



Coláiste Dún an Rí

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Second Year Students 2018-2019

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Dear Parent,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer months and have had the opportunity to relax and have a break. Thank you once again for your support and contribution to Coláiste Dún an Rí over the past year. It has been a unique experience and a remarkable journey to see the growth and development of the school. I hope both you and your son/daughter have found it equally positive and rewarding.

At the end of August, we begin a new phase with over 100 new students and 12 new staff joining our community. For our Second Year students the year will have the main focus of preparation for the Junior Cycle Award and I look forward to us supporting each other on that journey.

Once students have settled in to the new year we will invite you to an information evening on **Monday 10 September** to discuss expectations for the year and to answer any queries you may have.

I have enclosed information on a few practical matters and also the calendar 2018-2019. Please note the following dates:

- 13 August (Mon) PE Uniform supplier returns to distribute uniform orders (5:00 pm)
- 15 August (Wed) Deadline for payment for Book Rental, Journal etc
- 29 August (Wed) Second Year students return 8:45am – 1:10pm
- 10 September (Mon) Second Year Parents Information Evening 7pm
- 17 – 21 December Second Year Assessments
- 7 February (Thursday) Second Year Parent-Student-Teacher Meeting

If you have any queries related to the information herein please do not hesitate to contact us.

The school will reopen on August 7 (9:30am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm).

Thank you once again for your support and enjoy the remainder for the summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Fergal Boyle

Principal

Calendar 2018-2019

Term 1	27 August 2018 (Monday) to 21 December 2018 (Friday) Midterm Break: 29 October to 3 November 2018 Closed: 7 December 2018 (Friday)
Term 2	7 January 2019 to 12 April 2019 Midterm Break: 18 February to 22 February 2019 Closed: 18 March 2019 (Bank Holiday)
Term 3	29 April 2019 to 31 May 2019 Closed: 6 May 2019 (Bank Holiday)

Please note that this calendar is provisional and subject to change. The school will be required to close for three additional days to accommodate staff training for the new Junior Cycle Award.

Key Dates

27 August (Monday)	First Year Team Building Day in Tanagh Outdoor Education Centre
28 August (Tuesday)	First Year Induction (9am – 12:30pm)
29 August (Wednesday)	All students return (8:45am – 1:10pm)
6 September (Thursday)	First Year Parents' Information Evening (7pm)
10 September (Monday)	Second Year Parents' Information Evening (7pm)
18 September (Tuesday)	Third Year Parents' Information Evening (7pm)
15-19 October	Maths Week
10 November (Saturday)	Subject Sampling Morning (Sixth Class)
13 November (Tuesday)	Enrolment Evening
12 – 16 November	Science Week
19 – 23 November	College Awareness Week
26 – 30 November	Third Year Assessments

7 December (Friday)	School Closed
11 December (Tuesday)	Christmas Concert
13 December (Thursday)	Third Year Parent-Student-Teacher Meeting
17 – 21 December	First and Second Year Assessments
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9 – 12 January	BY Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition
11 January (Friday)	First Year Trip to BTYSTE
14 – 18 January	Wellbeing and Active Week
29 January (Tuesday)	First Year Parent-Student-Teacher Meeting
4 – 8 February	English Week
7 February (Thursday)	Second Year Parent-Student-Teacher Meeting
11 – 15 February	Third Year Mock Exams
25 February – 1 March	Engineering Week
11 – 15 March	Seachtain Na Gaeilge
18 March (Monday)	Bank Holiday
19 – 22 March	French Week
6 May (Monday)	Bank Holiday
23 May (Thursday)	Evening of Excellence Awards
24 May (Friday)	Subject Awards
27 – 31 May	First and Second Year Assessments

Wednesday 5th June – Thursday 20th June Junior Certificate Examinations

School Day

School will commence each day at 8:45am. All students are expected to be in the school building at this time.

Classes will terminate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45pm and on Wednesday at 1:10pm. Please note that this is an earlier finish than previously communicated.

After-School Study

After-School Study takes place on 4 afternoons as follows:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 3:55 – 5:15

Wednesday: 1:20 – 3:00

After-school study will not take place on the afternoons of Parent Student Teacher Meetings or on Open Evenings. Should After-school study be cancelled for any other reason we will let you know in advance.

School Day Uniform

School day uniform is available in Kingscourt from the following retailers:

- Magee's Drapery
- M & F Stores.

Please see our Uniform Policy www.colaistedunanri.ie/about/policies before purchasing your uniform.

The uniform jumper and jacket are manufactured in Ireland by **Deerpark Knitwear**. Only Deerpark Knitwear has been given licence to produce uniform jumper and jackets for Coláiste Dún an Rí. Please insure that your jumper and jacket is manufactured by this company.

Shirts, trousers/skirts and shoes can also be purchased through the above retailers or elsewhere.

Please insure that shoes are **black shoes with black soles**.

Please note: Runners, canvas shoes or shoes with white soles are not permitted.

Non-uniform items e.g. hoodies, sports jackets or jerseys, are strictly forbidden

PE Uniform

The PE Uniform supplier will return to the school to distribute PE Uniform orders on Monday 13 August at 5pm. Should you still need to order PE uniform you may do so on www.uniformsdirect.ie

PE Uniform is required for participation in PE, Sports and selected extra-curricular activities and is an essential part of school equipment.

Payments

Book Rental

The Book Rental Scheme is optional and costs €120 per annum. Payments can be made online via www.way2pay.org or directly in school. Please note that we request full payment on or before August 15. The school will not be able to provide books through the rental scheme if payment has not been made.

Please note that the Book Rental Scheme covers the main texts, but students may be required to purchase additional texts e.g. English novels.

Journal

The Student Journal is an essential document required by all students. Cost is €15

Insurance

All students are required to have injury insurance. This covers any injuries sustained while in school or on school activities. The cost of insurance is €10

Lockers

The charge for locker rental is €5

Should you have any difficulty accessing online payments please email David at support@way2pay.ie with your name, phone number and school name.

Bus Transport

School bus tickets may be purchased on the Bus Éireann website (school roll number 76313A). Register for the scheme by logging on to www.buseireann.ie and select the "School Transport" section. If you have trouble organising transport, please contact the Dundalk School Transport Office (042) 6825900.

School Canteen

The School Canteen facility is on course for completion by the end of August. The Canteen menu complies with our Healthy Eating Policy.

Class Equipment

Equipment lists for each year can be viewed at <https://www.colaistedunanri.ie/parents/latest-news/373-equipment-lists>. Please note that on occasion some additional materials may be required.

School Commencement

The commencement dates for students are as follows:

27 August (Monday)	First Year Teambuilding Day in Tanagh OEC
28 August (Tuesday)	First Year Induction in School 9:00am – 12:30pm
29 August (Wednesday)	All students return 8:45am – 1:10pm

Year Head

Year Head for Second Year will be Mrs Carol Lynch. Carol will monitor student academic and social progress and she will work closely with you over the coming year should you need assistance and support. Should you have any queries please feel free to contact Carol in relation to same. Junior Cycle Year Heads will be supported by Mr Tommy McCormick and Fergal Boyle in monitoring student progress.