

Starting in Newpark: Parent/Guardian Information Session

20th February 2024



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Ethos

We are a *comprehensive* school illustrated in three core value strands:

- Comprehensive intake
- Comprehensive curriculum
- Comprehensive outcomes



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Comprehensive intake

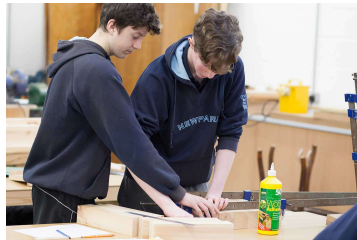
Diversity of culture, belief, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and socio-economic background... Not just *tolerated*, but seen as a *value to the benefit of all*



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Comprehensive curriculum

We believe all young people have a right to both an academic and a vocational education and that all young people achieve the best educational outcomes by pursuing these different strands, to greater and lesser extents, together



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Comprehensive outcomes

We value a comprehensive range of destinations for our students because we believe that is what is right for them, right for their communities and right for our society



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Curriculum provision



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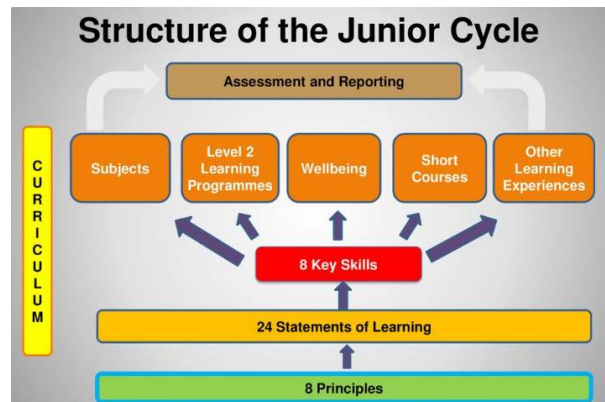
The School Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 – 8:50					
8:50 - 9:50					
9:50 - 10:50					
11:10 - 12:10					
12:10 - 13:10					
13:50 - 14:50					
14:50 - 15:50					



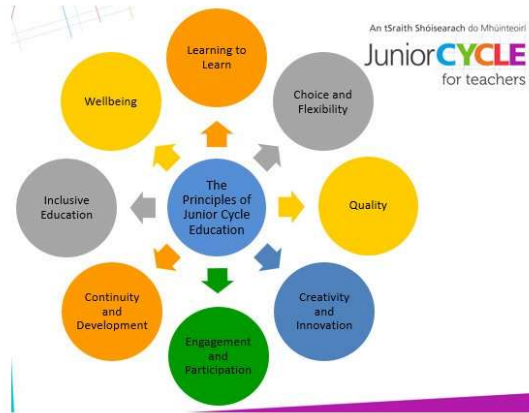
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Junior Cycle



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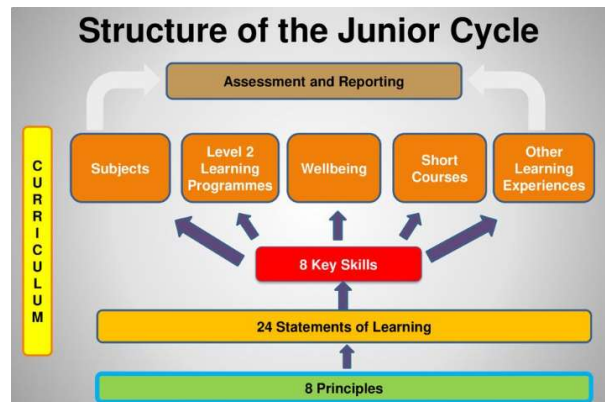
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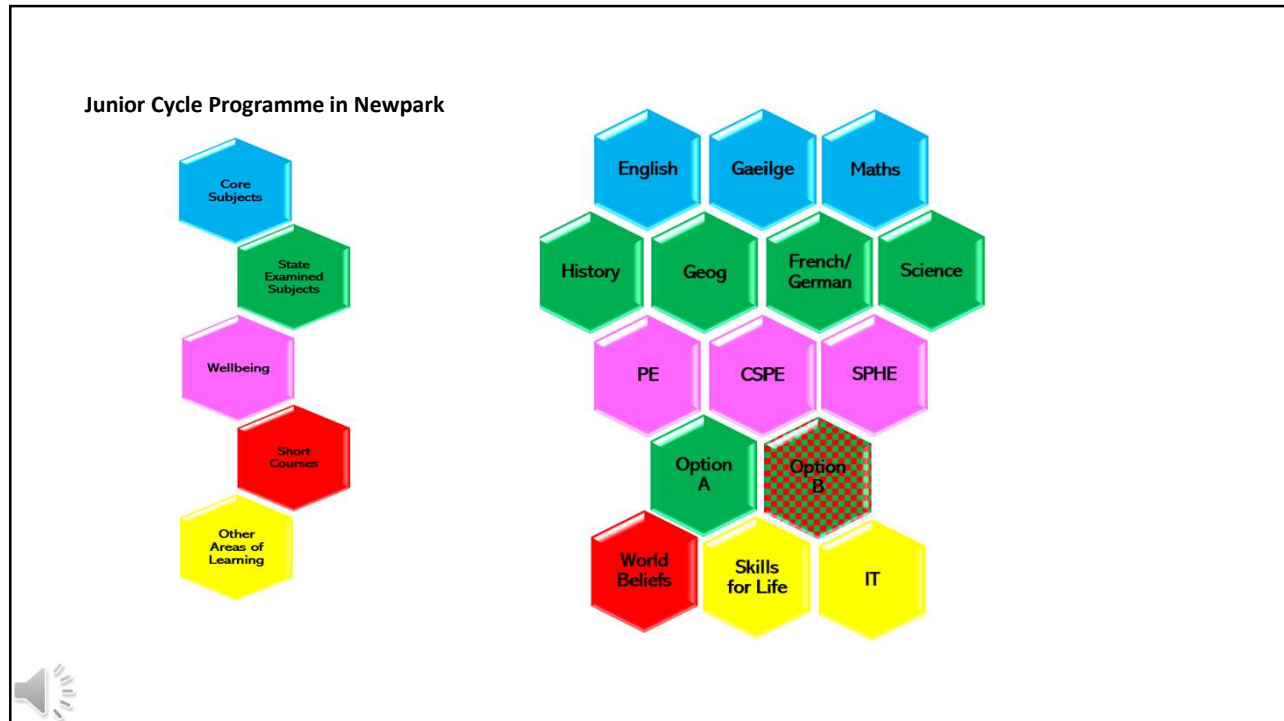


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Junior Cycle



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Options, Short Courses & Skills for Life

- Visual Art
- Business Studies
- European Section French
- Home Economics
- Engineering
- Music
- Graphics
- Wood Technology
- Philosophy/Artistic Performance (Theatre)
- Film Studies/Artistic Performance (Visual)
- PE, CSPE, SPHE (Wellbeing short courses)
- World Beliefs (All student short course)
- Information technology (All student OAL)
- Vocabulary Enrichment Program (VEP)
- **Mindfulness, Drama, Numeracy, Reading, Sustainability Education, Yoga, Music Appreciation**

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Option sampling

- Options introduced in term one to enable informed choice.
- Introduction to all eight option subjects, as well as to both short course combinations.



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Modern Foreign Languages



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European Section

The French European bilingual section was created in 1995 by the French Embassy's Cultural service in Dublin.

The students have the opportunity to be enrolled in intensive French courses as well as French culture and civilisation courses facilitated in French or bilingually.



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European Section - DELF

- DELF stands for '**Diplôme d'Étude en Langue Française**'
- It is an internationally recognised qualification that certifies French language skills
- It is recognised by universities, employers and governments and based on the *Common European Framework for Languages*



- The certificate has permanent validity and is a great asset on a student's CV
- The preparation for the DELF exams is excellent preparation for the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams as well



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European Section – ‘les avantages’

- Often smaller classes
- Native teachers
- Participation in a trip to France in 2nd year
- Participation in school outings and cultural events
- Greater exposure to the language
- Substantial oral language practice
- Opportunity to obtain an internationally recognised certification (DELF)
- Access to support from French language assistant



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The German economy ranks No.1 in Europe and no.4 worldwide. It is not only the EU's biggest economy, but also Ireland's fourth largest trading partner. There are circa 300 German companies in Ireland including world leaders like Siemens, SAP, Deutsche Bank and Allianz.


The German economy is comparable to that of all the world's Spanish-speaking countries combined. German has the largest number of native speakers in the EU (far more than English, Spanish, or French).

German and English are similar. Many words in German sound and/or look the same as equivalent English words. For example: Haus = house, Buch = book, Name = name, Mutter = mother, schwimmen = to swim, singen = to sing, blau = blue, alt = old, windig = windy.

Many of the Western world's most important works of philosophy, literature, music, art history, theology, psychology, chemistry, physics, engineering and medicine are written in German.

German is among the ten most spoken languages in the world. It is also a lingua franca of Central and Eastern Europe. And as for 'all Germans speak English'? Myth!

Finally, Newpark has an exchange programme with our partner school in Berlin, The Arndt Gymnasium which all German students can avail of. In TY, students have the opportunity to sit the *Fit in Deutsch* exam, an internationally recognised certificate.



German – Die Vorteile

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Extracurricular - Academic

- SciFest
- BT Young Scientist
- Subject Specific Weeks
- Maths, Science, Language Olympiads
- Chess
- Green Schools
- Model United Nations
- School Links Programme



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Extracurricular – Arts & Culture

- Drama
- Visual
- Animé
- Christian Union
- Creative Writing
- Newpark Singers
- Newpark Orchestra
- Film making
- Pride Club
- Club Gaeilge
- Newsletter



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Extracurricular - Sport

- Hockey
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Athletics



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Avoca Hockey

Long and proud association with the hockey club

Mutually beneficial activities and partnership; 'hockey for all'



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EC Sports Timetable 2023/2024

Below is the timetable for EC Sports. This will be subject to change on a weekly basis depending on fixtures and weather conditions. An up-to-date timetable will be published on a weekly basis.

*Junior Rugby is for 2nd and 3rd year boys

*Please note that 1st year basketball begins after the October Midterm.

Day	HOCKEY	RUGBY	BASKETBALL
Mon	Junior and Senior Girls 16:00 - 17:00pm Junior and Senior Boys 17:00 - 18:00pm	1st year and Senior Boys 16:00 - 17:30pm	2nd Year Boys 16:00 - 17:00pm U16 Boys 17:00 - 18:00pm
Tue	1st year boys and girls 16:00- 17:00pm 2nd year boys and girls 17:00 - 18:00pm	Junior Boys Training 16:00 - 17:30pm	1st year boys 16:00 - 17:00pm u16 girls 17:00 - 18:00pm
Wed	Matches	Matches or Training	Senior Boys 13:20 - 15:00pm
Thu	1st and 2nd year girls 16:00 -17:00pm Junior and Senior Girls 17:00 - 18:00pm	1st years, Junior, and Seniors 16:00 - 17:30pm	Senior Girls 16:00 17:00pm 2nd year girls 17:00 - 18:00pm
Fri	1st and 2nd year boys 16:00 - 17:00pm Junior and Senior boys 17:00 -18:00pm	Girls Rugby 16:00 - 17:15pm	1st year girls 16:00 - 17:00pm
Sat	Matches		

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Extracurricular - Travel

- Aran Islands
- London
- Stratford
- Donegal
- Italy
- Biarritz
- Germany
- Language Exchange
- Erasmus +



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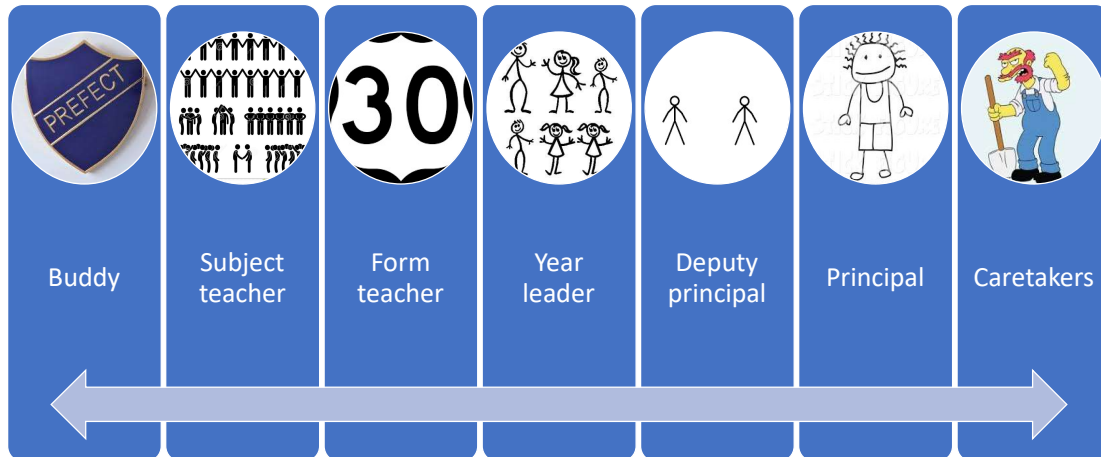
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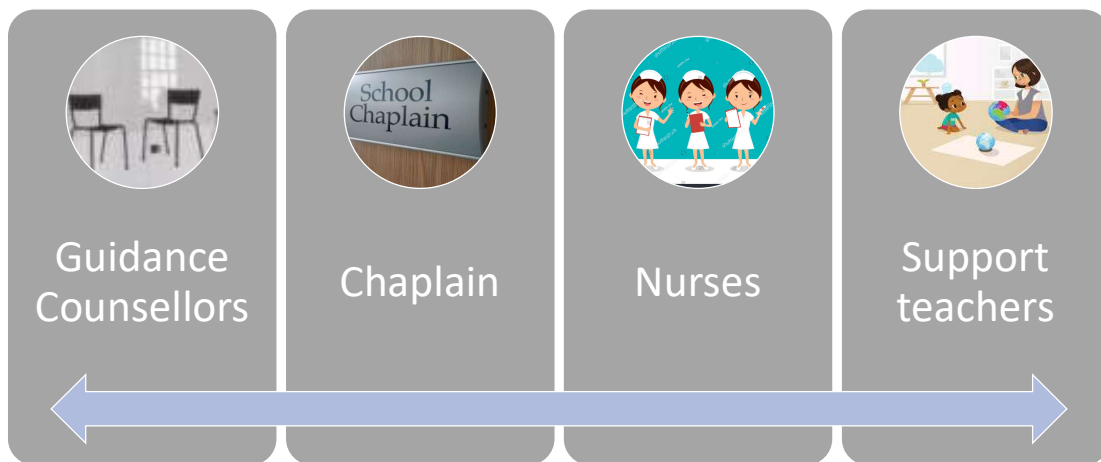
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People your child will encounter



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Student Support



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Restorative Practice

- Student Voice
- Restorative Practices
- Relationship & Behaviour Policy



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Communications

- VSware (Post Primary 'Aladdin')
- newparkschool.ie
- @IENewparkSchool
- Text message
- Email/letter
- Student Journal
- Parent/Guardian teacher meetings
- Newsletter

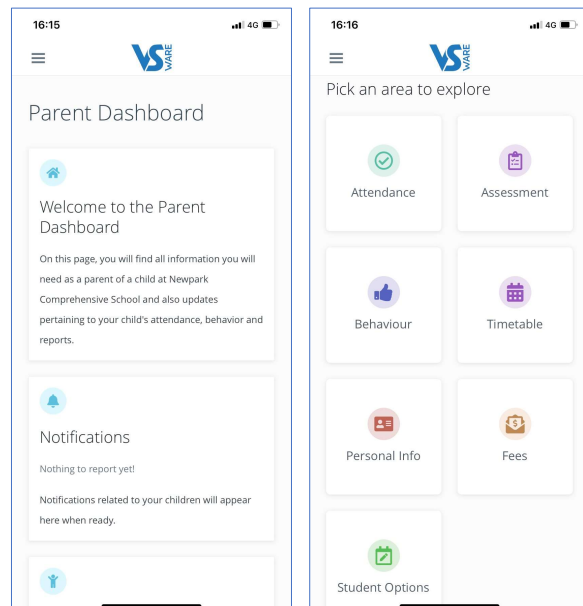


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Use VSware for:

- School Announcements
- Attendance (to school & class)
- Students' timetables
- School reports
- Names of teachers
- Behaviour Record



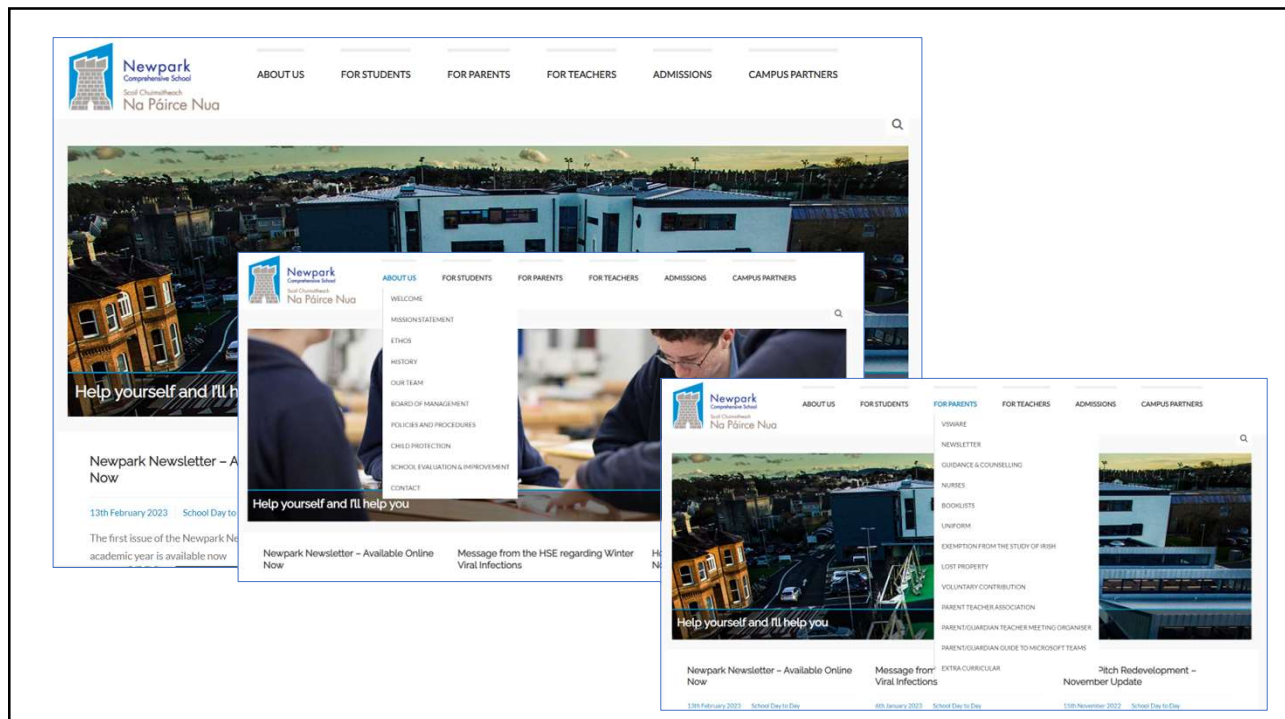
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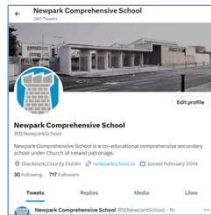
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Transitioning to Secondary – Curriculum

- Increase in the number of subjects studied; some new; a 'timetable'
- Active learning methodologies increasing all the time at secondary, but there are still significant differences; pace of learning faster and broader
- Previously interaction with one or two significant adults outside the family – now maybe a dozen different adults over the week
- Compared with primary much more personal responsibility for homework, books and equipment

"much more responsibility to remember stuff, like, remembering what homework to do and for when, and what to bring into different classes"



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Transitioning to Secondary – Environment

- Buildings, number of rooms – Getting around
- Less movement between rooms in primary
- Possibly more movement within the classroom in primary
- A lot more people – students, teachers, NTS
- Eldest to youngest; physical size of older students
- Lockers – expected to use them effectively



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Transitioning to Secondary – Social

- Changing from child to adolescent
- More freedom, less direct parental supervision
- Growing influence of peers
- The journey to and from school
- Who do they make friends with? How many is enough? Is everyone doing it?
- Friends – making new, keeping old (significant issues from same school – contact year leader; details to follow by email.)



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Transitioning to Secondary – Advice for Parents

- Put a copy of the timetable in a clear and visible spot at home; **label books & clothes**
- Mesh zip pockets can help with organisation
- Good use of journal and locker
- Show, don't do (Forget lunch? Swim gear?)
- Good night-time routines – times and devices
- Social media – Social mediums
- Talk to your child about their day; listen, don't solve
- Nervousness; loneliness; upset; friends; fatigue
- Advise making contact with other parents
- Contact the form teacher if queries or issues arise



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I wasn't quite prepared for the recolling in horror when innocent enquiries were made about our options

Going uphill need not necessarily be a battle for runners

It's time to welcome the hills into our running miles




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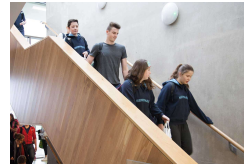
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Estimate of costs

- **Books (information to come)** formerly €300
- **Device (approximately)** €700
- **Uniform (approximately)** €100
(Top, Navy Tee x 2, PE tee)
- **Locker rental (to PTA, for six years)** €135
- **Voluntary Contribution Year 1** €300
- **ECA Sports** €150
- **Personal Accident Insurance** €12



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Individual Device

The one-to-one device further enhances the progress that has been made in digital learning in the School over the last decade.

The one-to-one device amplifies existing pedagogical practice and adds to both the learning and the assessment experience.



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Voluntary contribution

There is no charge for tuition

- School Nurses
- Equipment
- Improvement projects
- Library
- Books and prizes
- Extracurricular activities



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Future dates to note

- Next information session 5th March 2024
- Assessment session (Provisional) 24th April 2024
- Student campus visits June or August 2024
- First day in school (Provisional) Friday 23rd August 2024
- Autumn information session: September 2024
- Meet the Form Teacher: December 2024
- Parent/Guardian Teacher: March/April 2025



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Important contact details

Initial payment due by Friday 29th March 2024.

For queries, please contact Ms. Rachel Plunkett.

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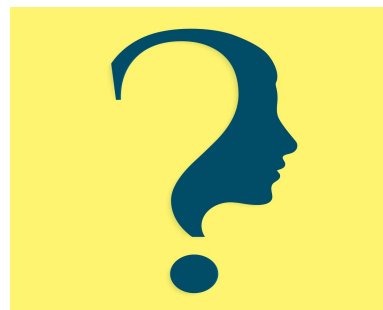
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At our first assembly...



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Questions & Answers



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Many thanks for joining this evening

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