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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we settle into the second half of this term, we wish to remind you of important school information as well as update you on recent / upcoming school events.

### **Respect Week**

After our highly successful **Respect Week** initiative in January, we are delighted to announce that Abbey Community College has been awarded an *ETB Excellence Award for Respect*. This is an acknowledgement of the commitment of our entire school community who work hard each and every day to promote respectful relationships and a positive culture in our school. More information about our *Respect Week* initiative can be found [here](#).

### **ETB Week**

Abbey Community College are proud to celebrate *ETB Week* this week as the Educational and Training Boards of Ireland mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their establishment. Abbey Community College are part of Kilkenny and Carlow ETB (KCETB). We are a Designated Community College under the patronage of KCETB and the religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary sisters (RSHM). More information on our school ethos can be found [here](#).

### **Code of Behaviour**

Our Code of Behaviour has now been updated in relation to our points system. Our positive points are now aligned with the ETB Core Values of Care; Community; Respect; Equality and Excellence in Education. You will notice these values now included on your child's behaviour report on VSware. In relation to our negative points system, points related to homework have now been updated. A recorded incident of unsatisfactory or incomplete homework/ failure to present homework will now be allocated -2 points. This will come into effect from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### **School Self-Evaluation**

As a member of our school community, we wish to update you on the *School Self-Evaluation (SSE)* process that is ongoing in Abbey Community College. Please click [here](#) to read our latest *School Self-Evaluation(SSE) Update*.

### **Parents' Association Bingo Night Fundraiser – Save the Date – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

The Parents' Association is proud to play an active role in Abbey Community College. An upcoming Bingo Night will take place in The Forum, Waterford in aid of Abbey Community College. Tickets will be on sale with further details to follow next week.

### Microsoft Teams

All students in Abbey Community College have an Office 365 account. We would recommend that all students have the free Microsoft Teams and Microsoft OneNote Apps downloaded onto their devices for easy access to class resources. Students should also check their Year Group Teams regularly for important school announcements including news of clubs and sporting activities.

### VShare

VShare is our school's management information system. We request that all parents/guardians download the free VShare app to **view their child's school profile daily. Parents/Guardians are required to submit absence requests on VShare in advance of full and partial days.** All parents/guardians received their log in details via text message. Tutorials and user guides are available on our website [here](#). If you still require further assistance, please contact the school at [info@abbeycommunitycollege.com](mailto:info@abbeycommunitycollege.com).

### Uniform

A reminder to parents/guardians re. school uniform. Students without full uniform must present themselves **with a note of explanation from their parent/guardian** to the Principal, Deputy Principals or their Year Head before 8.40 am. For further uniform clarification, please click [here](#).

### Text Messaging and Correspondence

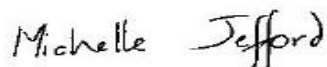
In Abbey Community College, text messaging is used to communicate with home. **Please notify the school immediately if your mobile phone number changes.**

### School News

Our school website [www.abbeycommunitycollege.com](http://www.abbeycommunitycollege.com) contains a wealth of information about Abbey Community College. We ask that parents check the website regularly. We also update our social media platforms with the latest school news, events and student information. Please see *Abbey Community College Waterford (Official)* on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

We hope that your child is happy in our school. We do our utmost to create a positive and productive learning environment for all. Thank you for your continued support for Abbey Community College – *Together towards Excellence.*

Yours faithfully,



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Michelle Jefford

Principal