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Mr. Martin Fallon B.Sc., M.Ed.



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Mr. Sean Wynne M.I., M.A.

September 22nd 2015

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to all after the summer break, with a special welcome to our first years. I hope that this will be an enjoyable and successful year for everybody.

Year Heads for 2015/16 are as follows:

First Year: Ms Ailish Kearns
Second Year: Ms Margaret Beirne
Third Year: Ms Yvonne Traynor
Fifth Year: Ms Denise Coen
Sixth Year: Ms Carmel O'Neill

Each class group also has a Class Tutor. Full details available on www.dvs.ie

Career Guidance Counsellor: Mr Daithi Hughes. Tel: 071 9640446

Learning Support Co-ordinator: Ms Lorraine McLoughlin. Tel: 071 9640444

Adult Education (Evening Classes): Mr Aidan McKeon. Tel: 071 9640440

Parent/Teacher Meetings 2015/16

Tuesday 20th October: Sixth Year (L Cert Year 2)
Wednesday 4th November: First Year
Thursday 19th November: Third Year
Tuesday 1st December: Second Year
Wednesday 20th January: Fifth Year (L Cert Year 1)

Meetings will take place in the Mayflower Hall from 4:15pm and school will finish at 3:45pm for all students on these days. Other meetings such as subject choice information evenings will be scheduled and notified to parents at a later date.

School Improvement Planning

Our school is engaged in the School Improvement Planning process. Our school Improvement Plan – Literacy and Numeracy is available to download on our web-site www.dvs.ie

Book Rental Scheme/ Personal Accident Insurance

A letter regarding the Student Services contribution (including personal accident insurance) has been sent to all parents/guardians. Please make payment arrangements by October 23rd if you have not already done so. Queries to Mr Sean Wynne.

Attendance

Every absence of your child must be explained by forwarding a note to the Year Head or making contact with the school. **Following an absence, the parent/guardian should write a note in the designated space at the back of the Student Journal.** These notes are collected during Assembly on Mondays and submitted to the Year Head. Where a note is not provided, the absence is recorded as “Absence without explanation” School management is obliged, under the Education Welfare Act to inform the Education Welfare Officer /TUSLA if a student is absent for more than 20 days or for regular unexplained absences.

Child Protection

The Designated Liaison Person is Martin Fallon, Principal and Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Sean Wynne, Deputy Principal. They have a duty to report any reports or reasonable concerns of abuse or neglect of a student to the HSE.

Health & Safety

Students have been reminded that smoking is not permitted on any part of the school premises, including the Mayflower grounds. They have also been told that mainstream students are not allowed to be behind or at the side of the Mayflower any time during the school day from 8:45am. Parents/Guardians dropping off and collecting students at the school are requested to park at the pedestrian entrance at the front of the school or in the Mayflower grounds where students can safely use the side pedestrian entrance.

Contact Numbers

It is very important that we have up to date contact numbers for parents/guardians. A mobile number will be used for SMS messaging to notify and remind you of meetings etc.

Photographs

Memory Lane Photography will be in the school on Wednesday October 21st to take class photos of our First and Sixth Years. During the school year, at various school events and ceremonies, students may be photographed for local newspapers, our web-site, prospectus etc. If you do not wish your child's photograph to appear in those publications, please inform the school in writing.

Mid-Term Break

This will take place from October 26th to October 30th inclusive.

Parents Association

The AGM of our Parents' Association will take place on Tuesday, 20th October at 7pm. Please see letter enclosed.

School Musical

A committee is in place to organise this year musical. Any help or expertise available from parents/guardians would be welcome.

Building Works

New windows will be fitted throughout the school during the October mid-term break. Following a few hiccups, we are expecting positive news shortly on the commencement of works on our two storey extension.

Amazing Brains

Study Skills course for exam students organised for Wednesday, November 25th. Letter attached for all 3rd & 5th Years.

Further Information

You can find up to date information, approved school policies, details of our Board of Management and school calendar on our web-site www.dvs.ie . We are also on Twitter @Drumshanbovs and @dvssports

Yours sincerely,

Martin Fallon

Principal