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6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We hope at this stage that your son/daughter is settling well into the LCA programme.

We would like you to encourage your son/daughter to commit fully to the year. Full attendance during the year is required. 90% attendance is required for each module/subject in order to gain credits. If a student is absent for unexplained reasons frequently, contact will be made with home and they may be withdrawn from the LCA programme.

### **Work Experience Placement**

At this stage, all students should have work experience placement organised. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO FILL IN THE MICROSOFT FORM WITH EMPLOYER DETAILS**. This was due yesterday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will text you the link to this Form again. Ms. Doherty has distributed the employer pack to each student which includes an insurance letter and an evaluation card which is to be signed by the student and employer each day of placement. This card is to be returned to Ms. Doherty at the end of Session 1 Placement in December.

### **Notice board Team**

We encourage you to check your son/daughter's *LCA Notice board Team* which provides information on workshops, trips, announcements, exams, tasks etc. LCA is about seizing opportunities and developing other skills sets. The LCA programme provides this opportunity for the students, please encourage your son/daughter to embrace these opportunities and focus on independent learning.

### **Workshops/Trips**

Students also have the chance to experience a range of trips/workshops. Full co-operation and willingness to participate in all extra-curricular activities is expected from students. School activities / trips organised in Abbey Community College are seen as school events and we would like to remind you that our **code of behaviour applies on all school activities / trips**. Should any behaviour contravene our school policy, we would like to make you aware that your son/daughter could be prohibited from further school trips/workshops and/or be asked to return home at parents' expense and may then face further disciplinary measures at school.

When representing the school, students are required to wear the **full school uniform / Abbey PE uniform** as requested by the teacher. The following is a list of some of the trips/workshops students will participate in for September and October. Students may wear their Abbey PE uniform on the trip to Tramore and the Ploughing Championships.

These trips and workshops are very costly and are heavily subsidised by the school. We may need to ask for a contribution towards some trips due to the increase in bus hire costs. If you are aware that your son/daughter is unable to go on a trip, an email must be sent to the school stating this. We encourage your son/daughter to bring a healthy packed lunch on each trip.

These trips/workshops are subject to change.

September 2024		October 2024	
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Trip to Waterford Harvest Food Festival (leaving Abbey CC at 9.45am-students must be present for period 1 at 8.45am)	7 <sup>th</sup> October	Wellbeing Week
9 <sup>th</sup> September	LCA Bonding trip to Tramore including mini golf ( <b>€4 required for the public bus</b> ) (leaving Abbey CC at 9.45am-students must be present for period 1 at 8.45am-returning 3.30pm)	8 <sup>th</sup> October	SHINE Festival for Girls, SETU Arena
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Hospitality training workshop	9 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior Cycle Results
11 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Work Placement	28 <sup>th</sup> October	Mid-Term Break
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Trip to Ploughing Championship, Ratheniska, Co. Laois (leaving Abbey CC @ 8am-returning @5.30pm )		
26 <sup>th</sup> September	World Skills Day Trip – RDS, Dublin- (leaving Abbey CC @7am-returning @4pm)		

We would like to wish your son/daughter well for the year.

Yours sincerely

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Student – Link teacher



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