

Information Session for Form 1 Parents & Pupils Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7pm

Principal: Mr. Padraic Corley Deputy Principal: Mr. Pádraic Kavanagh Form 1 Wellbeing/SEN Coordinator: Ms. Joan Murphy Form 1 Year Head: Mr. Dermot Plunkett Guidance Counsellor: Ms. Yvonne Sheridan Form Tutors: Ms. Rachel Cahill, Ms. Tanya Argue & Mr. Niall Ames

Purpose of the meeting: Transition from Primary to Secondary School

It can be an EXCITING but also DAUNTING prospect for both PARENTS and PUPILS!

Parents can help in the following ways:

- Talk to your child and try to understand their concerns
- Help them get organised with the correct books, copies and equipment for each subject
- Help them to understand their timetable and plan for the day ahead
- Support them with their homework
- Take an interest in their school life, school projects, friends etc...

Pupils DON'T BE AFRAID to ask for help from your parents and your teachers.

ADVICE FOR PUPILS

Be Positive



Be Patient

Be Organised

Be Friendly

Mission Statement

Our school endeavours to nurture students' gifts and talents in a learning community that is supportive, inclusive and creative. Everyone is encouraged to achieve their full academic and personal potential, while developing habits that instil lifelong learning, guided by our Christian ethos.

Form 1 Induction Programme

- First day: Tuesday 29th August 2023 (Provisional)
- Modified 'Induction' timetable for the first two days
- Tour of the school with Form 5 Mentors
- Bring a notepad/copy, pens & Chromebook but NO BOOKS
- Opportunity to get fitted for the school PE gear later that week [This can be ordered through Easy Payments on the school website]
- They will also be allocated a Locker.
- An Eight-Week Transition Programme (3 classes per week) will be delivered to all Form 1 students.

The Subject Teacher

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The Guidance Counsellor

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The Year Head

The Deputy Principal

The Principal

Student Care Support Team (SCST)

- Principal
- Deputy Principal
- Guidance Counsellor
- Year Heads
- SEN/ALN Team

Core Purpose: Empower Learning



has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters.

What the day looks like.....

- **08:40** Be at your locker to get books organised.
- 08:45 Three 40 minute classes

10:05 TUTOR TIME

- **10:50** BREAK (15 minutes)
- 11:05 Three 40 minute classes
- 13:05 LUNCH (40 minutes)
- 13:45 Three 40 minute classes
- **15:45** SCHOOL FINISHES
- 13:05 FINISH EACH FRIDAY

Pupils will have access to their timetable on VSware in August before school starts (usernames for parents will be issued in August).



Class Groups & Subjects

10 Exam Subjects

8 Compulsory Subjects: English, Irish, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies

2 Subject Choices: Choose ONE from each group Group 1: Graphics, Music, Home Economics, Applied Technology Group 2: Home Economics, Applied Technology, Visual Art, Graphics PUPILS WILL SAMPLE ALL SUBJECTS FOR 8 WEEKS BEFORE CHOOSING

Non Exam Subjects

4 Wellbeing Subjects: Social, Personal, Health Education (SPHE) Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE) Physical Education (PE) Learning to Learn (LTL) & Behaviour for Learning (BfL)

2 Other Subjects: Computer Studies (currently being reviewed) Religious Education

Uniform & Books

Full uniform required by all students:

Crested Blazer & School Jacket to be purchased from the main school supplier - Singer Sewing Cavan.

Please ensure that all uniform items are labelled.

Full list of uniform items on school website.

PE Uniform:

Crested Half-Zip Training Top & Crested Training Top (can be collected from School in August)

Plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms.

School Books

We are introducing a **Book Rental** scheme for Form 1 students. A Booklist will be available after the Easter break, clearly showing what books will be part of the book rental scheme and what books will need to be purchased.

Parents' Association normally organise a second-hand book and uniform sale in June in the school, more details will follow.

Hot Food Facility

Hot Lunches are available Monday - Thursday

Menu 2022-2023

Chicken Curry & Rice with Naan Bread

Lasagne with Potato Cubes & Garlic Bread

Pasta Bolognese or Chicken Pasta with Garlic Bread

Chicken Kiev/Southern fried chicken with Potatoes & Vegetables

What to do when...?

- My child must leave during the school day?
- My child is sick?



- I want to see my child's timetable?
- I want to check on my child's progress?



Welcome to VSware

School



Royal School Cavan

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Create or reset your password



School Website: www.royalschoolcavan.ie

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Easy Payments

By having the EPP online payment facility, the school can take payment for any school expense such as:

- Locker/Insurance/Journal Fee (€55)
- Administration Fee (includes: Games, Stationary, iClass app, Standarised Testng, VSware, EPP, Schoolwise)
 One Child €200, Two Children €350, Three or more children €450
- Hot Lunches
- School Tours
- School Materials

Current Parents



RSC – ONLINE



- WiFi is available throughout the school building
- Pupils receive a school email address:

29 first initial surname@royalschoolcavan.ie

- MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT COMPULSORY FOR SCHOOL
- Acceptable Usage Policy is available on the school website and in the pupil school journal (must be signed by parent/guardian and pupil at the start of the school year)

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INTRA-PERSONAL

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Growth Mindset

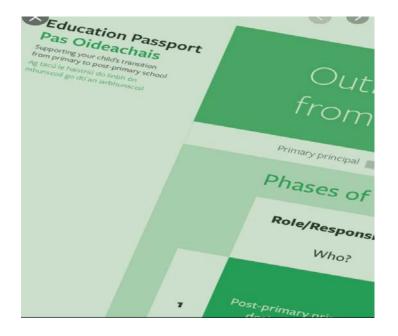
Fixed Mindset

ASSESSMENTS

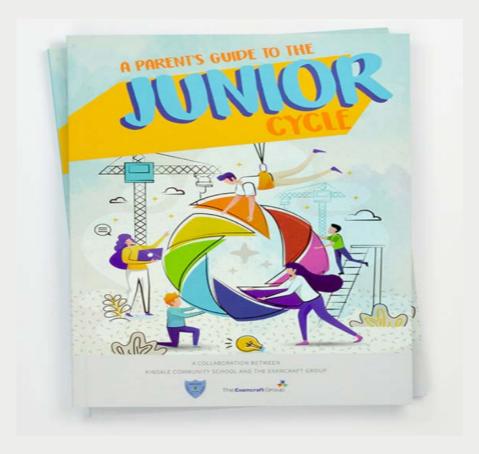
- Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) 4, The results of these tests will comment on a student's verbal, spatial and numerical (quantitative) abilities. This allows the school to establish a student's learning style, learning difficulties they may have and their strengths or areas for development.
- New Group Reading Test for Secondary (NGRTS), a standardised test that measures reading skills against the national average to help identify any problems. Each student's reading ability can be benchmarked using the Standardised Age Score (SAS). It will be carried out over 40 mins during September. The results are available in the same week.

EDUCATION PASSPORTS

Please complete both parent and pupils passports.



Available from the school



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We look forward to welcoming you in the next school year