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19th June, 2023

A chara,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well and that our students are enjoying their summer holidays. To our staff and students, we say thank you and well done on the work you have all completed this past academic year.

We wish to update you on the following items:

Assessment Zone 2

Academic reports for Assessment Zone 2 will be made available on VSware this week. A text message will be sent to inform you that the reports are ready to be viewed. If you require a reminder, please send an e-mail to info@abbeycommunitycollege.com to request your log-in details.

School Self-Evaluation Update

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 see below or click [here](#) to read our latest School Self-Evaluation(SSE) Update.

Book Lists

Book Lists are now available under the Learning & Teaching section on our school website for the coming academic year 2023-2024. Alternatively, click [here](#) to view the book lists. Subject Choices for incoming 5th year students will be sent via post this week.

Book Rental Scheme

Abbey Community College operates a *Book Rental Scheme* for textbooks. The fee for the academic year 2023-2024 is €100 which includes locker rental fee and a personal Student Record Book. If you wish to continue to take part in the *Book Rental Scheme*, the fee is due for payment by Tuesday, 1st August, 2023. Workbooks must be purchased separately. A copy of the *Book Rental Scheme Contract* can be found [here](#).

If you do not participate in the *Book Rental Scheme*, please pay €20 for locker rental fee and personal Student Record Book.

Family Contribution

You are asked to pay the *Voluntary Family Contribution* fee of **€70 per student** or **€120 per family**. This fee helps to defray the cost to the school of the following:

- Compulsory 24/7 Personal Accident Student Insurance
- IT infrastructure
- Valuable classroom resources and equipment
- Consumable classroom materials
- Co-curricular activities
- Contribution towards cost of buses
- Communication with home
- Administrative costs incl. VSware and Way2Pay
- School running costs incl. electricity, heating and security
- School cleaning costs

How to make payment of Book Rental Scheme and Family Contribution

- A link to make payment via Way2Pay (see details below) for the *Book Rental Scheme and Family Contribution* will be sent to your mobile phone.
- Phone Abbey Community College on 051-832930 to make payment by card.
- Email bursar@abbeycommunitycollege.com to request a call back.
- By cheque/postal order made payable to Kilkenny Carlow ETB and post to Abbey Community College, Abbey Road, Ferrybank, Waterford.

Provisional Return to School

Please see below our *Provisional Return to School Dates for Students for Academic Year 2023-2024*. A copy of this is also available on our website [here](#). Specific return times for all groups will be confirmed in August.

School Uniform

Please see below clarification on our school uniform. A copy of this is also available on our website [here](#). Please note: Additional items can now be purchased to complement our existing school uniform. These items have been introduced as a result of the work of our Student Council, in consultation with the student body.

Contact Information

In order to continue effective communication with home, please notify the school immediately by email if your contact details (phone number or address) change. We can be contacted at info@abbeycommunitycollege.com.

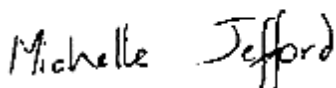
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

If you do not wish for your child to be included in photographic/video material which may be taken during the academic year and subsequently used to promote our school, please contact the school at info@abbeycommunitycollege.com. A copy of Kilkenny Carlow Education and Training Board's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice can be found on our website.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to Abbey Community College in August.

Reflecting on this academic year and acknowledging the efforts of our students, staff and parents / guardians, we are so very proud of our school community who continue to live and promote our school ethos with enthusiasm and commitment as we all work *Together Towards Excellence*.

Yours faithfully,



Michelle Jefford
Principal



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Provisional Return to School Dates for Students 2023/2024

Monday, 28th August 2023

1st Year Induction – Day 1

2nd Year Induction

5th Year Induction

Tuesday, 29th August 2023

1st Year Induction – Day 2

3rd Year Induction

6th Year Induction

Wednesday, 30th August 2023

Full school day for all – start time 8.45am

(students must have textbooks and materials for commencement of classes)

Specific return times for all groups to be confirmed in August



ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

School Self-Evaluation Update

June 2023

What is School Self-Evaluation (SSE)?

School Self-Evaluation (SSE) is the name given to the process to help improve our school. All members of our school community work together to critically reflect on current provision and affirm good practice. It allows us to collaboratively identify areas that could be improved to benefit student learning experiences and outcomes.

SSE FOCUS AREA – LEARNING & TEACHING - HOMEWORK

Working together towards our School Self-Evaluation Teaching and Learning Targets

<p>Promote meaningful engagement with homework tasks.</p>	<p>Reduce negative points incidents of poor / no homework by 10%.</p>	<p>Increase incidents of positive behaviour points by 10%</p>
<p>In May 2023, a survey was completed by subject departments. Findings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A variety of different homework tasks are given to students for homework, enabling them to develop different skills. Subject departments differentiate homework, where appropriate, so students are given the best possible chance of submitting quality homework. Homework is checked regularly with feedback given in class. It is emphasised by staff that homework reinforces learning and challenges students to take responsibility for their own learning. 	<p>23%</p> <p>reduction in incidents of negative behaviour points related to homework.</p>	<p>173%</p> <p>increase in incidents of positive behaviour points.</p>

SSE FOCUS AREA – WELLBEING / ETHOS - RESPECT

<p>Wellbeing / Ethos Targets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote respect amongst our school community whereby all members engage in positive relationships with each other. Promote the meaning and role of Ethos in our school community focusing on the core value of respect.
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Our whole school promotion of Wellbeing was recognised at national level as the school community won a national ETBI Excellence Award for Respect based on our commitment in creating a respectful environment for all members of the school community, a place where positive relationships can flourish.

The school community's dedication and commitment to promoting respect for themselves and others has also led to recognition from Pieta House by the granting of an Amber Flag, for the promotion of positive mental health throughout the community. The Amber Flag flies proudly outside the school as a reminder of the importance of positive mental health in our school.



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An effective income collection system for schools

Way2Pay is a swift & convenient cashless payment solution, enabling parents to pay school bill by text instantly or pay online. It is a secure and easy-to-use system for parents.



Pay by Text Message

A payment request is sent to the nominated mobile for each student. Click and pay in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Choose a bill to pay
- 2) Tick T&C and Pay by Card Online
- 3) Enter card details on secure banking system

Pay Online: www.way2pay.org

Login on your first visit by entering your mobile number in the following format:

Change 0879876543 to read 353 87 9876543 as your username and password.

You will be prompted to create a system password.

Click the Forgot Password line to reset it.

Advantages of Way2Pay payments system

- ✓ User friendly and flexible
- ✓ View current bills
- ✓ View payment history – all the bills for your child / children can be viewed
- ✓ Receipts sent by SMS
- ✓ Print receipts at any time
- ✓ 24/7, 365 access
- ✓ Secure payment solution – card details processed by an Irish Bank

Please note: Way2Pay offer support directly to parents with a dedicated call centre ready to assist with any queries or address any difficulties. Please contact helpdesk on 061-203738 during office hours or email way2payparents@three.ie.

Payments to Abbey Community College can also be made as follows:

Way2Pay (as detailed above)

By phone (051-832930 ext.1) to make payment with the Bursar by card

By emailing bursar@abbeycommunitycollege.com to request a callback

- By post to: Abbey Community College, Abbey Road, Ferrybank, Waterford
 - Cheques / Postal Orders made payable to Kilkenny Carlow ETB
- By cash to the Bursar's office during school hours

The following bills are owing each year by students:

- 1) Book Rental fee €100 which includes consumable classroom materials and personal Student Record Book (for students participating in the Book Rental scheme).
- 2) Fees for Transition Year students (payable in two instalments)
- 3) Fees for Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) students
- 4) Supervised Evening Study fees (priority given to 3rd years and 6th years)
- 5) Fees for Pre-Examinations (Junior Cycle, Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied)
- 6) Family Contribution – this is a voluntary contribution that assists the school to develop further opportunities and resources for students (see letter above)

Contribution is as follows:

- a) €70 per student
- b) €120 per family

**** If your mobile number changes, it is important to notify the school immediately****

If you have queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone at 051-832930 or email bursar@abbeycommunitycollege.com



Uniform

Jumper	Navy (50% Wool, 50% Acrylic) with crest
Skirt	Argyle Tartan with knife pleats front and back Skirts must be a minimum of knee length
Tie	Navy with Red, Royal Blue and Green stripe

*The items listed above are available in
K-Sport, Unit 614, Northern Industrial Park, Waterford
Telephone: 051-358700 – Website: www.ksport.ie – email: info@ksport.ie*

Trousers	Boys / Girls – Navy (may be bought in any shop) <i>Please note: Tracksuit bottoms are not acceptable as main school uniform.</i>
Shirt	White shirts for boys and girls (may be bought in any shop)
Shoes	All Black Shoes / Navy Deck Shoes

P.E. Uniform

Our P.E. Uniform is compulsory

¼ Zip Top	Navy and red ¼ zip top with crest
Polo Shirt	Navy and red polo shirt with crest
Tracksuit Bottoms	Straight leg navy tracksuit bottoms Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (may be bought in any shop)

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Students are **not** permitted to wear the following for P.E or school activities:

- Leggings
- Striped bottoms
- Sports Jerseys
- Any branding on tracksuit bottoms
- Hoodies
- Sweatshirts



Abbey Community College

School Uniform

School Uniform



Navy Jumper with Crest



Official School Tie



Plain White Shirt



Argyle Tartan Skirt
Knee-Length



Plain Navy Trousers



Plain All-Black Footwear or Navy Deck



P.E. Uniform

(to be worn on days you are partaking in P.E)



Crested 1/4 Zip



Crested Navy Polo



Plain Navy Tracksuit

What do I do if I am not in full 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.
- Sanctions will follow if students do not have a valid explanation as per our Code of Behaviour.
- Students who persistently breach school uniform rules will not be allowed into class. Parents/guardians will be asked to collect them from school.



Student Council Led Initiative Additional Uniform (Optional)

Additional items can now be purchased to complement our existing school uniform. These items have been introduced as a result of the work of our Student Council, in consultation with the student body.

All additional items can be purchased from Azzuri, Waterford (www.azzuri.ie/Abbey-Community-College)



Navy Crested Gilet

Can be worn in class in addition to main uniform.
(Cannot replace school jumper)



School Crested Bobble Hat
(Cannot be worn during class time)



Navy Crested Sports Shorts
Can be worn for PE class only.
(Cannot be worn during class time)



School Colours Sports Socks
Can be worn for PE class only.