



18th August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have all had a safe and healthy summer. This will be the first of several communications between us as we prepare to welcome our students back to school from Monday August 30th. Regarding Covid-19, while things will not be fully back to normal just yet, we appear to be in a far better position than we were this time last year, and as long as we all remain vigilant, our new school year will not have the kind of disruption that each of the last two academic years have seen.

This newsletter highlights some important reminders for the upcoming academic year. (Please note, much of this information was outlined in our summer newsletter, issued in early June).

1. [Academic calendar 2021/2022](#) (scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to find the academic calendar)
2. **Changes to uniform policy: PE uniform;** From September, it will be compulsory for all students (from first to fifth year) to wear the school sports tracksuit on their PE days. This consists of a school crested quarter-zip, a school crested tracksuit bottoms and a school crested training jersey. If sixth years want to wear a tracksuit to school on the days they have P.E., it must be the official school tracksuit. Otherwise, they will attend school in full school uniform and change into P.E. gear in school.
3. **Transition Year;** The return date for TY students has now changed to Monday 6th Sept (not Tues 7th as previously indicated). 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
4. **LCAI and II:** work experience day is on Wednesdays next year. Please secure work experience before your return to school in September.
5. **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)
6. **COVID-19:** Everyone in the school setting must remember that the dominant variant of Covid-19 in the country now, the Delta variant, spreads more easily than the virus we were dealing with previously. Accordingly, we must all be extremely vigilant in following

the public health measures to which we have become accustomed e.g. proper mask wearing, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, social distancing. We will update Creagh College's Covid Response Plan in the coming days, and it will be available on our website.

7. **Canteen:** Our award-winning school canteen will operate from the beginning of the school year. Cashless payments are encouraged via Revolut etc. We encourage all parents and students to participate in our Healthy Eating Policy.

8. **School Buses:** The school buses will operate from Monday August 30th.

9. **School Books & Levels (2nd, 3rd & 5th year):** If your child is unsure what level they are studying in a specific subject, hold off on buying a book for that subject and ensure your son/daughter asks their teacher in the first week back. The correct book can then be ordered.

As more information becomes available, we will publish it on our school website www.creaghcollege.ie. If you have any individual queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mr. O'Toole (3rd & 6th year), Ms. Wallace (2nd & TY), Ms. Furlong (1st & 5th year) or the relevant Year Head.

As always, thank you all for your co-operation.

Kindest regards,

Paul Glynn (Principal)

2. Creagh College Calendar 2021 – 2022

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 students (first day for TY 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 21st 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

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.