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14th June 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well and that our students are enjoying their summer holidays. We wish to update you on the following items:

Assessment Zone 2

Academic reports for Assessment Zone 2 (TY, 5th Year and LCA Year 1) will be made available on VSware next 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 Calendar and Provisional Return to School

Our provisional school calendar for 2024-2025 is now available below and by clicking [here](#). Please also see below our *Provisional Return to School Dates for Students for Academic Year 2024-2025*. 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 for 2024-2025. Full official school uniform is required by all students in Abbey Community College. A copy of this is also available on our website [here](#).

Transition Year

The remainder of the Transition Year fee is due before our return to school. An important message regarding work experience placement has been placed in the 3rd Year *Year Group Team*. Please discuss this with your child.

5th Year Subject Choice Confirmation

Confirmation of subject choices for incoming 5th year students will be sent via post next week.

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

There is a fee of **€120** per year for the LCA programme. This includes locker rental fee, one personal Student Record Book, 24 hour personal accident insurance and administration costs including VSware and Way2Pay. This fee is due for payment by Friday 23rd August 2024. An important message regarding work experience placement has been placed in the 3rd Year and TY Year *Group Team*. Please discuss this with your child.

Book Rental Scheme

Abbey Community College operates a *Book Rental Scheme* for textbooks for senior cycle students (5th and 6th Year). The fee for the academic year 2024-2025 is **€120** which includes locker rental fee, one personal Student Record Book, 24 hour personal accident insurance and administration costs including VSware and Way2Pay. This fee is due for payment by Friday, 23rd August, 2024. Workbooks must be purchased separately. A copy of the *Book Rental Scheme Contract* can be found [here](#). **Thank you to our Parents Association who volunteer their time each year to support this initiative in our school.**

Booklists for 5th and 6th Year for 2024-25 can be found [here](#).

If you do not participate in the *Book Rental Scheme*, please pay €65 for locker rental fee, one personal Student Record Book, 24 hour personal accident insurance and school administration costs including VSware and Way2Pay.

Family Contribution

You are requested to pay, if at all possible, 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:

- Valuable classroom resources and equipment
- School running costs incl. electricity, heating and security
- IT infrastructure
- Co-curricular activities
- Contribution towards cost of buses
- School cleaning costs

How to make payment of TY Fee, LCA Fee, Book Rental Scheme and Family Contribution

- A link to make payment via Way2Pay for the appropriate fee will be sent to your mobile phone (this is the fastest and most convenient way to pay the fee).
- 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.

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

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.

Online Safety Tips for the Summer

Many of our students will now spend more time online during their summer holidays. Webwise.ie is an excellent site that offers free information, advice and resources to help parents/guardians and their children address internet safety issues. These [6 Online Safety Tips for Summer](#) can help your child to have a safe and positive experience online.

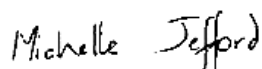
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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.

As we look back on this academic year and recognise the dedication of our students, parents/guardians and staff, we take great pride in our school community's unwavering commitment to embody and uphold our school ethos as we strive *Together Towards Excellence*.

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

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Jefford

Principal



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of the Sacred Heart of Mary

Together Towards Excellence



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Provisional Return to School Dates for Students 2024/2025

Tuesday 27th August 2024

1st Year Induction – Day 1

2nd Year Induction

5th Year Induction

Wednesday 28th August 2024

1st Year Induction – Day 2

3rd Year Induction

Transition Year Induction

6th Year Induction

Thursday 29th August 2024

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 Calendar 2024-2025



	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June					
Mon																
Tue			1						1							
Wed			2			1	Bank Holiday		2							
Thurs	1		3			2	Christmas Holidays		3	1						
Fri	2		4	1	Mid-Term	3			4	2						
Sat	3		5	2		4		1	5	3						
Sun	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	2	6	4	1					
Mon	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	NIW Bank Holiday	3	5 th Year P/T	7	5	Bank Holiday	2	Bank Holiday	
Tue	6	3	8	5	3	7	4	T.Y Work Experience	4		8	6		3		
Wed	7	4	9	6	4	6 th Year P/T	5	Pre-Exams	5		9	7		4		
Thurs	8	5	10	7	5		6		6		10	8		5		
Fri	9	6	11	8	6		7		7		11	9		6		
Sat	10	7	12	9	7		8		8		12	10		7		
Sun	11	8	13	10	8		9		9		13	11		8		
Mon	12	9	1st Year Parent Night	14		9	School Closed	13	10	Pre-Exams	10	14	Easter Holidays	12	9	
Tue	13	10		15	T.Y Work Experience	12	3 rd Year P/T	10	14		11	15	Easter Holidays	13	10	
Wed	14	11		16		13		11	15	2 nd Year P/T	12	16	SEC Practical Orals	14	11	
Thurs	15	12		17		14		12	16	School Closed	13	T.Y Work Experience	13	School Closed	17	15
Fri	16	13		18		15		13	17		14	18		16	T.Y. Graduation	13
Sat	17	14		19		16		14	18		15	19		17		14
Sun	18	15		20		17		15	19		16	20		18		15
Mon	19	16		21		18		16	17	St Patrick's Day	18	21	Bank Holiday	19		16
Tue	20	17		22		19		17	18		19	22		20	Awards	17
Wed	21	18		23		20		18	19		20	23	Easter Holidays	21		18
Thurs	22	19		24		21		19	20	4 th & 6 th Year P/T	21	24		22	6 th Yr Graduation	19
Fri	23	20		25		22		20	24		21	25		23		20
Sat	24	21		26		23		21	25		22	26		24		21
Sun	25	22		27		24		22	26		23	27		25		22
Mon	26	23		28	Bank Holiday	25		23	27		24	28		26		23
Tue	27	24		29		26		24	28		25	29		27		24
Wed	28	25		30	Mid-Term	27		25	29		26	30		28	Assessment Zone 2 Terminal Exams	25
Thurs	29	26	Open Night	31		28		26	30	Pre-Exams	27	1 st Year P/T	27			26
Fri	30	27				29		27	31		28			30		27
Sat	31	28				30		28			29			31		28
Sun		29						29			30					29
Mon		30				30	Christmas Holidays		31							
Tue						31										

SEC Examinations

Assessment Zone 1 Exam Times to be confirmed in September



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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY 2024/25

Official School Uniform

Jumper	Official School Crested Jumper (Navy - 50% wool and 50% acrylic)
Skirt	Knee-Length Argyle Tartan with knife pleats front and back Skirts must be a minimum of knee length
Tie	Official School Tie (Navy with red, royal blue and green stripe)

*The items listed above are only 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 formal trousers with pockets <i>Tracksuit bottoms are not acceptable as main school uniform.</i>
Shirt	White collared buttoned shirt for boys and girls
Shoes	All Black Footwear (no white/beige soles) or Navy Deck Shoes

Official School P.E. Uniform

Our P.E. Uniform is compulsory

¼ Zip Top	Official School Crested ¼ Zip (Navy and red ¼ zip top with crest)
Polo Shirt	Official School Crested Polo Shirt (Navy and red polo shirt with crest)
Tracksuit Bottoms	Straight leg plain navy tracksuit bottoms

*The items listed above are available in
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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

**Only Official Abbey Community College School Uniform
as per this *School Uniform Policy* for 2024/25 is acceptable.**



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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM



Navy V-Neck Crested Jumper



Official School Tie



Plain White Collared Shirt



**Knee-Length
Argyle Tartan Skirt**



**Plain Navy Formal
Trousers with Pockets**



Plain All-Black Footwear or Navy Deck Shoes

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM NOT IN FULL UNIFORM?

- Students without full uniform (as outlined in our Uniform List for 2024/45) 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.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

OFFICIAL PE SCHOOL UNIFORM

(To be worn on days you are partaking in PE only)



Official School Crested 1/4 Zip



Crested Navy Polo Shirt



Plain Navy Tracksuit Bottoms

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM NOT IN FULL PE UNIFORM?

- Students without full uniform (as outlined in our Uniform List for 2024/45 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.
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NOT PERMITTED

- Leggings
- Branding on clothing
- Striped bottoms
- Sports Jerseys
- Hoodies or Sweatshirts