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Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

We hope that this letter finds you all keeping safe and well. We are almost at the end of the academic year 2021/2022 and like the rest of the year, the last few weeks will be busy for both staff and students. Please see updates on a number of school events and activities outlined below.

Uniform, Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you to all those who continue to showcase exemplary **uniform, attendance and punctuality**. We only have a number of days left in school, but attendance everyday is still as important as ever. Please ensure your child is in school on time and that they are attending in the correct school uniform.

Summer Exams

Summer exams will commence on **Monday 30th of May 2022** for 1st year, 2nd year and 5th year. These will be conducted in block classes. The exam timetable will be shared with students this week and will also be available on the school app.

Students in 3rd and 6th year will have block classes beginning on Monday 30th of May 2022, these will afford the students the last opportunity to work with their teachers as they prepare for their JC and LC exams respectively. The timetable for these classes will be shared with students this coming week.

Awards Night

Over the past number of years, we have held our Awards night in late May. This is always a great night in the school calendar as we get to recognise the success and achievements of our wonderful students. Our last in-person Awards night was held in 2019. This year, we have made the decision to revert to an in-person awards ceremony but this will now be held in September 2022. A date and details of same will be confirmed at the start of the new 2022/2023 academic year. This promises to be a great night and we intend to give out more awards than in previous year with a number of new categories added to recognise the great students we have and the wonderful achievements many have both in and outside of the school setting.

House Cup – Sports Day

This is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 19th of May 2022**. We hope the weather will be good on the day as we are all really looking forward to this highlight of the school calendar. We ask all students to ensure they know which house/colour they are part of and that they wear their colours in on the day. There are also prizes available on the day for those who make the best effort with their fancy dress costume.

Graduations

We have three graduation ceremonies this year:

An important aspect of Junior Cycle is our Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP). The students involved with this programme over the past three years will have their graduation in school on Monday 23rd of May 2022.

The TY graduation will take place on Thursday 26th of May 2022. This will be held in school and will be attended by the students and their teachers.

The Leaving Certificate (LC/LCA2) graduation will take place at 11.00am on Friday 27th of May 2022. An invitation will issue to the parents/guardians of the 6th year and LCA 2 classes later this week.

Way2Pay

Over the course of the next few days, Way2Pay will be updated and the option to start paying for next years school costs will be available to parents/guardians of all year groups. The main ones are as follows:

- School Administration (Journal, Insurance, Lockers, Printing) €80
- School Book Scheme
 - 1st Year €150 (includes €50 deposit)
 - 2nd Year and 3rd Year €100
 - 5th Year and 6th Year €120
- Transition Year €480
- LCA 1 & LCA 2 €80

Please note that the TY fee and LCA fee includes the school admin and book costs as well as other costs associated with the programmes of study.

Building Works

The Convent building will undergo major building works this summer as we continue to enhance the school. It will be closed for the month of July and August as we upgrade the mechanical and electrical services in the school.

State Examinations 2022

These will commence on **Wednesday 8th of June 2022** for both LC and JC. Students will have received a copy of the official SEC exam timetable.

These exams are run by the State Exams Commission, not by the school. The school building is used as the location to sit exams. Students should note that all school rules apply throughout the duration of the exams. We will be briefing all students before they finish regarding the exams, what they should expect and what is expected from them.

Staffing Update

We wish Ms. Noelle W. Bennett all the best in her retirement from teaching. She was a great colleague and exceptional teacher and I am sure, many who read this and had the pleasure of being a student in her class will agree with the above. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

Ms. Rita Moriarty will be our new HSCL. Ms. Moriarty is looking forward to this new role in the school and she brings a wealth of experience with her to the position. We wish her all the best in the new post.

We look forward to welcoming new colleagues to our staff for next year as our student numbers continue to grow.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above. Other information will be shared in the coming days, so please keep an eye on our school app for updates.

We would like to thank you all for your help and support across the last few months. The challenges we have faced in school are mirrored by those many face at home but we are very grateful to have such wonderful students that come from such supportive homes.

Regards,



Noel Kelly - Principal