

# Coláiste Ráth Tó

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10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### RE: 3<sup>rd</sup> year Newsletter

**Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),**

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and we want to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous new year. As we begin 2023 we would like to bring a few pieces of information to your attention and also to ask for your continued support in these areas.

#### **Work Ethic & Routine**

Firstly, we would like to express how proud we are of our 3<sup>rd</sup> year students as they progress through this important year. Students who achieve their best, regardless of grades achieved, are those who have a consistent approach to punctuality, school rules, homework and revision throughout the school year and not just in the run up to a class or end of term exam.

3<sup>rd</sup> year students require a good routine at home and in school and some may need your support establishing a consistent routine. This evening routine was emphasised recently during tutorial: Homework completed; Uniform ready for the next day; School bag packed; lunch prepared; alarm set; bed before 10:30pm.

Assembly starts at 8.40 and students should arrive from 8.20 to organise their books and locker for their morning classes for a good start to their day.

#### **Green Schools Policy**

We are making strides with our Green Schools Policy and efforts to reduce the amount of plastic waste used by the school community. All students should have a lunch box and reusable water bottle labelled with their name as single use plastic items are now prohibited in school. We commend all the efforts being made by 3<sup>rd</sup> year students to date.

#### **Dialann**

We ask that you continue to check the Dialann on a **daily basis** to monitor your son/daughter's progress in 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Please initial or sign notes in the comment section to let us know you have received and read them. The pages at the back of the dialann can be used to communicate any absences or any early excuse notes.

#### **Homework & Study**

We are continuing to emphasise the importance of the Dialann for students in recording assignments and revision. Students will have homework and/or revision to complete every day.

Some students report difficulties with study techniques. All students should consult their notes and information shared on their subject Teams pages. A presentation detailing some study techniques as well as blank study planners have been shared on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Teams page to compliment the work completed as part of Tutorial, SPHE and Study Skills Seminars.

#### **Future Choices**

Students who have applied to Transition Year will be notified regarding their application in the next week.

**All students proceeding to 5<sup>th</sup> year in August will have to make their subject choices before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, the link will be shared next week.

Students who intend on applying for LCA also need to complete this form as the LCA application process is separate.

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All students who have completed the Eirquest Aptitude testing can log onto their profile through the website below. It is highly recommended that students download their results for future reference. We encourage all parents to sit down with their son/daughter and go through their results to support their selection of Senior Cycle subjects. <https://www.myfuturechoice.com/>

If any student has a question regarding subject choice they should ask a teacher of that subject or visit the Guidance Suite at lunchtime on Wednesdays to speak with a Guidance Counsellor.

### Medical Updates

If your son/daughter has any new allergies or medical concerns you feel we need to be aware of, in order to provide best care, please inform us by phone, email or letter.

### Uniform

Thank you for your support with the uniform policy. We are very proud of our uniform and the respect our students have for it. It is important that we maintain high standards so can you please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school each day. Students are not permitted to wear non-uniform items of clothing. **If, for any reason, a student is missing an item from their PE uniform they must wear their usual uniform to school and will be facilitated to change for PE class.**

### Mock Examinations & Assessments

The Mock Examinations for 3<sup>rd</sup> years will take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This is a great time for students to develop exam skills, manage themselves and challenge their current knowledge of their subjects.

We have the same expectations for students in these exams as we will have in June. **It is vital that students approach these examinations seriously, any students causing a disruption/distraction will be removed from the exam centre and parents will be notified to collect their child.**

Students will not be allowed to share equipment in the State Exams, therefore, all students must have access to their own calculators, Log Tables, mathematical sets, pens, pencils and all other stationary in these examinations. **They will not be provided with a set in school and cannot borrow from another student during an exam.**

The timetable is attached below. Students are allowed to leave the school premises if they have a break longer than 30 minutes between exams and when their exams are completed for the day. They must be in the correct exam centre at least 10 minutes before the start time in order to be ready to begin promptly. If a student is unable to go home between exams please let me know.

Exam Timetable			
Date	Subject	Level	Time
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Geography	H&O	09.00-11.00
	Business Studies	C	11.30-13.30
	Art Block (Ms. Murray)	C	13.30-15.30
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Gaeilge	H&O	09.00-11.00
	History	C	11.30-13.30
	Art Block (Ms. Murray)	C	13.30-15.30

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<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Science	H&O	09.00-11.00
	English	C	11.30-13.30
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Engineering	C	09.00-10.30
	Home Economics	C	09.00-11.00
	Classics	C	11.30-13.30
	Music	C	11.30-13.00
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Maths	C	09.00-11.00
	Wood Technology	C	11.30-13.00
<b>WEEK 2</b>			
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	French/Italian	C	09.00-11.00
	Graphics	C	11.30-13.30
	Art Block (Ms. O'Neill)	C	11.30-13.30

Students will be advised by their teachers on any remaining Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and practical exams they have to complete before June.

### Important dates

Mock Examinations

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Parent/Teacher/Student meetings

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Romeo & Juliet Trip (Rang Toher, Flynn, Smyth, McKenna)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Romeo & Juliet Trip (Rang KConlan, McCormack, O'Hanlon, Clerkin)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> year Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year team.

Ní neart go cur le chéile,

*Rita Donnellan*

*Lorna Clerkin*

*Steven McKenna*

*Keith Conlan*

*Christine O'Hanlon*

*Aoife Flynn*

*Mikela Smyth*

*Andrea McCormack*

*James Toher*

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