



Year 8 Parents' Information Evening 8th September 2022

Welcome

Purpose of Meeting



- Information
- Guidance



Loreto College is a Voluntary Grammar School

- We set high expectations in terms of:
 - Work
 - Behaviour
 - Aspirations
 - Discipline

Personnel



Mr Gallagher - General Information

Mrs Pepin - Challenges in Y8

The School Day



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

Timetable

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

Y8 Arrangements



- Pupils sat a CAT, English Test and Maths Test in June.
- Very high achieving Pupils.- We WILL push them
- Some students will need additional support in Eng & Maths.- We WILL support them



Y8 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 Mc Carry

DDCP - Mrs Pepin

- Pastoral Care Programme; Learning for Life and Work
- Anti-bullying school

The Pastoral Care Structure



Principal
Mr S Gallagher

Vice-Principal
Mrs F Pepin

Head of Year 8 - Mr Harkin

Form Teachers in charge of each class

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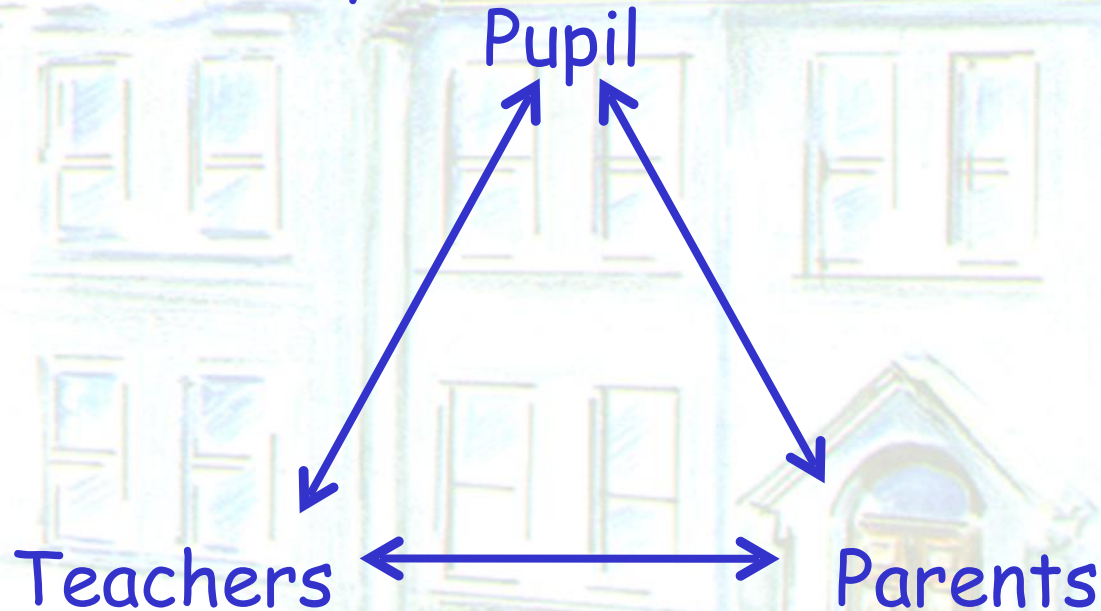
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Some General Points



Support of parents

- you are first educators



The Campaign for Learning found that parental involvement in a child's education can mean the difference between a top grade and a child who fails to achieve.

Communication



- Parent Teacher Meetings (30 March)
- Reports (January & June)
- Homework Diary - Teacher Comments - please check
- Email - primary contact - aim to reduce paper - Parent Pay sign up is essential
- Information on website
- Text messages

Communication with us...

Pastoral Issue

Form Teacher



Subject Issue

Subject Teacher



Communication with School

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

Year 8 Pastoral Team

Mr E Harkin - Head of Year

- 8A Mrs Mullan
- 8B Mrs McCloskey
- 8C Mrs Loughrey
- 8D Miss O'Brien
- 8E Mrs Carey
- 8F Mr McGoldrick
- 8G Mrs McBride





ACADEMIC – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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



TIMETABLE

as at 27/08/2021

| | 1Mo | 1Tu | 1We | 1Th | 1Fr | 2Mo | 2Tu | 2We | 2Th | 2Fr |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | TI 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 | TI SMU TR1 | En CB EN6 | En CB EN6 | Sc AAW Pottery R |
| 5 | Sc AAW Pottery R | Ir DD IR2 | TI 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 | TI SMU TR1 | Ar MMG AR2 | Sc AAW CL4 | Ma CMN MA2 | Ma CMN MA2 | Ar MMG AR2 | Ma CMN MA2 | Ir DD IR2 |
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| 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 |
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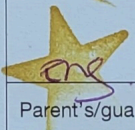
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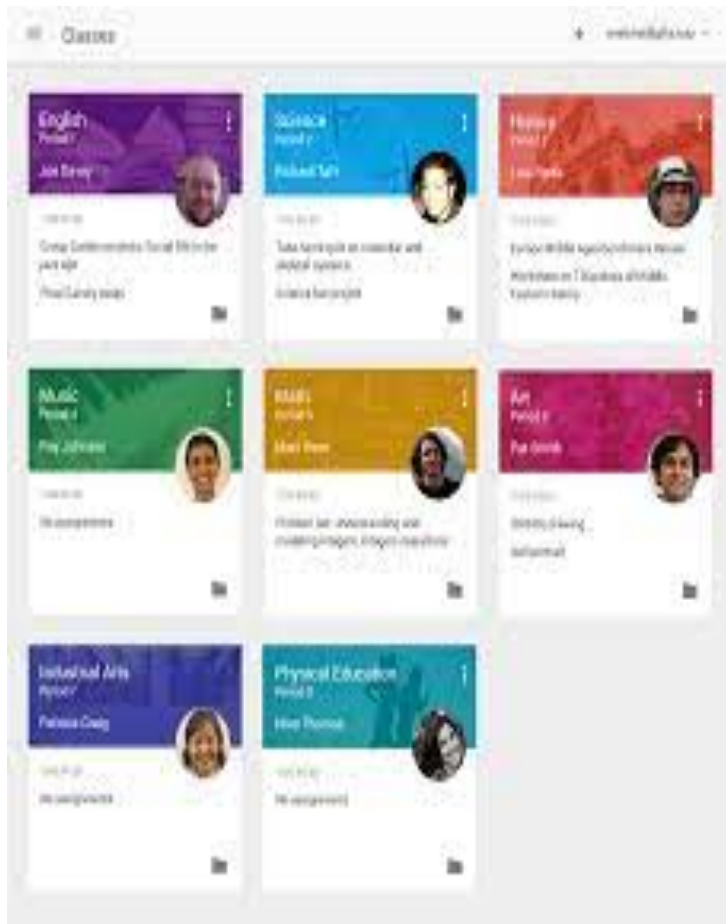
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| Subject | Wednesday, An Chéadaoin, mercredi, Miércoles | Due | Done |
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| Form | log into google classroom | | ✓ |
| Form | read and sign page 8-17 | | ✓ |
| Form | ask money for locker (€10) | | ✓ |
| HE | log on to google classroom | | ✓ |
| HE | bring in €5 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: <i>Angela McFatt</i> | | | |
| 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: <i>back geography book</i> | | M | ✓ |
| Parent comments | | | |
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| Teacher comments | | | |
| <i>Excellent diary. finished 3/9/21.</i>  | | | |
|  <i>AM</i> | | | |
| Parent's/guardian's signature: <i>Angela McFatt</i> | | | |

GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES



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



DISCIPLINE

Promoting Positive Behaviour & School Discipline



- Academic success requires a disciplined school environment.
- Positive approach to behaviour management
- Acknowledging what is good and correcting wrong.



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

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| B | C <i>HP</i> | A | B |
| C | C | C <i>Sonud</i> | B |
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| B | C | B <i>OT</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

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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

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Name: _____
 Form Teacher: _____
 Parent / Guardian: _____ Redeemed by HOY _____ on _____

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

ATTENDANCE

■ Parent / Guardian to contact school if absent (email / phone)

■ If absent, pupils must bring note the day they return.

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.

| Date of absence | Reason for absence | Parent/Guardian signature | Form Teacher |
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| 11/09/12 | Chest infection | [Signature] | Mingall |
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TEMPORARY ABSENCE

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

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

| Date of absence | Reason for temporary absence | Parent/Guardian signature | Form Teacher |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| 10/9/12 | from 11.30 to 1.30pm Orthodontics app. in Ballymena | M. Radwan | W. Magill |
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PASTORAL



- Daily registration
- Assembly
- Settling In booklet





FAMILYWORKS

- Trained counsellor in school one day per week.
- Pupils visit the counsellor for a variety of reasons and issues such as anxiety, coping with an illness in the family, bereavement
- Valued resource within the school.



CHALLENGES FACING Y8 PUPILS

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



SOLUTIONS

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 GO

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- Homework club – supervised club with support from senior pupils. Mon –Wednesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
- 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.





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- ✓ **Choir**
- ✓ **Netball**
- ✓ **Cross country**
- ✓ **Soccer**
- ✓ **Gaelic games**
- ✓ **Drama club**
- ✓ **Basketball**
- ✓ **And many more**



Finally ...



- Receptive pupils
- Attendance
- Manners & Respect
- Uniform
- Develop study habit

Important Dates



•PTM - Thursday 30th March

•School Musical - Oklahoma -
18th-21st October

•Please see calendar on Website

Conclusion

- Thank you for your support
- Form Teacher Information Slips

