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Information Evening
Parents of 6th Year
Students



***Looking Forward to
Wednesday, June 6th 2018***

(& August 15th 2018

& August 20th 2018)

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The Dialann

- ✓ Method of Communication
- ✓ Strengthens Home-School Links
- ✓ Policies/ Contracts-Please Read and Sign
- ✓ Absence Notes/ Early Excuse Notes
- ✓ Record of Student Progress
- ✓ Mol an Óige - Weekly stamp
- ✓ Record of Poor Behaviours/
Misdemeanours

**Request: Please Monitor Closely and Get
In Touch if you have any Concerns**

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Attendance & Punctuality

So far...

- ▶ 94% Attendance
- ▶ 152 days missed
- ▶ 96% Punctuality
- ▶ 110 lates



- ▶ There is a direct link between academic success and positive attendance / punctuality

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What you need to do...

- ▶ **Encourage** your child to come to school every day - on time
- ▶ **Organise** appointments outside of school
- ▶ **No holidays** during term time
- ▶ **Inform** us if you know in advance of planned absences
- ▶ **Contact** the school on the morning of an absence
- ▶ **Blue absence notes / Yellow Early Excuse Notes** in the **Dialann**

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Facilitating Study, Revision and Homework at Home

- ▶ Students get homework in every class, every day
- ▶ Even if teachers doesn't formally prescribe 'x is for homework' or 'do questions a and b for homework' - students know that they have homework in every class, every day.
- ▶ Talk to your son/daughter about planning their week - they don't have every subject every day - which homework needs to be done when?
- ▶ Have they got an appropriate space for study and to store their books/equipment? Distractions?
- ▶ **Expectations:**
 - ▶ 3 hours per day x 7 days = 21 hours per week
 - ▶ This is unachievable without a clear, well thought out and realistic plan

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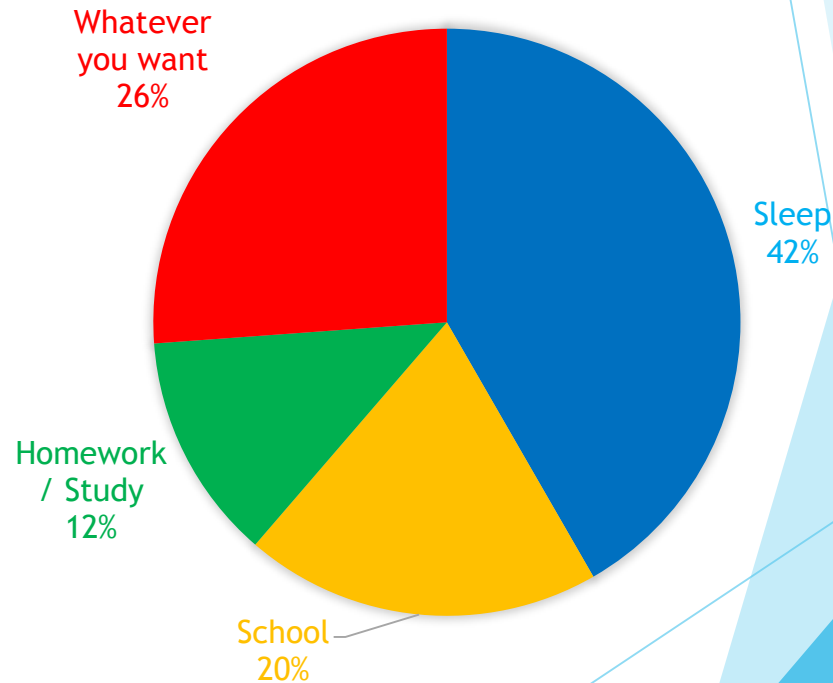


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Planning for Homework/Revision/Study

- ▶ There are 168 hours in a week
- ▶ You should spend at least 70 hours a week sleeping (10 hours per night)
- ▶ You spend 33 hours a week in school
- ▶ You spend 21 hours a week on homework and study
- ▶ This leaves 44 hours a week of free time

YOUR WEEK



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Planning for Homework/Revision/Study

- ▶ Based on this - we're encouraging students to think about what's best for them and to be realistic in their planning:
 - ▶ **Timetable free time first** - what are the things you can't do without: sports/hobbies your favourite TV show, family dinner, etc.
 - ▶ **Physical exercise** is crucial in keeping the mind able for the hard work you're going to be putting it through - you need to make time for it during the week.
 - ▶ Check schoology for some **study timetable templates** - most importantly, use whatever works for you
 - ▶ <http://thesupergeneration.com/free-study-resources/>
 - ▶ **Make sure whatever plan you make is realistic and manageable**

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What we will do...

▶ Teaching and Learning

- ▶ Our main goal is for your son/daughter to achieve to the utmost of their potential in the Leaving Cert

▶ Care

- ▶ To achieve this, we will work with you to ensure your son/daughter remains happy, comfortable and confident in school

▶ Guidance

- ▶ Post-Leaving Cert options; the CAO

▶ Communication

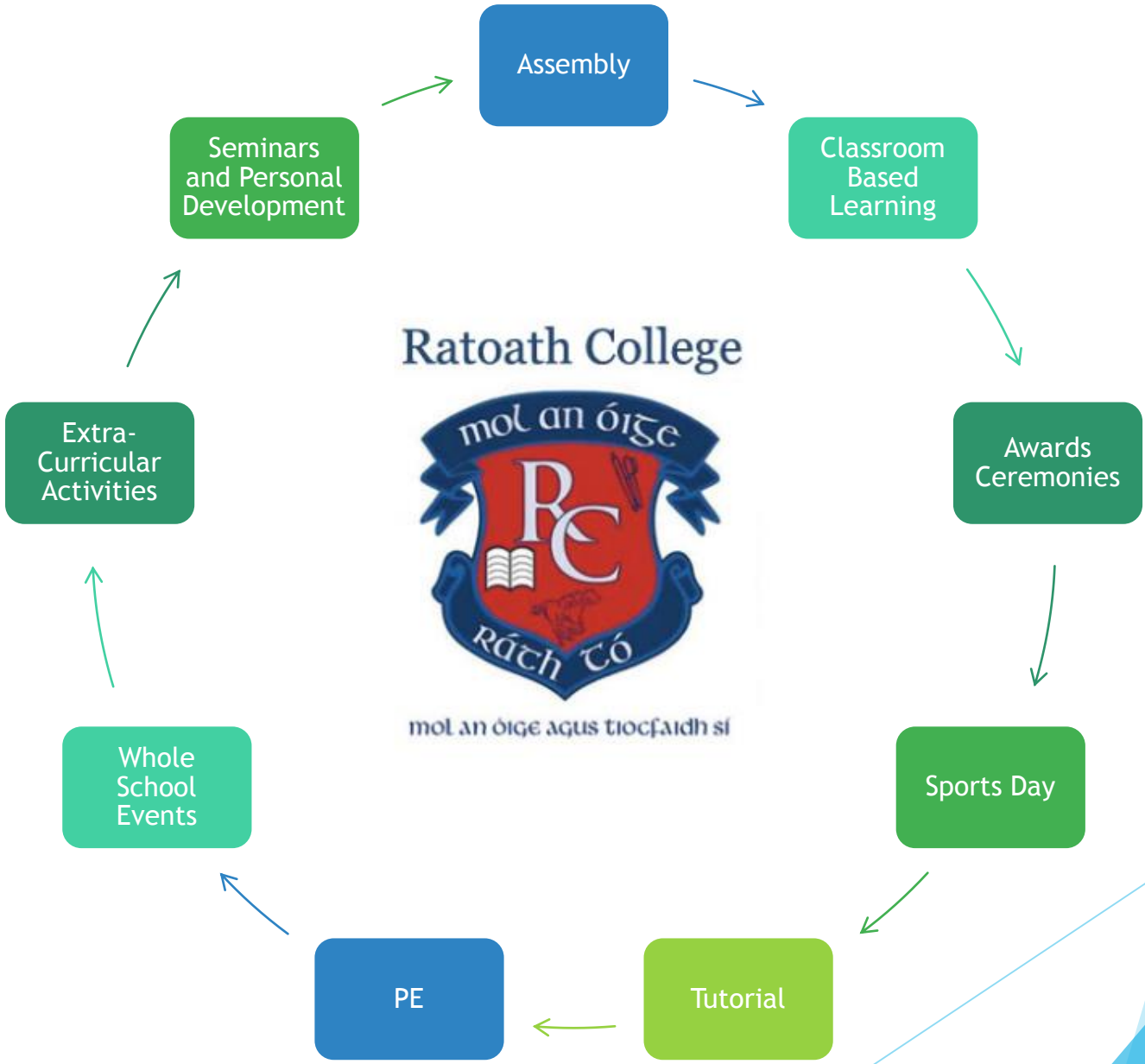
▶ A Holistic School Experience

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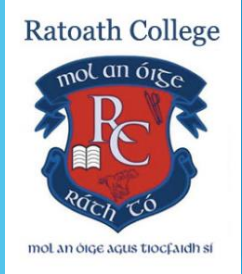
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Goal Setting

Your ~~Child~~ Young Adult needs something to aim for!



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Good Goals Are:

S	Specific	What, exactly, do you want to achieve. Avoid Generalisation
M	Measurable	How are you going to measure/quantify achievement of this goal?
A	Attainable	Is this goal realistic? Are you in control of it?
R	Relevant	Is this goal worthwhile?
T	Time-limited	What is the realistic timeframe to achieve this goal?

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Tracking and Target Setting



CLASS OF 2018

Academic Tracking &
Target Setting

Name: _____

Rang: _____

SUMMER EXAMS, 2016-2017 – To be completed following SUMMER EXAMS.

PRIORITY SUBJECT TARGETS

	Questions I need to ask my teacher	Topics/Skills that need significant improvement
Priority 1: _____		
Priority 2: _____		
Priority 3: _____		

CHANGES I PLAN TO MAKE TO MY GENERAL ROUTINE/ATTITUDE/APPROACH/WORK ETHIC etc.

Change 1	Change 2

MINI-MOCK EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed BEFORE MINI-MOCK EXAMS

	Did I get the answers I needed to my questions? Why? Why not? Were they useful?	How have I improved in the topics/skills that I identified as in need of significant work?
Priority 1: _____		
Priority 2: _____		
Priority 3: _____		

CHANGES I MADE TO MY GENERAL ROUTINE/ATTITUDE/APPROACH/WORK ETHIC etc.

Did I succeed in implementing Change 1? What did I do? How?	Did I succeed in implementing Change 2? What did I do? How?

The New Leaving Cert Grading System

Current Grading System	% Marks		New Grading System
A1	90-100	90-100	H1 / O1
A2	85<90	80-89	H2 / O2
B1	80<85		
B2	75<80	70-79	H3 / O3
B3	70<75		
C1	65<70	60-69	H4 / O4
C2	60<65		
C3	55<60	50-59	H5 / O5
D1	50<55		
D2	45<50	40-49	H6 / O6
D3	40<45		
E	25<40	30-39	H7 / O7
F	10<25	0-29	H8 / O8
NG	0<10		

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% Band	Grade	HL Points	OL Points	% Band	Grade	HL points	OL points
90-100	A1	100	60	90-100	1	100	56
85-89	A2	90	50	80-89	2	88	46
80-84	B1	85	45				
75-79	B2	80	40	70-79	3	77	37
70-74	B3	75	35				
65-69	C1	70	30	60-69	4	66	28
60-64	C2	65	25				
55-59	C3	60	20	50-59	5	56	20
50-54	D1	55	15				
45-49	D2	50	10	40-49	6	46	12
40-44	D3	45	5				
25-39	E	0	0	30-39	7	37	0
11-24	F	0	0	0-29	8	0	0
0-10	NG	0	0				

Grades, Points and Goals

MINI-MOCK EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed following MINI-MOCK EXAMS.

SUBJECT	GRADE	POINTS	REVIEW	TARGET GRADE	PRIORITY
ENGLISH					
MATHS					
TOTAL POINTS				TARGET POINTS	



Our focuses:

- ▶ Target oriented
- ▶ Improvement oriented
- ▶ Positivity & Encouragement
- ▶ Communication
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 - ▶ jmccarthy.rth@lmetb.ie

There is **NO**
elevator to
SUCCESS.

You have
to take the
STAIRS.

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