



May 2023

A Chairde,

As we approach the summer break and begin to prepare for the 2024/2025 school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all and wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

I would like to draw your attention to the following information for 2024/2025 academic year:

Free schoolbooks/stationary for all post-primary Junior Cycle students

Please find attached information for parents/guardians about the free schoolbooks for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students for the 2024/2025 academic year. Guidance has been issued to schools and is available at www.gov.ie/schoolbookschemes. The Books & Equipment list that Junior Cycle students will receive is available on our website.

Student Direct Costs

It is important to note that the above scheme does not cover all school costs. The student direct costs for 2024/2025 are now available on the school website www.colaistenahinse.ie under the Parent Portal. As per previous years this is paid through Way2Pay. Please note activities and trips includes, but is not limited to, monthly notaí maith competitions and prizes, subject awards, award ceremonies, some extracurricular activities etc.

Uniform

A reminder that the suppliers of the CNI uniform are:

- **Best Wear**, Bettystown & Shop Street, Drogheda on 041-9836036
- **School Uniforms Direct** at www.schooluniformdirect.ie or directly on 059-6481241

As per our Code of Discipline, daltaí **may not** wear non-uniform items. Therefore, it is very important to label your child's uniform clearly. Correct footwear must also be worn. Please see attached document outlining what is permitted in CNI.

CNI's Parents Association are running a uniform drive. Gentle used second hand uniforms will be available to purchase at a small cost in June. Information will be posted on our website and social media accounts.

School Calendar

Our 2024/2025 school calendar is available on the school website. This includes return dates for each year group.

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Sarah Ross
Principal



New Government scheme for 2024/25 school year

Free schoolbooks for all post-primary Junior Cycle students

Information for parents/guardians

The Government has introduced a new scheme from the start of the new school year 2024/25. Under this scheme all schoolbooks and core classroom resources for students in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools will be provided to students directly by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools will receive funding from Government to cover these costs. Guidance has issued to schools on the scheme and is available at gov.ie/schoolbookschemes.

- Schoolbooks will be provided free to every student on loan at the start of the school year. Core classroom resources will also be provided free to students by the school.
- Schools must communicate with parents and guardians about this new scheme and identify any additional classroom resources that are **not** provided to students under the scheme and the reason for this. The communication from the school will inform parents if need to buy these items or pay a fee to the school for supply of the item.
- Funding under this scheme will not include the purchase of digital devices.
- The schoolbooks will be **on loan** to the students and must be returned at the end of the school year or at the end of Junior Cycle (as decided by the school) or if the student leaves the school.
- It is important that schoolbooks are kept in good condition so they can be reused. Please help make sure that your children keep the schoolbooks safe and in good condition so that they can be used again by another child.

In Budget 2024 the Government provided over €68 million to extend the free schoolbooks scheme to eliminate the cost of schoolbooks for students in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme.

gov.ie/SchoolBookSchemes



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The following types of shoes **ARE PERMITTED** to be worn by students:

1. All black low heeled leather shoes



2. Navy/Black 'Dubarry' style deck shoes



3. The following types of shoes **ARE NOT PERMITTED** to be worn. The above is not exhaustive. If unsure, please contact the school before purchasing footwear.



Correct PE Uniform
(to be worn on PE day only)



Correct male Junior uniform



Correct female Junior uniform



Correct female Senior uniform



Correct male Senior uniform