

1st Year Information Evening

General Guidelines for 1st Year Parents

Wednesday 6 September 2017

1st Year Information Evening

1. 1st Year is crucial!
2. Raising your child's chances of success
3. Homework & Study
4. The school year – term by term
5. Support Structure
6. Perennial Issues
7. Other Information and Reminders

Raising the chances of success

1. BE AMBITIOUS!
2. Make a commitment to their education
3. Maximum Attendance in School
4. Homework & Study
5. Fill in the gaps where performance is weak
6. Work in partnership with teachers
7. 1st years are still kids

The Study Environment...

Does your son/daughter have the best possible conditions in which to work?

- ✓ Regular Time
- ✓ Regular Place

No TV, No disturbances,
No work outside the home

Regular Sleep

Homework & Study

Homework

In EGS it is expected that all students complete academic work at home on a regular basis.

We need parental support with this.

Homework

Work at home will comprise:

Homework (set by teachers)

&

Study (extra background work)

Homework

All homework should be written into
Homework Journal.

Parents are encouraged to check journals
regularly to ensure this is happening.

Homework

Work could be:

* written

* learning

* reading

* revising

ALL work is equally important!

Learning and reading is just as important as written work.

Homework

Parents are asked to ensure that all work set is completed, at home, and in the best possible conditions.

Mr Heaney is currently compiling a Homework Timetable.

Question 1

Can your son/daughter cope
with the homework?

Study

The amount of time spent on Homework and Study?

- At least one and a half hours
- but NOT all night!

If homework is completed in less than the time set, the rest of the time should be spent on study

What is Study?


1. Ensuring notes are up-to-date
 - Writing up notes in a particular subject
 - Re-writing notes which are untidy or incomplete
 - Writing up work missed though absence

What is Study?

2. Learning Notes

- Reading and revising sections of work
- Self-testing – seeing how much of the material covered can be recalled

Study is...

- Ensuring notes are up-to-date
- Learning Notes  This will be the Key to success
- Researching

Notekeeping

In EGS we expect all students to learn to make notes and keep them in an organised fashion.

This will make revision easier for the student

Notekeeping

Students use a combination of copies, refill pads and ring-binders.

For subjects which use refill pads, only one A4 pad needs to be carried around.

(saves carrying copies and ring-binders)

Challenging the Gifted Students

- Huge gulf in standards between Junior and Leaving Cert
- Students can quickly learn to “coast”
- Teachers can do too much – students should learn to do more
- EGS: Increased emphasis on establishing good work ethic and study habits in 1st Year
- EGS: Increased emphasis on challenging more able students to go further

1st Year ...term by term

Term One:

- September: Tiredness will impact
- 15-17 November: Christmas Concert
- 21 November: Parent-Teacher Meetings

Question 2

Do we run a First Year Trip
this year (c.€25)?

1st Year ...term by term

Term One (continued):

- November: 1st Years make subject choices
- 4-8 December: Christmas Exams
- 19 December: Carol Service

Band 1**Band 2**

	29 Aug – 29 Sept	2 Oct - 28 Oct	6 Nov – 30 Dec	29 Aug – 29 Sept	2 Oct - 28 Oct	6 Nov – 30 Dec
1E Cooney - Mabuza	Business	Metalwork	Art	Music	T.G	H.E.
1E Neill - Whitney and 1G Black - Hart	Metalwork	Art	Business	H.E.	Music	T.G
1G Hasler - Zieg	Art	Business	Metalwork	T.G.	H.E.	Music

1st Year ...term by term

Term Two:

- Short term
- 8 February – 1st Year Parents' Advice Night
- 13 March: School photographs
- 14-16 March: Transition Year Show

1st Year ...term by term

Term Three:

- Very long
- 11 May: Sports Day
- 23 May – 1 June: Summer Exams

Support Structures

- Form Teachers

1E: Mr Martin

1G: Ms Sheridan

- Head of 1st Year (Mr Heaney)
- Head of Junior School (Mr McGettigan)
- Chaplain (Rev Zietsman)
- Guidance Counsellor (Mrs O'Callaghan)

Support Structures – Part 2

- Learning Support Department
- Classroom assistants
- Prefects – “Buddy” System
- Open Door – it’s ok not to feel ok
- Library at Lunchtime

Perennial Issues

1. Tiredness
2. Lockers
3. Locks
4. Weight of schoolbags
5. Property

Student Property

1. Students should avoid bringing valuables to school
2. Mobile phones should be kept locked in a locker. Misuse will lead to their confiscation
3. Please put names on all property
4. Please don't leave property around the school
5. Lost property is open at 8.45am and 1.45pm. Most "stolen" property is actually just lost!

Information/Reminders

1. Sickness, Lateness, Absence, Leaving Early
2. School Transport
3. Parents Parking
4. Litter – please bring it home!
5. Discipline

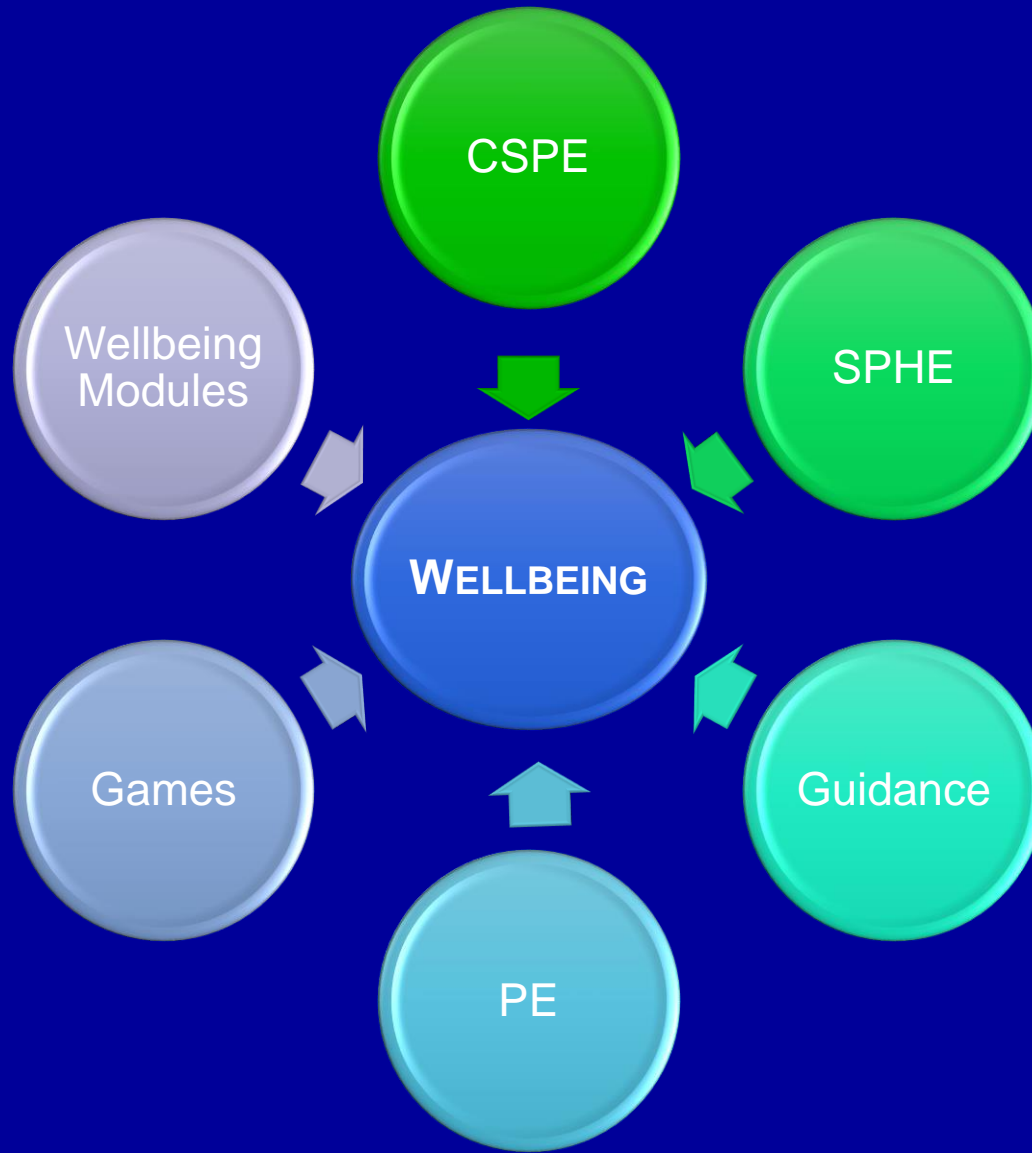
Discipline

- We trust parents to trust us
- We expect the very highest standards of behaviour at all times.
 - We have a reputation for doing things well, and we aim to maintain that
- If we call you, we need your support.

Common 1st Year Discipline Issues

1. Uniform
2. Unkindness to others
3. Misuse of mobile Phones
4. Standards of Homework
5. Distracting others in class

Junior Cycle Update



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- English
- Business
- French/Spanish
- Art
- Irish
- Science

Junior Cycle Update

- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)
 - 2nd Year/3rd Year
 - Example: Oral Presentation (English)
- In lieu of 2nd Year summer exams in these subjects
- Other subjects continue as before
 - History/Geography/Maths/RE/Metalwork/HE/Music/TG/

Parents' Association AGM (tomorrow evening)

*Parent helpers – breaktime
walkaround*

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