

First Year Parents and Guardians A HUGE WELCOME

Pat McKenna, Principal.
Brid Ní Annracháin, Deputy Principal.
Celine Donohue, Chaplin.
Sheena O'Hanrahan, Special Educational Needs.
Susan O'Grady, Parents Association.
Caroline Bond, Year Head.



Class 2009

Pobalscoil Neasáin

YEAR HEAD ROLE

- **FOR THE STUDENTS:**
- Figurehead. Guide them through the transition.
- Motivate, Lead and Monitor.
- Listen and Talk.
- Do's and Do-Not's – set clear boundaries.
- **FOR YOU:**
- Main point of contact.
- Administrative.
- Major link with you, teachers, students, deal with and concerns and anxieties.



TEAM EFFORT

- Brid Ní Annracháin, Deputy Principal.
- Celine Donohue, Chaplain.
- Sheena O'Hanrahan, Special Educational Needs
- Susan O'Grady, Parents Association.
- All Teachers.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS ROLE

- Prepare YOU and THEM!
- Both making new friends and both facing new structures.
- Help preparation-get them involved.
- Breakfast, Packed Lunch, Uniform, Bag, Books, Pencils/Pens
- A set place to study/h.w.
- Educate and encourage their own responsibility.



STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY

- Be prepared for the day.
- Have homework completed.
- Be on time!
- Be in uniform!
- Have journal ready with notes if required.
- Help others!



PREPARATION FOR WHAT??

- A huge social and practical day to day change.
- 9 CLASSES
- 13 SUBJECTS
- 13 HOMEWORKS
- New school environment



NEVER ENDING CURRICULUM!

- Gaeilge
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Religion
- C.S.P.E. (Civic, social, political education)
- S.P.H.E. (Social, personal, health education) (Non exam)
- Physical Education (Non exam)



SUBJECT OPTIONS

2 weeks rotation

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3
FRENCH	FRENCH	TECH GRAPHICS
GERMAN	HOME ECONOMICS	ART, DESIGN, CRAFT
WOOD TECH	BUSINESS	BUSINESS
TECHNOLOGY	METAL TECHNOLOGY	HOME ECONOMICS
		MUSIC

- By Halloween chose 1 subject from each block.
- Language needed for college.
- Endeavour to provide best range for each student.

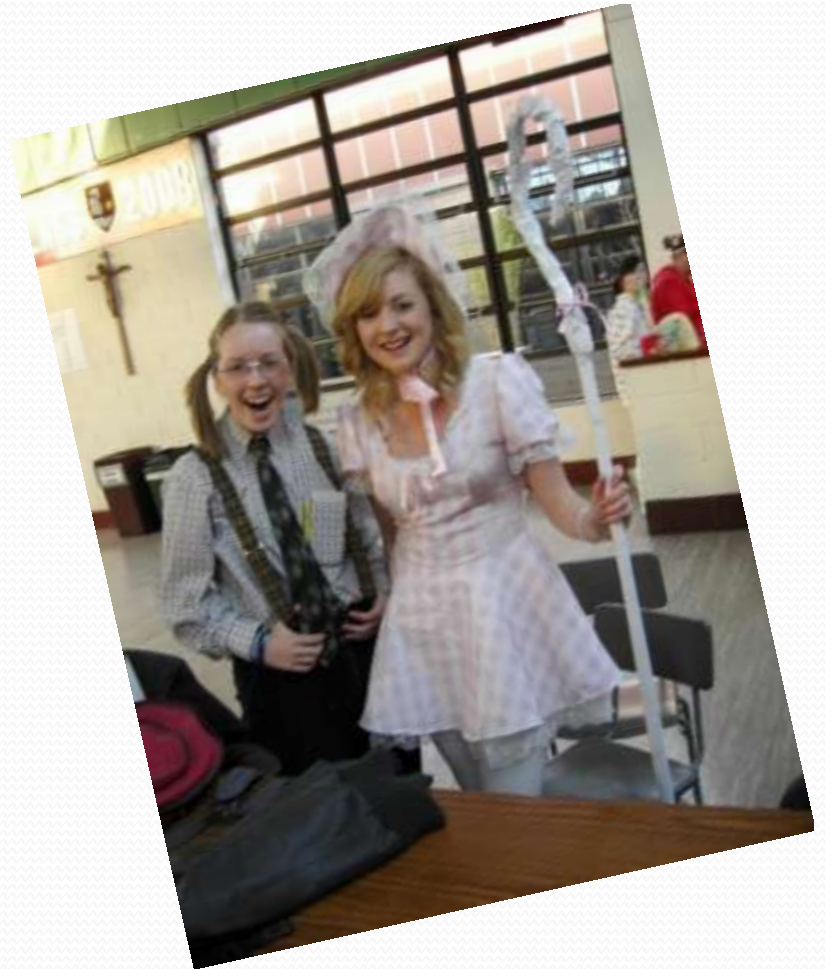
SCHOOL DAY

TIME		
8.30 am	Arrive in school	Lockers/Books
8.40 am	Assembly	Ms. Bond
8.50 am	Class begins	Different locations

SCHOOL WEEK

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRID
8.50	CLASS				
9.30					
10.10					
10.50-11	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11.00					
11.40					
12.20					
13.00	LUNCH	LUNCH	Class ends	LUNCH	LUNCH
13.55					
14.35					
15.15					
15.55	Class ends	Class ends		Class ends	Class ends

UNIFORM



JOURNAL

- Vital means of communication between us.
- Policies listed.
- Homework recorded.
- Notes to and from.
- **DAILY CHECKED** and **WEEKLY SIGNED** by you!



ARRANGEMENT OF CLASSES

- All students will follow common course in first year.
- All students access to higher/ordinary level in all subjects
- No student is made feel that he/she is not good enough for a particular class
- Move away from strict streaming.
- We will maintain a small class where it has been indicated that students need extra support.
- This allows us to have a higher dedicated teacher/student ratio.

FINALLY....!



Its a new beginning for all of us!

Challenges will face us....

We will face them together with the joint aim that...

We want the best education and happiness for your son/daughter.

