



Coláiste Chú Chulainn  
Cúram. Forbairt. Feabhas.

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 as they start on their Senior Cycle journey in the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.

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.

We look forward to welcoming our first ever Leaving Certificate Applied group and starting the new and exciting programme for our school.

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 fifth year students will return to school on **Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 850am.**

Have a wonderful summer,

Deirdre Uí Liatháin

## Costs – Third Year students

### **School fees – parental contribution**

The cost of the textbooks, classroom resources and other school expenses for fifth 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, Mock Junior Certificate Examination fees and a contribution to school activities. The closing date for payment is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**. Details of the parental contribution can be found on the school website [colaistecc.ie](http://colaistecc.ie). Details on the school office opening hours during the summer holidays can also be found on the website.

### **iPad Insurance**

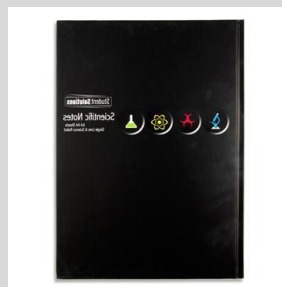
Over the summer break is a good time to check that any iPad insurance policy is up-to-date and covers accidental damage, liquid damage and theft of the iPad throughout the school year. There are a number of suppliers such as Gadget insurance ([www.gadgetinsurance.com/ie](http://www.gadgetinsurance.com/ie)); 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

- Stationery and folders required for the Leaving Cert Applied programme will be provided by the school.



## 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. *A new PE uniform option will be available from CX Sport. This new PE uniform is not mandatory for Senior Cycle students who can continue to use the PE uniform from last year.*



*Students who are interested in purchasing the new uniform can contact CX Sport for details of the items and prices. CX Sport Contact details - 042-9611100 /info@cxsport.com/www.cxsport.com*

## 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. For the Leaving Certificate Applied programme students must have attendance levels in excess of 90% to be awarded credits for their modules. 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.**

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