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*"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." - Malala Yousafzai*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**RE: ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022**

As another school year closes I would like to share my gratitude **for the dedication and hard work of the teaching staff and of our SNAs this year**. It is a common occurrence to see members of staff engrossed in extra lessons or activities around the school and it **would be easy to forget that so much of this time is willingly given above the demands of full teaching timetables**.

Academic work is at the heart of what we do but it is certainly not the be all and end all of Clonturk life. The **skills learned and experiences gained outside the classroom are of equal importance** and include sports, music, culinary, fashion, art debating amongst others. These **complement and supplement what is going on in the classroom** giving our students a wide breadth of opportunity to explore a wider curriculum. I hope and encourage all students to reflect on their other learning experiences and take value in the obstacles they have overcome this year.

I am delighted that our students continue to be very **active in a range of community projects**. The major charity events this year included Focus Ireland, Crumlin hospital, Dublin Rape Crisis among others.

The summer holidays are fast approaching for all National School students and the preparation for entry into second level will soon be in full swing.

As our 6th year in Clonturk Community College comes to an end, I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to all of our new staff and 7 new classes of students starting this September. As our community grows, we have no doubt the hard work and dedication shown to Clonturk this year by all members of our community will only continue with added vigour over the coming year.

- **August/September Return**

Unfortunately due to the unpredictable nature of the pandemic we are unsure how our return this August will look. At present, we have decided to plan for a 'COVID Return'. This would mean the current restrictions and procedures remain in place. We can easily adjust things should restrictions lift in time for September.

When further information is available to us we will arrange an opportunity to share this and allow time for feedback prior to opening.

To help in your preparation for August, we would like to draw your attention to a few important points:

1. **Achievements this year**
2. **Message from 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Year Head**
3. **Student Council**
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5. **Booklist, iPad Store & Deployment Day**
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## **Achievements this year**

Although our year was cut short we still managed to excel at many extra-curricular events.

- The Lego club entered the FIRST Lego League where they designed, built and programmed a robot to carry out a set of tasks on the theme of getting exercise as well as building a robot to play basketball as part of their innovation project. One of our TY students successfully completed a course with Rowing Ireland this year and The junior debating team made it to the quarter finals of the first educate together national debating competition.
- A massive congratulations goes to all students presented an award on awards day. A special mention to Jade Flannery (3rd yr) & Ryan Coleman (TY) for Gradam Spoir, Daisy Keogh (2nd Yr) & Torin O'Neill (5th Yr) for Gradam Culturtha, Pearl Jason (2nd Yr) & Ally O'Neill (5th Yr) for Gradam Acadiul and finally to Sadhbh Browne for winning this year's Spirit of Clonturk.
- The Niall Smyth Bursary 2021/22 was awarded to 6 students this year in a range of category's. These include soccer, karate, Irish dancing, fashion design, singing

and gaelic football. A reminder that this award is open to all families in Clonturk each year. We will send a reminder when the applications are open.

- **Clann Cup 2021/2022**

This year all tutor classes were invited to participate in Wellness week. Each student had an opportunity to gain points for their tutor group. Students could participated in athletics, games club and table tennis competitions to name just a few. The Clann Cup winners this year were Rang O'Kelly in first year. They were treated to a lovely afternoon tea as a prize.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR OUR END OF YEAR VIDEO](#)

- **Families of Clonturk**

Lastly we must congratulate each and every family and staff member of Clonturk. 2020/2021 has presented us with more challenges than we could have possibly prepared for. Thank you for your support in keeping the ship afloat. May September bring us back to a return to normality.

## Message from the Year Head

My name is Anna Whyte and I will be your Year Head next year. I am looking forward to meeting you when you join us as first year students in September.

We are busy preparing for your arrival in Clonturk CC and will do everything we can to make sure your transition to secondary school is as easy as possible!

I hope you have a wonderful last few weeks in Primary School and you enjoy a well-deserved summer break.

- *Anna Whyte*

## Student Council

Congratulations to our student council representatives, it is a huge honour to be voted by your peers to represent them. We will be hosting elections for our incoming first years early in the new academic year. Best of luck to all students involved, I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas!

- 1st Year: Evie Kenny & Liam Masterson
- 2nd Year: Jude Foley & Naoise Doyle
- 3rd Year: AJ O'Hara & Rian Brady
- TY: Conor Cawley Viga & Ruby O'Brien
- 5th Year: Han McKenna & Margot Tubbillo

## School timetable 2021/2022

Thank you to all members of the school community for completing the school SSE Survey. Each year we ask for your opinions on initiatives in Clonturk. These surveys are presented to parents/guardians, staff and students to complete. The results are used to inform us of the things that are going well and any areas to improve on.

The timetable change to a half day Friday was unanimously voted to remain on Friday. The timetable for 2021/22 will therefore remain as below:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30					
9.30					
10.30					
10.40					
10.50					
11.50					
12.50					
13.25					
14.25					

These changes will have no impact on Clonturk's commitment to extra-curricular. Clonturk will still be involved in the Sports and Cultural Council (SCC) activities that run on Wednesday afternoons along with the many other competitions and leagues we are involved in. Our overall feedback is that there has been a massive improvement to teaching and learning throughout the entire school week and provided an opportunity for additional time to pastoral and community support.

## BookList, iPad Store & Deployment Day

- **Stationery List**

Our stationery list including booklists for the 2021/2022 academic year are now available on the school website. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for stationery list.

- **iPad Store & Deployment Day**

The closing date for the iPad store was the 31st of May. Any late orders will be required to phone Compu-b directly on 01-5253999. The deployment date for iPads is the 12th of June. You will receive a follow on mail with location and time of deployment day. Please note Covid-19 restrictions are still in place and we would ask students to bring their own wipes for the tables.

Any families late to order an iPad an alternative deployment day will be arranged in August.

*\*Please note we do not accept ipads that are not purchased through Compu-b via the online portal/dedicated telephone number due to the lack of security on these devices.*

- **Bookstore**

This year we attempted to reduce costs for families by buying the books directly from suppliers and passing the savings on to you. Unfortunately, due to procurement regulations in place we are unable to proceed with this any further. We therefore recommend that families go through traditional bookstores at this stage.

## School Calendar & Induction Day

- Our school calendar 2021/2022 is now available online - [CLICK HERE](#)

We trust this advance notice will avoid any clashes for families when booking holidays, dental and other appointments. Please note: Clonturk Community College is committed to a **full attendance standard** for all pupils, hence it is not acceptable for holidays to interfere with school attendance.

- **First Year Induction Day**

First year student induction will take place on **Thursday the 26th of August at 9.00 - 12.55**. On entering Clonturk students will be allocated to their base classes and meet their new class tutor. Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay for a small induction presentation (roughly 30min), COVID procedures dependant. After this, students will be left with their tutor to continue their induction (allocation of lockers, journals, timetables, getting to know you games etc). There will be a small break were students will be free to explore the school. With the support of staff, students will be asked to organise themselves for two classes. We hope that by allowing students time alone without other year groups in the school they can become comfortable with the school before all students return on **Monday the 30th of August at 8.30am**.

## PGTA AGM

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We understand for our incoming families the impact this pandemic has had on their transitioning to post-primary. We would like to invite all families to attend our PGTA AGM on the 14th of October as a meet and greet opportunity. We will have a guest speaker for the night and some refreshments will be provided.

## Entrance Exams

The traditional student 'entrance exams' which would normally take place in the spring prior to joining the school will now take place in the autumn term. Students do not need to prepare for these assessments. The school uses these results to support students academically and to monitor the effectiveness of the school self-evaluation initiatives.

## Policies

We would like to draw your attention to a number of policies in Clonturk Community College. Namely our **Code of Positive Behaviour** and **Dress Code Policy**.

We would encourage you to read and review these policies with your child prior to their return to school in August as becoming familiar with the policies can lead to a easier transition for students. Further information can be found at <https://clonturkcc.ie/policies/>

This year we are reviewing our acceptable usage policy and would like to invite all families to submit feedback. Please find the policy attached and feedback form available here: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Option and Language Choice

In the coming days you will receive a letter with the approved option choices. Option and Language choices are decided through a system which randomly assigns students based on preferences (essentially it is a lotto). Every effort has been made to ensure students receive at least one of their first two choices. Restrictions on this include room availability or staffing. In the case where classes are full, movement may only occur once another student has decided to move creating a domino effect.

*\*We are unable to assign students to language choices or option based on ethnicity, special educational needs or family background.*

**If you would like to join a waiting list for any subject or language choice please email [info@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie](mailto:info@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie) with student name and preference.**

## School Communication

- **Communication**

All queries should now be directed to our main account [info@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie](mailto:info@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie), from there the office can distribute as required. Our mail [sst@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie](mailto:sst@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie) is used to communicate with the SEN or Guidance Department should you wish.

- **Vsware**

In September, you will be issued with a password to access our vsware accounts. Here you will be able to view attendance, school reports and behaviour. Further training will be provided on return.

- **Academic and Progress Reports**

This year, to make up for time lost due to the pandemic, we will host **two parent/tutor/student/SNA meeting in September and February**. This will be an opportunity to families to check in with tutors in a general sense but with a focus on

wellbeing and 'settling in'. There will also be a **parent/teacher/student meeting on 20th January 2021** with an academic focus.

There will be two academic communications via vsware (Winter and Summer Assessments) and a wellbeing progress report early in the new year. We hope this ensures sufficient communication on progress throughout the school year.

## Wellbeing

Please find attached a letter from our guidance department outlining supports available to families this year. Clonturk would like to take this opportunity to once again draw our school community's attention to some of the external agencies offering support during this time. In particular, JIGSAW are a charity organisation offering online support to Teens and can be found at [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie). We hope all our families are keeping safe during this time.

- **Transition to Post-Primary**

*Please find attached information to support student's preparation into second level.*

- *Getting Ready Booklet - [CLICK HERE](#)*

We hope you all have a really lovely summer and best of luck with the preparations for the new school year. It is important to reassure students about returning to school to remember that Clonturk Community College will be focused on nurturing a positive culture and an innovative learning community which will support both the pastoral and academic needs of our students.

The office will be closed for July due to holidays and building works. We will be contactable by phone and email, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to seeing you all on **August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am**.

Sincerely,

Wesleigh O'Hagan  
Principal