



23.09.20

RE: Updates

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to take this opportunity to touch base with you before the coming long weekend. It has been a hectic time since our return to school but we are delighted with the engagement from all our students. We would like to take this opportunity to commend all our students for the way they have conducted themselves and followed the new Covid-19 protocols that we have had to put in place. They are a credit to you and you should be immensely proud of their efforts.

There are a number of housekeeping items that we would like to bring to your attention:

Leaving Cert Calculated Grades Results 2020

We want to congratulate 2020 Leaving Cert class. We are immensely proud of the amazing results they achieved despite the very difficult and uncertain circumstances they had to endure. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best of luck and we look forward to the day we will be able to celebrate their achievements properly.

School Closed

A reminder that the school is closed on Thursday and Friday of this week, 24th and 25th September.

Uniform

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation thus far in ensuring students come to school in the correct school uniform. As you are aware on days that students have PE, they are expected to wear their PE uniform to school for the whole day. The School PE uniform consists of:

- Red/Navy hoody with School Crest
- Navy/Sky Blue T-shirt with School Crest
- Navy Tracksuit Bottoms with School Crest
- Runners

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms without the school crest are permissible for **6th Year Students only**. Leggings or shorts are not acceptable.

Face Masks

Our students are to be highly commended for how they have adapted to having to wear masks in school. As you are aware, all students must wear a mask while in the school building.

An issue has arisen with students breaking, losing and forgetting their masks that we are looking for your assistance in addressing. While we have made every effort to provide these students with a face mask, our stocks cannot sustain the volume currently required on a daily basis and have ran alarmingly low over recent days. As you may be aware, sourcing PPE for delivery in a timely manner remains challenging.

We would ask therefore that all students have spare reusable masks in their bags every day, should they need them.

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Punctuality

We are delighted in general with how students have adapted to the changes to the school day and the timetable. Students' punctuality in the mornings has been excellent since school has resumed. It is critical that our day starts in a timely manner at 08:35.

We would ask that there is no slip in time keeping from the positive start that has been made to the school year by our students.

Bikes

Unfortunately, a number of bikes were stolen from the front of the school over recent days. We continue to encourage as many students as possible to cycle to school, however **we would strongly urge all students who cycle to school to bring and use a sturdy lock to secure their bike using the bike racks provided.** We will be supplying further bike racks over the coming days to ensure there is enough of space for all students' bikes to be locked securely.

Mobile phones / devices

Please note that all students' mobile phones should be switched off at 08:30 and not turned on again till after 15:30, unless instructed otherwise by their teachers. We recommend that students do not bring mobile phones to school on days they have PE class.

The vast majority of First Year Students should now have set up and accessed their school Microsoft Office 365 accounts, including their school email and Teams. Their school 365 account provides students with the opportunity to download and install Office onto up to 5 devices. Teachers may assign First Year students work that requires the use of their school accounts, but First Year students do not need to bring a device to school.


Calendar

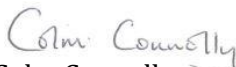
Following on from the start of the academic year, we have had to make a number of revisions to the school calendar, which is included below. Please disregard the previous calendar.


We are delighted to have our students back in Ratoath College, albeit differently to what we are used to. Despite the changes to our daily lives that we have all had to endure, the atmosphere in the College is extremely positive. Thank you all for your ongoing support, words of encouragement and patience during these incredibly difficult times.

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Yours faithfully,


Seamus Meehan
Principal


Colm Connolly
Deputy Principal


Donna Kelly
Deputy Principal


John McCarthy
Deputy Principal

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Ratoath College Calendar 2020-2021

This calendar of meetings and events is produced to allow parents, students and teachers plan however there may be some deviation from this due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Date	August	Date	September	Date	October	Date	November	Date	December
01-Sat		01-Tue		01-Thu		01-Sun		01-Tue	Wellbeing Week
02-Sun		02-Wed		02-Fri		02-Mon	Mini-Mock Exams (6 th Year Only)	02-Wed	
03-Mon		03-Thu		03-Sat		03-Tue		03-Thu	2nd Year PTS Meeting - 16.15-18.45
04-Tue		04-Fri		04-Sun		04-Wed		04-Fri	
05-Wed		05-Sat		05-Mon		05-Thu		05-Sat	
06-Thu		06-Sun		06-Tue	Staff Meeting. School Closed @ 14.30	06-Fri		06-Sun	
07-Fri		07-Mon		07-Wed		07-Sat		07-Mon	
08-Sat		08-Tue		08-Thu	Virtual Open Evening	08-Sun		08-Tue	
09-Sun		09-Wed		09-Fri		09-Mon		09-Wed	
10-Mon		10-Thu		10-Sat		10-Tue		10-Thu	
11-Tue		11-Fri		11-Sun		11-Wed		11-Fri	
12-Wed		12-Sat		12-Mon		12-Thu	Meeting For Parents of 3rd Year Students, 19.00	12-Sat	
13-Thu		13-Sun		13-Tue		13-Fri		13-Sun	
14-Fri		14-Mon		14-Wed		14-Sat		14-Mon	
15-Sat		15-Tue		15-Thu	Meeting For Parents of 5th & 6th Year Students, 19.00	15-Sun		15-Tue	Christmas Village
16-Sun		16-Wed		16-Fri		16-Mon		16-Wed	Christmas Village
17-Mon		17-Thu		17-Sat		17-Tue		17-Thu	Christmas Village
18-Tue		18-Fri		18-Sun		18-Wed		18-Fri	
19-Wed		19-Sat		19-Mon		19-Thu		19-Sat	
20-Thu		20-Sun		20-Tue		20-Fri		20-Sun	
21-Fri		21-Mon		21-Wed		21-Sat		21-Mon	
22-Sat		22-Tue		22-Thu		22-Sun		22-Tue	Christmas Holidays begin - school closed at 12.30
23-Sun		23-Wed	Anti-Bullying Day	23-Fri		23-Mon		23-Wed	Christmas Holidays
24-Mon		24-Thu	School Closed	24-Sat		24-Tue		24-Thu	Christmas Holidays
25-Tue		25-Fri	School Closed	25-Sun		25-Wed		25-Fri	Christmas Holidays
26-Wed	School Reopens	26-Sat		26-Mon	Mid-Term Break	26-Thu	3rd Year PTS Meeting - 16.15-18.45	26-Sat	
27-Thu		27-Sun		27-Tue	Mid-Term Break	27-Fri		27-Sun	
28-Fri		28-Mon		28-Wed	Mid-Term Break	28-Sat		28-Mon	Christmas Holidays
29-Sat		29-Tue		29-Thu	Mid-Term Break	29-Sun		29-Tue	Christmas Holidays
30-Sun		30-Wed		30-Fri	Mid-Term Break	30-Mon	School Closed	30-Wed	Christmas Holidays
31-Mon				31-Sat				31-Thu	Christmas Holidays

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Date	January	Date	February	Date	March	Date	April	Date	May	Date	June
01-Fri	Christmas Holidays	01-Mon		01-Mon		01-Thu	Easter Holidays	01-Sat		01-Tue	
02-Sat		02-Tue		02-Tue		02-Fri	Easter Holidays	02-Sun		02-Wed	3rd Year Service
03-Sun		03-Wed		03-Wed		03-Sat		03-Mon	Bank Holiday - School Closed	03-Thu	
04-Mon	Christmas Holidays	04-Thu	1st Year PTS Meeting - 16.15-18.45	04-Thu		04-Sun		04-Tue	Staff Meeting. School Closed @ 14.30. Summer Exams	04-Fri	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 12.30
05-Tue	Christmas Holidays	05-Fri		05-Fri		05-Mon	Easter Holidays	05-Wed	Summer Exams	05-Sat	
06-Wed	Return to school	06-Sat		06-Sat		06-Tue	Easter Holidays	06-Thu	Summer Exams	06-Sun	
07-Thu		07-Sun		07-Sun		07-Wed	Easter Holidays	07-Fri	Summer Exams	07-Mon	Bank Holiday
08-Fri		08-Mon		08-Mon		08-Thu	Easter Holidays	08-Sat		08-Tue	
09-Sat		09-Tue		09-Tue		09-Fri	Easter Holidays	09-Sun		09-Wed	State Exams Begin
10-Sun		10-Wed		10-Wed		10-Sat		10-Mon		10-Thu	
11-Mon		11-Thu	TY / 5th Year PTS Meeting - 16.15-18.45	11-Thu		11-Sun		11-Tue		11-Fri	
12-Tue		12-Fri		12-Fri		12-Mon		12-Wed		12-Sat	
13-Wed		13-Sat		13-Sat		13-Tue		13-Thu		13-Sun	
14-Thu		14-Sun		14-Sun		14-Wed		14-Fri		14-Mon	
15-Fri		15-Mon	Mid-Term Break	15-Mon	TY & LCA Work Experience - 2 weeks	15-Thu		15-Sat		15-Tue	
16-Sat		16-Tue	Mid-Term Break	16-Tue	Staff Meeting. School Closed @ 14.30	16-Fri		16-Sun		16-Wed	
17-Sun		17-Wed	Mid-Term Break	17-Wed	St Patrick's Day - School Closed	17-Sat		17-Mon		17-Thu	
18-Mon	Exams - all years incl. Mock Exams 3 rd & 6 th Year TY & LCA Work Experience	18-Thu	Mid-Term Break	18-Thu		18-Sun		18-Tue		18-Fri	
19-Tue		19-Fri	Mid-Term Break	19-Fri		19-Mon		19-Wed		19-Sat	
20-Wed		20-Sat		20-Sat		20-Tue		20-Thu		20-Sun	
21-Thu	Enrolment Evening	21-Sun		21-Sun		21-Wed		21-Fri		21-Mon	
22-Fri	Closing Date for Senior Cycle Applications	22-Mon		22-Mon		22-Thu		22-Sat		22-Tue	
23-Sat		23-Tue		23-Tue		23-Fri		23-Sun		23-Wed	
24-Sun		24-Wed		24-Wed		24-Sat		24-Mon		24-Thu	
25-Mon	Mock Exams (6th Year only) / TY & LCA Work Experience	25-Thu	6th Year PTS Meeting - 16.15-18.45	25-Thu		25-Sun		25-Tue		25-Fri	
26-Tue		26-Fri		26-Fri		26-Mon		26-Wed	Prize Giving	26-Sat	
27-Wed		27-Sat		27-Sat		27-Tue		27-Thu	TY Graduation	27-Sun	
28-Thu		28-Sun		28-Sun		28-Wed		28-Fri	Summer Reports Issued	28-Mon	
29-Fri				29-Mon	Easter Holidays	29-Thu		29-Sat		29-Tue	
30-Sat				30-Tue	Easter Holidays	30-Fri	School Closed	30-Sun		30-Wed	
31-Sun				31-Wed	Easter Holidays			31-Mon	6th Year Graduation		

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