



PRESENTATION

SECONDARY SCHOOL
LOUGHBOY, KILKENNY
MEÁNSCOIL NA TOIRBHIRTE

18/06/2024

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

We hope you and your families are keeping well. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support of our school.

Students will return to school as follows:

Mon 26th^h Aug	8.50am – 3.40pm	6th year & 1st year return for full school day
Tues 27th Aug	8.50am - 3.40pm	6th year, 1st year, 3rd year students return full day
Wed 28th Aug	8.50am – 3.40pm	6th year, 5th year, 3rd year, 2nd year & 1st year return
Thurs 29th Aug	8.50am – 3.40pm	All year groups including TY

School Expenses

Please note that this is not a Voluntary Contribution.

The school expenses for students are as follows:

- **€150** for **one student**
- **€220** for **two students** from the same family
- **€300** for **three or more** students from the same family

Payments may be made online via the VS Ware App, which will be available to parents from August 19th. Should parents wish to pay in person, they may do so at the School office.

The School expenses cover the cost of lockers, personal insurance, school administration, and photocopying throughout the year; they also subsidise speakers, buses, trips, etc. Most parents pay these expenses at the beginning of the school year, and we greatly appreciate this. Those who may have difficulty paying these expenses as a one-off can pay them in instalments on Vsware. Please do not hesitate to speak to us on this matter.

Student journals will also be available from August 19th for €10. The diaries must be purchased by 4th, 5th, and 6th years. All Junior students will be provided with a diary.

Uniform

Please familiarise your daughter with our rules in relation to the school uniform.

- The School uniform, Jacket & PE tracksuit are available in Paul's Department Store, Kilkenny
- Students are expected to wear full uniforms at all times – tartan skirts, school crested navy v-neck jumpers, white crested blouses, navy/black tights or knee socks, school jackets, and black/navy shoes. **Runners/canvas shoes/boots are not permitted.**
- The school skirt is to be worn well below the knee. A student whose skirt is not the correct length as required by the school will have to replace it
- We are extremely proud of our uniform and insist that it must always be worn correctly.
- Jewellery – only one finger ring and two pairs of neat earrings are allowed. Excess jewellery will be confiscated. Fake tan is not permitted.
- Make-up, facial piercings, or tattoos are not allowed.
- No extreme hair colours.

School Tracksuit

In the past two years, we allowed students to wear their tracksuits on their P.E. day and if they were involved in activities. We are happy to continue this practice next year; **however, it must be the full Presentation tracksuit. Other alternatives will not be allowed under any circumstances. If your daughter does not have the full tracksuit, she may purchase the individual item that is missing separately. There is a half zip, a t-shirt and a choice of leggings or tracksuit bottoms. The leggings must be the designated ones available in Pauls.**

Please note that all students from 1st year upwards must wear the school tracksuit.

3rd & 6th year Mock Fees

School expenses do not cover the cost of the Mock Junior and Leaving Cert exams. In January, exam students will pay a fee of €110 to cover the cost of the mock exams, which are approximately €160. The school subsidises the balance. Unfortunately, we must insist that students pay this fee in full before sitting the exams. Any student who does not pay the school expenses will be charged the full amount.

Photographs/Videos

The school may take photographs or videos of students for school publications or communication platforms in the coming year. Please contact the school if you would prefer that your daughter not be included in these photographs or videos.

Parents Council

We are grateful to our supportive and hard-working Parents Council. We would always welcome new members who would perhaps volunteer to get involved in their daughter's education in our school at any time. We will notify you when the Parents Council AGM will take place on Thursday, October 10th, at 7.

Finally, if you have any further queries or issues that need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We wish you all a very happy, pleasant and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Hallahan,
Principal.

Sandra Campion,
Deputy Principal.

Anthony Reynolds,
Deputy Principal.