

Incoming 1st Year 2023/2024 August Induction Mail

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As another school year comes to a close, it is an exciting time for you all as your child's journey in secondary school and Clonturk CC is about to begin. I would like to wish you all a happy, restful summer filled with fun and (hopefully) sunshine.

We are so looking forward to welcoming our new 1st Year Students in August 2023. To help in your preparation for August, we would like to draw your attention to a few important points:

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1. Virtual Information Session

The materials from our 1st Year Virtual Information Session that was held during this year is available on our website in the Student Info Section. [CLICK HERE](#)

2. Year Head Message

Dear First Year Student, Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the start of this school year to Clonturk. I am delighted to say that I will be working with you all as 1st Year Year Head from the start of the new school year. We will spend time helping first year students to settle in and become familiar with the school, classrooms and timetables. I will be present and available to support students each day and every first year class group will have their own tutor whom they will meet every day just before break time for 5 minutes to address any issues or queries they may have.

We encourage students to ask questions and to look for help. We understand that it will take time to settle in, and that the change from primary school to secondary school can be quite daunting. However, I would like to stress that we will do everything we can as a school community to make the transition as smooth and easy as possible.

First year students will get help from their teachers and tutors to become familiar with OneNote and their iPads, which will be used extensively to support teaching and learning. I look forward to working with you and hope your years in Clonturk are happy, fruitful and a time that will be treasured.

- David Neary

3. School Return & Induction

1st Year Induction Day

- **First year students' induction will take place on Monday 28th of August at 9.00 - 11.00. There will be an online induction presentation for Parents/Guardians, between 10-10.30am with the 1st Year Year Head David Neary.**
- Students will be allocated to their base classes and meet with their new class tutor. After this stage students will be left with their tutor to continue their induction (allocation of lockers, journals, timetables, etc.).
- **All students will return for the first full school day on Tuesday the 29th of August at 8.30am.**

4. 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.*

5. 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 (VSware 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.*

6. iPad Deployment & Training

Our iPad deployment takes place on Saturday June 10th.

If you cannot make this time our next deployment day will be **Friday September 1st. Times will be confirmed in August.**

We will also hold an online training session for Parents/Guardians in September when your child gets more familiar with their timetable and the device.

7. 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=UJXIIWT2TkKdiMXUjtqql55s5hzktGpFhrLPNL85wCFUMzU1SEo2VVVRU1A0NkpZRFdTSVZMM1pRNS4u>

8. 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](#)

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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,

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Acting Principal

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