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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Students,

We hope you and your families are well and had a relaxing and restful summer. We are looking forward to welcoming all our students over the next few weeks for the new academic year.

To assist you in your planning for the weeks ahead we have outlined important information below:

Return to school schedule

The return to school schedule for all year groups is available on the school website. Please check the website for the day and time of return for your child. Please note the early finishing times for year groups to accommodate staff meetings over the first week.

School Extension Update

It is expected that construction on the school extension will commence on Monday, August 29th 2022. This is an exciting time for our school and we very much look forward to the new facilities it will provide for our students. Construction is expected to take two and a half years and while it is underway there will be changes in a number of areas – these include the students/parents entry/egress points at the school, both vehicular and pedestrian, the location of temporary accommodation on site and arrangement of rooms for students to have lessons and meet school personnel. These changes will be communicated to you as construction commences.

Uniform/Appearance

Now that the pandemic is having less of an impact in schools, we are in a position to return to school as usual. The relaxation of the uniform rules during the last two years, will no longer apply and all students are expected to wear the full uniform correctly. Before the commencement of the new school year we ask parents/guardians to become familiar with the revised uniform policy as part of the Code of Behaviour. We are proud of our uniform and the efforts our students make to honour and abide by the Uniform/Appearance Policy. Students are asked to comply with all parts of the Code of Behaviour and this includes the Uniform Policy of the school. All students are expected to wear the full uniform and parents will be contacted in cases where a student does not comply with this.

It is a requirement of the Code of Behaviour that all students honour our Uniform/Appearance Policies. The relevant terms of the Code of Behaviour are outlined below:

All students of St Joseph's College are expected to wear the full school uniform in a clean, neat and tidy manner.

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This means:

- Students wear a green or navy jumper, school skirt, black, navy or dark brown leather shoes, green or navy socks, school navy jacket and school scarf.
- Hijabs must be plain navy or green and be tucked inside the jumper collar; suitable Hijabs may be ordered through the School Uniform Shop.
- PE gear consists of school navy tracksuit bottoms, white Airtex T-shirt, grey tracksuit top and suitable footwear for sport.
- Uniform is clean and tidy when it is washed and pressed regularly; shirt must be tucked in and the jumper kept in good condition.
- No pyjamas or leggings are permitted at any time - black tights may be worn under socks
- Make-up and nail varnish, if worn, should be discreet
- Hair should be clean and tidy; no un-natural colours such as pink/blue/purple/green/ruby colours, no dreadlocks; no shaved hairstyles, and is to be tied back while doing practical subjects such as Home Economics, PE and Science. Hats and elaborate hair decorations should not be worn
- Jewellery is limited to 1 watch, 1 pair of stud earrings and 1 ring only
- Body and facial piercings i.e nose, eyebrow or lip rings are not allowed

Uniforms, including school trousers can be purchased from Schoolwear.ie. The uniform trousers option was specially designed as part of St. Joseph's College uniform and has a blue pinstripe as part of the design. Any other navy trouser is not the school uniform and is therefore unacceptable to wear and will not be permitted. Students have the option to wear either the school kilt or the school trousers – no other replacement or substitute for either the kilt or the trouser option may be worn. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Notes on absences, late arrival and appointments

In accordance with our attendance policy, it is important that the school is aware of student's absences or appointments during the year. Parents/Guardians are asked to email their child's tutor regarding any absence, late arrival or appointment by **8am on the day of absence**. This will be recorded on VsWare by the tutor and ensure your child's attendance records are kept up to date and correct. Please see the school's website for the email address for your child's tutor and Year Head.

Covid Update

We ask all students, parents and guardians to be cognisant of the remaining presence of Covid in the community. Mask wearing is optional and a personal choice and we continue to encourage the use of hand sanitizer by all staff and students during the school day.

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Canteen

The school canteen will be available for students to purchase lunch from September 5th. Students are asked to bring their lunch for the days they are in school prior this opening time of September 5th 2022.

Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate Results

The Leaving Certificate Results will be available to candidates from the school and online on the Candidate Self-Service Portal from 10am on the 2nd of September. The Guidance Counsellors will be available on the day to support students and answer any questions they may have. We wish all our 6th year students the very best of luck for these upcoming results.

Details for the Junior Cycle results will be announced later in September.

Parent's Association AGM

St. Joseph's College Parent's Association AGM will take place in the school building on **Monday, October 24th 2022 at 8pm.** We thank the Parent's Association for all their work and support last year and look forward to working closely with them in the new school year. We hope you can attend and support the Parent's Association on October 24th if you are in a position to do so.

Dates of School Closures in September and October

Please note the following dates in which the school will be closed to accommodate school planning:

- Tuesday – September 13th 2022 –Junior Cycle Planning day
- Monday - October 3rd 2022 – scheduled school closure
- Tuesday – October 18th 2022 – Staff planning day

We hope that all our students will have a great start to the new school year. If you wish to discuss any concerns that you may have please do not hesitate to contact the school on stjosephslucan@gmail.com and an appointment will be arranged for you to meet with the Senior Management team.

Best wishes to you and your families for the new year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Bernadette Fitzgerald

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