

Third Year parents and guardians information evening meeting (zoom)

Monday, 13th September 2021

8: 30 p.m. - 9: 30 p.m.

Simon Carey - Principal

Louise O' Sullivan - Deputy Principal

Huw Davies - Year Head

School Principal

- The Journey of a Third Year student
- Study
- Parents
- Quality of life for Third Years
- Guidance Counsellor
- Year Head - Huw Davies

The Journey of a Third Year student

- Homework (sample questions, feedback, oral presentations)
- Very busy year for your son/daughter
- Study (commences today, Monday, 13th September 2021) - €450 for full year or €150 per term, which is 11 weeks per term. Night study, which runs from 7 p.m - 9 p.m. is run by parents/guardians and is free
- Revision and study plans require immediate action by students
- Resources available online at www.examinations.ie (marking schemes, exam papers, chief Inspector reports)
- Positive mindset

- Third Years need to pace themselves with their work
- Encourage them to speak with their teachers should they find the work-load too much
- CBAs in progress in all subject areas (schedule emailed to all parents last week)
- Parental encouragement and support
- Friendships very important
- Know our school's code of behaviour

Who to contact with concerns?

There is a chain of command and myself and Louise trust our staff

- The principal and deputy principal will not be dealing with day - to - day matters. As a school, we have fantastic people who will work with you:
- S.E.N = resource@stdavids.ie
- Year Head (deals with the day - to - day issues for your child such as concerns, bullying, disciplinary matter, etc.) = hdavies@stdavids.ie
- Well-being and mental health concerns = guidance@stdavids.ie
- Lates = school secretary [info@stdavids](mailto:info@stdavids.ie)
- School charges = finance@stdavids.ie
- Areas pertaining to subjects and teaching = individual teacher itself

Guidance Counsellor

- Ms. Tracy Brady is the school Guidance Counsellor
- She can be contacted by email: guidance@stdavids.ie

Third Year, Year Head

- The Third Year, Year Head is Mr. Huw Davies
- All queries for the year group go to the Year Head and he can be contacted by email: hdavies@stdavids.ie

Special Education Needs

- We have two co-ordinators for S.E.N in St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School, Tara Noone and Deirdre Doughty
- All matters pertaining to S.E.N go to S.E.N and they can be contacted by email: resource@stdavids.ie

Covid-19

- Third Year students are based in a zone focused in four rooms, outside in the pre-fabricated buildings, rooms 1, 2, 3, 4
- Approx. 65% of classes are based in these rooms - English, Maths, Gaeilge, History, Geography, R.E, CSPE, SPHE and non- specialised rooms for options Business, Spanish and French
- Approx. 35% of classes involve change of rooms (speciality classrooms Construction, Engineering, Visual Art, Science, Home Economics, Graphics)
- No lockers for students - students have books in boxes, underneath their base classroom table
- Assigned seating (within base classrooms) and each tables in all other rooms numbered with assigned seating by individual teachers
- Third Year toilets in zone centred in downstairs main school building block & Science block in Creative block

- Each classroom contains hand sanitisers, sanitising spray, disposal paper tissue
- Tables and chairs cleaned once a student or when students leave a classroom
- One-way system in place throughout the school in the Creative block but two-way system in main school building (due to on-going construction)
- Wearing of face masks (plain navy or black cloth masks) required throughout the school. Visors permitted as an alternative in the event a child/staff member has a respiratory medical condition/ learning difficulty/ anxiety as permissible by the H.S.E
- Parents/guardians are not permitted to enter the school building unless an appointment has been confirmed

- P.E - students are permitted to wear their sports gear for the full day or day(s) that they have P.E as there are no changing rooms open due to covid-19 restrictions
- Break-times: restrictions are in place due to guidelines requiring schools to restrict movement of pupils as well as mixing of students. This will be reviewed at the end of September - Third Years are based in their base classrooms for three of the nine breaks in the week currently
- Please email the school info@stdavids.ie if your child is late for school on that day and/or if your child is out sick (covid-19 or not)
- If your child has any of the symptoms of covid-19 the HSE states that you should keep your child at home. If concerns are linked specifically with covid-19 contact your G.P.

Covid-19 school policies

- School policies are available on the school website in the parents section. These policies are:
 - Covid-19 school policy
 - Covid-19 response plan
 - Covid-10 risk assessment and plan
- Procedures in place, for suspected cases, as per Department of Education and H.S.E. guidelines

School Building

- The main school building, containing rooms 6 - 27, library, dining area, staff room and main office complex refurbished fully (except dining area, library, rooms 15 & 16 - these will be renovated next summer, 2022)
- Creative Block consisting of rooms 28 - 43 (Labs, Home economics rooms, Visual Art, Engineering, Construction Studies, Computer Science, etc) will be fully refurbished next summer, 2022
- New sports arena - construction work ongoing, early 2022 completion
- New three storey extension (connecting main school building and creative block) - construction ongoing, late 2022 completion

Deputy Principal

- Third Year timetable
- New Junior Cycle & CBAs
- Reporting & Assessment
- School holidays and closure
- School policies (remit of Year Head)

School Year 2021 - 2022

- Classroom based Assessments (CBAs) September - December 2021. There are no Assessment Tasks this year
- Third Year Study Skills - Tuesday, 21st September 2021
- Third Year Parent - Teacher Meeting- Thursday, 21st October 2021 (4: 15 p.m - 6: 45 p.m)
- Third Year November Assessments (Monday, 22nd November - Friday, 26th November 2021)
- Third Year Mock assessments (Thursday, 10th February - Friday, 18th February 2022)
- Sports Day (Friday, 29th April 2022)
- Third Year Trip (May 2022) - T.B.A
- Third Year Block Study (Friday, 27th May - Friday, 3rd June 2022)

New Junior Cycle & CBAs

- The following subjects will see your son/daughter receive new grading system: English, Gaeilge, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business, Visual Art, Home Economics, French, Spanish, Religion, Engineering, Music, Technology Wood, Graphics
- Grading is as follows:
- Distinction 90 - 100%
- Higher Merit 75 - 89%
- Merit 55 - 74%
- Achieved 40 - 54%
- Partially Achieved 20 - 39%
- No grade 0 - 19%

Reporting & Assessment

- There will be one parent - teacher meeting this year for Third Years, on Thursday, 21st October 2021 online via zoom from 4:15 p.m - 6:45 p.m
- You will be issued with two reports this year and those dates are as follows:
- Wednesday, 15th December 2021 (after November assessments)
- Approx. Monday, 30th March 2022 (after Mock assessments)
- No reports issued in June as students will sit J.C. (June 2022)

- There are three main assessments this year:
- Third Year November Assessments (Monday, 22nd November - Friday, 26th November 2021)
- Third Year Mock assessments (Thursday, 10th February - Friday, 18th February 2022)
- Junior Certificate exams (Wednesday, 8th June - Wednesday, 22nd June 2022)
- Please do not book holidays until after the 23rd June 2021

School holidays

- Friday, 1st October 2021
- Halloween mid-term: Monday, 25th October - Friday, 29th October 2021
- Monday, 29th November 2021
- Christmas: Wednesday, 22nd December 2021 - Wednesday, 5th January 2022
- February mid-term: Monday, 21st February - Friday, 25th February 2022
- St. Patrick's weekend - Thursday, 17th and Friday, 18th March 2022
- Easter: Monday, 11th April - Friday, 22nd April 2022
- Monday, 2nd May 2022 (Bank Holiday)
- School year ends on Friday, 3rd June but Junior Certificate exams commence Wednesday, 8th June - Wednesday, 22nd June 2022

Year Head

Huw Davies

- School uniform
- Mobile phone
- All matters pertaining to code of behaviour
- Allegations of bullying & social media
- Attendance
- Academic tracking
- School journal

School Uniform

- School uniform remains as is:
- School jumper (if cold in class, students are permitted to wear their school hoodie. Once class ends and they move around the school, they remove their hoodie)
- School trousers or school kilt
- School shirt or blouse
- Black shoes
- Due to covid-19, on the day or days of P.E, students are permitted to wear sports gear, as there are no changing rooms open
- If a student does not have any aspect of their school uniform, they will be sent home

Questions & Answers

Thank you all

Meeting ends at 9: 30 p.m.