



Coláiste Chú Chulainn
Cúram. Forbairt. Feabhas.

25th November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In our letter of October 24th, we advised that we were awaiting confirmation from the Department of Education and the new Junior Cycle support service about a further training day that is required for all schools implementing the new Junior Cycle. This date has now been advised to us and all schools in Co. Louth implementing the Junior Cycle will close on **Friday December 2nd** to facilitate this training.

Please see below a summary of the main dates for staff training and Parent-Teacher meetings.

The updated calendar has been posted on the school website (www.colaistecc.ie). Please note that any letters sent home will be uploaded on to the school website for ease of reference. We will also be posting on the school Twitter account (@CCCDundalk) any updates on school calendar and correspondence.

Staff training

Staff will be involved in training on the following dates:

Friday December 2nd 2016 – Full-day (School closed)

Friday February 3rd 2017 – Full-day (School closed)

Parent Teacher Meetings

The schedule for 3rd Year Parent Teacher Meetings is as follows:

Wednesday November 30th (4:15 – 6:15)

Thursday March 2nd (4:15 – 6:15)

This year we are holding two meetings for parents and guardians of 3rd year students. We are also requesting that 3rd year students attend with these meetings. We believe that this approach will allow parents/guardians and teachers to better support the student's work and progress in this important year.

Senior Cycle Options – Information evening

All parents, guardians and third-year students are invited to attend an information evening on **Monday December 12th at 7pm**. At the meeting, options for Senior Cycle will be discussed including a possible Transition Year programme and the possible subject options available at Leaving Certificate. This is a very important meeting for all students and their parents/guardians to attend to assist in making the correct decision about programme and subject choice for Senior Cycle.

Upcoming Examinations & Assessments

English Assessment Task – Third year students will be completing the English written assessment task for their Junior Cycle grade in the week beginning Monday December 5th. More details will be provided directly to students by their English teacher.

Christmas Examinations - The exam period begins on Thursday December 1st. Third year students will be given a schedule for exams from their subject teachers.

If you have any questions on any of the matters in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards,

D. Uí Liatháin

FÉILIRE NA BLIANA/SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016/2017

Please note: These dates may be subject to change. Any changes will be communicated in advance via letter and text message.

Céad Téarma/First Term	
Monday Oct 31 st – Friday Nov 4 th	Mid-term break
Thursday November 17 th	Half-day (Staff training – school closes at 12:10)
Tuesday November 22 nd	PT meeting, 2 nd Year CCC (4:15 – 6:15)
Wednesday 30 th November	PT meeting, 3 rd Year CCC (4:15 – 6:15)
Thursday 1 st December	Christmas exam period begin
Friday 2 nd December	School closed (Staff JCT training)
Thursday 8 th December	School closed
Thursday 22 nd December	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd December – Friday January 6 th	Christmas break
Dara Téarma/Second Term	
Monday 9 th January	School re-opens
Friday January 20 th	Start of JC Mock Examinations
Friday 3 rd February	School closed (Staff training)
Monday Feb 20 th – Friday Feb 24 th	Mid-term break
Thursday 2 nd March	PT meeting, 1 st & 3 rd Year CCC (4:15 – 6:15)
Thursday 16 th & Friday 17 th March	School closed
Friday April 7 th	Last day of term
Monday April 10 th – Friday April 21 st	Easter break
Triú Téarma/Third Term	
Monday 24 th April	School re-opens
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday – School closed
Friday 2 nd June	Last day of term
Wednesday 7 th June – Thursday 22 nd June	Junior Certificate Examinations