



Cross & Passion College  
Kilcullen, Co. Kildare



**Welcome.**

**Parents/Guardians of First Years**

**2020- 2021.**

# The Order of our Meeting:

## **1 Anthony McNamee**

- Parents Association

## **2 Sabrina Mills Year Head**

- Our School Community
- Communication
- Promoting Kindness, Care and Respect
- Promoting Positive Behaviour
- How have our students coped with the transition from Primary to Secondary?
- Covid Safety
- Homework
- Uniform

## **3 Kattriona Harney Deputy Principal**

- The school journal
- Attendance : Key to success

## **4 Joe Leonard Principal**

- Education for mobile phones & social media
- CPC App

## **5 Fiona Lennon Deputy Principal**

- Junior Cycle
- Assessments & Reporting

**Conclusion: Joe Leonard Principal**

# Parent's Association

Information shared by

Parent's Association

Representative :

**Mr. Anthony McNamee**



# Our School Community:

Each & every one of your children matter to us in CPC. Little and big issues have been, are and will continue to be attended to.

There are lots of supports in place;

- Class Captains and Student Prefects
- Class teachers
- Year Head Ms Sabrina Mills
- SEN Co-ordinator Ms Aimee Kelly
- Guidance Counsellor Ms Elaine McDonnell
- Deputy Principals Ms Katriona Harney and Ms Fiona Lennon
- Principal Mr Joe Leonard



# COMMUNICATION



**Communication is a two way process.**

We communicate through the student journal, school app, website, google classroom, text, email, by phone and in person.

**Please talk to us if there is an issue.**

Please make sure your son/ daughter joins the **Year Head Google Classroom.**

Important information and reminders will be shared here. The code is **nf6efl3**.

Year Head Email Address:  
[sabrinamills@cpckilcullen.com](mailto:sabrinamills@cpckilcullen.com)

# Promoting Kindness, Care and Respect

There are 144 1st year students. We encourage them to look after each other and promote care, kindness and respect for themselves and for others.

Please support us in this by encouraging your son or daughter to be kind, caring and respectful.

Encourage your child to socialise (talk to & meet new friends) and include others.



# Promoting Positive Behaviour

## First Year Reward Voucher

This entitles the recipient  
to

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Voucher expires 3 months after date

Reward system.

### ***CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE***

This Certificate is Awarded  
to

\_\_\_\_\_

Best Class Attendance for

September 2020

SM0012020/21

# CPC...ACCORDING TO OUR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS.

## **What have you enjoyed most about CPC so far?**

- Making new friends
- Lunchtime with friends
- More freedom and Independence
- Moving classrooms
- Practical Subjects
- New subjects
- Early finish on Fridays

## **What have you found most difficult in CPC so far?**

- Being organised and bringing the correct books to class
- Homework & Weekend HW
- Longer Days
- Wearing masks
- Covid rules
- Getting to class on time



I enjoy seeing my friends again and trying out the different choice subjects

Making new friends and getting to know new people.

I've enjoyed trying out new subjects, meeting new people and being in a new place with more responsibilities!

I like that it's different teachers every hour and I like the extra bit of independence that we get in secondary.

Even though corona virus stops us from doing a lot I like the moving around and having different teachers.

Everyone is really nice to each other

# COVID SAFETY

Well done so far to all First Years for complying so well with all the Covid Safety Rules. We know it's not easy but it is for the safety of all.

→ Important points to remember and reinforce:

- Regular hand washing and sanitising
- Wearing masks properly
- Social Distancing



# Homework and how long ?

Every student is different, but below is a rough guide to how many hours you should spend every day on homework and study combined. Remember, it takes experimentation to find out what suits you. Your study times should most of all suit your academic needs and goals:

First year – 1.5 hours per day

Second year – 2 hrs per day

Third year – 2.5/3 hrs per day

Fifth year – 3-4 hrs per day

Sixth year – 3.5hrs-5 hrs per day

It obviously depends on the student. More time might be needed for upcoming tests or CBA's.

If you feel homework is excessive, let the subject teacher know.

# Subject Choices

## Dates of 1st year Rotation:

Rotation 1:	7 <sup>th</sup> September	-	18 <sup>th</sup> September
Rotation 2:	21 <sup>th</sup> September	-	2 <sup>th</sup> October
Rotation 3:	5 <sup>th</sup> October	-	16 <sup>th</sup> October
Rotation 4:	19 <sup>th</sup> October	-	6 <sup>th</sup> November
Rotation 5:	9 <sup>th</sup> November	-	20 <sup>th</sup> November
Rotation 6:	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	4 <sup>th</sup> December / 11 <sup>th</sup> December

# School uniform

Blue CPC school jumper with crest

Blue school shirt

School CPC check pleated skirt / Black trousers

Note: Trousers are black 'suit type' – NOT

leggings, jeans, chinos, tracksuit bottoms, yoga pants etc.

Black socks / tights

Black footwear (Plain black footwear only)

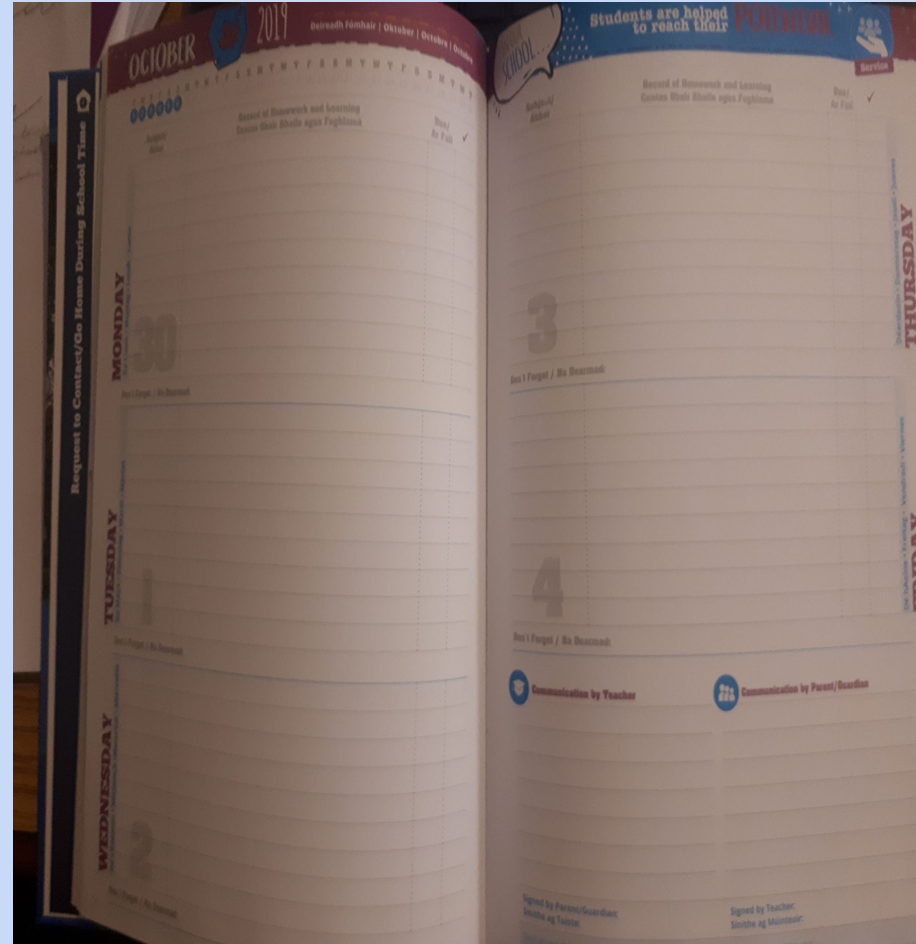
The PE Uniform is the pale blue CPC PE

Hoodie. This should be worn with a plain blue polo shirt and plain black tracksuit bottoms.



# The school journal...

- Students should have journals in every class. If left at home, class teacher or year head needs to be informed.
- Subjects for the day written in and homework written in for each lesson
- Sections for notes for absences/notes from home.
- Statement of Standards and Student Charter to be signed by student & parent.



# Recording Homework and Study

SEPTEMBER 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S							
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Subject/ Abhar	Record of Homework and Learning Cuntas Obair Bhaile agus Foghlama	Due/ Ar Fáil	✓
Science	<b>Write in HW</b>		
History			
Maths			
English			
Choir			

Don't Forget / Ní Deanfaid:

**Absence Notes:** If your son/daughter is absent, on return to school, they must have a note (double entry) in the journal signed by you or through the school app.

The image shows a 'Record of Absence' form with multiple sections. A red box labeled 'Teacher Copy' is on the left. A yellow box labeled 'Year Head Copy' is on the right. A green box highlights 'STUDENT NAME' and 'CLASS' in the middle section. The form includes fields for 'Number of days absent', 'Reason for absence', 'Signed by Parent/Guardian', 'Signed by Teacher', 'Date', 'Student Name', and 'Class'. There are also checkboxes for 'Illness', 'Urgent Family Reason', 'Medical Appointment', 'Educational/School Activity', and 'Other'.

If entering/exiting school at times other than 9am/3.55pm students must sign in/out in the school office. Permission to leave during the day must be requested from the Year Head.



# General Notes to/from a Teacher

TEACHER 05

Notes to/from TEACHER

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

Signed by Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

TEACHER 06

Notes to/from TEACHER

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

Signed by Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

TEACHER 07

Notes to/from TEACHER

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

Signed by Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

TEACHER 08

Notes to/from TEACHER

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

Signed by Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

# Students & Parents sign Journal...

**I acknowledge that I have read through the Statement of Standards and Student Charter above in full and commit to observing the content of it.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read through, and support, the Statement of Standard Student Charter above in full. I will encourage my son/daughter in every way I can.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



**#schoolevery**

# DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING

## 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

<b>167</b> SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence <b>157</b> DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence <b>148</b> DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed <b>138</b> DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence <b>129</b> DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence <b>120</b> DAYS OF EDUCATION
<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start	<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress			<b>Serious Concern!!</b>	

# How can I help as a Parent/Guardian ?

- Spend time chatting about their day.
  - Check Homework and Student Journal
  - Discuss concerns regarding new subjects.
  - Talk about their friends new/old
  - Look at timetable and help pack bags
  - Communicate through the student journal
  - Inspect student journal on a regular basis – we recommend nightly but not less than once a week.
- Contact us and let us know if you have any concerns.

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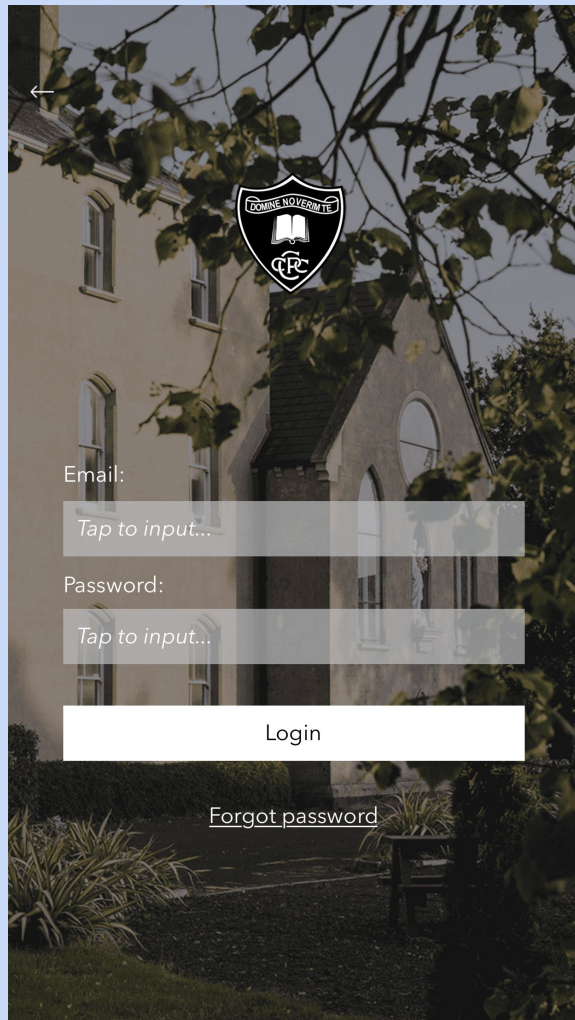
# CROSS AND PASSION COLLEGE APP



Worried  
about

SPACE?





Email:

Tap to input...

Password:

Tap to input...

Login

[Forgot password](#)

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Joe Leonard  
Teacher/Staff

- School office
- News/Notifications**
- News Archives
- Gallery
- Calendar
- School
- Permission To Leave
- Permission Form
- Absentee form
- VSWare
- Shop
- Study Centre
- Competition

83%

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# Junior Cycle 2020 - 2022

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela



## Our Students

An tSraith Shóisearach do Mhúinteoirí  
Junior **CYCLE**  
for teachers

Connecting  
primary  
and  
secondary

Settling in  
and making  
progress in  
first year

A  
purposeful  
second year

Ongoing  
assessment  
to support  
learning

Literacy and  
numeracy  
for learning  
and life



What subjects will our first years be taking a part of the Junior Cycle?

**Maths**

**English**

**Irish**

**Geography**

**History**

**Home Economics**

**Foreign language**

**Business**

**Science**

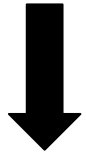
**Art**

**Music**

**Wellbeing**

# Your Child's Curriculum

Number of subjects for state examination



10



## CORE

- Gaeilge
- English
- Maths
- French/German
- Science
- R.E.
- History
- Geography

+

Choose  
2 from.....

- ❖ Woodwork
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Tech Graphics
- ❖ Business
- ❖ Home Economics
- ❖ Technology
- ❖ Music

Wellbeing- PE,  
SPHE & CSPE



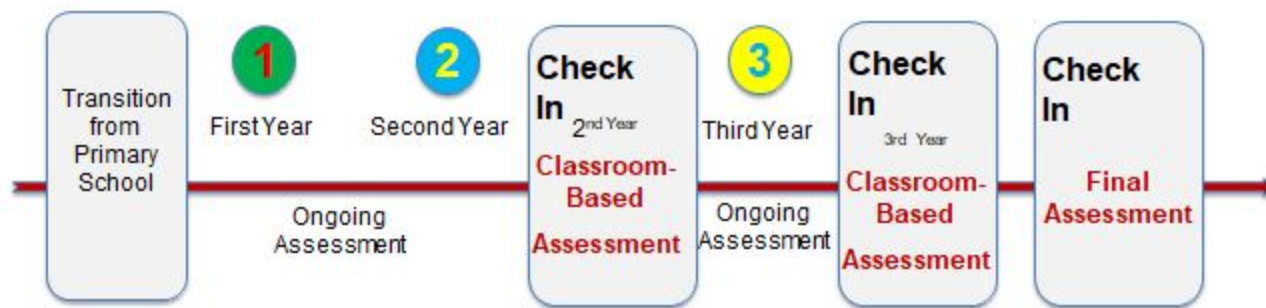
# Classroom-Based Assessments

- ★ Exceptional
- ★ Above expectations
- ★ In line with expectations
- ★ Yet to meet expectations
- ★ Not reported



# One Subject's Journey

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**JuniorCYCLE**  
for teachers



**Ongoing assessment that supports student learning**



John Kelly

DOB: 21 June 2001

STATE-CERTIFIED  
FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Examination number: 45005

English (O) Distinction

Irish (O) <sup>1st</sup> A

Mathematics (H) B

History (H) C

Geography (H) D

French (O) <sup>m</sup> C

Business Studies (H) B

Science (H) B

C.S.P.E. (C) A

## Classroom-Based Assessments - English

Oral Communication Above expectations

Collection of Texts In line with expectations

## Classroom-Based Assessments - Short Courses

Coding In line with expectations

Physical Education Above expectations

Artistic Performance Exceptional

Philosophy In line with expectations

Other Areas of Learning 7

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- Engagements that form part of the formal timetabled curriculum but not reported on in other sections of the JCFA i.e. engagement with a school's own religious education programme or with elements of the PE, SHG curriculum and CSPE.

Principal

Ms Mary Ryan

Year Head

MR. Jack O'Guily

Roll Number: 60090

Anytown Secondary School  
Anytown, Co. Anytown  
V94H0V5

Anytown Secondary School

This JCFA recognises and records achievements in Junior Cycle.

An tSraith Shóisearach do Mhúinteoirí

Junior **CYCLE**  
for teachers



# STATE CERTIFIED FINALEXAMINATIONS

Examination number: 458085

English (O)

Distinction

Irish (O) <sup>(2)</sup>

A

Mathematics(H)

B

History(H)

C

Geography(H)

D

French (O) <sup>(2)</sup>

C

Business Studies (H)

B

Science (H)

B

C.S.P.E. (C)

A

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Above expectations

Collection of Texts

In line with expectations



# State Exams

- ★ Distinction
- ★ Higher merit
- ★ Merit
- ★ Achieved
- ★ Partially Achieved
- ★ Not graded



John Kelly

DOB: 21 June 2001

STATE CERTIFIED  
FINALEXAMINATIONS

Examination number: 456985

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Principal

Ms Mary Ryan

Year Head

MR. Jack Quigley

Roll Number: 600902

Anytown Secondary School  
Anytown, Co. Anytown  
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Anytown Secondary School



# Where can I find out more information?

[www.jct.ie](http://www.jct.ie)

[www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie)

[www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie)

[www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)



# Where can I find out more information?

Curriculum Development and Design

Communicating with Parents

## Parents' Presentation Part 1



File type: PPT

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## Parents' Presentation Part 2



File type: PPT

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## Speaker Notes for Parents' Presentation



File type: PDF

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In conclusion, to achieve our common goal of providing the best for and getting the best from your child:

- **Co-operation**      -Work with us
- **Communication**      -Talk to us
- **Compassion**      -Trust us

*Thank you.*