note that students will no longer be permitted to wear their own tracksuit bottoms, they must have crested school bottoms. The leggings and tracksuit bottoms are available to purchase from Lynches of Marino. I would ask for your support in reminding your daughter, if necessary, of her responsibility as follows:

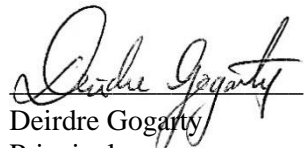
- Students must wear full school uniform on each school day when they do not have P.E. including low heeled black/brown/navy shoes. No runners, trainers, ugg boots or multi-coloured footwear may be worn with the uniform (e.g. white trainers, converse runners)
- Students are not permitted to wear the school hooded top under their school jumper. If a student is cold, they are encouraged to wear black or navy tights and a thermal vest under their shirt.
- Students must wear the school coat. Coats should be clearly marked with the student's name - we have some school coats in lost property. If your daughter is not wearing the school coat, her coat will be confiscated.
- Each student is required to wear the school P.E. uniform on her P.E. day – runners, crested grey hooded top, crested navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a plain white tee shirt.
- Sports kit may be worn for sports only. Students must change in school before their match.
- Hairstyle and colour must be appropriate for school and long hair should be kept tied back.
- Discreet makeup only may be worn. Students should not have fake eyelashes or extended fake nails e.g. gel nails.
- Jewellery if minimal and appropriate may be worn. Students may not wear nose studs/rings or other facial/tongue piercings.

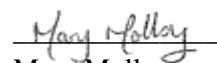
On return to school. We will be moving to hour long classes. A number of schools have done this and the feedback has been very positive. This decision was made following consultations with a staff committee and with a random student forum. There will now be six class periods from Monday to Thursday, starting at 8.45am and ending at 3.30pm. There will be four classes on Friday ending at 1.00pm. This will run for a trial basis of two years and will be reviewed regularly.

The school calendar for 2023/24, including start date and times for all year groups, is now available on the school app. There will be further communication from the school in mid -August.

Thank you for your continued support and wish a good summer.

Yours sincerely,


Deirdre Gogarty
Principal


Mary Molloy
Deputy Principal