



# **Fifth Year Parents' Information Evening**

## **Fáilte**

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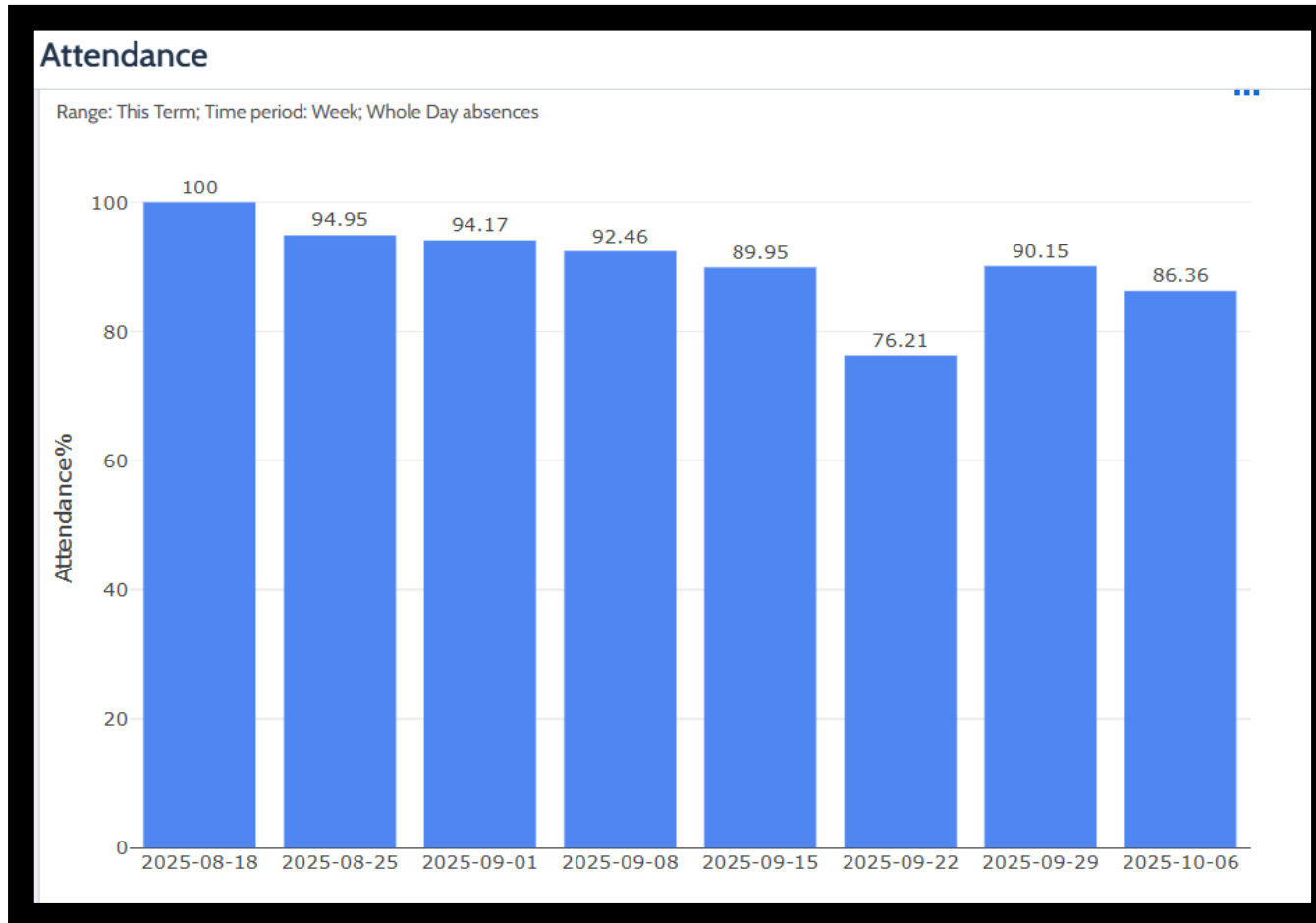
# Starting Senior Cycle

- ▶ Building on the success of Junior Cycle & Transition Year
- ▶ Some Initial Challenges
  - ▶ New Teachers
  - ▶ New Class groups
  - ▶ New Subjects
  - ▶ Homework/Study v. Personal Time
  - ▶ Pace at Senior Cycle



# Attendance

## This term

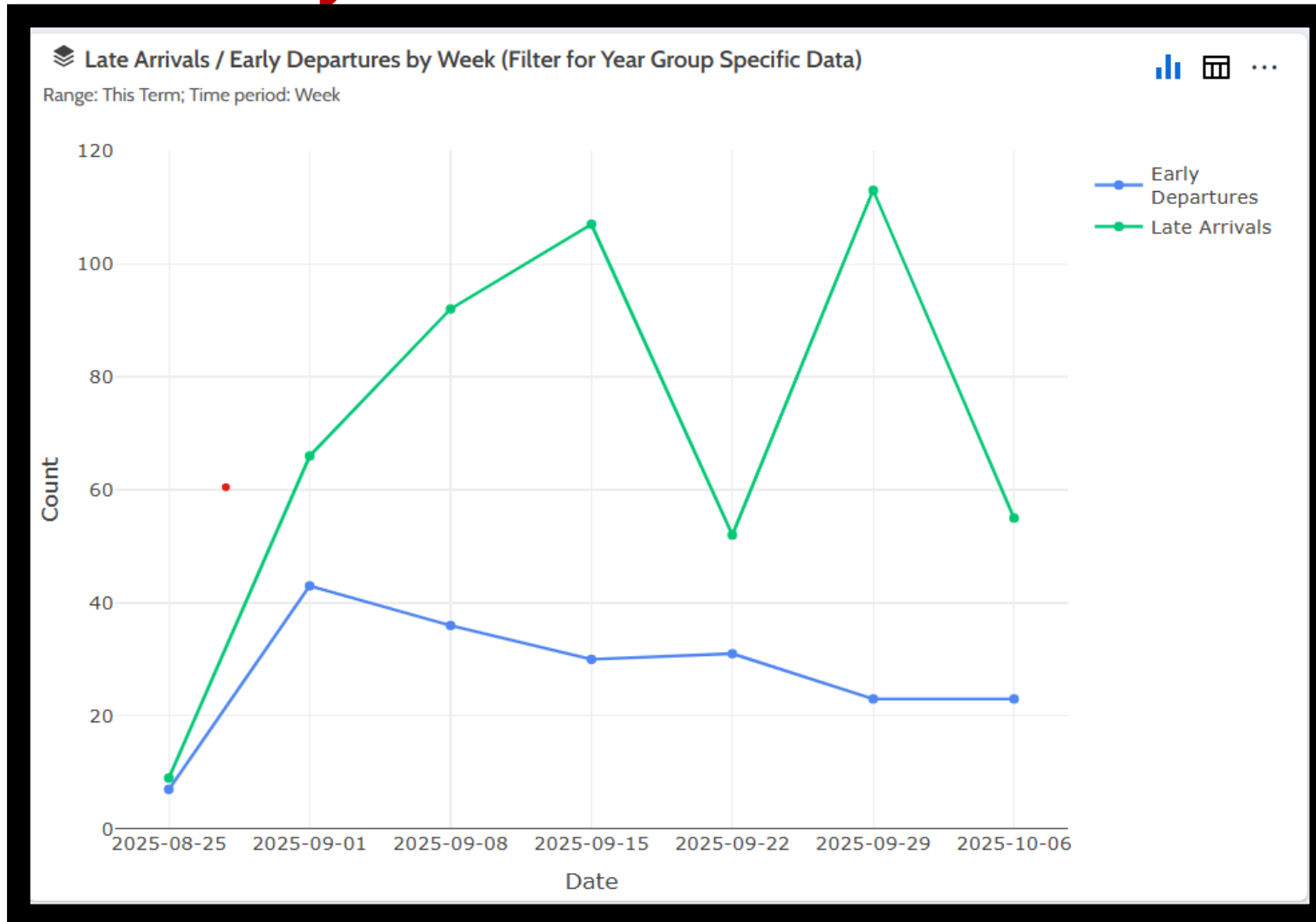


# Attendance letters

- ▶ A reminder to parents that the school are mandated under the Education Welfare Act 2000 to report to TUSLA ( the Child and Family Agency) where a child has missed 20 or more school days in a year or has irregular attendance.
- ▶ Letters will be sent out to inform parents of a child's absences after 10 days , 20 days etc. and must also be reported to the Education Welfare Officer if the 20- day threshold is reached.
- ▶ These letters must be sent out even when parents have informed the school via compass of the reasons why a pupil is not in school.



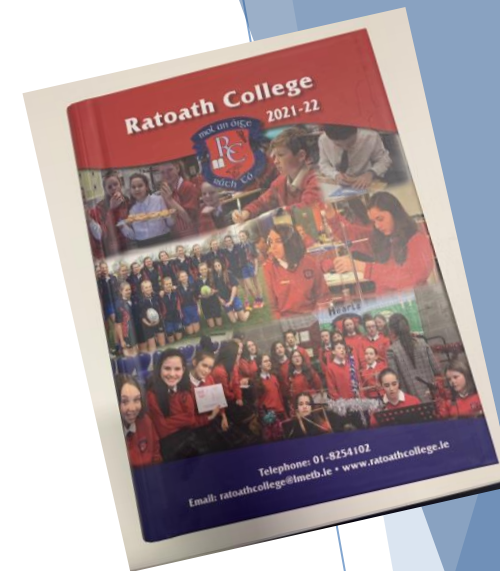
# Punctuality



# The Dialann & Compass

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Strengthens Home-School Links
- ✓ Policies/ Contracts-Please Read and Sign
- ✓ *Absence Notes/ Early Excuse Notes\**
- ✓ Record of Homework/Revision
- ✓ Record of Student Progress
- ✓ Mol an Óige
- ✓ Record of Poor Behaviours

**Request: Please Monitor Closely and Get In Touch if you have any Concerns**



# Uniform

- ▶ Ratoath College is very proud of its students and the uniform.
- ▶ Our uniform is huge part of identity as a community of learners.
- ▶ Uniform instils pride, sense of belonging and community feeling in our school.
- ▶ Thank you for your support of our uniform policy (p27-32)
- ▶ Please label items so they can be returned if lost



# What you need to do...

- ▶ **Encourage** your child to come to school every day at 8.30am before assembly at 8.40am to organise their books
- ▶ Where possible **organise** appointments outside of school
- ▶ **Contact** the school on the morning of an absence via Compass.
- ▶ **Absence notes / Early Excuse Notes on Compass before 8.50 to allow review time. Students whose notes are not reviewed will be delayed at the office when leaving.**

# What you need to do...

- ▶ Contact the caomhnoir/Moltoir if you are concerned about your child.
- ▶ **Monitor the Dialann & Compass** closely for positive/poor behaviours
- ▶ Record of Student Progress – have the conversation.
- ▶ Ensure students **do not contact home using their mobile phones**. If a student is unwell they must come to me or Mr McCarthy. If they contact home themselves their phone will be confiscated as per the mobile phone policy.

# What we will do...

## ▶ Learning & Teaching

Our first goal is for your son/daughter to achieve to the utmost of their potential in Senior Cycle.

## ▶ Care

To achieve this, we will work with you to ensure your son/daughter remains happy, comfortable and confident in school.

## ▶ Guidance

Students receive guidance class on careers, university, wellbeing

## ▶ Communication

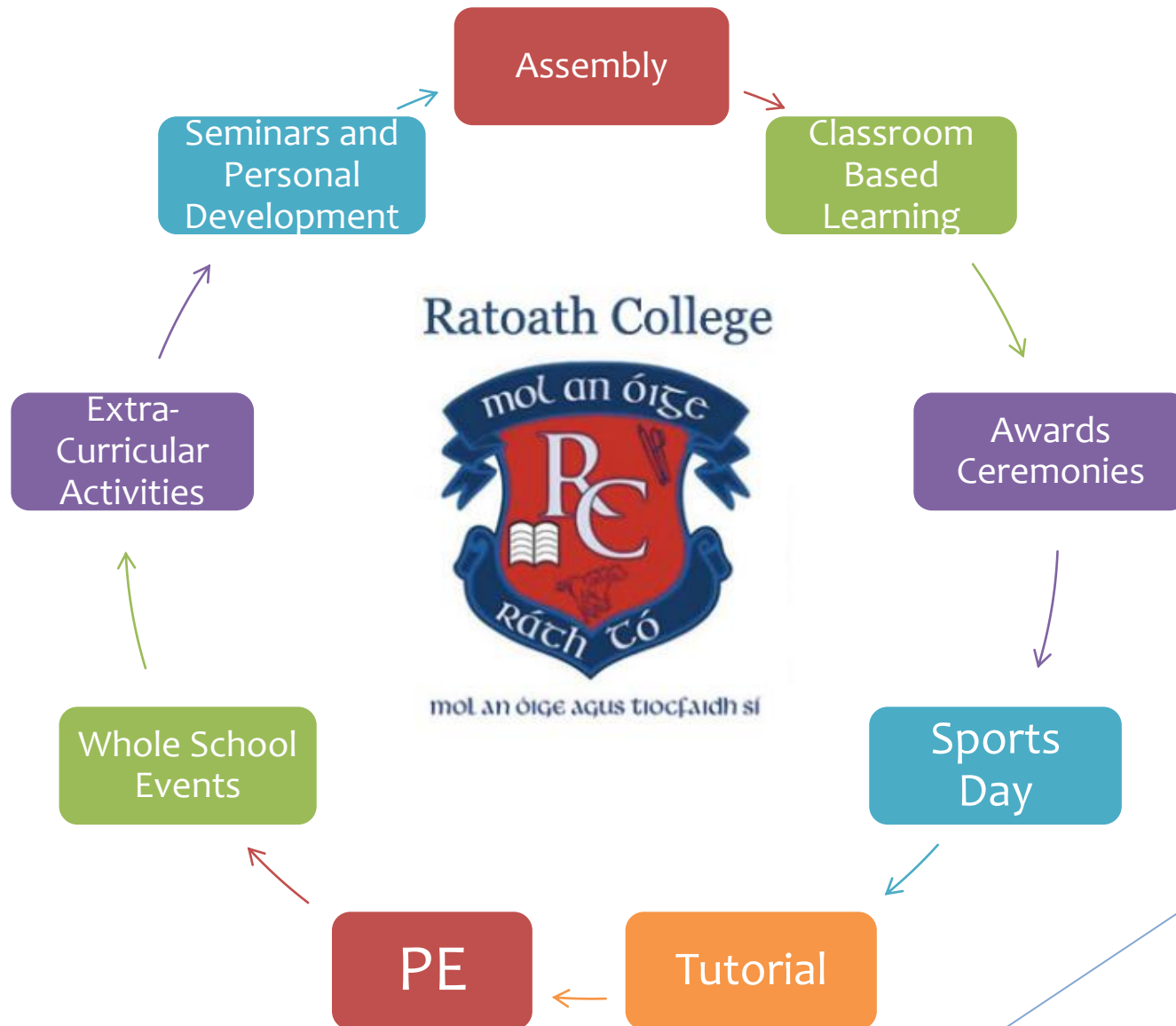
Inform you via compass/the dialann/ postcards how your son/daughter is getting on.

## ▶ A Holistic School Experience

Students are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities, clubs and embrace school life fully.



# A Holistic School Experience



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ Following on from the success of the RSA shuttle .....
- ▶ **Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> all TY and 5<sup>th</sup> year students** will attend a talk in the hall to mark World Mental Health day. The talk will be delivered by Mark Donnelly, founder of HowsUrHead clothing (HUH). The talk includes the story, mission, and message behind HUH Clothing and how it has grown to become Ireland's largest mental health awareness clothing brand. Mark also shares his personal experiences with anxiety, OCD, self-confidence struggles, and much more—all of which have shaped both his life and business journey.
- ▶ The talks are informal, relatable, and engaging. By using real-life examples from his hobbies, interests (like sports), work, family life, and personal challenges, he aims to create an open and safe environment for discussing mental health.
- ▶ **Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> all TY and 5<sup>th</sup> year students** will attend a talk in the hall with Tony O'Reilly who speaks openly about his personal story and struggles with a gambling addiction. Tony has delivered this talk to thousands of students nationwide.
- ▶ Both speakers will be a first for Ratoath College and both come highly recommended.





# Academic Tracking

**The Road to June 2027**

% Marks		New Grading System
90-100	90-100	H1 / O1
85<90	80-89	H2 / O2
80<85		
75<80	70-79	H3 / O3
70<75		
65<70	60-69	H4 / O4
60<65		
55<60	50-59	H5 / O5
50<55		
45<50	40-49	H6 / O6
40<45		
25<40	30-39	H7 / O7
10<25	0-29	H8 / O8
0<10		

# Leaving Cert Grades



% Band	Grade	HL pts	OL pts
90-100	1	100	56
80-89	2	88	46
70-79	3	77	37
60-69	4	66	28
50-59	5	56	20
40-49	6	46	12
30-39	7	37	0
0-29	8	0	0

# CAO Points System

Bonus Points are ONLY awarded for Higher Level Mathematics where it is included as one of the applicants best six subjects



# Grades, Points and Goals

Subject	Christmas	Summer	Mocks	LC
Irish	36	52	40	?
English	42	56	48	?
Maths	66	64	57	?
History	88	76	68	?
Physics	77	79	67	?
French	30	27	24	?
<b>Points</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>???</b>

SUBJECT	GRADE	POINTS	REVIEW	TARGET GRADE	PRIORITY
ENGLISH					
MATHS					
TOTAL POINTS				TARGET POINTS	



### PRIORITY SUBJECT TARGETS

	Questions I need to ask my teacher	Topics/Skills that need significant improvement
<b>Priority 1:</b> <hr/>		
<b>Priority 2:</b> <hr/>		
<b>Priority 3:</b> <hr/>		

### CHANGES I PLAN TO MAKE TO MY GENERAL ROUTINE/ATTITUDE/APPROACH/WORK ETHIC etc.

Change 1	Change 2



# Good Goals Are:

<b>S</b>	Specific	What, exactly, do you want to achieve. Avoid Generalisation
<b>M</b>	Measurable	How are you going to measure/quantify achievement of this goal?
<b>A</b>	Attainable	Is this goal realistic? Are you in control of it?
<b>R</b>	Relevant	Is this goal worthwhile?
<b>T</b>	Time-limited	What is the realistic timeframe to achieve this goal?

# What do we want?

- ▶ The same as you.
- ▶ Your child is happy
- ▶ Your child achieves to the best of their ability and reaches their potential
- ▶ Your child is ready and confident to enter the world after school.



# Reminder

- ▶ We in Ratoath College are making efforts to **reduce our carbon footprint and waste**
- ▶ Use a **lunchbox & reusable water bottle**. This cannot be a **single-use plastic bottle**.





EDUCATION IS  
OUR PASSPORT  
TO THE FUTURE,  
FOR TOMORROW  
BELONGS TO THE  
PEOPLE WHO  
PREPARE FOR  
IT TODAY

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*Looking Forward  
to June 2027*

