

1st Year End of Year Mail - 2nd Year Induction 2023/2024

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on another successful year in Clonturk. I would like to wish you all a happy, restful summer filled with fun and (hopefully) sunshine.

We are all very proud of your children and would like to congratulate them. You can be very proud of them and how they represent you, their families, and their school on a daily basis.

A thank you to you all for the support and encouragement you have provided our staff and students with this year. We all very much appreciate your contribution to the school community.

Summer Assessment Results will be available on VShare on Tuesday 13th of June.

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

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1. Year Head Message

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that a full academic year has passed and that your children have completed their first year here in Clonturk Community College. Students worked hard to transition into secondary school and embraced all aspects of our school community. Despite many challenges, they have shown great determination in completing their first year in Clonturk CC. It has been a pleasure to be Year Head of such an enthusiastic and

dynamic year group.

I would like to thank the 1st Years for their participation and engagement this year. I also wish to express my thanks to their parents and guardians for their continued support.

I look forward to continuing with you all as your Year Head into 2nd Year in September. I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

- Anna Whyte

2. School Return & Induction

2nd Year Induction Day

- **Second year students' induction will take place on Friday 25th of August at 9.00 - 11.00.**
- Students will be allocated to their base classes and meet with their class tutor. After this stage students will be left with their tutor to continue their induction (allocation of lockers, journals).
- **All students will return for the first full school day on Tuesday the 29th of August at 8.30am.**

3. School Calendar

Our school calendar 2023/2024 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.*

4. Booklist & School Fees

Booklist & Stationery Lists

Our booklist & stationery list including booklists for the 2023/2024 academic year are now available on the school website. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for stationery list.

School Fees

A voluntary contribution of €100 has been applied to all online payment accounts. This fee covers student journals, student insurance, lockers (which will be reinstated next year), Educate Together and CDETB contributions along with the rising costs of communication (VShare and postage).

- In addition to this, fees for students studying practical subjects requiring specialised materials (LCA, woodwork, visual art, DCG etc) will also be available through the online payment system.
- If you are unable to get access, please contact us at info@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie with the student's name and year.

**Payments can be made in instalments if you wish.*

5. iPad Update

iPads will need updating over the summer, please ensure this is done.

6. Parent Teacher Meetings – Feedback needed

Please complete the following form about Parent Teacher Meetings for 2023/2024. We will inform you in the new year about the decision on whether they are held online or in person:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UJXIIWT2TkKdiMXUjtqqI55s5hzktGpFhrLPNL85wCFUMzU1SEo2VVVRU1A0NkpZRFdT SVZMM1pRNS4u>

7. Policies

We would like to draw your attention to a number of policies in Clonturk Community College. Namely our **Code of Positive Behaviour**, **Healthy Lifestyle Policy** and our **Dress Code**. Of particular importance is our updated Child safeguarding statement and risk assessment. These can be found on our website.

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 an easier transition for students. Further information can be found at <https://clonturkcc.ie/policies/>

The following policies are due for review. As always, we would greatly appreciate any feedback you may have for us.

- Gender Identity and Expression Policy
- [Read it here](#) Provide [feedback here](#)
- Code of Positive Behaviour
- [Read it here](#) Provide [feedback here](#)
- Anti-bullying Policy
- [Read it here](#) Provide [feedback here](#)

8.School Self – Evaluation

In 2022/23 Clonturk Community College decided to focus on assessment and feedback. We are happy to announce a very positive year from our school self-evaluation reflection, which was evident in the increase in feedback given to students and more types of assessments being given in class.

In 2023/2024 our SSE focus will be on Ethos.

9. Wellbeing

Clonturk would like to take this opportunity to once again draw our school communities' 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.

Clonturk Community College has been collaborating with Jigsaw for the past 2 years to become a 'One Good School' - a place where the staff and students both feel like their mental health is valued and supports are in place if anyone needs help. We are delighted to announce we have achieved a **gold award**.

We hope all our families are keeping well during this time.

10. PGTA Updates

The PGTA is forming a working group to support the school in campaigning for the delivery of the new permanent school building in line with previously agreed plans. A small sub-group has already begun to work with the Board of Management. and we will be looking for more volunteers after the summer, so please join the first PGTA meeting of the new academic year, details of which will be available in September.

Many thanks to all who supported the PGTA activity in 2023. The PGTA is always looking for new members and would love to see some new faces in the autumn. Again, we will

announce details of the first PGTA meeting of 23/24 academic year in September.

11. School Office Summer Hours

The office will be contactable by phone and email during the hours of 9am – 3pm,, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back this August to begin another year of educational activities and learning opportunities.

Kind regards,

Kerrie Whelan
Acting Principal

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