

3rd Year End of Year Mail - TY/5th 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.

We would like to wish those who are leaving us the very best in their future endeavours. Best of luck to all our 3rd and 6th year students continuing their exams. We know you will do yourselves proud.

Finally, 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 with the school community.

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 Messages

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to thank you for all your help and cooperation during this school year. In what has been a very busy year for our 3rd Year students, we are now near the end with the Junior Cycle exams. Unfortunately, I will not be moving to TY or 5th Year with the year group, but instead the group will be in the very capable hands of Darren Murray or Rosa As for next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all 3rd Year students the very best of luck with their JC Exams, and I wish them all every success in the future, whatever they choose to do. It has been an absolute privilege to have had the chance to get to know and work with them all over the past few months.

Enjoy the summer break.
- David Neary

Hi all!

I am thrilled to announce that I will be working with you next year as your Transition Year Year Head! Transition Year is a unique phase in your educational journey which offers you a wide range of exciting opportunities and experiences! There will be lots of hard work, developing skills and discovering many new passions this coming academic year. I hope you're excited!

Best of luck with your Junior Cycle Examinations, have a restful break and reenergise the batteries for an exciting year ahead!

-Darren Murray

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to introduce myself as your child's 5th Year Year Head for the next school coming year. I am going to be there to support both you and your child as they start their senior cycle journey here in Clonturk. I am looking forward to working with you all and will see you all at the end of August for induction day. I wish you all a lovely summer and well done on a very successful 3rd or TY year.

-Rosa As

2. School Return & Induction

TY Induction & Return:

For students joining **Transition Year**, induction will take place on Monday the 28th of August from 9.00 - 11.00am.

On entering Clonturk students will be allocated to their base classes and meet 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 TY students will return for the first full school day on Monday the 4th of September at 8.30am.

5th Year Induction & Return:

For students joining 5th year, induction will take place on Friday 25th of August from 9.00-11.00am. There will be an online introduction presentation for Parents/Guardians, between 10-10.30am with the 5th Year Year Head Rosa As.

3. TY Information

Coláiste Uisce

Transition Year students will have the opportunity to visit Coláiste Uisce in October 2023. Please click the following link for more information and sign up.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=UJXIIWT2TkKdiMXUjtqqI15DyprkfH1FkNhrbTDetTxUQ1A5T1BIQzFVNkVVN0U3M0IaQ044UDE0Mi4u>

A Parent/Guardian Information Session will be held in August/Early September for TY with the Year Head & Programme Coordinator.

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 Updates & Insurance

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

Also please be aware that if you purchased the 3-year AppleCare+ insurance package with Select when you purchased the iPad it may now be out of date. You may need to arrange other insurance options to ensure the device is covered.

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=UJXIIWT2TkKdiMXUjtqqI55s5hzktGpFhrLPNL85wCFUMzU1SEo2VVVRU1A0NkpZRFdTSVZMM1pRNS4u>

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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