



Creagh College Newsletter November 2020

Welcome back

We hope that our students had a good rest over the mid-term break. The Covid-19 response plan for schools requires us to do all within our power to achieve certain targets to minimise the risk of Covid-19 entering our school community and/or being transmitted within the school community. The entire staff of Creagh wanted to take this opportunity to praise our students on how well they have adjusted to mask-wearing, one-way systems, staggered- breaks, social distancing and pretty much a new way of being for our school in the last term. You have done a stellar job! Thank you to you as well for continuing to keep your child at home if they are displaying any one or more symptom of Covid;

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above);
- a cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry;
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties;
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal).

Lockers are an area where students tend to congregate in large numbers. We are currently rolling out lockers on a phased basis. Sixth years were granted access to lockers before mid-term, third years will receive their lockers this week. Our plan is having all lockers distributed before the end of this month. We will review this each week and if physical distancing is not being adhered to, we may need to close lockers for this academic year. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Ventilation Just a reminder to everyone that we are keeping doors and windows open as much as possible during the school day. Students are allowed to wear coats in class if needed. Please ensure that students wear their PE gear on PE days only and are in full uniform all other days.

Mid- year/Christmas Exams

- Mid-year 6th year Assessments are taking place this week (2nd-6th November). 6th year reports will open on VShare on **Tuesday 24/11/2020**. Best of luck to all of our sixth years.
- Christmas Exams (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th) will be scheduled from 30th November (Monday)- 4th December (Friday). Reports will issue on **Weds 23rd Dec. 2020**.

Mocks

We intend to run Mock Exams for:

- 3rd years during the week Monday **25th January to Tuesday 2nd February**.
- 6th Years during the week of Wednesday **3rd February to Friday 12th February**. Dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Senior Prefects Congratulations to our Senior Prefects who were elected from our 6th year year group; Raneem Abubaker Abdelaziz, Danielle Doyle, Adam Howard, Adnan Ibrahim, James Keys, Ashley Lynch, Gabor Major, Dillon Walsh. Both teachers and 6th year students have just voted on their choice of Head Prefect and Deputy Head Prefect this week. We are delighted to announce that James Keys is our Head Prefect and Raneem Abubaker Abdelaziz is our Deputy Head Prefect. We wish them all the very best in their duties and responsibilities this year.

Patronage competition of new post-primary school for Gorey

WWETB are competing for the patronage of a new 500 pupil post-primary school in Gorey, Co. Wexford which is due to open in September 2021. The competition involves an on-line vote for parents of primary school pupils between 2nd and 6th class, who would be due to start post-primary school in Gorey between 2021 to 2025. The closing date for the vote is Monday November 16th at 9am. The below social media platforms give all the information necessary and the platforms will be updated regularly until the vote closes. We would be very grateful if you could support WWETB in this competition by contributing a 'like', 'follow', 'share' and/or leave a supportive comment on the various social media platforms below - your support would be very much appreciated. If you have any queries/suggestions, etc. all relevant contact details are available on these platforms.

<https://www.facebook.com/WWETB-Community-College-for-Gorey-2021-103570621554013>

https://www.instagram.com/wwetbcommunitycollegegorey21/?fbclid=IwAR3g_INNiUuXoF7_QAZi6eiEmFe3_z-O74cnpGCL7gHsnc_pWP-eKyMvTxA

https://twitter.com/SineadOHara10?fbclid=IwAR1h95by43at85RF4GjjaqvAjrR24h6LVnV2hp_nPt5vYvtskKPujKmb4Sc

Parent Teacher Meetings

Advice has just issued from the DES this week on how to proceed with Parent Teacher Meetings. We are hoping to hold Parent Teacher Meetings on the following dates (dates to be confirmed). More information will issue in due course.

Year Group	Day	Date
3 rd Years	Tuesday	24 th November
6 th Years	Wednesday	2 nd December
2 nd Years	Tuesday	15 th December
1 st Years	Wednesday	20 th January
TY and 5 th Years	Thursday	4 th February

VShare - Attendance, Options entry, personal profile, Term Reports, Behaviour and Timetable

- This year we have made the '**Behaviour**' tab accessible to parents on VShare. Please check-in to this regularly to see any positive notes that your son/daughter might be accumulating in school. Also please note any negative notes and discuss them with your child – it might provide an opportunity for you to make use of the Restorative Practice 6 questions- see below!
- **Subject Options** Later in the year, current first years, 3rd years going into 5th year and TY students going into 5th year will submit their subject options on vshare.
- At any stage you can check back on previous term reports, your child's attendance records and view your personal profile.
- If you are having difficulty logging into VShare, please access the guide on our website [here](#) and check back through text messages issued from the school as your username was issued to you via text. Please contact Ms. Mary Rooney (creaghcollege@wwetb.ie) if you have any further difficulty logging into VShare. **It is essential that you have access to VShare as this is the only means by which reports are issued.**

Entrance Tests for our current 1st years will take place on Wed. 11th, Thurs. 12th and Fri. 13th of November. These tests are a continuation of the entrance tests they may have taken last February.

Student Council/ Comhairle na nÓg. Good luck to five of our Student Council members who will be representing our school community at Wexford Comhairle na nÓg on Saturday 14th November; Holly Tottenham, Kim Willoughby, Adam Du Plessis, Raneem Abubaker Abdelaziz and Lizi Gelenidze. Application forms for becoming a member of the 2020/2021 Student Council will issue next week to all students. Please encourage your son/daughter to apply.

Restorative Practice (RP)

RP is fast becoming a popular approach to resolving conflict and building relationships in all areas of life; from family, businesses, community organisations to international peace keeping. Creagh College is already reaping the benefits. We are well underway in getting our staff trained up and engaging in the RP process. Please see the information sheet on our website for more information [Information Sheet on Restorative Practice](#)

Wellbeing Wednesday

Our last Wellbeing Wednesday on 21st October was a huge hit with our sixth years. They enjoyed a continental breakfast- with thanks to our sponsors Pettits. They then had study/motivation session with Ray Lynam. The next Wellbeing Wednesday is scheduled for **25th November for our first year students.** Please note that on Wellbeing Wednesdays, all students are given a night free from homework and they are encouraged to spend the time on their own wellbeing.
