Le Chéile Secondary School
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5th August 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school. To ensure that students arrive back to school ready for the new school year we would ask that you go through the details of this letter with your child. The timeline for the opening days is included in the letter along with some important information to help make getting back into the routine of school as easy as possible.

School begins for **First Year Students on Monday 25th August.** Students will be in school from **9.00am - 1pm on Monday 25th , Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th August.** The students will be involved in a Welcome & Induction Programme and will only need a pen and a packed lunch during these first few days.

School begins for **Sixth Year on Friday 22nd August.** They will be in school from **12.00pm - 1pm. Sixth Year students will not be in school on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th August or Wednesday 27th August.**

School begins for **5th Year on Monday 25th August.** They will be in school from 11.30am - 12.30pm. **Fifth Year students will not be in school on Tuesday 26th August or Wednesday 27th August.**

School begins for **2nd Year and TY students on Tuesday 26th August.** They will be in school as follows:

Second Year: 9.00am - 10.00am
Transition Year: 10.30am - 11.30am

2nd Year & TY students will not be in school on Wednesday 27th August

School begins for **3rd Year on Wednesday 27th August.** They will be in school from 9.00am - 10am.

This will give students an opportunity to meet with their tutors and receive their timetables & journals.

From Thursday 28th August school will begin and end at normal time for all students (Details included at the end of this letter.

Maintaining the highest possible standards in term of uniform is very important to us - 'small things matter' and we would ask for your support with this. A reminder of the school uniform rules are outlined below.

- Students should come to school every day in full uniform. **Student must wear a school jacket to school – no other jacket is allowed.** The full school uniform for Junior Cycle students is a white long sleeved shirt, purple crested jumper, school trousers or skirt, school tie, **black socks** and **all black shoes**. Senior Cycle students wear a white long sleeve shirt with senior tie. The girls can wear a revere collar blouse, **if they choose to wear a collared shirt they must have a senior tie**, a black crested school jumper, school trousers or skirt, **black socks** and **all black shoes.** If your daughter decides to wear a white shirt rather than the revere blouse they **must** wear the senior tie. **All school uniform must be purchased from the Schoolwear House.**

- Student can wear small stud earrings and a watch. *Student may not have any other facial piercings* and no visible tattoos. Plasters covering facial piercings is not acceptable. **For health and safety reasons long acrylic nails are not allowed.** Hair should be a natural colour and hair accessories must be discreet and match the school uniform. No hair shaving designs are allowed.

- Students should wear their school uniform on PE days and will be able to use the changing rooms to change into the PE in uniform before their lesson. The school PE uniform must be worn for PE classes.

- A uniform hijab is available through the school office at a cost of €4. This is part of the school uniform. No other hijab is allowed.

- In line with our school Healthy Eating Policy students need to bring a healthy lunch to school and some water. Students may not leave the school grounds at any time during the school day including lunchtime.

- Students should bring their iPad, fully charged to school on Thursday 28th August. Any student who has broken their link with wriggle over the summer will be charged a €10 reconnection fee. They will not be allowed to use their iPad in school until they are reconnected.

- The school does not request a voluntary contribution from parents. All students must pay an administration fee for attendance at Le Chéile Secondary School. The Junior & Senior Cycle Book Scheme has allowed us to cover some of the costs which the administration fee would normally have covered. We have therefore been able to reduce the cost of the administration fee for Junior Cycle Students. The admin fee is now €50 for one child, €80 for two children & €100 for three or more children. This will contribute towards the cost of student insurance cover, schoology, text messaging system to parents, parents evening booking system, photocopying, postage & printing of school reports, rental of school locker, the co-curricular and extra curricular programme. Our new First Year parents paid this contribution when they accepted their place in November so no further payment is required. We will also be providing students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year with copies, folders and exam papers. Each 1st Year student will be given a fully stocked pencil case.

  A reminder of the school opening and closing times are outlined below.

Day	**School Begins**	**School Ends**
Monday	9.05am	3.45pm
Tuesday - Thursday	8.35am	3.25pm
Friday	8.35am	1.05pm

We have now fully migrated our messaging service to the school app. We will no longer be sending messages via text. If you have not already done so please download the iClass app. Details of how to do this can be found in the latest news section of the school website.

Finally, I would like to inform parents that Ms Roisin Ní Dhonncha (Deputy Principal) will return from maternity leave in September and take this opportunity to thank Mr Dylan Kershaw for his support as acting Deputy Principal last year.
Should you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact the school.

With every good wish,

Leona Harrington

Ms. Leona Harrington
Principal