

August 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

## *Term Calendar No 1*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is a list of school events, time off and days when the school will be closed this term.

**Please confine all dental and other appointments to days off**

### **August**

Wed 28 - Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> TY Bonding Trip.

### **September**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> First Year Parents evening; 7:30- 8:30pm. Parents Association Meeting 8:30pm

Junior Certificate Results are due towards the end of the month.

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> & Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Study Skills Seminar for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Open Night 7 - 9pm. All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils and their parents are welcome. Please remind those you know who may be interested.

Thurs or Fri Higher Options Event for 6<sup>th</sup> years. Tickets to be ordered from Guidance Counsellor.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> School Holiday. No Classes.

Opening of School Year Mass also for celebration of Mercy Day (Sept 24<sup>th</sup>). To be confirmed.

**Parents Association Awards given to the students who achieved the best Junior and Leaving Certificate results.**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Vaccination No 1 given by HSE to First Year students. Please ensure form is returned to office.

### **October:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> year Retreat

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> year Retreat

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> year Retreat

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> year Retreat

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> No Classes. Staff In-Service and Planning Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> year Retreat

**October 28<sup>th</sup> - Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Term Break: School Closed**

### **November:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4:15 - 6:30pm. Classes end at 3:30pm.

**CAO Talk** will be given by Ms Traynor commencing at 3:15pm.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> No Classes, Junior Cycle Whole School Inservice

Monies Owed Form issued to each student is to be returned to the Secretary by 8:45am Monday September 2nd at the latest. Thanks to all those who have returned this already. Receipts are always issued for money paid.

We are delighted we were able to purchase new classroom furniture, replace Overhead Projectors, buy seats for school grounds as well as have external painting done over the summer. Thanks to the Parents Association and all who support the school.

- The school uses **Webtext** for urgent notices to parents. It is vitally important that the office has up to date telephone numbers. Please notify the office if you change your address or telephone numbers. If you get a text about your daughters' absence please phone the office to explain the absence.
- Those who stay in for lunch must be in their lunch area until 1.40 p.m. and may not leave the School at any time. All letters re Lunch must be returned immediately. Senior students who go home for lunch may not re enter the school premises before 1.40 p.m. The school is operating a Healthy Eating initiative thus **fizzy drinks, crisps, popcorn** and **noodles** are not allowed. Students are expected to use the litter bins provided and to recycle.

Students may not drink from bottles/containers during class nor are they permitted to walk around carrying drinks.

- Students are expected to have all their books for classes by Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the latest. Please see that your daughter has everything necessary for class so that she and others will not be disrupted.

We welcome all our new students and we hope their time with us will be very successful and enjoyable.

- Retreats are organised for this term. Parents are expected to encourage their child to actively participate fully on these days and as retreats are held during a normal school day, all students are expected to attend this day of reflection.
- **Homework Journals** are on sale in the school at a cost of €10. Each student must have her journal on the desk for each class. Parents should check & sign these journals each week also check pages 19-21 and note pages at the back of the journal.
- Only the **school jacket** may be worn. No other jackets are allowed and if worn will be confiscated. A number of jackets were left in the school over the summer. Only 1 pair of stud ear rings permitted. Please do not wear any others as you will be asked to remove them. False nails, false eyelashes etc. are against school rules and again students will be asked to remove them.
- A Meeting for all First Year Parents will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. The meeting will last approximately one hour. The theme of the meeting is “Introducing your daughter to Second Level School”. Members of Staff and of the Parents Association will be available to introduce you to the school. We look forward to seeing all First Year Parents with their daughters on the night.
- A detention system operates in this school. Please remind your daughter about adhering to school rules.
- The school is delighted to be offered funding for a **Breakfast Club**. Food items will be available from next week before classes begin. Please encourage your daughter to avail of these.

Reminder as all classes must now be 40 minutes, classes end at 15:50pm Mon – Thurs and at 13:05pm on Friday.

See the **Yearly Calendar** for **Parent Teacher Meeting** dates.

### School planning

Schools are allowed planning days/in-service days for the new Junior Cycle. Subject based In-service for teachers is also taking place. This means groups of teachers will have in-service on particular days. Work will be left for students.

### Policies Update

We review our policies on a regular basis. Please check our website or ask in office for the for latest version.

**Lockers** must be locked at all times. Lost locks will cost €25 to replace. Locker times must be adhered to.

### FACEBOOK & other Social Media:

You are reminded that if you allow your daughter use social media sites such as Facebook it is important to frequently check how it is used and what it is being used for. There have been cases where material posted on-line has been inappropriate and caused upset to many. You have a responsibility to speak to your daughter and monitor such use.

The school does not wish to have to deal with issues arising out of such use and if we have to we will deal with them in a most serious fashion.

**School Hours:** Our Lady of Mercy College opens to receive students at 8.30 a.m. each day. No responsibility is accepted for students arriving before that time (except for those students who have an authorised reason for being in school). Classes commence at 8.50 a.m. and end at 3. 50 p.m. Mon.- Thurs. and from 8.50 a.m. ending at 1.05 p.m. on Fri. Students who arrive late must sign in at office. Students who present notes explaining LATES will still have to do Detention.

**TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, CARS OTHER THAN THOSE OF AUTHORISED PERSONNEL MAY NOT ENTER SCHOOL GROUNDS.** Parents dropping students by car may not enter the school grounds, stop directly in the entrance, park on Zig Zag lines on either side of or directly opposite the school entrance.

As the new school year begins we look forward to your co-operation in ensuring that your daughter reaches her full potential.

Can I remind you that the school website is [www.mercybeaumont.com](http://www.mercybeaumont.com). You should check this from time to time for information on school activities.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Rose Mary Lynch, Principal