



28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope your child has settled back well after the Christmas holidays and you and your family are doing well. This letter is to inform you of some important information and events for Transition year students.

Over the next few weeks we plan to deliver information on Subject Choice for students of Transition year going into Fifth year. These information sessions are an important time for you and your child to gain information needed to make significant choices on subjects for the Leaving Certificate. Please note the following dates for your diary.

**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm:** An Online Information Evening for parents of Transition year students going into Fifth year. Information on subject choice will be conveyed by the Guidance Counsellor & the Senior Leadership Team to parents on the evening.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2022:** In school information session for Transition year students on choosing subjects for 5<sup>th</sup> year. Teachers will provide information on each subject offered for the Leaving Certificate in St Joseph's. The timetable for these talks has been sent to all students in Transition Year this week. Students will also get the opportunity to meet for a one to one Guidance Session with their Guidance Counsellor after these dates.

There are also some changes to the school calendar to note:

- **March 7<sup>th</sup> 2022:** The school will be closed on March 7<sup>th</sup> to facilitate teacher training for the Junior Cycle programme.
- **March 18<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** In light of the announcement of the additional bank holiday made by the government last week the school will be now closed on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate this new bank holiday and **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** as a rescheduled date for school closure on the school calendar.
- **TY Musical:** Due to the continuing restrictions, we unfortunately cannot go ahead with the TY Musical this year on March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> as stated in the calendar.
- **Work Experience takes place on February 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** – It is great to see the removal of restrictions outside of schools and our TY students having the opportunity to gain valuable work experience this year. I wish them the very best of luck in their search for a placement. If there are students still finding it difficult to secure a place, please look to where friends are going, as workplaces may require more than one person.



- **Following the government announcement, schools will continue to operate with their COVID-19 plans, with all current protective measures in place, until at least the 28th February 2022.** Please continue to encourage your child to wear a mask and follow all safety procedures as they go about their daily routine.

I want to acknowledge our Transition year students for their continued efforts and encourage them to again participate fully in all activities inside and outside the classroom.

This year the TY programme is coordinated to enable as many activities as possible to happen within the restrictions set for schools. We hope that if the DES lifts restrictions in schools, there will be opportunities for more team building activities and out of school trips for our students.

Thank you for your continued support over the last few months. I look forward to updating you further on the new building and events as we move through the year.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Bernadette Fitzgerald

Principal