

August 23rd 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and your children are looking forward to starting or returning to St. Louis next week.

Our renovation project and building extension is progressing day by day and we are delighted to finally be seeing the fruits of many years of meetings, plans and several headaches!! During the summer months FVG Construction have been very busy working in the main school building. They have almost installed a new heating system, the boys' toilets are getting completely refurbished and one of our general purpose classrooms is in the process of being converted into a Sensory Room.

Our new extension consisting of seven classrooms and a large multi-purpose room is currently at first floor level and this additional space will be a welcome addition to our school as we are extremely short of classrooms. We hope to move into these new rooms next February.

While we look forward to all the positives associated with the above building work, it does bring its' own problems, the main one being that Flo Gas are unable to provide 4 tonne gas tanks until the last week in September and unfortunately the school will have no heating until the first week in October. Regrettably this is beyond our control and all the stakeholders involved in the building project have been trying to resolve this issue since last April but to date we have had no success. I do apologise in advance for the inconvenience this may cause to all in our school community and I would greatly appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Back on a positive note the schedule for the return to school is outlined below.

Tuesday August 27th	1 st Years, TY and LCA, Prefects at 3.30pm
Wednesday 28th	1 st years, BBBS at 2pm (TY, LCA at outdoor pursuits)
Thursday 29th	3 rd , 6 th , 1 st years, TY, LCA
Friday 30th	All year groups including 2 nd and 5 th years.

A number of timetable changes have been implemented for this academic year.

- All 1st year students will get one extra hour of English and Maths each week.
- All 2nd year students will get two hours of PE and computers each week.
- All 3rd year students will get an extra hour for their option subjects.
- All 5th year students will get one extra hour of Maths each week.
- A Special Tuition class has been added to each English, Maths and Irish line for each year group to cater for our students with additional needs.

We are looking forward to meeting all of our 1st year students on Tuesday August 27th. Breakfast is served from 8.15 am and it is free. The canteen will be open at break and lunch time and a wholesome dinner costs €3.00. Students may also bring their own snacks and lunch if they wish. Students are asked to just bring a school bag, lock, copy and biro for the first day. Parents / guardians / grandparents/ siblings are invited to join us for a short prayer service at 9am and a quick cuppa afterwards.

Wishing your child every success in St. Louis,
Mr. Cahil Doherty,
Principal