



YEAR 8 NEWSLETTER

September is a month which we allow the boys to settle in to the demands of attending a Grammar School. It is vital parents continue to help the boys with their organisational skills; helping them plan for the next day, checking homework is completed, etc. Subjects which only happen once a week (HE, Technology, Music, Art. Etc) need particular attention as the boys can 'forget' if they have been given homework. My advice to the boys is to always complete homework on the night it is given. This ensures it is completed and not rushed.

At the end of September, I will conduct a **Year 8 Review**. Teachers will be asked to comment on any individuals who appear to be struggling, e.g homework not being completed, the quality of work is unsatisfactory or not mixing well with their peers. I will be in contact with parents if we have any issues or concerns. Those struggling will be offered support and guidance through our 'Buddy Scheme'.

REMEMBER ALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE EMAILED TO STUDENTS AS AND WHEN THEY ARE HAPPENING. The following are now up and running. Please encourage your son to 'get involved'.

- Class GAA Competition
- Film Club
- Badminton
- Drama club, choir and music
- Hurling

We encourage the boys to try something new and get involved as it is a great way to make new friends and settle in better.

Supervised after school study is also available Monday-Thursday from 3:20-4:30 in the study hall.

Remember the late link bus is free each day at 4:30 to the depot.

Important things to note:

- Please sign dairies every week
- Year 8 bun sale—THURSDAY (500 bonus merits to top selling class)
- Trip to Croke Park—non uniform and bring a packed lunch (NO NUTS)
- APTA Quiz— 4th October
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS SOCIAL EVENT TO HELP RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

KEY POINTERS TO HELP TRANSITION AND SETTLING DOWN:

- Help your son to become organised for the next couple of weeks
- Check his homework:
- Is it good enough?
- Has he his bag packed correctly?
- Has he his PE gear with him?
- Is it labelled??

KEY EVENTS COMING UP:

- Exceptional closure day - 27th October
- Halloween break—30th October—3rd November (inclusive)
- 23rd Nov—1st Dec: IN-HOUSE JUNIOR EXAMS
- 20TH December—3rd January (inclusive)
- Christmas Holidays