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Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018.

As we begin our second term there are a number of items I wish to bring to your attention:

Meeting for **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Parents & Guardians re Transition Year** will take place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in FCJ Gym. *Please note this is a change of date.*

**Our school will have no lessons for students on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018** as our staff will be attending in-service for the rollout of the new Junior Cycle.

Currently a number of students are continually arriving late to school without any clear explanation and it would appear, without parents / guardians being aware of it. So to ensure the safety of all our students and to be certain that you at home are fully aware of the lateness we are now asking that any student arriving late to school must present a note, **signed by a parent/guardian**, stating the reason for being late. This note **must be presented** at the school office on arrival. Remember we start school @ 8.40am for the first bell with class beginning on the second bell @8.50am sharp.

Students undertaking LCVP must meet the programme requirement of studying “a recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English”. Therefore, any 5<sup>th</sup> year LCVP student who is not taking French as a Leaving Certificate subject is required to attend a French class on Monday evenings 3.50- 4.50 pm ( room 48). This class will run until May and attendance is **compulsory** for these students.

The change in the timetable imposed by the D.E.S. has meant that Music, as a senior cycle subject, can only be timetabled currently for 3 out of the 5 required periods per week. Therefore in order to ensure Music receives equal time on the timetable students will be asked to pick it as one of their four option subjects. While this change will not suit everyone it will place Music on an equal footing with all other subjects.

Please find enclosed a copy of deadlines for examination / projects work for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students. Please place this in a prominent place at home to help students meet the required D.E.S. deadlines.

Upcoming dates

<b>JANUARY</b>	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.50 am. Return to school
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Staff Meeting after school</i></b>
	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Parents re. Transition Year
	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Meeting –5 <sup>th</sup> Years
	Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assessments (1) for new 1st Years
	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mocks Begin, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Yrs
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent/Teacher Meeting –1 <sup>st</sup> Years
	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mocks, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Yrs finish 3.40 pm. Begin Mid-Term Break
	Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.50 am. Staff & Students return to school
	Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Tests (2) for new 1st Years
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Subject Choices - 5 <sup>th</sup> Year: 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Yr Parents at 7.30pm

Your continuing support is much appreciated.

God Bless,

Frances Threadgold,  
Principal.

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