



# Parents' Update

## June 2021

Dear Parents(s)/Guardian(s),

At the end of our most eventful academic year I wish to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support and understanding since September. As one of the largest schools in Ireland, the College managed to keep its students and staff safe from Covid 19. A total of 10 cases were recorded to be associated with the College. The commitment and resilience of parents, students and staff and our ancillary staff is commendable and the Board of Management wishes to extend its own gratitude to them.

The new academic year will commence at the end of August and we will communicate to all parents in advance of the school reopening with health and safety updates. In the meantime we wish all families a safe and restful summer break.

### School Reports

- We have now published our school reports and they are available to view on VS Ware (Parents Account)
- Our Third-Year students can also access their Final Junior Cycle Report. At a later stage we will present these students with the Department of Education & Skills Certificate of Completion along with a School Certificate stating their results.

When printing your daughter/son's School Report please ensure you use the correct template:

First Year Template	First Year Exams May 2021*
Second Year Template	Second Year Exams May 2021
Third Year Template	Junior Cycle Report 2021
Transition Year Template	Transition Year May 2021
LCI Template	Leaving Cert I May 2021
LCA I Template	LCA I Exam May 2021

**\*First Year Irish:** The Irish Department wish to provide parents of first year (2020-21) with the necessary information on your son's/daughter's level for Irish for second year commencing in August 2021. Our First Year students have had a challenging year and their learning experiences have been interrupted on a number of occasions due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. However, despite these disruptions our students have displayed remarkable resilience and have managed to adapt to new learning experiences. Due to this, it has been suggested by the Irish Department that students will remain in their tutor group and approach their Junior Cycle Irish at Higher Level for second year 2021-2022. This aims to ensure continuity within the class setting. Levels will be revisited for the academic year 2022-2023.

### Maths Changes

Following the completion of the May Exams the Maths Department held a series of meetings and has recommended a number of students for Ordinary Level and this change has been communicated by letter to the parents of these students.

## Uniform

- Grants of Manor Street is the supplier of the College Uniform and their service is available online and by visiting their store on Manor Street. Full details of the College Uniform are available on our website.
- LCI, LCAI & Transition Students 2021 will need to take care to review the uniform requirements for Senior Cycle as they are **required** to wear the senior jacket, blazer and tie.

### Maintaining Uniform Standards

Over the last few months of final term there was an increase in students who were not fully compliant with the College's Uniform Policy. The Management of the College showed leniency in many cases due to the Covid 19 pandemic. However, the Management of the College will not tolerate a similar lack of compliance in the new academic year. It is imperative that all students honour the College's Uniform Policy. We remind students on a regular basis that they make a major statement about their commitment to the College by the manner in which they wear their uniform.

#### Footwear - what is acceptable and what is not acceptable?

The College policy is that students may wear black shoes (including Dubes). The wearing of Runners/Vans is not acceptable. We are now appealing to all parents to support us in regard to this matter.

#### PE Uniform

The College policy states clearly that only the official school PE tracksuit must be worn for PE Classes & extracurricular activities. Senior students, in particular, have not been fully compliant in relation to the wearing of the school hoodie and tracksuit bottoms.

### Parents Association & Second-Hand Uniform Sale & Lost Property.

Once again, due to Covid 19 restrictions, it is not possible to hold the annual Second-Hand Uniform Sale indoors. It has been decided, once again, to hold a virtual event to facilitate any parents who may be looking for particular uniform items. This was very successful last year.

**All that is required is that you send an email to [ccc.uniform.sale@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.uniform.sale@gmail.com) listing the ITEM(s) & SIZE(s) you would like and we will try to match your request with what we have in stock.**

As each order is dealt with the volunteer team will text parents letting them know if they have been able to fill the orders and provide details of where & when to collect. The date for pick-up of uniforms is Saturday 26th June between 9am and 12.30pm at the school reception area. Requests will be dealt with in the order received (i.e.. working from the date/time of the email received). If for any reason the uniforms received are not suitable they can be returned, in a plastic bag, to the school marked for the attention of "Uniform Team" and with the date they are returned. All returned items will be left untouched for 72 hours to decovidise. As we are unable to use this year's event to raise money for Pieta House it is hoped that parents might make a donation to our Go Fund Me page in aid of Pieta House for any uniforms received.

If any student has lost any items of uniform, we will check Lost Property Items and let them know if we find anything belonging to them. Any unclaimed Lost Property items will be included in the Second-Hand Uniform Event on the 26th June. If you have any items that can be used please let us know and drop them into the reception at the school.

Many thanks to Marie King (Parent) and the Parents Association for facilitating the annual Second-Hand Uniform Sale.

## Uniform Order Form

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Please delete the sizes you don't require*

### Junior Cycle

**Jumper** Size: 31/32 38 40 42 44 46 48

**Junior Tie** Yes No

**Junior Coat** Size: XS S M L

### Senior Cycle

**Jumper** Size: 31/32 38 40 42 44 46 48

**Blazer** Size : G10 G12 G14 G16 G18 - B 34in B 36in B 38in B 40in B 42in B 44in B 46in B 48in

**Senior Raincoat** Size : XS S M L XL XXL

**Senior Tie** Yes No

### General

**Trousers** Size: 12 14 16 18

**Skirt** Size: 22in 24in 26in 28in 30in 32in 34in

**PE Hoodie** Size: XS S M L

**PE Trousers** Size: XS S M L

**PE Top** Size: 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48

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## Booklists

Please note that all booklists are now posted on the website. Please note that the College receives a Book Grant each year to support families who may not be able to cover the full costs of the books required. Parents can contact John Cronin in strictest confidence if they wish to receive more information on the Book Grant – 01-8221626 or [johncronin@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:johncronin@castleknockcc.ie). Please note that Bookhaven (Roselawn Shopping Centre) hold a copy of our booklists on their files.

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## CAO Change of Mind - 5th May (12:00 noon) to 1st July (17:15)

At the beginning of May 2021, applicants will be able to register an online change of course choices, free of charge. If you change online an acknowledgement will be sent to the e-mail address you used at the application stage. There is no fee for using the Change of Mind facility.

### Making Changes

- Subject to the exceptions and restrictions mentioned below, you may change course choices (without fee) as often as you wish, up to 17:15 on the 1st July.

- If you submit a Change of Mind it cancels and supersedes all the previous course choices in any category in which changes are made. However, choices in the two categories (Level 8 and Level 7/6) are considered to be completely separate from each other for this purpose e.g. a change of Level 8 course choices will not affect Level 7/6 choices.
- If you do not wish to change the courses in one category, do not submit a change. Your original courses in that category will remain unchanged.
- Do not mix courses from different categories (Level 8 and Level 7/6) and make sure to list all of your course choices for the particular category which you change.
- Except for **Restricted Application Courses/Restricted Categories of Applicant** (see page 3 of the CAO handbook), you may enter on the form courses which did not appear on your original application.

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## Celebrating Success at CCC – Summer Awards.

As you know, we arranged for a photographer to take pictures of your son/daughter with their Summer Award in May. It is now possible to purchase those photographs from the photographer. If you would like to avail of this, please use the attached QR code. You should scan this QR code with your phone or device and follow the instructions. If you experience any difficulties, you can contact the photographer directly: Ruth O'Callaghan at TLC Photography 0879871086 or ruth@tlcphoto.ie



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## Summer Camps & Activities – Basketball & Foróige

### Basketball

CCC basketball coaches are eager to get started in September and intend to resume participation in the Dublin leagues. We hope that current and aspiring players will be ready to get involved. If you are a bit rusty from lack of practise, need to brush up your skills, learn more about the game, get fit and have some fun, we suggest signing up for one of the many camps running this summer. St Vincent's is just one example. Check the Basketball Ireland website for more.  
Sheila Cotter, Extra Curricular Coordinator.

### Foróige Dublin 15

Foróige will be hosting a series of Summer Camps in July & August and some of these will take place in Castleknock Community College. Further details are available in the attached link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ0N4aJm2FcfZUa95K7YtHGAIh9EksDzHlSYe6JQqNjQae7Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ0N4aJm2FcfZUa95K7YtHGAIh9EksDzHlSYe6JQqNjQae7Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Rayse the Game – Motivational Study Skills Programme

Mr. Ray Langan returns to CCC this autumn to deliver his highly acclaimed educational programme to support and empower our students, teachers, and parents/guardians in a rapidly changing world. The programme's unique approach to study skills combines the principles of positive psychology and motivation, to help engage and entertain students so that they can reset their focus, self-belief, and resilience especially against the backdrop of the Covid-19 Pandemic, school closures and online learning. Delivered in a high energy style, the "RAYSE THE GAME" Livestream features music, stories, videos, quizzes, live demos and energisers to educate, engage and entertain students while empowering each learner to take responsibility for their academic performance, study, motivation and wellbeing. Ray will deliver this programme to the Leaving Certificate 2 classes on Monday 6th September and to the Third-Year classes on Tuesday 12th October.

Date for your Diary..... Ray will deliver his "PEP TALK FOR PARENTS" on Tuesday 12th October at 7.00p.m. This helps parents/guardians to support their teenager in the current climate when many teens are anxious, demotivated, fearful, trying to manage social media etc. Modern parenting has changed and can in some cases be over-the-top resulting in our teenagers feeling "bubble wrapped", over protected with a low sense of control. Ray addresses all these issues and offers advice, tips, and strategies to help parents navigate their way through the teenage years.

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## Farewell to Ms Valerie Tison

We wish our thanks and appreciation to Ms Valerie Tison for her twenty-one years' service as our senior French Teacher to Castleknock Community College. Ms Tison is moving on to new challenges in September and she will be sadly missed by her colleagues and students.

## Parents & Students' Surveys

As part of School Self Evaluation Process we would greatly appreciate if parents and students could take a few minutes to complete our online survey. Please click on the link below

### Parents Survey

<https://tinyurl.com/CCCParentsSurvey>

### Students Survey

<https://tinyurl.com/CCCStudentSurvey>

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Yours faithfully,

John Cronin  
Principal

## Planning for the new Academic Year (2021-22).

### Provisional Plan for Return

#### First Year

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m. Ardagh & Broighter
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Cathach & Durrow
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m. Kells & Lismore
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Newgrange & Tara
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 9.30a.m. to 11.00a.m. All First Year Classes

#### Second Year

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. All Second Year Classes

#### Third Year

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. All Third Year Classes

#### Transition Year

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2.00p.m. to 3.30p.m. All T.Y. Classes

#### Leaving Certificate 1

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. All L.C.1 Classes

#### Leaving Certificate 2

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m. All L.C.2 Classes

Classes resume for all Year Groups on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September



## Summary Calendar 2021-2022

JCT Planning Day	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
College Closed	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Midterm Break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 (incl.)
College Closed	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
First Term Ends	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021
Christmas Holidays	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020 – Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (incl.)

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<b>Second Term</b>	<b>College re-opens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
College Closed	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Junior Cycle Staff Training Day Department of Education & Skills.
Midterm Break	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 (incl.)
College Closed	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – St. Patrick's Day
Second Term Ends	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Easter Holidays	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022 (incl.)

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<b>Third Term</b>	<b>College re-opens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
Bank Holiday	College closed Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Third Term Ends	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
State Examinations 2022	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

\*Junior & Leaving Certificate Examinations commence on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Please note that the above dates may be subject to change as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic