



# **Year 8 Parents Information Evening 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## **Welcome**

# Purpose of Meeting



- Welcome / School Day/Communication
  - Mr Gallagher

Pastoral Team / Top Tips for Support  
Mrs Pepin

- Overcoming challenges /Extra-Curricular  
Mrs McAtamney





# Loreto College is a Voluntary Grammar School

- We set high expectations in terms of:
  - Work
  - Behaviour
  - Aspirations
- We encourage all our students to do their BEST and to be the BEST they can be.

# The School Day



- 8.50am - 3.15pm
- 9/10 period day - 30/35 minutes each
- Break - 15 minutes
- Lunch - 40 minutes
- Extra -curricular activities
- Homework

## Timetable

- 2 Week Timetable
- 7 Form classes & 8 group classes



# Year 8 Arrangements



- Your children completed CAT Test, English Test and Maths Test in June.
- They are very high achieving pupils.
- We will stretch and challenge
- Some students may need additional support.
- We will support them the best we can.

# Year 8 Arrangements

Loreto is about

- Challenge and Stretch
- Our aim is to encourage EVERY student to reach their Full Potential.
- We will expect them to Work Hard





# Pastoral Care

We aim to educate for wholeness and dignity

- Pastoral Care Policy
- Child Protection Procedures

DCP - Mrs McEwan

DDCP - Bean Uí Uiginn

- Pastoral Care Programme
- 'Settling In to Year 8'
- Take 5 School
- Eco School

# The Pastoral Care Structure



Principal  
Mr S Gallagher

Vice Principal  
Mrs F Pepin

Head of Year 8 - Mrs McAtamney

Form Teachers in charge of each class

**A**

Mr  
Bradley

**B**

Mr  
O'Kane

**C**

Mrs  
Lowery

**D**

Mrs  
Carey

**E**

Mrs  
McBride

**F**

Mr  
Strange

**G**

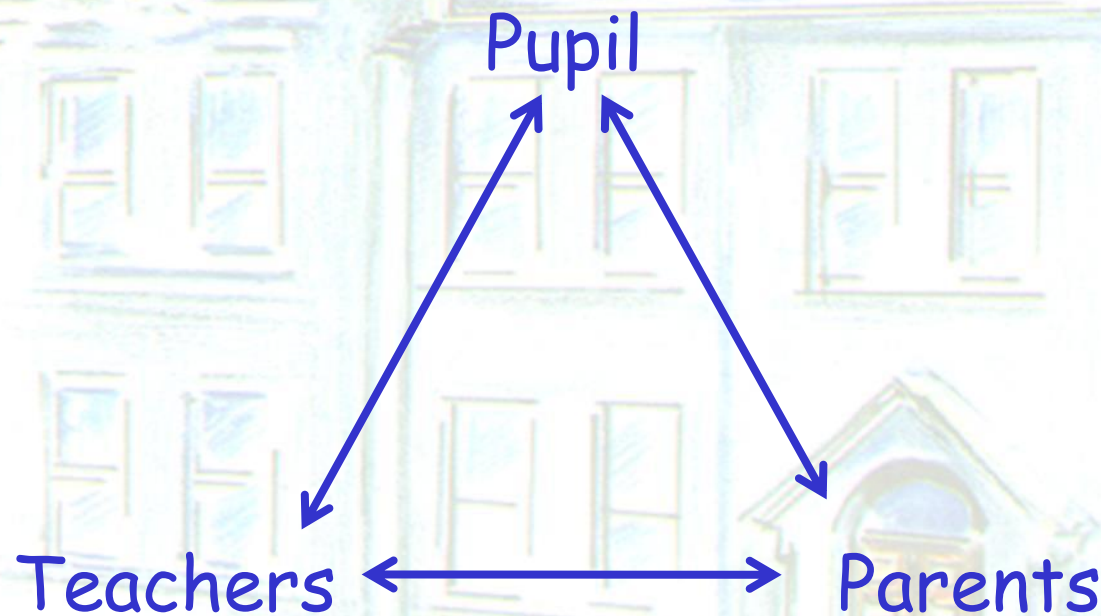
Mrs  
Niblock



# Some General Points



Support of parents  
you are first educators



The Campaign for Learning found that parental involvement in a child's education can make all the difference.

# Communication with you...



Parent Teacher Meetings (20<sup>th</sup> March)

Reports (January & June)

Homework Diary - Teacher

Comments - please check and sign



# Communication with you...

- Email primary contact
- Parent Pay sign up is essential
- Website
- Text message
- Parents' Weekly Newsletter  
*please access via link on texTEACH week.*

# Facebook





# Instagram



# Communication with us...

Pastoral Issue

Form Teacher



Subject Issue

Subject Teacher



# Communication with us...

- Homework Diary (Parent Comment Section)
- Phone Call to form teacher / subject teacher
- Face-to-face meetings require appointments to be made in advance.

# Year 8 Pastoral Team

**Mrs N McAtamney - Head of Year**

- 8A Mr Bradley
- 8B Mr O'Kane
- 8C Mrs Lowery
- 8D Mrs Carey
- 8E Mrs McBride
- 8F Mr Strange
- 8G Mrs Niblock





# How can you help?

## Organisation

- ✓ Timetable - display
- ✓ Folders
- ✓ Check homework diary and sign
- ✓ Specific area to study
- ✓ Pack bag the night before



as at 27/08/2021

	1Mo	1Tu	1We	1Th	1Fr	2Mo	2Tu	2We	2Th	2Fr
1	Re NO RE5	Dr AC AR1	Gg AGY SC1	En CB EN6	Mu BMC MC1	Dr AC AR1	Sc AAW CL4	Sw AAM	Sc AAW CL4	Re NO RE5
2	Re NO RE5	Dr AC AR1	Gg AGY SC1	Ir DD IR2	Mu BMC MC1	Dr AC AR1	Sc AAW CL4	Sw AAM	Sc AAW CL4	Ma CMN MA2
Rn1	As MMA	Rn CMN MA2	Rn CMN MA2	As JG	Fp CMN MA2	As MMA	Rn CMN MA2	Rn CMN MA2	As JG	Fp CMN MA2
Rn2	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk	Bk
3	Ma CMN MA2	Sc AAW CL4	Pe PB AH2	Gg AGY SC1	En CB EN6	Re NO RE5	Tl SMU TR1	Ma CMN MA2	En CB EN6	En CB EN6
4	Ma CMN MA2	Sc AAW CL4	Pe PB AH2	Sc AAW CL4	Sp AMC LG3	Re NO RE5	Tl SMU TR1	En CB EN6	En CB EN6	Sc AAW Pottery R
5	Sc AAW Pottery R	Ir DD IR2	Tl SMU TR1	Ar MMG AR2	Sp AMC LG3	Gg AGY SC1	Hi IC HE3	Ar MMG AR2	Sp AMC LG3	Ir DD IR2
6	Sp AMC LG3	Ma CMN MA2	Tl SMU TR1	Ar MMG AR2	Sc AAW CL4	Ma CMN MA2	Ma CMN MA2	Ar MMG AR2	Ma CMN MA2	Ir DD IR2
7	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu	Lu
8	Hi IC HE3	En CB EN6	Re NO RE5	Re NO RE5	Ma CMN MA2	En CB EN6	Gg AGY SC1	Sp AMC LG3	Re NO RE5	Gg AGY SC1
9	En CB EN6	Hi IC HE3	Ma CMN MA2	He MMI CS4	Hi IC HE3	Lw CMN MA2	Sp AMC LG3	Mu BMC MC1	He MMI HE2	It PBR CS1
10	Lw CMN MA2	Hi IC HE3	En CB EN6	He MMI CS4	Ir DD IR2	Hi IC HE3	Ir DD IR2	Mu BMC MC1	He MMI HE2	It PBR CS1



# FOLDERS



# HOMWORK DIARY

Week Beginning: 30th August 2021

Week 1

Subject Monday, An Luan, lundi, lunes Due Done

Parents signature:

Subject Tuesday, An Mháirt, mardi, Martes Due Done

Parents signature:

Subject Wednesday, An Chéadaoin, mercredi, Miércoles Due Done

form log into google classroom ✓  
 form read and sign page 8-17 ✓  
 form ask money for locker (€10) ✓  
 HE log on to google classroom ✓  
 HE bring in €15 for supplies  
 MA bring in €4 for textbooks

Parents signature: Angela McFatt

Subject Thursday, An Déardaoin, jeudi, Jueves Due Done  
 HI back exercise book F ✓  
 HI log into google classroom ✓  
 IR log into google classroom ✓  
 IR back exercise book M ✓  
 IR colour in the picture M ✓  
 EN copy class rules in book + decorate M ✓  
 EN cover exercise book F ✓

Parents signature: Angela McFatt

Subject Friday, An Aoine, vendredi, Viernes Due Done

TRD sign safety rules M ✓  
 TD finish posters M ✓  
 form all about me bunting M ✓  
 ENG recover exercise book M ✓  
 HIST recover exercise book M ✓  
 SCI safety posters (Friday 10th) F ✓  
 SPA cover spanish book (tuesday) T ✓  
 Parents signature: back geography book M ✓

Parent comments

Teacher comments

Excellent diary. submission 3/9/21.



Parent's/guardian's signature: Angela McFatt





# GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES



- Class codes issued
- Check your child has logged on.
- Help guide available on our website (information menu)



# Promoting Positive Behaviour

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Academic success requires an engaging school environment.

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Positive approach



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We will acknowledge what is going well and provide guidance if things go off track.







**No mobile phones**



**No  
Chewing  
Gum**

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# NO ENERGY DRINKS





# IF A STUDENT IS UNWELL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:



- They must tell a member of staff
- A member of staff will assess
- Make a decision about contacting home/  
trying to remain in school



# LORETO MERIT CARD SYSTEM



20 Merits



## ***Loreto Rewards Card***

This is a **BRONZE** award record card designed for students to collect 'merits'. These merits may be awarded for:

**A - Academic Excellence**

**B - Behaviour**

**C - Contribution**



40 Merits



60 Merits

When the card is filled (i.e. 20 merits have been collected), this certificate can be exchanged for a reward by the Head of Year.

Good Luck in collecting Bronze, Silver and Gold.





# TYPES OF MERIT CARDS



Bronze Award



A <i>mmes.</i>	A <i>pe.</i>	B <i>snuc.</i>	A <i>son</i>
B	C <i>hp</i>	A	B
C	C	C <i>soned</i>	B
A	A	B <i>mmes.</i>	B
B	C	B <i>der</i>	B

Name: SAMPLE  
 Form Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Redeemed by HOY \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

*"You are the author of your own life story" - Mary Ward  
 Reach for the Stars!*



Silver Award




Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Form Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Redeemed by HOY \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

*"Be seekers of truth and doers of justice" - Mary Ward  
 Reach for the Stars!*



Gold Award




Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Form Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Redeemed by HOY \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

*"Patience is the remedy, there is no other" - Mary Ward*

**ABSENCE**

Your school work requires continuing to be in school. If you are absent

- ABSENCE**

**Your school work requires commitment and consistency. It is very important for you to be in school. If you are absent it must be for a very good reason. Absences will be closely monitored by Heads of Year and a summary will be recorded in your Report Book.**

- A reason for absence must be recorded below and signed by a parent/guardian.
- Present your absence note to your Form Teacher on your return to school.





# TEMPORARY ABSENCE

- Please avoid temporary absences where possible.
- Pupils must get temporary absences signed by HoY in advance of leaving school.
- Pupils must sign in and out at the main office.

**TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

As far as possible all appointments should be out of school hours. If you know in advance that you will be arriving late to school after an appointment, you should bring the diary (with the appropriate signed entry under Temporary Absence) to your Head of Year on the day before the appointment. On arrival in school after the appointment, you must sign the Late Book as usual, giving the time of arrival.

If you have to leave for an appointment during the school day, you must ensure that your parent/guardian has signed the Temporary Absence page in the Homework Diary, giving the time and nature of the appointment. Bring your diary to your Head of Year before 9.00am. If permission is given the Head of Year will sign it and the details will be recorded. On your way out of school sign the Temporary Absence book at Reception. If you return to school on the same day enter the time of return in the column provided.

Follow agreed procedures when leaving school during the day:

- (1) Note from home outlining reason for temporary absence
- (2) Show note to Head of Year / Vice Principal
- (3) Sign Temporary Absence in Secretary's Office.

**YOU MUST ADHERE TO ALL 3 STEPS**

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# PASTORAL

- Daily registration
- Assembly
- Pastoral programme





- Take 5 School
- Trained counsellor in school each week.
- Pupils visit the counsellor for a variety of reasons and issues such as anxiety, coping with an illness in the family or bereavement.



# CHALLENGES FACING Y8'S

- Organising books
- Keeping on top of homework
- Completing projects/meeting deadlines
- Making friends



# SOLUTIONS



- **Homework Club** -supervised club with support from senior pupils.
- Mon -Wednesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
- 1 / 1 hour 30 minutes homework is advised
- Maths Support Club - Tuesdays
- My Maths - computer-based learning. Excellent resource to use at home.





# LEARNING SUPPORT

- Students will be scheduled for additional support if required.
- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Organisational skills.
- Pastoral Support - nurture and bloom





Our free breakfast club runs from 8:30-8:50

- Tea
- Toast
- Fruit
- Juice

EVERYONE

IS



# EXTRA CURRICULAR

○ Gaelic Games Promotion Officer -  
Cahir Higgins

- Choir
- Orchestra
- Eco-club
- Art Club
- Netball
- Cross country
- Soccer
- Drama club
- Basketball
- Music





# Finally ...



- We have receptive pupils
- Attendance is vital: miss school, miss out
- Manners & Respect is core
- Uniform
- Develop good study habits
- Become part of our Loreto community!



# Friends of Loreto & Events





# New Hydration Stations





• Thank you for your support.



• Evaluation Form

• Form Teachers - School Canteen

Please scan and complete our  
evaluation form

