

Third Year Newsletter

St Caimin's Community School, Shannon

Autumn 2021

Welcome.

Welcome to our Third Year newsletter for parents. The students have settled back to school very well after a fragmented eighteen months. They have shown remarkable resilience and cooperation and are working well.

Third year is traditionally a very busy year and we hope to keep you informed of all the key dates that are important for your son/daughter. The October Class Tests are completed at this point and results will be available on VSWare after the mid-term. A text will be sent to inform you of the exact date. We hope to organise a Parent Teacher Meeting for November 15th, 2021. More details will be sent to you as soon as they are available.

The CBA (Classroom Based Assessment) Calendar below outlines key dates to watch out for. Remember CBA's represent the best work your child can do in a subject over a defined period of time and should not be a source of any stress or concern. All students are asked to do is their best in the time frame given and to present their work on time. CBA's reward cooperation, hard work and organisational skills.

The mid term (Monday October 25th to Friday October 29th) is a time to recharge our batteries, enjoy some family time and get plenty of fresh air. I know the Queens is on the agenda for many and perhaps even the odd adventure to a bonfire or trick or treating. The message we are sending the students for all these activities is the same. Stay with the people you trust and stay safe.

Enjoy the mid-term.

Siobhan

CBA Timetable

Science

CBA2 1st November- 19th November, 2021

English

CBA2 1st November-19th November, 2021

Home Economics

CBA2 29th November-19th December, 2021

Irish

CBA2 21st February- 11th March, 2022

Student Voice

Here in St. Caimin's we take the opinions and ideas of students very seriously and we try to foster a culture of student leadership. To this end we have reformed our Students' Council and are actively promoting our Student Voice Blog.

During this term the students nominated and elected Class Representatives from each base class group. They then proceeded to elect one Student Council Representative for this group of third year Class Representatives. In total ninety seven out of one hundred and twenty students in third year voted in these elections which, at over 80% participation rate, demonstrates huge interest and commitment on the part of our student body.

The Students' Council is currently undergoing training and will meet monthly to discuss school related issues. The group of Class Representatives will also meet monthly to identify and discuss issues specific to Third Year students.

Our Student Blog now has a prominent place in our school website and we encourage all students to develop their communication skills and to get involved.

Class Reps 2021/22



Class Colm



Class Neasan



Class Eanna



Class Tola

After School Study

As a third year student your son/daughter should be spending approximately two hours on homework/study each afternoon. Organisation is the key to effective study: organising time, resources and order of study. A growth mindset is what we are trying to encourage in the pupils; gradual improvement over time. I have been engaged in academic monitoring interviews with the students since our return and will continue with these throughout the year. Each interview involves a review of a student's performance to date, a discussion on study techniques and target setting.

For some After School study is an excellent opportunity to complete the two hours homework daily in a structured, supervised environment. All details of the after school study programme and an application form can be found on the school website.

Extra Curricular Activities

Sport and other extra curricular activities have returned over the last week or two. While we are adhering of all Covid protocols, it is fabulous to see the excitement surrounding training and matches. We are a community and representing our community, whether it be on the football pitch, the debating podium or the stage, brings out the best from our pupils. Well done to all involved.



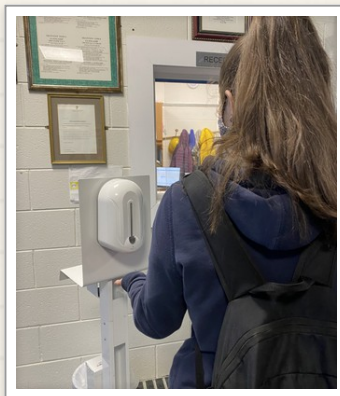
COVID 19

The school community continue to observe very strict COVID-19 protocols. To date third year students have been exemplary in their compliance with the demands placed on them and we thank them sincerely. Anybody visiting the school must follow the guidelines.

1. Mask wearing is compulsory in the building.
2. Social distancing is to be observed.
3. Careful hand hygiene procedures are in place.
4. Cover mouth when coughing and sneezing and discard tissue carefully.
5. Junior Students/Senior Students/ Staff all have separate entrances.

6. A one way system is in operation when navigating the school.
7. Staggered break and lunch times are in place.

A review of all COVID related procedures will take place over the mid-term and updates will be communicated to all members of the school community.



Separate Entrances

Separate entrances for Junior Students, Senior Students and Staff help to keep us all safe.

Hand Hygiene

Hand sanitation units are available throughout the school.

Signage

Clear signage is on display throughout the school to communicate our COVID protocols clearly to all members of our school community.

Stay In Touch

Close communication between home and school has been proven time and time again to be a vital ingredient for the academic success of Junior Cycle students. VS Ware is a vital aspect of our communication network and if any parents have difficulty logging on please contact the office immediately. Debbie and Louise will set you up with new log in details and passwords. VS Ware is now used for student time tables, student reports, detention notifications and all attendance notifications. Fee paying facilities and information updates are also available via VS Ware.

As always I am available via email at siobhan.mcsweeney@stcaimins.ie or by phone on 061 364211.

Enjoy the mid-term.

Regards,

Siobhan

