



# Coláiste Dún an Rí

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## First Year Students 2018-2019

30 July 2018

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 for choosing to send your son/daughter to Coláiste Dún an Rí. The school's establishment has been a unique experience and it has also been a remarkable journey to see the growth and development of the school. I hope both you and your son/daughter will find your time as a member of the school community both positive and rewarding.

This year we have over 100 new students and 12 new staff joining our school community. We look forward to a positive and supportive relationship with you over the coming years.

Once students have settled in to the new year we will invite you to an information evening on **Thursday 6 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 payments to Tanagh, Book Rental etc
- 27 August (Mon) Teambuilding Day and BBQ in Tanagh OEC Cootehill
- 28 August (Tues) First Year Induction in School 9:00 am – 12:30pm
- 29 August (Wed) All other students return 8:45am – 1:10pm
- 6 September (Thurs) First Year Parents Information Evening 7pm
- 17 – 21 December First Year Assessments
- 29 January (Thurs) First 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 the Enrolment Evening. Should After-school study be cancelled for any other reason we will let you know in advance.

## School Uniform

School 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](http://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](http://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.

## Teambuilding Day in Tanagh Outdoor Education Centre

The teambuilding day for First Year students will take place on Monday 27 August. Students are asked to be in school at 8:45am to allow for registration. The bus will leave at 9:00am.

All parents (and siblings) are invited to Tanagh for 2:30pm on this afternoon to the school barbeque. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and also to further support your son/daughter on their first day in Post-Primary School. Please note that if you are not in a position to come to the BBQ please arrange transport home for your son/daughter. If this is not possible please let the school know and we can help facilitate transport. The day will be finished at 3:30pm approx.

The teambuilding day is part of our Wellbeing Programme. It is optional for students but it is a very valuable day to help bonding and friendships. The cost for the day is €35 and we ask that payments be made on or before 15 August so we can confirm numbers with Tanagh OEC.

What to bring:

- Swimsuit
- Towel & Toiletries
- Full change of old clothes
- Runners that will get wet & dirty
- Plastic bag to hold all wet gear inside kit bag  
(Please note that clothes, runners etc may only be fit for dumping after the activities so wear old clothes on the day. You can change in to clean clothes after the activities).
- Suncream if weather hot
- Coat & hat if weather cold
- Snack for break time e.g. sandwich or roll, fruit, bottle(s) of water

LOTS & LOTS of ENERGY!!!!!!!

## Payments

### Book Rental

The Book Rental Scheme is optional and costs €120 per annum. Payments can be made online via [www.way2pay.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

### **Timetable for Induction Day 28 August**

Students should bring two copies and a stocked pencil case.

9:00	All First Year Students meet in the Canteen and are assigned to base classes to meet their Year Head and Class Tutors
9:30 – 10:45	Icebreaker Activities How to read the school timetable Using the Student Journal
10:45 – 11:00	Break – bring a small snack and drink of water
11:00 – 12:30	School Rules Friendship Activities Assigning Lockers

Books will be given to students participating in the Book Rental Scheme on Wednesday 29 August.

## **Year Head**

Year Head for First Year will be Mrs Lorraine Hickey. Lorraine 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 Lorraine in relation to same. Junior Cycle Year Heads will be supported by Mr Tommy McCormick and Mr Fergal Boyle in monitoring student progress.