



15th June 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Summer edition of our e-newsletter. It has been a wonderful year for Creagh College. The last term saw school life become “normal” once again for our students and staff.

School events that have not occurred for the past two years were able to happen again. Such events included school tours, awards ceremonies, assemblies, graduations (TY & 6th Year), Culture Day, Sports Day and so on. We hope that you have been following our achievements, too many to mention individually, on our Facebook page.

We are especially proud to have been the first post-primary school in Co. Wexford to be formally recognized as a School of Sanctuary this term. We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work that our amazing staff and fantastic students have put into making these events happen. We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our parents/guardians for your continued support throughout the year.

We would like to wish our 3rd and 6th year students continued good luck in their Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. We congratulate our Leaving certificate students and Leaving certificate Applied students on their recent graduation from our school. We wish them continued success in their futures.

We anticipate a fully normal return to school life for September. We will continue to encourage our staff and students to practice measures that will stand in everyone’s best interests; handwashing, sanitizing etc. The end of Covid protocols means that the DES has reduced every school’s teacher allocation for the coming year; this will mean changes to the make-up of some base classes.

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. [VShare App – accessing Term and CBA reports](#)
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We wish everyone in our community a restful, safe, and rejuvenating summer.

Kindest regards,

Senior Management Team

Paul Glynn (Principal)

Declan O'Toole (Deputy Principal)

Janet Wallace (Deputy Principal)

Linda Furlong (Deputy Principal)

1. VSware App- accessing Term Reports and State CBA Reports

Well done to all of our students on completing their summer assessments in the last few weeks. Hopefully you will see that the work you have put into your school and homework this year, reflected in your grades this summer.

How to access your report; Please go to <https://support.vsware.ie/parent-app-overview> and follow instructions on how to download the VSware App on your android or iOS device. You can find specific instructions on **how to access the Assessment page** [here](#). (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).

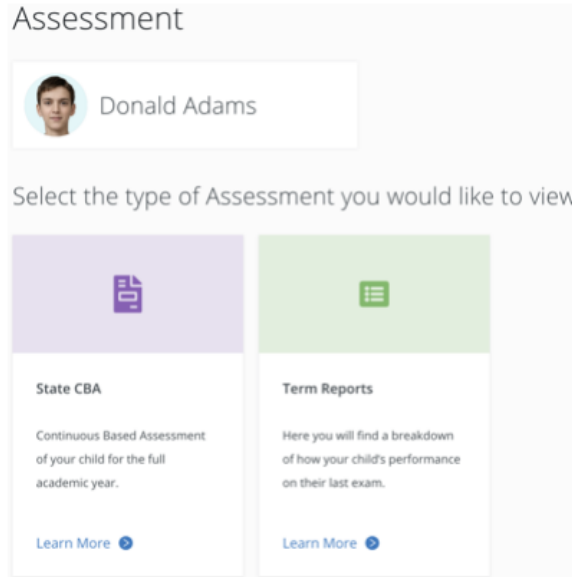
Term Reports

Summer Assessments

From the dashboard, it is then straightforward on how to access your child's/children's Term reports via 'Assessments'. Summer reports for all year groups (except 3rd and 6th years) have issued on VSware for students this week.

Levels for 2nd year Irish/Maths or Levels for 5th Year English/Irish/Maths

There are also Term reports named Levels for 2nd year Irish/Maths or Levels for 5th Year English/Irish/Maths (*These reports are for parents of incoming Second year (current 1st year) and Incoming Fifth year (current 3rd or TY) students*). The purpose of these reports is to inform parents what level their child will be studying those subjects at next year; Higher or Ordinary level. This will enable you to buy the correct book for your child. 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.



State CBA: Parents of 2nd years: You will also be able to access your child's 2nd year CBA result in subjects where CBAs were completed this year in the CBA section of the Assessment page. It will simply state the Subject and the CBA result: Exceptional, Above expectations, In line with expectations, Yet to meet expectations or Not reported.

You can find out more information regarding ongoing **Junior Cycle Assessment and Reporting** [here](#).

We would strongly encourage students and parents to read our [Homework Guidelines](#) in preparation for the new academic year. Here you will find information on recommended study/homework time for each year group and suggested parent and student roles are in relation to homework. Please see further information in the newsletter regarding Afterschool Supervised Study.

2. Creagh College Calendar 2022-2023

Wednesday 31 st August	College re-opens for 6 th and 5 th years only (2pm -3.20pm) Please note that Bus Eireann buses won't operate on this day.
Thursday 1 st September	Full induction day for 1 st Years (along with class as normal for 5 th and 6 th years)
Friday 2 nd September	1 st , 5 th , and 6 th years only
Monday 5 th September	3 rd years (along with 1 st , 5 th and 6 th years)
Tuesday 6 th September	2 nd years (along with 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th and 6 th years)
Wednesday 7 th September	TY students (along with all other years)
Thursday 8 th September	All students
Wednesday 28 th September	Open Night for incoming 1 st Years (2023-2024)
Monday 24 th October	6 th Year/LCA 2 Parent Teacher Meeting
Monday 31 st October to Friday November 4 th (inclusive)	October mid-term break.
Monday 14 th November	3 rd year Parent Teacher Meeting
Monday 28 th November to Friday 2 nd December (likely dates)	Christmas Exams
Thursday 22 nd December to Wednesday 4 th January (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays
Monday 23 rd January	2 nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting
Tuesday 24 th January	School Closure Day (Whole Staff Training Day -JCT)
1 st - 9 th February (likely dates)	3 rd & 6 th year Mock Exams
Monday 6 th February	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February (inclusive)	February Mid-Term
Monday 27 th February	1 st Year Parent Teacher Meeting
Monday 13 th March	5 th Year/LCA 1 Parent Teacher Meeting
Friday 17 th March	St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th March	TY Parent Teacher Meeting
Monday 3 rd April to Friday April 14 th (inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd (likely dates)	Summer Exams
Friday 2 nd June	Last day of school year
Wednesday 7 th June	State Exams Begin

3. Booklists 2022/2023; iPad information

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 to whom a copy of our booklist has been provided. Please note that students leave the hard copy of the book at home and have the e-books on their iPad. Please note also that second-hand books do not come with e-book licenses 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 the information above. Other useful items for subjects include copies as necessary to complete class work, pens, pencils, etc.

- [Junior cycle booklist](#)
- [5th year booklist](#)

iPads/equipment

It is essential that iPads are in school with students, fully working and charged. It is important that any issues with iPads are resolved over the summer months: [Wriggle Learning | Specialists in Digital Learning for Education](#)

The Wriggle store for incoming First Year students/new students to purchase iPads and their management licenses closes on **Thursday June 30th**.

First Year

Subject	Book Title	Publisher	Edition	Text Book with eBook	Any other info
English	Touchstones	Edco	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
Irish	Mol an Óige 1	Gill Education	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
Maths	Text and Tests 1	CJ Fallon	New	Yes	
History	History Alive	Edco	New	Yes	
Geography	Geography in action	Educate.ie	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
Science	Exploring Science	Edco	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed, A4 classnotes book and copybook
French	Allons-y 1	Educate.ie	New	No	
Spanish	Fiesta & Portfolio	Educate.ie	new	Yes	Hard copy and regular copy
Music	Sounds Good 1- An intro to music for the new JC	Edco	New	Yes	Recorder, 1 manuscript copy & 1 regular copy
Business Studies	Time For Business	Edco	2nd	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed/Hard back and record cards
Woodwork	Wood Technology text book and workbook	Edco	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
Graphics	World of Graphics Text book and workbook	Educate.ie	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
CSPE					
SPHE	My Wellbeing Journey 1	Gill Education		Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
Home Ec	Junior cycle home Economics @home	Ellis Flood	New	Yes	Pack should include textbook, workbook and @home with the practical. Apron, tea towel, dish cloth and oven gloves. Students will require a small amount of sewing equipment later in the year, less than 10e but this can be purchased locally.
Art*	1st year Art Pack €17	n/a	n/a		To be purchased from Different Strokes
Metalwork	Basic Engineering	CJ Fallon	new	Yes	
Technology	Applied Technology	Golden Key	new	No	
Coding					€25 to cover cost of Microbit supplied by the school
Classics	No Book required				

Additional Books for Second Year

Subject	Book Title	Publisher	Edition	Text Book with eBook	Any other info
English	Take the Plunge	Folens	New	Yes	
Irish	Mol an Óige 2 (Ordinary Level), Mol an Óige 3 (Higher Level)	Gill Education	New	Yes	Hard copy of workbook needed
Maths	Text and Tests 2 (Ordinary Level or Higher Level)	CJ Fallon	New	Yes	
French	Allons-y 2	Educate.ie	New	No	
Spanish	Aprendemos 1	Folens	New	Yes	Hard copy and regular copy
Music	Sounds Good 2- Music for the new JC	EDCO	NEW	Yes	Recorder, 1 manuscript copy & 1 regular copy
SPHE	My Wellbeing Journey 2	Gill Education	New	Yes	Hard copy of Workbook needed
Home Ec	Continue with existing textbooks. Educate exam papers can be purchased from teacher or locally.				Students will require sewing equipment for CBA I but this can be purchased locally.
Art*	2nd year Art Pack-additional items €5.95	n/a	n/a	n/a	To be purchased from Different Strokes
Classics	The Iliad by Homer	Penguin Classics			Can be a hard copy or ebook/pdf. Must be the version translated by E V Rieu

Additional Books for Third Year

Subject	Book Title	Publisher	Edition	Text Book with eBook	Any other info
English	Romeo and Juliet	Edco	2019	Yes	Physical book and workbook needed
Spanish	Aprendemos 2	Folens	New	Yes	Hard copy and regular copy
SPHE	My Wellbeing Journey 3	Gill Education	New	Yes	
Art*	3rd year Art Pack -additional items €5.95	n/a	n/a	n/a	To be purchased from Different Strokes

Creagh College Fifth Year Booklist 2022-2023

Subject	Book Title	Publisher
English Higher Level	1. Discovery Poetry 2024 HL&OL 2. English Paper 1 HL 3. Hamlet	All EDCO
English Ordinary Level	1. Discovery Poetry 2024 HL&OL 2. Language Lessons OL - Gill and Macmillan Publishing	Edco - Poetry / Gill and Macmillan - Language Book
Irish Higher Level	Fuirtas 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		
Chemistry	Chemistry Live (2nd Edition) set	Folens
Biology	Biology Plus set	Edco
Physics	Real World Physics set	Folens
Agricultural Science	Breaking Ground	Edco
French	Panache (3rd Edition)	Edco
Spanish	Venga	Edco
History	1. The Making of Europe and the Wider World (2nd Edition) 2. The Making Of Ireland (2nd Edition)	Educate.ie
Geography	1. Earth Core 2. Earth - Elective 5: Patterns and Processes in the Human	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: Michael Ruane/Gill	Edco
Accounting	Accounting for Senior Cycle	Edco
Construction Studies	Get Constructive	Educate.ie
Design and Communications Graphics	DCG Solutions: Workbook 1:Plane and descriptive geometry (5th Year), Workbook 2:Applied Graphics (6th Year)	DCG Solutions
Engineering	New Engineering Technology (3rd Edition)	Edco
Technology	Technology for Leaving Certificate	Golden Key
Home Economics	Complete Home Economics (2nd Edition) set	Educate.ie
Politics and Society	Power and People	Educate.ie
Classical Studies	1. The Age of Alexander (Plutarch) 2. The Odyssey (Homer - translated by Rieu) 3. Virgil's Selections from the Aeneid (translated by Tingay)	Penguin Cambridge University Press
Computer Science		
Exam PE	Peak Performance	Folens
Career Guidance	REACH+ Career and College Preparation Programme	Careers Portal.ie
Art	New Appreciating Art Visual Studies for Leaving Cert-Aine Ni Chartaigh & Aidan	Gill Education

4. Year Heads and Co-ordinators for 2022/2023 are as follows:

Year Heads

1 st Year:	Ms. Anna Nolan
2 nd Year:	Mr. Brendan Cullen (Acting)
3 rd Year:	Mr. Neil O'Loughlin
TY:	Ms. Megan Tomkins
5 th Year:	Mr. John Redmond
6 th Year:	Ms. Mary Brown

Co-ordinators

TY Co-ordinator;	Ms. Bridget O'Connor
LCA Co-ordinator:	Mr. Paraic O'Keeffe
LCVP Co-ordinator:	Ms. Edel Peters
SENCOs:	Ms. Muireann Foley and Mr. Cathal Ó Súilleabháin

5. School/PE Uniform

Our uniform policy can be found [here](#). Please re-read the policy as we do not want parents to go to added expense when uniform items are not acceptable. Please be reminded that black shoes must be worn by all students and that facial piercings are not permitted.

School uniform and PE uniform are required by all students. The PE uniform can be accessed on the Bodibro website and please note that the current **closing date is Friday 24th June:**

<https://clubshop.bodibro.ie/en-uk/store/creagh-college>

PE uniform: In consultation with student and teachers, students can continue to wear their PE uniform **ONLY** on days where they have PE (and for junior cycle students; where they have GAA short courses). Where the student has training activities after school, they must wear their school uniform into school and change in the changing rooms after school.

The PE uniform consists of:

- Quarter zip top or crew neck jumper
- Training jersey
- Skinny pants (or leggings for girls).

Please note, the other training packs, shorts etc. which are available from Bodibro, are for after school training and matches only. The black padded jacket available from the Bodibro website is acceptable as a school jacket.

6. Supervised Study

The aim of Supervised Study is to encourage regular study patterns and provide students with an environment conducive to study. After-school Supervised Study is offered to all our students. Priority is given to 6th, 5th & 3rd Year students, in that order, with any remaining places being open to other students. There are only 60 places available. A waiting list will be formed once supervised study is over-subscribed. Students who signed-up for, fully paid & attended Block 1 are given priority for Block 2, etc.

Times; Mondays 4.10pm - 6.15pm; Tuesdays – Fridays 3.30pm - 5.35pm

Payment; €10 per week and payments are to be made through Way2Pay. To secure a place the first week's fee must be made upfront. The payment blocks are as follows:

- Monday 12/09/22 to Friday 25/11/22 €100
- Monday 28/11/22 to Friday 03/03/23 €110
- Monday 06/03/22 to Thursday 01/06/23 €110

All school rules and expectations of students remain the same as during the school day. Please find the link to the application form [here](#). If you have any queries, please contact Mr Mac Raghnaill through ciaranmacraghnaill@wwetb.ie

7. Transition Year Work Experience

A letter was sent to TY students informing them of what dates they will be going on Tuesday Work experience next year. Each class group has two work experience modules. Please try to arrange work experience before you return to school in September. The following class groups will be on work experience at the following times:

- 4 A,B,D,E – 13th September – 22nd November
- 4 A,C,D,F – 29th November – 21st February
- 4 B,C,E,F – 28th February – 16th May

8. LCA Information 2022-2023

There are a couple of things to note for the LCA programme in 2022/2023 below:

Work experience

Work experience will take place every Wednesday for the school year. It consists of one work experience from September - December and a different work experience from January - May. Please secure work experience before students return to school in September. Parents/students are requested to confirm work experience placement before **Friday 19th August** for September - December 2022: [Work Experience Form 2022.2023 September - December](#)

Useful websites:

1. [List of Businesses in Gorey, Wexford \(localbusinesspages.ie\).](#)
2. [North Wexford Business Directory | Gorey Business | Love Gorey](#)
3. [Gorey Business Directory. Business Listings in Gorey, Wexford - MyTown.ie](#)
4. [Gorey Links - Local Business, Community Directory :: Gorey, Co Wexford, Ireland](#)

Bonding trips/events

There will be a bonding trip during the first couple of weeks when we return and other various different trips/events during the school terms. We will keep you updated with these as we progress and look forward to a positive year ahead.

Please contact Paraic O'Keeffe, LCA Coordinator for further information if necessary.

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).

Further details will follow on our website [here](#)

10. [School of Sanctuary](#). Please have a flick through our **School of Sanctuary portfolio**. We hope you get a sense of the culture we have created in our school and the journey we have been on as you read through our booklet. Also, read all about our journey in **The Irish Times** and in **The Gorey Guardian**.

11. Farewell

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ms. Lisa Foley and Ms. Nora Kinsella the very best of luck as they move to schools closer to their homes. We want to wish them every success in their new schools and thank them sincerely for their massive contributions to Creagh College. We would also like to wish our PME students and our part-time teachers the best of luck as they progress in their teaching careers.