



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am very aware that the many financial challenges facing families at this time. There are a number of grants available, and details are listed below. Please note that the College Office will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## Help with the cost of school expenses

You may get some help with the cost of your child going to school. The main schemes are the Back-to-School Clothing and the Footwear Allowance

### School books

Each year the College is allocated a Book Grant from The Department of Education & Skills. The Grant is provided to support students from low-income families and families experiencing financial hardship. If you wish to avail of this grant, you should email the Principal, John Cronin, in strict confidence: [johncronin@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:johncronin@castleknockcc.ie).

### Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance helps meet the costs of uniforms and footwear for students going to school.

To get the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, you must be getting certain social welfare payments or taking part in certain education and training, or employment schemes and your total household income must be below a certain amount.



### Exam fees

Students whose parent or guardian have a medical card do not have to pay the examination fees for Junior or Leaving Certificate (**normally requested in February each year**). Details of the medical card are put on the fee payment form and the parent then sends the form back to the school.

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