

# 1st Year Information Evening

## General Guidelines for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parents

Wednesday 4 September 2019



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# Coronavirus COVID-19



### Priorities

- Keep COVID-19 out of School
  - Don't come in when ill
  - Stick to the protocols
    - Distancing
    - Etiquette and face coverings
    - Sanitising: LEAVE NO TRACE!

### Changes

- Timetable
  - Classes
  - Breaks
  - Lunches



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Year Information Evening

1. 1<sup>st</sup> 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



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## 1. Raising the chances of success

- i. BE AMBITIOUS!
- ii. Make a commitment to their education
- iii. Maximum Attendance in School
- iv. Homework & Study
- v. Fill in the gaps where performance is weak
- vi. Work in partnership with teachers
- vii. 1<sup>st</sup> years are still kids (especially this year!)



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## Homework & Study



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### Homework

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

We need parental support with this.



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## Homework

Work at home will comprise:

Homework (set by teachers)

&

Study (extra background work)



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## Homework

All homework should be written into  
Homework Journal.

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



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## Homework

Work could be:

- \* written
- \* reading
- \* learning
- \* revising

ALL work is equally important!

Learning and reading is just as important as  
written work.



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## Homework

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



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## 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**

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## Study

The amount of time spent on Homework and Study?

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

As the year goes on, study will become more appropriate.



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## Study is...

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



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## 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



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## What is Study?

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



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## 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



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## Challenging our students

- Increased emphasis on establishing good work ethic and study habits in 1<sup>st</sup> Year
- Increased emphasis on challenging more able students to go further
- Effort grades in our reports – what they mean



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Year ...term by term

Term One:

- September: Tiredness will impact
- 17 November: Parent-Teacher Meetings (we hope)
- 30 Nov – 4 Dec: Christmas exams
- Early December: 1<sup>st</sup> Years make subject choices
- 22 December: School closes



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## Subject Rotations (Sept-Nov)

Band 1	Band 2
Art	Engineering
TG	Music
HE	Business



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Year ...term by term

Term Two:

- Long term
- 11 February – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parents' Advice Night



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Year ...term by term

Term Three:

- Long term this year (30+ days)
- Sports Day (we hope)
- 26 May – 4 June: Summer Exams



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## Support Structures

- Form Teachers
  - 1X: Mr Heaney
  - 1Y: Ms Sutton
  - 1Z: Mr King
- Head of 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Mr Heaney)
- Head of Junior School (Mr McGettigan)
- Chaplain (Ms Evans)
- Guidance Counsellor (Mrs O'Callaghan)



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## Support Structures

- Learning Support Department
- Special Needs Assistants
- Prefects – “Buddy” System
- Open Door – it’s ok not to feel ok



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## Perennial Issues

1. Tiredness
2. Weight of schoolbags
3. Property
4. Phones



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## Student Property

1. Students should avoid bringing valuables to school
2. Mobile phones should be kept to themselves.  
Misuse will lead to their confiscation  
They should not be used during social times
3. Please put names on all property
4. Please don't leave property around the school



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## Information/Reminders

1. Sickness, Lateness, Absence, Leaving Early  
[notes@egs.ie](mailto:notes@egs.ie)
2. School Transport
3. Parents' Parking
4. Discipline



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## 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.



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## Common 1<sup>st</sup> Year Discipline Issues

1. Uniform
2. Unkindness to others
3. Standards of Homework
4. Distracting others in class



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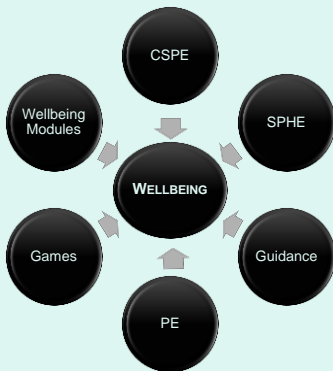
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## Junior Cycle Update



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## Junior Cycle Update – *full implementation*

- English
- Business
- Science
- French/Spanish
- Art
- Irish
- History
- Maths
- HE
- Geography
- TG
- Metalwork
- Short Courses:
  - CSPE
  - RE



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## Junior Cycle Update

- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year/3<sup>rd</sup> Year
  - Example: Oral Presentation (English)
- These will be in lieu of many 2<sup>nd</sup> Year summer and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Christmas exams in these subjects



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Thank you!

Keep in touch

Parents' information evening II - February



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