



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

A message from our Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements, growth, and challenges that we have faced together with resilience and determination.

Since I have started it here, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our students, hard work, creativity, and perseverance, it has been truly inspiring. To our parents, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement and encouragement have been crucial to our success as a community. I look forward to working with you all in the years to come.

As we look forward to the new year, let us carry forward the lessons learned and the bonds we have strengthened. I wish you all a restful and joyful break. Let's return refreshed and ready to embark on another successful year together.

Warmest regards,

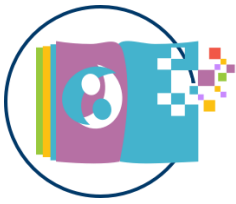
Anthony Creevey

Principal

Newsletter Content

Some important information pertaining to various year groups is below:

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End-of-year review

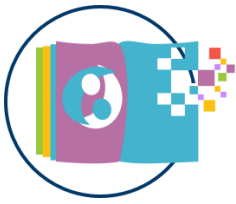
Please [click here](#) to complete our end-of-year survey for parents/guardians. Your voice is vital in our School Self Evaluation process and our School Improvement Planning.

Summer Assessments

Reports for 1st, 2nd and 5th year Summer Assessments will be published on Vsware on the **11th June**. If you would like to request a paper copy, please let us know.

Unique Schools

We are receiving notifications that there are still outstanding families that have not downloaded our new school app. It is important to note that ALL school communication will be distributed through Unique Schools and so, to avoid missing important information we would recommend downloading at your earliest convenience.



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Link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ie.uniqueschools.clonturkcommunitycollege&hl=en_US

Apple Link: <https://apps.apple.com/tt/app/clonturk-community-college/id6480529243>

Outgoing 6th Year email accounts

Please be advised that all 6th year student emails will be discontinued from September. This is notice that any content saved on the Microsoft cloud now needs to be backed up.

Incoming 6th Years – Higher Options

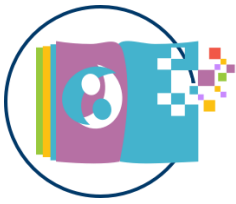
Higher Options 2024 and WorldSkills Ireland 2024 takes place this September. A link is attached to get a better understanding of why over 30,000 students from all over the country visit each year to research possible future career paths. The cost is 12euro to enter and 5euro for transport.

<https://higheroptions.irishtimes.com/home>

<https://worldskillsireland.ie/worldskills-events/>

1st Year Accelerated Reader Programme

This year, all first-year students participated in the Accelerated Reader Programme during their Literacy class. The Accelerated Reader Programme is a tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice. It motivates students to read for pleasure and then assesses their progress via short online quizzes. Parents will soon receive a letter with student-specific feedback on their progression within the programme. This feedback will help to frame any potential support going forward.



Year Group Round Up

- 1st years set off to Liliput adventure centre last week. A fantastic day of obstacles, bog jumping, rock climbing, orienteering and much more to wrap up their first year in Clonturk CC.
- 2nd years enjoyed a day trip to Cavan Adventure Centre engaging in water and land activities. They had a fantastic day after their hard work on CBAs this year!
- 3rd years visited Flynn Park and spent the day pushing each other, and their teachers from the water obstacles into the water! We wish our 3rd years the best of luck with their Junior Cycle exams in June.
- TYs had too many trips to name this year! They celebrated their graduation on the 15th of May. Congratulations to all.
- The 5th years enjoyed a well-deserved day out Wednesday 22nd May to Let's Go Hydro in Belfast, they took part in the water park obstacles, paddle boarding and played rugby on the floating pitch. It was a great day out and the students really did the school proud with the way they represented themselves.
- 6th year graduation took place on May 16th. Thank you to the PGTA for supplying the tea, coffee and sandwiches. Congratulations to all the graduates of 2024!

School Calendar & Classroom Based Assessments

A reminder that a notification was sent with the school calendar 2024/25. Please ensure all appointments, where possible, are arranged outside of key dates.

Classroom Based assessment Calendars for second year (CBA1) and 3rd year (CBA2) will be available shortly.

Global Citizenship Education

Clonturk CC is strongly committed to incorporate Global Citizenship Education into our teaching and learning practices.

With the support of the Irish Aid funded organisation World Wise Global Schools and a grant funding of 840€ we have integrated global citizenship education into various subjects and activities.

Clonturk CC has not only equipped students with knowledge and skills but also nurtured values of empathy, responsibility, and active citizenship essential for creating a more sustainable and equitable world. We are deeply committed to fostering global citizenship through a variety of subjects and extracurricular activities.

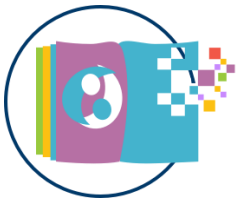
Please find attached at the end of this newsletter a document with more information

Free Junior Cycle Book Scheme

This year, we see the introduction of the free junior cycle book scheme across 1st to 3rd year. This scheme allows post-primary schools to cover the cost of all essential materials and books for junior cycle subjects. We will be sending on booklists to families purely for your information purposes only as the school will be providing materials moving forward.

There are a couple of important pieces of information to note:

- Scheme includes all physical & digital books and school resources
- All books purchased belong to the school and should be returned in good condition when students complete JC or otherwise.
- Includes any additional fees for materials cost
- Scheme does not cover cost of ipad, cooking equipment, locker rental etc
- If items are damaged/lost, school is not under obligation to replace items



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- It is worth noting that resources provided will be standard across all students so families will need to sit and label items well.
- Any family that does not require the resources please let us know so we can re-use and recycle elsewhere in the school.

5th & 6th Year booklists

All 5th and 6th year student booklists will be sent shortly via unique schools app. If you are unsure of any subjects levels please wait your return in August to clarify with the subject teacher.

**Thank you for reading. We look forward to seeing
you all in August!**