



Coláiste Chú Chulainn
Cúram. Forbairt. Feabhas.

Second year students 2018/2019

June 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer holidays and have found time to relax after the busy year. I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. It has been a great experience to see the growth and progress made by our second year students and we look forward to working in partnership with you next year.

There have been many highlights this year both in the classroom and outside with success in entrepreneurship, quiz, art, debate, stage and sports. Next year we look forward to building on these achievements. Thank you for working in partnership with us in pursuit of these academic and extracurricular successes.

Please find enclosed finance and calendar information for 2018/2019. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Also enclosed is the report from the summer examinations. A new grading system has been introduced as part of the Junior Cycle and a letter explaining these changes has also been included with the report.

We will be in contact with you later in the summer in relation to the arrangements for our move to the new building at the Marshes.

Our second year students will return to school on **Monday 3rd September at 8:50am.**

Have a wonderful summer,

Deirdre Uí Liatháin

Costs – Second Year Students

School fees – parental contribution

The cost of the textbooks, classroom resources and other school expenses for second year students is €160. Payment may be made via cash or cheque/postal order made out to *Coláiste Chú Chulainn, LMETB*. This cost includes the provision of books on the book loan scheme, student personal insurance, locker rental, school journal, text service, and a contribution to school activities. The closing date for payment is **Friday 11th August, 2018**. Details of the parental contribution can be found on the school website colaistecc.ie. Details on the school office opening hours during the summer holidays can also be found on the website.

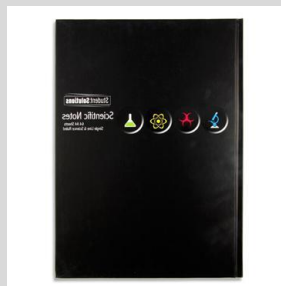
iPad Insurance

Over the summer break is a good time to check that any iPad insurance policy is up-to-date and covers accidental damage, liquid damage and theft of the iPad throughout the school year. There are a number of suppliers such as Gadget insurance (www.gadgetinsurance.com/ie); Chill Insurance (<https://www.chill.ie/gadget-insurance>) or Insure4Less (<http://www.insure4less.ie>). Your home insurance provider may also be able to offer insurance on the iPad.

Stationery list

Students will require the following items for their classes.

- Pencil Case
- Pens
- Pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Copybooks (10 lined. No maths copybooks)
- Hardback copybooks (10)
- Keyword notebook (small notebook for recording new terms)
- A2 folder (*3rd year art students only, available from Don Keatings)
- Art Pack (*art students only, available from Don Keatings, Distillery Lane)
- A4 refill pads (3)
- Science Hardbacked copy
- Calculator



School Bus Tickets

School bus tickets may be purchased on the Bus Éireann website. Please select our school roll number – *Coláiste Chú Chulainn 76195U* – from the drop down menu. Please direct any questions or queries you have about the school transport scheme to the Dundalk School Transport Office at 042-6825900.

Supervised Study

Supervised study will commence in week 2 and will run from 3:50 – 4:50pm every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no Homework Club on the days of the parent teacher meetings and open nights. You will be contacted in advance if Homework Club is cancelled for any other reason. More details will be provided on our return to school. The service is an excellent opportunity for Third Year students to ensure that homework is being completed and revision can be done in a scheduled and organised way.

School Uniform

As you may be purchasing new items of school uniform over the summer, here is a reminder of the school uniform. Uniforms can be purchased from McEvoy's, Rk Manufacturing and Michael Lynch.

For Boys

- Black or navy leather shoes. (Dubarry shoes are also acceptable). **Sports-branded footwear is not permitted.**
- Navy trousers
- White shirt
- School jumper
- School tie
- School jacket (available from Horseware, Finnabair Ind. Est.)

For Girls

- Black or navy leather shoes. (Dubarry shoes are also acceptable). **Sports-branded footwear is not permitted.**
- School skirt
- White shirt
- School jumper
- School tie
- School jacket (available from Horseware, Finnabair Ind. Est.)

P.E. Uniform

Students may wear either of the navy school tops pictured below along with a white, school crested polo-shirt and plain navy tracksuit bottoms. All items are available from McEvoy's, Clanbrassil St.



Healthy Eating Policy and Allergies

This year we hope to continue our work on promoting healthy eating habits in our students.

Students are asked to bring a healthy packed lunch to school each day (Monday to Thursday) with a small treat allowed on Friday. We recommend that students purchase a re-usable drink bottle to fill with water/diluted juice. Consumption of Carbonated Drinks (e.g. Coca Cola, Fanta, etc.) or Energy Drinks (e.g. Lucozade Sport, BPM, etc.) is not permitted in our school.

As we have students with **severe nut allergies** entering first year, we ask for your support in ensuring that our school is a "nut free environment". Please ensure that no seeds or nuts of any kind are included with lunches (including peanuts, peas, beans, lentils, sesame seeds, Nutella, etc.).

We appreciate parents' support in providing a safe and healthy environment for all of our students.

Accommodation update

Our new school building project is progressing well and we will be moving into the building for the 2018/2019 academic year. This is an exciting time for our school community and we will contact you later in the summer to update you in relation to transport, parking, etc for our new building.

Absences & Appointments

Attendance and punctuality are central to student achievement so it is imperative that all students have good attendance and arrive on time for class.

Students who have an appointment during the school day must present a note in their journal from the Parent/Guardian and have it signed by their Caomhnóir / Meantóir before leaving the school building. When leaving the school, students must wait at reception for a Parent/Guardian to come to sign the student out.

School Calendar 2018/2019

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	
Tuesday 28 th August	Third Year only, Induction (10am)
Wednesday 29 th August	Transition Year only, Induction (10am)
Thursday 30 th August	First year only, Induction (10am – 1pm)
Friday 30 th August	Full school day for first years only
Monday 3 rd September	Full school day for all years
Monday 15 th October	October assessments begin
Monday Oct 29 th – Friday Nov 2 nd	Mid-term break
Thursday 22 nd November	PT meeting, 3 rd year (4:15 – 6:45)
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas assessments begin
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 24 th December – Friday January 4 th	Christmas break
Dara Téarma/Second Term	
Monday 7 th January	School re-opens
Tuesday 29 th January	PT meeting, 2 nd year, TY & 5 th year (4:15 – 6:45)
Thursday 7 th – Friday 15 th February	Junior Certificate Mock examinations
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February	Mid-term break
Tuesday 26 th February	School closed (Junior Cycle Staff training)
Monday 18 th March	School closed
Friday 5 th April	School closed (Junior Cycle Staff training)
Monday 15 th – Friday 26 th April	Easter break
Triú Téarma/Third Term	
Monday 29 th April	School re-opens
Monday 6 th May	School closed
Friday 31 st May	Last day of term
Wednesday 5th June – Thursday 20th June	Junior Certificate Examinations