



10th June 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our thanks to you and to your children for your co-operation and support this year. This year has been a very challenging year for each of us in numerous ways, but as always, we got through it by supporting each other. Creagh College would like to extend our sincere condolences to members of our school community who have lost family members and close friends this year.

It has been a difficult year for everyone. Some students found it difficult to settle back after the school closure from January to April. For now, it's time for you and your children to take a break from school and to return in September, ready for a fresh start.

This newsletter highlights some important notices and deadlines for the upcoming academic year. (Please click on the hyperlinks to be brought directly to that section of the newsletter)

1. [VSware App – accessing summer reports](#)
2. [Academic calendar 2021/2022](#)
3. [Wriggle management of devices' licence information for ALL of our current Third Years](#); Please note that failure to take these steps will result in students not having access to school Wi-Fi in September and incurring further Wriggle charges at a later date. **Deadline 30th June**
4. [Wriggle management of devices' licence information for 2nd and 3rd year students](#) who currently don't have a management system on their iPad
5. [Booklist information](#)
6. Changes to uniform policy: **PE uniform; Bodibro closure of online store is Friday 18th June.** Please see letter on our website [here](#).
7. Transition Year; A letter was sent to TY students informing them of what dates they will be going on Tuesday Work experience next year;
 - 4 Maple: (6th September-29th November) and (29th November-8th March)

- 4 Pine (29th November-8th March) and (8th March-28th May)
 - 4 Willow (6th September-29th November) and (8th March-28th May). Please secure work experience for these dates before your return to school in September
8. LCAI and II work experience day is on Wednesdays next year. Please secure work experience before your return to school in September.
 9. **Way2Pay**; school services fees will issue in September.
Fees will be:
 - 1st year students €75
 - 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th years €50 and
 - TY students €400
 - LCA I and II is €100 (which will include books).
 10. The Wriggle store for incoming First Year students to purchase iPads and their management licences closes on **Wednesday 16th June**. More information about Wriggle and the online store can be found [here](#).
 11. [Entrance assessments for our incoming First Year students](#) ; dates for entrance exams and requirements for the day etc.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Ms. Linda Furlong on being appointed our third Deputy Principal in Creagh College. She will commence her new position in September.

Wishing you all a safe summer.

Kindest regards,

Senior Management Team

Paul Glynn (Principal)

Declan O'Toole (Deputy Principal)

Janet Wallace (Deputy Principal)

1. VShare App- accessing Summer Reports

Please go to <https://support.vshare.ie/parent-app-overview> and follow instructions on how to download the VShare App on your android or iOS device.

From the dashboard, it is then straightforward on how to access your child's/children's reports via 'Assessments'. Summer reports for all year groups will issue, on VShare, for students next week.

For your information, your username was text to you when your child first started in Creagh. You should just have one username per household; from there you will be able to access all siblings.

If you have any difficulties with usernames, please contact creaghcollege@wwetb.ie.

Information regarding Junior Cycle Assessment and Reporting can be found [here](#).

Junior Cycle reports will be posted in hard copy to Third Year students' households in the coming weeks.

2. Creagh College Calendar 2021 – 2022

Please note; due to the ongoing uncertainty arising from Covid-19 measures, this calendar is subject to change. School closures to facilitate critical staff training have not yet been scheduled due to this uncertainty. Changes and updates to the school calendar will be communicated to parents via the school’s website and via VShare.

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| Monday 30 th August | College re-opens for 6 th years only (2 – 4 pm) |
| Tuesday 31 st August | College re-opens for 5 th years only (1.20pm – 3.20 pm) |
| Wednesday 1 st September | 1 st & 6 th years only |
| Thursday 2 nd September | 1 st & 6 th years only |
| Friday 3 rd September | 2 nd and 3 rd years only |
| Monday 6 th September | All except TY |
| Tuesday 7 th September | All students |
| Monday 18 th October | 6 th Year/LCA 2 Parent Teacher Meeting |
| Monday 25 th October to Friday October 29 th (inclusive) | October mid-term break. |
| Monday 8 th November | 3 rd year Parent Teacher Meeting |
| Thursday 23 rd December to Wednesday 5 th January (inclusive) | Christmas Holidays |
| Monday 17 th January | 2 nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting |
| Monday 31 st January | 1 st Year Parent Teacher Meeting |
| 7 th - 18 th February | Likely dates for 3 rd & 6 th year Mock Exams |
| Thursday 10 th February | School closed for staff training |
| Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February (inclusive) | February Mid-Term |
| Monday 28 th February | TY, 5 th year & LCA1 Year Parent Teacher Meeting |
| Thursday 17 th March | St. Patrick’s Day Bank Holiday |
| Friday 18 th March | School closed |
| Monday 11 th April to Friday April 22 nd (inclusive) | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 2 nd May | May Day Bank Holiday |
| Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June (approx.) | Summer Exams |
| Friday 3 rd June | Last day of school year |
| Wednesday 8 th June | State Exams Begin |

3. URGENT Action for all 3rd year students moving into TY or 5th year: Wriggle management of devices' licence information

From the beginning of the next academic year, it is a requirement that any iPad being used by a student in Creagh College will need to have an up-to-date management system installed. All existing 3rd year students currently have this software installed but the licence for this is due to expire. It is vital that Parents log on to www.wriggle.ie and renew/extend this licence for another 2 or 3 years depending on whether the student is entering TY or 5th year. For the online safety and data security of all our students the requirement for a fully managed iPad is mandatory.

Deadline for completion June 30th

To renew and extend this license please complete the following steps:

- Go to www.wriggle.ie
- Choose **Order** from right hand side of the top menu.
- Input the school store code of **80440**.
- Watch the short video, then click on the **Choose Bundle and Order Button** which will become active only after viewing the video.
- Navigate to either the 4th year or 5th year store depending on which year you will be in next year.
- Select the **continue using my existing device** option.
- Continue by clicking proceed to next steps.
- You will reach a section called **Wriggle Services Options**
- You need both options from here - **Mobile Device Management** and **Digital Technology Training Support**
- The fee will either be €99 (going into TY- three-year licence) or €66 (going into LCAI or 5th year- two -year licence) depending which year you are going in to.
- Proceed to the checkout stage.
- Please note no other additional service need to be purchased.
- Please enter your details and your device should then be automatically up to date.

There is a deadline of June 30th for this to be completed by. Failure to do so before this deadline will result in the iPad needing to be physically sent back to Wriggle at a potentially greater cost.

4. Unmanaged Devices for students going into 2nd or 3rd year: Wriggle management of devices' licence information

A small number of students have been using unmanaged iPads over the last year here in Creagh College. Due to the uncertainty caused by Covid-19 and the necessity of online teaching there was an exception made. For the online safety and data security of all our students the requirement for a fully managed iPad is mandatory. All unmanaged devices will not be supported and will no longer have access to the school Wi-Fi.

To address this issue the following steps need to be taken before the end of July:

- Go to www.wriggle.ie
- Choose **Order** from right hand side of the top menu.
- Input the school store code of **80440**.
- Watch the short video, then click on the **Choose Bundle and Order Button** which will become active only after viewing the video.
- Navigate to either the 2nd year or 3rd year store depending on which year you will be in next year.
- Scroll down and select the **BYOD (Bring your own Device)** option.
- A very important set of instructions explaining what to do with your device and how to return it to Wriggle to ensure the correct software is installed will be given to you. You must follow these carefully.
- Continue by clicking proceed to next steps.
- You will reach a section called **Wriggle Services Options**
- You need both options from here - **Mobile Device Management** and **Digital Technology Training Support**
- Proceed to the checkout stage.
- Please note no other additional service need to be purchased.
- Once you have reset your device as required by Wriggle you can then send it back to Wriggle where they will install the required software.

5. Booklists for 2021/2022

Please find attached booklists for next year. Wriggle are no longer supplying e-books/books. Please feel free to shop around to your book seller of choice or to go to www.BookHaven.ie where a copy of our booklist has been provided to. Please note that the student leaves the hard copy of the book at home and has the e-book on their iPad. Please note also that second-hand books do not come with e-book licences so unfortunately it is not feasible for parents to acquire second-hand copies of books.

Please note that for our senior students, we trialed a book rental scheme but this has not proven viable for the school. Parents are requested to purchase the student's books as per information above.

First Year students; Please note that due to a national shortage of Modern European Language teachers, we are regrettably not in a position to establish new Spanish classes in first year this year. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. All first-year students will therefore study French as a Modern European Language in first year and will have the option to continue to study French as one of their optional subjects from second year onwards.

| First Year Book List | | | | |
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| Subject | Book Title | Publisher | Edition | Any other info |
| English | Dive In | Folens | New | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| Irish | Mol an Óige 1 | Gill Education | New | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| Maths | Text and Tests 1 | CJ Fallon | New | |
| History | History Alive | Edco | New | |
| Geography | Geography in action | Educate.ie | New | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| Science | Active Science | CJ Fallon | New | |
| French | Allons-y 1 | Educate.ie | New | |
| Music | Sounds Good 1- An intro to music for the new JC | Edco | New | Recorder, 1 manuscript copy & 1 regular copy |
| Business Studies | Time For Business | Edco | 2nd | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| Woodwork | Wood Technology text book and workbook | Edco | New | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| Tech Graphics | World of Graphics Text book and workbook | Educate.ie | New | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| CSPE | N/A | | | |
| SPHE | My Wellbeing Journey 1 | Gill Education | | |
| PE | N/A | | | |
| Home Ec | Junior cycle home Economics @home | Eilis Flood | New | |

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|-------------------|--|------------|-----|---|
| Art* | 1st year Art Pack €17 | n/a | n/a | To be purchased from Different Strokes |
| Metalwork | Basic Engineering | CJ Fallon | new | |
| Technology | Applied Technology | Golden Key | new | |
| Coding | MicroBit V2 starter pack at cost of €20 (School to source) | | | School will order them early in 1st year. |

Additional Books for Second Year

| Subject | Book Title | Publisher | Edition | Any other info |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|---------|--|
| English | N/A (continue with existing books) | CJ Fallon | New | |
| Irish | Mol an Óige 2 (Ordinary Level), Mol an Óige 3 (Higher Level) | Gill Education | New | Hard copy of workbook needed |
| Maths | Text and Tests 2 (Ordinary Level or Higher Level) | CJ Fallon | New | |
| History | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Geography | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Science | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| French | Allons-y 2 | Educate.ie | New | |
| Spanish | Aprendemos 2 | Folens | New | Hardback copy and regular copy |
| Music | Sounds Good 2- Music for the new JC | EDCO | NEW | Recorder, 1 manuscript copy & 1 regular copy |
| Business Studies | N/A (continue with existing books) | Edco | 2nd | |
| Woodwork | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Tech Graphics | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| CSPE | N/A | | | |
| SPHE | My Wellbeing Journey 2 | Gill Education | New | |
| PE | N/A | | | |
| Home Ec | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Art* | 2nd year Art Pack-additional items €5.95 | n/a | n/a | To be purchased from Different Strokes |
| Metalwork | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Technology | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Coding | MicroBit V2 starter pack at cost of €20 (School to source) | | | School will order them early in 1st year. |

Additional Books for Third Year

| Subject | Book Title | Publisher | Edition | Any other info |
|------------------|--|----------------|---------|--|
| English | Romeo and Juliet | Edco | 2019 | Physical book and workbook needed |
| Irish | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Maths | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| History | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Geography | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Science | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| French | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Spanish | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Music | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Business Studies | N/A (continue with existing books) | Folens | | |
| Woodwork | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Tech Graphics | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| CSPE | N/A | | | |
| SPHE | My Wellbeing Journey 3 | Gill Education | New | |
| PE | N/A | | | |
| Home Ec | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Art* | 3rd year Art Pack -additional items €5.95 | n/a | n/a | To be purchased from Different Strokes |
| Metalwork | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Technology | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |
| Coding | N/A (continue with existing books) | | | |

Creagh College Fifth Year Booklist 2021-2022

| Subject | Book Title | Publisher | Additional Info |
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| English Higher Level | 1. Discovery Poetry 2023 | Edco | |
| | 2. Language Lessons HL | Edco | |
| | 3. Macbeth | | |
| English Ordinary Level | 1. Discovery Poetry 2023 | Edco | |
| | 2. Language Lessons OL | Gill Education | |
| Irish Higher Level | Fiuntas Nua | Edco | |
| Irish Ordinary Level | Fuinneamh Nua | Edco | |
| Maths Higher Level | Text and Tests 4 Text and Tests 5 | The Celtic Press | |
| Maths Ordinary Level | Text and Tests 3 | The Celtic Press | |
| Link Modules/LCVP | Focus on Link Modules | CJ Fallon | |
| PE | Peak Performance | Folens | |
| Chemistry | Chemistry Live (2nd Edition) set | Folens | |
| Biology | Biology Plus set | Edco | |
| Physics | Real World Physics set | Folens | |
| Agricultural Science | Breaking Ground | Edco | |
| French | Tout va Bien (3rd edition) | Folens | |
| Spanish | Venga | Edco | |
| History | 1. Dictatorship & Democracy 1920-1945 2. Case Studies: Politics and Society in Northern Ireland 1949 3. Sovereignty & Partition (plus 25 for 6th years) 4. United States & the Wider World (plus 25 for 6th years) | Edco | |
| Geography | 1. Earth Core 2. Earth - Elective 5: Patterns and Processes in the Human Environment | Educate.ie | |
| Music | 1. Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 23 2. Berlioz - Symphonie Fantastique Mvts 2 & 4 3. Deane - Seachanges 4. The Beatles - Sgt Pepper's; She's Leaving Home; When I'm 64 | | |
| Business | Inside Business | Edco | |
| Economics | Economics Now | Gill Education | With Exam hand book: hardback, record cards |

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| Accounting | Accounting for Senior Cycle 4th EDITION with the workbook | Edco | |
| Construction Studies | Get Constructive | Educate.ie | €20 materials fee |
| Design and Communications Graphics | Graphics in Design & Communication (one volume edition) | Gill Education | |
| Engineering | New Engineering Technology (3rd Edition) | Edco | €20 materials fee |
| Technology | Technology for Leaving Certificate | Golden Key | €20 materials fee |
| Home Economics | Complete Home Economics (2nd Edition) set | Educate.ie | |
| Politics and Society | Power and People | Educate.ie | Foolscap & Ring Binder OR A4 Hardback |
| Classical Studies | | | |
| Computer Science | Computer Science for Leaving Cert | Golden Key | €20 for components |
| Exam PE | | | |
| Guidance | Careers Portal - Reach Book and online Programme | Careers Portal | €20 each approximately |
| Guidance 5 LCA | Guidance | Classroom Guidance | |
| Art | New Appreciating Art Áine Ní Chártaigh and Aiden O'Sullivan | Gill Education | €13 for art pack in Different Strokes |

11. Incoming First Year Entrance Assessment information

The Entrance Assessments for pupils who have enrolled in Creagh College for the 2021-2022 academic year will take place on August 26th and 27th. Pupils are divided into groups according to the primary school they are attending as listed below. Please ensure your child arrives at Creagh College at 9. a.m. and your son/daughter will be ready to be collected at 1.15 p.m. (Please note; school buses will not run on these days).

| Day 1: Thursday, 26th August 2021 | Day 2: Friday, 27th August 2021 |
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| Bunscoil Loreto | St. Joseph's, Gorey |
| Craanford | Tara Hill |
| Castletown | Gorey Central |
| Camolin | Gaelscoil Moshíológ |
| Ballyoughter | Gorey Educate Together |
| Ballycanew | Riverchapel |
| Court N.S. | Ballyduff |
| Coolgreany | Ferns |
| Monaseed | St Aidan's Enniscorthy |
| Ballygarrett | St Joseph's, Kilmuckridge |
| Ballythomas | Gaelscoil Arklow |
| Boolavogue | Kilanerin |
| | Students from all other primary schools not named on these lists |

Students will be carrying out most of their assessment using computers. They do not need any typing skills as the answers are selected by simply clicking on the answer.

Students must bring:

- A nutritious lunch with them as they will have breaks during the assessment.
- Their own headsets. These headsets need to be able to connect to the computer. Please see picture below for headset jack information.



- A novel, to keep themselves occupied, if they finish an assessment early.
- Pen/Pencil.

Please note that these assessments are designed to gauge pupils' current ability levels, to identify pupils who may require learning support, and to ensure our college's general mixed ability policy is adhered to. The results of the assessment are shared with Creagh College's teaching staff in order to facilitate best practice in lesson planning and the identification of individual student's strengths and needs. Some primary school children can be very nervous about these tests. Please reassure your child that these tests are for the above purposes. It is important that they do their best, please assure them there is no "pass or fail".

Ms. D'Arcy

Guidance Counsellor