



SALESIAN COLLEGE CELBRIDGE
INCOMING FIRST YEARS 2020-2021
“We care, develop, believe- together we achieve”
15th May 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you are all well and are looking forward to your son starting his second level education in Salesian College this August. Even though the school is closed I write to assure you that we are working on ensuring your son has the very best of starts in Salesian College. We will have an Information meeting for both parents and students in advance of your son starting and you will be notified of this as soon as confirmed. Our expected start date is Thursday 27th August 8.52am for all first years.

Booklists & Book grant - All Parents & Guardians invited to apply – Deadline 12th June 2020

The book lists are now published on our school website. This year we invite **all** parents & guardians to apply for our book grant. Extra funding has been made available for this year and we will endeavor to offer financial support to all students in all year groups. The application form is available on our website www.salesianscelbridge.com. Please fill in the form on the website. Parents will be advised of a book voucher available to them from The Learning Lab, Celbridge and Maynooth Bookshop.

Easy Payments Plus (EPP)

EPP is the electronic payments system used by Salesian College to securely accept online payments with a debit or credit card. To allow you to make payments for the school uniform and other school payments, you must **activate your School Payments EPP account**. An activation email will be sent to your email address to assist you in doing this. Once activation is successful, you can access your School Payments EPP account at anytime to make payments, view current payments history etc. Please access Easy Payments Plus via the School Website homepage at www.salesianscelbridge.com and click on **“School Payments” icon** to log into your account.



For parents and guardians with a son already in the School, there is no activation action required by you as we have added your incoming son to your existing School Payments EPP account.

Please note that payment of the School Charge 2020/21 was made at Enrolment/Registration last year via ‘Other Payments’. This is a separate Easy Payments Plus Database used to collect payments from external sources. This account should not be used to make any current school payments but can be accessed to view historical payments.

If you have any difficulty accessing your School Payments EPP account or making a payment, please email our School Bursar, ebehan@salesianscelbridge.com

School Uniform – Deadline for orders Friday 19th June 2020

The school uniform is Grey Trousers and Grey shirt & school jumper & tie & Black shoes. **Black polishable shoes only**. Students are not allowed wear runners or Plimsoul style shoes. We have posted a series of photographs on our website of shoes which are acceptable and not acceptable. Please ensure you check this

as students are sent home on the first day if they wear the incorrect shoes. Students must also wear the official Maroon School Jumper with Salesian College crest on it & Salesian College Junior Tie.

Uniform Orders – Easypayments - Deadline for orders Friday 19th June 2020

We thank our Parent's Association for organizing the school uniform orders again for our students. This year **all** purchases of school uniform will be taken through our Easypayments system. The school jumper and tie is only available from the school. You will not be able to buy any uniform on the collection night for security reasons. You may change the size of the jumper or trousers on the night as we will have all the stock ready. When ordering uniform please ensure you keep the receipt for collection of uniform. Please ensure you have your order made by Friday 19th June 2020. We will notify all parents & guardians of the collection dates and times once confirmed. Please note that the school uniform is not available except through the school on the dates notified in advance. If you are unable to collect the uniform on the dates in question, you must organise for someone else to collect the uniform for you. We will not accept or process any uniform orders through the school office.

School email account

All students will be notified of their Salesian College email address for using our MS Office.

Cognitive Ability Tests

We will organise these tests for all our first years during the first term once all students are registered.

Year Head & Calendar 2020-2021

The Year Head for your son is Mr. Niall O'Connor and all students will have a Form Teacher who they will meet every day for our daily Wellbeing Tutorial. All incoming first years will complete our Induction Programme and will meet all their teachers and Ceangail & Cinnirí student leaders during these two days. We will also post on our website the annual school calendar which will include all relevant dates for Parent Teacher meetings and whole school events.

New Arrangements – Health & Safety – Break & Lunchtimes

Inevitably we will have to implement new health and safety strategies in the school when we re-open in August. I advise all students, parents & guardians that we will bring in a new system for all students bringing food and drink into the school. From next year on all students must have their own lunchbox / container for their lunch and they must bring home **all** their own rubbish. This is to begin work on our Green Schools project and it will reduce the waste collection charges. We will also have to re-direct our cleaning staff to other areas of cleaning to ensure we are complying with HSE regulations in order to ensure the school stays open. We have installed hand sanitizers around the building however I also advise all students that they will be obliged to carry their own hand sanitizers as well in the new school year.

Subject options

All students will be advised by post of their subject options this week.

Medical Information and Updating contact details

We advise all parents to notify us in writing of any medical diagnosis and medication that may require administration in school by the student or in the event of an emergency, by a member of staff. I refer to our Administration of Medication policy which is available on our school website. If you have changed any details from your original registration form, please notify the school through our email system.

Contact

Office@Salesianscelbridge.com.

We regularly check the school office account and we will do our best to assist with your query and appreciate any relevant information you wish to advise us of in advance of the new school year.

We look forward to meeting all our new students in first year.

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Ms. BKearns, Principal