



SALESIAN COLLEGE CELBRIDGE

"We care, develop, believe- together we achieve".

General School Letter

25-04-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are preparing for the last very busy weeks in the school. It is a very enjoyable time as we organise various end-of-year events. We thank most sincerely all our students for their excellent cooperation and behaviour this year. We are proud of how well our young gentlemen work in a positive and productive manner with us and we thank you, all our parents and guardians, for your continued support.

In the next few weeks different important letters will be shared with all parents and guardians. I ask you to read these carefully to ensure effective and efficient communication and planning for our students.

Upcoming Letters

New Book Rental Scheme 1st-3rd Years 2024/2025

We are working on the new book rental scheme for Junior Certificate students and a detailed letter and information on the schoolbook rental policy will be shared with all parents and guardians in the next few weeks.

6th Year Graduation

All 6th year parents and guardians will receive an invitation to the 6th year graduation ceremony on Tuesday 21st May.

House, Junior & Leaving Certificate State Examinations & Planning Letter for New School Year

We will advise all parents and guardians about the arrangements for the end of year examinations and the state examinations in June. Information on planning for the new school year, school uniform orders and collections, book grant information, school calendar and other important information will be shared.

Upcoming Events and Planning for May 2024

Sports Day Tuesday 14th May & Parents Association BBQ – Your Support and Sponsorship Needed

We look forward to our Annual Sports Day on Tuesday 14th May 2024. This is always a great day in the lives of our students, and we expect full attendance and participation from all students. Our PE Department are already organising different events and there is always a great atmosphere of fun, participation and competition on the day.

We also thank in advance our wonderful Parents Association and all the volunteers who will organise the BBQ. In order to ensure this BBQ can go ahead and be a successful fund-raising event for the Parents Association, **the school really needs your assistance**. We need sponsors for the following must have items:

850 Burger Buns
200 Sausage Bun Rolls
500 Coca Cola Drinks
350 Fanta/Orange Drinks
100 7up/Sprite Drinks
300 Bottles of Water
1000 Assortment of Chocolate Bars (no nut bars)

If you are able to assist in any way, please contact the school or Parents' Association as soon as possible. We welcome any parent who may be able to sponsor this event in any way. All monies raised by the Parents Association go directly to student activities.

School Charge

Salesian College is obliged to ensure the effective and efficient financial operation and management of the school. I believe as a school we do this very well under the stewardship of the Board of Management. However, the funds made available from the Department of Education & Skills are not sufficient to meet the school's financial needs and consequently voluntary schools like Salesian College are underfunded by approximately 25%.

On application to the school and subsequently on registration all parents and guardians are advised of the annual school charge. This school charge covers specific school costs which are not covered by the Department of Education funding. Without this there would be serious financial challenges in the school.

We sincerely thank you all in advance for paying this charge. It is not possible to manage the school without your assistance and financial contribution. All monies paid to the school are fully accounted for and are used by all students for their academic, personal, and social development. Below is a breakdown of how we distribute this charge.

Description	Amount	Details
School Journal	€15.00	All students must have the formal Salesian College school journal for recording homework/study notes/ results. This applies only to TY,5 th &6 th year students only this year. All 1 st -3 rd years school journal will be covered by the book rental scheme.
VS Ware School Management System and MS Office License /IT Equipment & Licenses	€15.00	All students are assigned their own MS 365 account and VS Ware school account. The school must pay for the license and operation of these systems.
24/7 Student Insurance	€15.00	All students are insured under this premium and it is an additional cost to the school overall school insurance.
House Exams – Stationery & Photocopying	€10.00	Salesian College provides students with the exam papers and Salesian College stationery for all in-house exams and classrooms stationery resources.
Games & Extra-Curricular Activities	€5.00	All students avail of our break and lunch time and after-school extra-curricular activities.
Parents Association Contribution	€5.00	All parents & guardians support our Parents Association and their work as education partners. Our Parents Association support all school events including school masses, graduation ceremonies and annual Sports Day BBQ.
Locker Rental & Maintenance	€60.00	All students are provided with a school locker to avoid heavy school bags and allow for an organised school day.
1st, 2nd & 3rd Year Literacy & Numeracy Tests	€15.00	Junior School only. These assessments are carried out throughout the school year, and they are designed to help students and their teachers understand how students learn.
Total	€130.00	

Over the last number of years, the school has reviewed this school charge, and we have an installment plan. This installment plan has proven to be very successful, and I believe it allows parents to budget the school payments in an easier way.

This payment is made through our Easypayments system which is accessed through our school website. If you have any difficulty accessing your account or setting up this installment plan, please email our school Bursar, Lkiernan@salesianscelbridge.com. **If you have an incoming first year student, this school charge has already been paid for 2024-2025.**

If you have any queries, please email the school at Lkiernan@salesianscelbridge.com

Payment Type	Single Student	Two Students
Full Payment	€130	€240
3 instalments	€30 due 01-07-2024 €50 due 01-08-2024 €50 due 01-10-2024	€60 due 01-07-2024 €90 due 01-08-2024 €90 due 01-10-2024

Scientific Trust Fund

As a school we have a charitable status therefore we can avail of the government's tax rebate system where the school can claim the tax refund on donations over €250 in a fund-raising capacity. These funds are used for educational purposes in the school. A number of years ago the Salesian College Scientific Trust Fund was set up to raise funds for the school.

Parents/Guardians may arrange to pay the school charge by setting up a direct debit to the Salesian College Scientific Trust Fund. The minimum contribution is €25 per month totalling €300 for the year. If you opt to make this contribution you do not pay the School Charge of €130.

If you opt to make this sign up to the Scientific Trust, please go to our **school website** and print the **SEPA Direct Debit Mandate**, fill it in and return it to the school:

FAO The Bursar,
Salesian College,
Celbridge,
Co. Kildare,
W23 W0K.

Golf Classic

Following on from the great success of our Golf Classic last year we are delighted to announce that this year's event will take place on **Friday the 17th of May 2024** in Killeen Golf Club, Naas, Co. Kildare.

This is a fun event and the funds raised will be used for the IT / Digital Equipment for our new resource department building which we hope will open in the new school year.

We have tee times from 10 am onwards with the last groups teeing off at 5 pm with all players receiving a 3-course meal after their round of golf. The format is a four-person team.

We are looking for your support and contribution in the following ways:

1. To enter a four-person team will cost €300. This includes prizes and a 3-course meal.
2. Family Sponsorship €100.
3. Family Sponsorship €50.

If you are interested in supporting the event or require further information or booking a tee-time, please contact the school on 01 6272200 or by email at golfclassic@salesianscelbridge.com.

Alternatively, you can support us by following the SCC Golf Classic option using Easypayments on the school's website. This is an ideal opportunity to play a fantastic golf course, have some fun and support the school. We sincerely thank our Parents Association, who have very kindly agreed to sponsor a junior and a senior student team.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and supporting the school.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Kearns

Ms. Brenda Kearns,
Principal.