



## News Update:

19-06-2017

### Principal Appointment:

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Declan Quinn will be taking over as Principal of the school, as you know Mr Quinn has been an excellent teacher here for the past eighteen years, I wish him every success and I hope that you give him the support he needs in his new demanding role.

### School Day/Week 2017/18:

Due to circular letter 0015/2017 from the Department of Education and Skills, all classes must be a minimum of 40 minutes duration from September 2017. As we ran with a combination of 35 and 40-minute classes up to now the effect of this is that the number of class periods per week reduces from 45 to 42. Please note that tuition time for students remains the same.

As a result of this circular letter, the Board of Management has decided that the school day/week will be as follows -:

Monday to Thursday: School Day starts at 9 am and finishes at 3.55 pm, with nine 40 minute classes per day.

Friday: School Day starts at 9 am and finishes at 1.15 pm, with six 40 minute classes.

### Book Rental Scheme Fee 2017/18:

This scheme is of great benefit to the families and students of the school, the fee has not increased for some years now despite rising book costs.

However for the forthcoming year, to ensure the continuation of the scheme as many new books will be coming on stream particularly in light of the new Junior Cycle the B.O.M. has set the following fee:

1 Student	-	€140
2 Students	-	€200
3 or more Students	-	€225

Over the summer we are carrying out a large upgrade of our existing ICT network infrastructure. This work will include the installation of a new centralised server, an upgrade of all existing network hardware and the upgrade of all our computers to Windows 10. In order to provide for the future needs of ICT in our school, we have signed up to a Microsoft License Agreement which allows the school to have the latest version of Windows and MS Office on all our PC's. Another advantage of this agreement is that we will be able to offer MS Office 2016 to all our students in the new Academic Year for installation on their home PC's free of charge (**a saving to parents of approx €150**). We hope this will greatly assist our students with their project work into the future. We will also be rolling out a new email system to all students and OneDrive cloud storage for all their files.

I now wish to sincerely thank you all, both Parents and Students (past and present) for your support over the past ten years, it has been an honour and privilege to serve as Principal of the school and I extend my best wishes to each and everyone that I came into contact with during my time here.

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