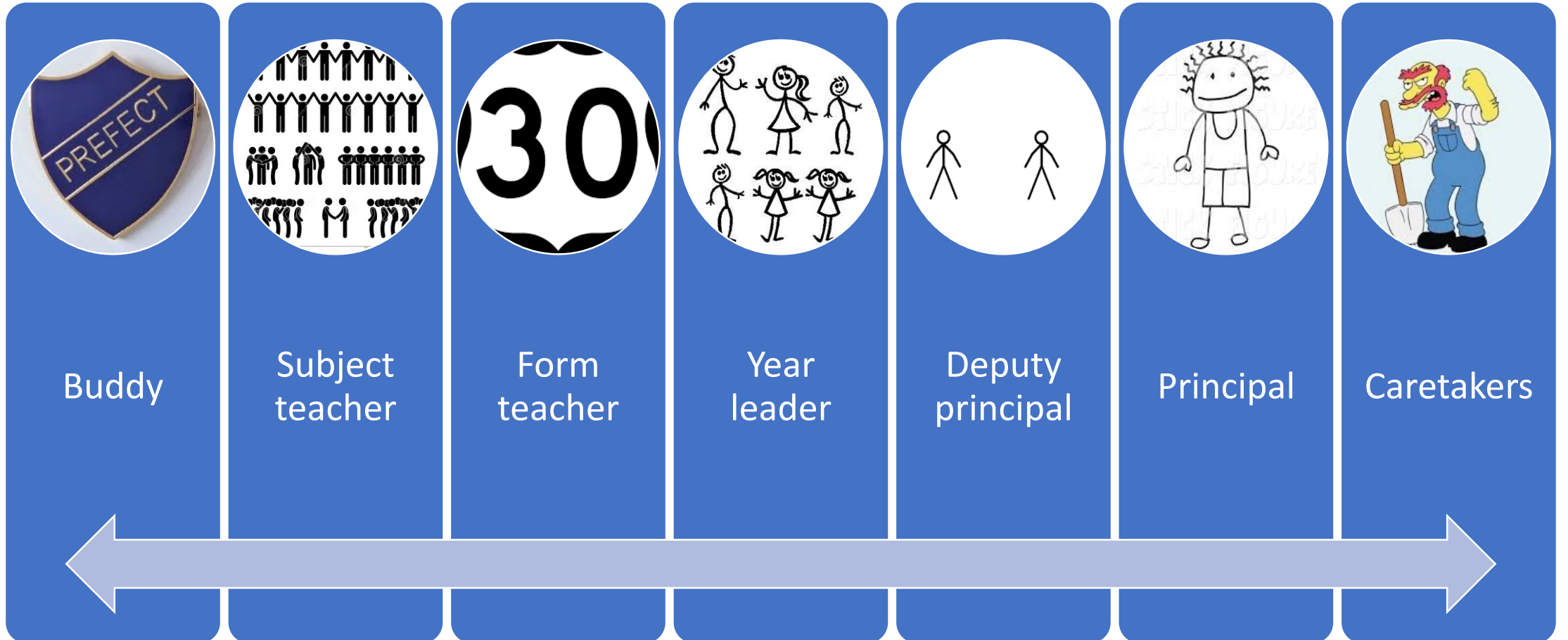


First Year Parent/Guardian Information Session



People your child will encounter



Student Support team



Guidance
Counsellor



Chaplain



Nurse



Support
teacher



Communication #1

Who is my child's form teacher?

1AK – amy.keating@newparkschool.ie

1KC – karen.clarke@newparkschool.ie

1AD – alex.doyle@newparkschool.ie

1AL – aaron.lamprecht@newparkschool.ie

1LRG – lesley.ring@newparkschool.ie

Subject specific question – please email the relevant teacher or phone the office and request a call back

Hugh Holmes – Junior Cycle Coordinator

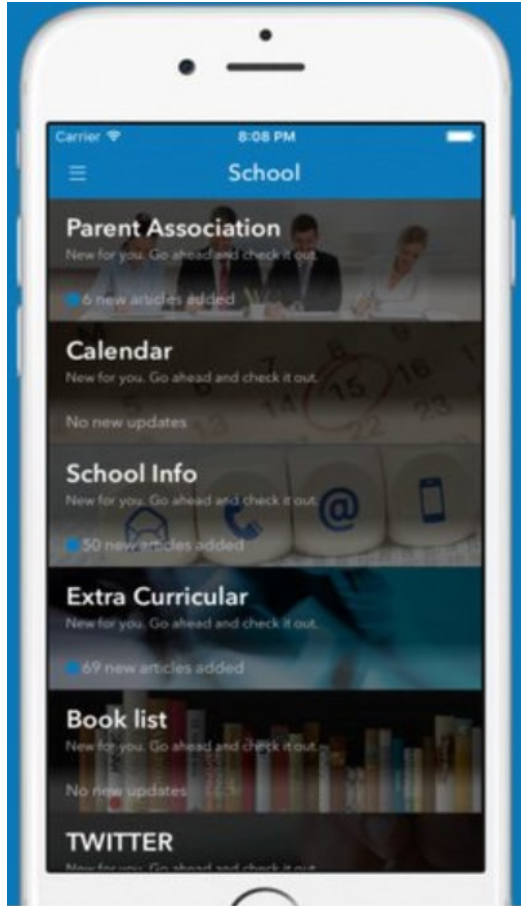
Encourage your children to learn/know their teachers' names... (Or check VShare...)

Communication #3

Over the last number of years we have tried to streamline our communications within the school community

- App
- Website
- Text message
- Email/Letter
- VShare
- Pitch side chat
- Student chat

App



Easy to download and use

For students, parents and staff

Option to select information you would like to receive

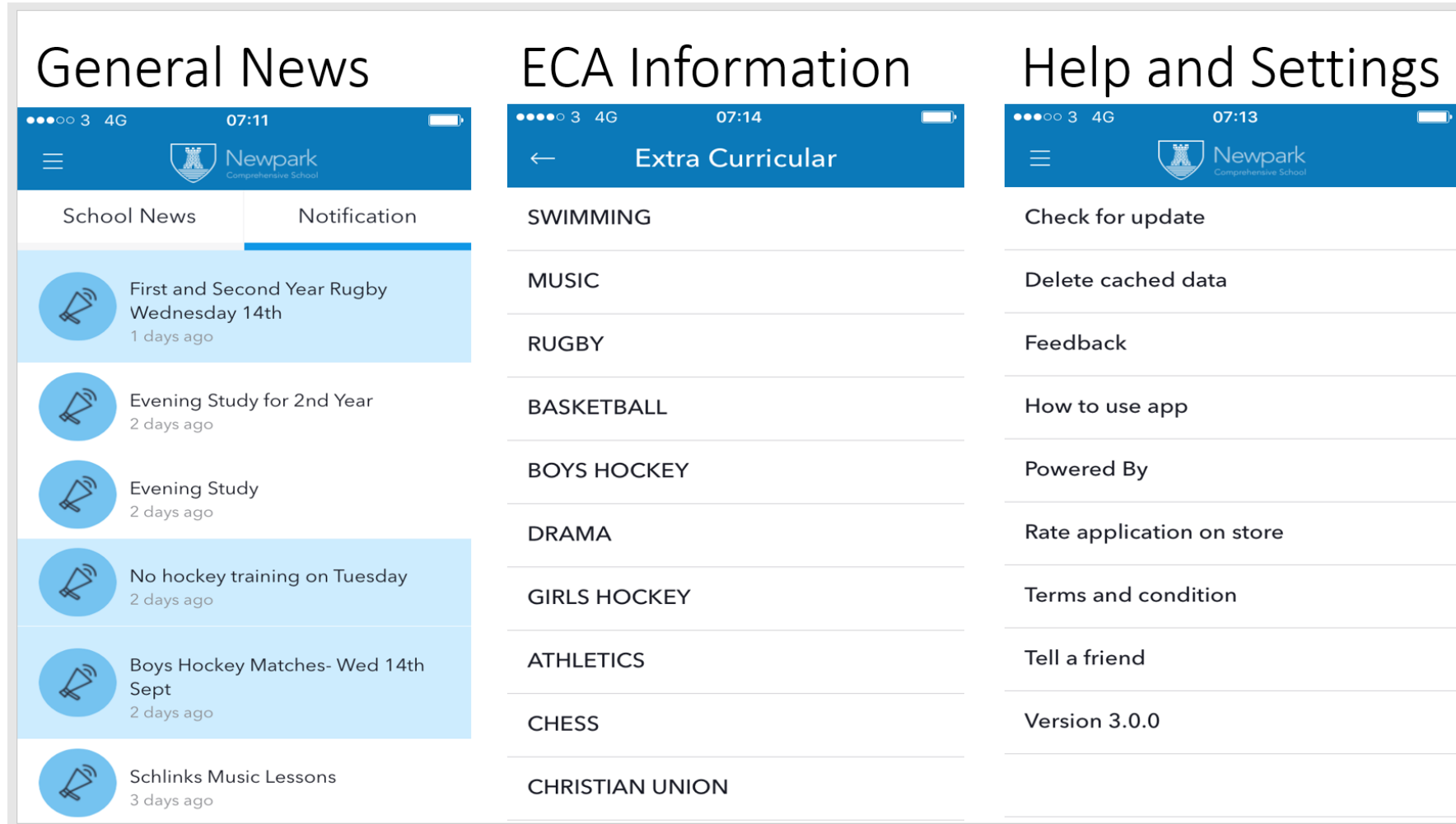
(Only tick the items that are relevant to and useful for you)

Sends out push notifications

(Choose the ones you want or turn them off)

Reduces the amount of queries and calls to the office

App



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Reminder that there will be a Newsletter Team meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1.10 in the Art Room. Please speak to Mr Kirwan or Ms Ring if there are any issues/questions.

Swimming News
Posted: 23 September 2019
Those students competing in the Leinster Schools Swimming Competition on the 13th October need to meet Ms Ormond in the library on Tuesday 24th September at 11.30am

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Safety When Driving Onto School Campus
5th September 2019 | School Day to Day
Driving to school? To avoid congestion and to keep students safe, parents/guardians are requested not to drive onto the campus unless absolutely necessary. Consider... [READ MORE](#)

1st Year Options – Subject Sampling
30th August 2019 | School Day to Day
First years had their sampling tour of options today.

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Text message



We tend to text when we really want you to know about something and it's time sensitive

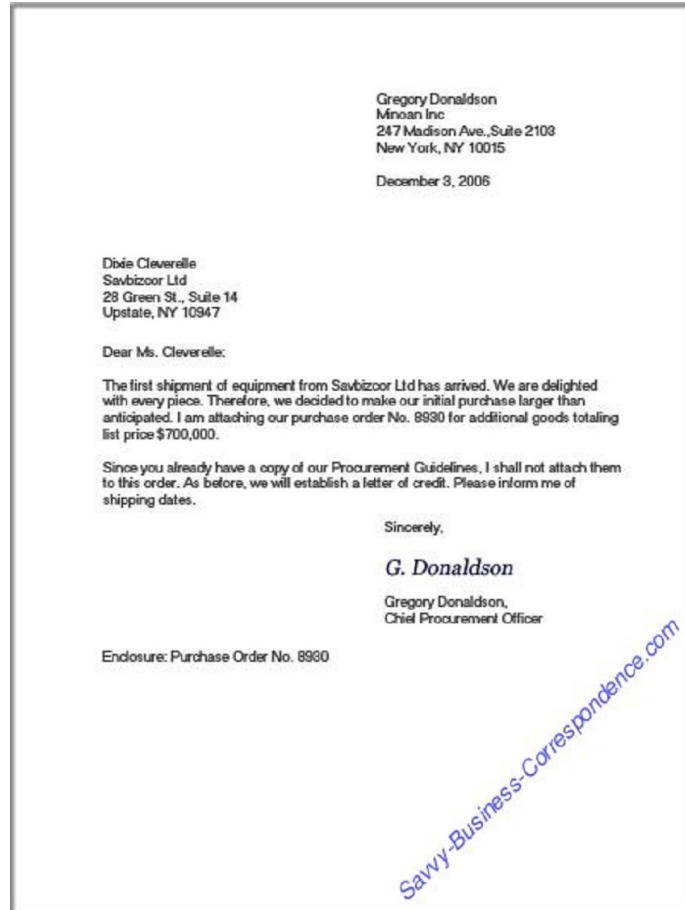
Absence from school

Reminder re email or letter going home in bag

The school is...

Often the focus is on a single year group or class

Letter and email



Newsletter – Dec & May



VShare

Keep an eye on VShare – a lot of information is maintained here

- Attendance (to school and class)
- Students' timetables
- School reports
- Names of teachers
- MDs (positive and negative)

Email earlier today; main contact only unless two stipulated



VSware #2

Parent's guide to VSware

Logging in, attendance, term reports, student options



Written by Lucy Clarke
Updated over a week ago

The screenshot displays the VSware parent portal interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the VSware logo on the left and user information on the right, including "Hi, Jane Kelly" and a "Sign Out" button. Below the header, there are three large, colorful circular charts. A central legend identifies the colors: red for Absent, brown for Unexplained Absence, green for Present, and blue for Unexplained Absence. Below the legend, there is a section titled "0 Lates this year" followed by a grid of monthly calendars for August 2015, September 2015, October 2015, November 2015, December 2015, January 2016, February 2016, March 2016, April 2016, and May 2016. The calendar for September 2015 is highlighted, showing a play button icon over it. On the left side of the interface, there is a navigation menu with options: Personal, Term Reports, Attendance, Behaviour, Timetable, and Fee. A video player overlay is visible at the bottom of the screenshot, showing a play button, a progress bar at 4:59, and volume, settings, and full-screen icons.

Absences & Punctuality

Absences

- Must send in a note the next day a student returns from an absent with an explanation for absence
- Use the slips at the back of the journal (Blue and Red slips)
- Please do not email the school office to explain absences

Punctuality

- Arrive before 9.30 am must sign in in the library
- Arrive after 9.30 am must sign in through the front office with a note explaining lateness

Parent/Guardian use #1

No.1	Explanations for Absence	No.1
Explanations for Absence	From _____ To _____	Student Name _____ Class _____
	Received by _____ Date ____/____/____	Date ____/____/____ No. of days absent _____
	Reason for absence (Please Tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Illness <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s) of absence ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
	Urgent Family Reason <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Reason for absence (tick one): ILLNESS <input type="checkbox"/> URGENT FAMILY REASON <input type="checkbox"/>
	Details: _____	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
	DETAILS: _____	
	Signature of Parent/Guardian _____	

Parent/Guardian use #2

No.1	Note to/from Parent/Guardian No.1
<p>Note to/from Parent/Guardian</p> <p>Received by _____ Date ____/____/____</p> <p>Reason _____</p>	<p>Student Name _____ Class _____</p> <p>Date ____/____/____</p> <p>Note _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Teacher/Year Head _____</p> <p>Signature of Parent/Guardian _____</p>

Signing out & Journal use

Signing out

- Note must be signed by the form teacher in registration that morning
- Using this note the student signs out through the front office
- Students cannot leave the premises without signing out through the front office
- If a student is sick – must go to the nurse. Nurse will contact home about signing out.

Journal

- Should be checked weekly
- Signed on a Tuesday night for long registration on Wednesday
- Use the notes section at the back of the journal for writing notes to teachers

Organisation

- Copy of timetable at home (how many magnets can one fridge have?)
- Good locker practice
- Labelling of books and clothing
 - Lost and found Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 8.30 to 9.00, Wed 12.45 to 1.15, and Thurs 1.00 to 1.30
- Getting ready the evening before:
 - Do I need my PE gear or my swim gear?
 - Do I need ingredients for Home Economics?
- Need to remember it? Write it down! Where?

ECA

BASKETBALL

- First Year Girls: Monday 4 – 5 pm. First Year Boys: Tuesday 5 – 6 pm.

HOCKEY

- First Year Girls: Tuesday 4 – 5 pm & Thursday 4 – 5 pm.
- First Year Boys: Tuesday 4 – 5 pm & Friday 4 – 5 pm.

RUGBY

- First Year Boys: 3.50 – 5.20 pm Monday & Thursday.
- First Year Girls: Wednesday this week starting at 1 pm – 2.30 pm. Ms Ring is the girls' coach.

SWIMMING

- Every morning from 8 – 8.30 am and free swim on Wednesday 1 – 1.45 pm.

CREATIVE WRITING

- Every Friday in the Lunchroom.

ECA

CHRISTIAN UNION

- Christian Union is on every Friday at lunchtime in T11 all welcome. It's Run by senior students, usually fun activities, visiting speakers, termly outings and annual weekend away to Avoca Manor in November.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

- Model United Nations is on Thursday lunch times in T13. Students can come along and find out about it and gain a little experience. First years can then attend local competitions. There are usually 3 each year. One is this weekend at Terenure college with three 1st years on Newpark's team of 28. The next one will be in November at Rathdown and the final one is in the new year (either Wesley or High School).

VISUAL

- On Wednesday after school in the art room. One hour.

ECA

DRAMA

- Extra Drama runs from now until December and is led by 6th yrs. It is held on a different day every week so everyone can experience it. The days and times are on the Drama noticeboard in the m corridor. After Christmas, the rehearsals for the Junior Plays begin. They are written and directed by 5th years. All first and second years are welcome to audition. Each play will have a different rehearsal schedule. At different times of the year other opportunities may arise for 1st years which will be published on the app and put on the Drama noticeboard.

GREEN SCHOOLS – Friday Lunchtime in G8.

NEWSLETTER – meet every Tuesday Lunchtime in T17.

NEWPARK ORCHESTRA – Ms O' Keeffe Tuesday 7.40 am – 8.30 am.

NEWPARK SINGERS – Ms Morrison Wednesday 7.40 am – 8.30 am.

CHESS CLUB – every lunchtime in M2.

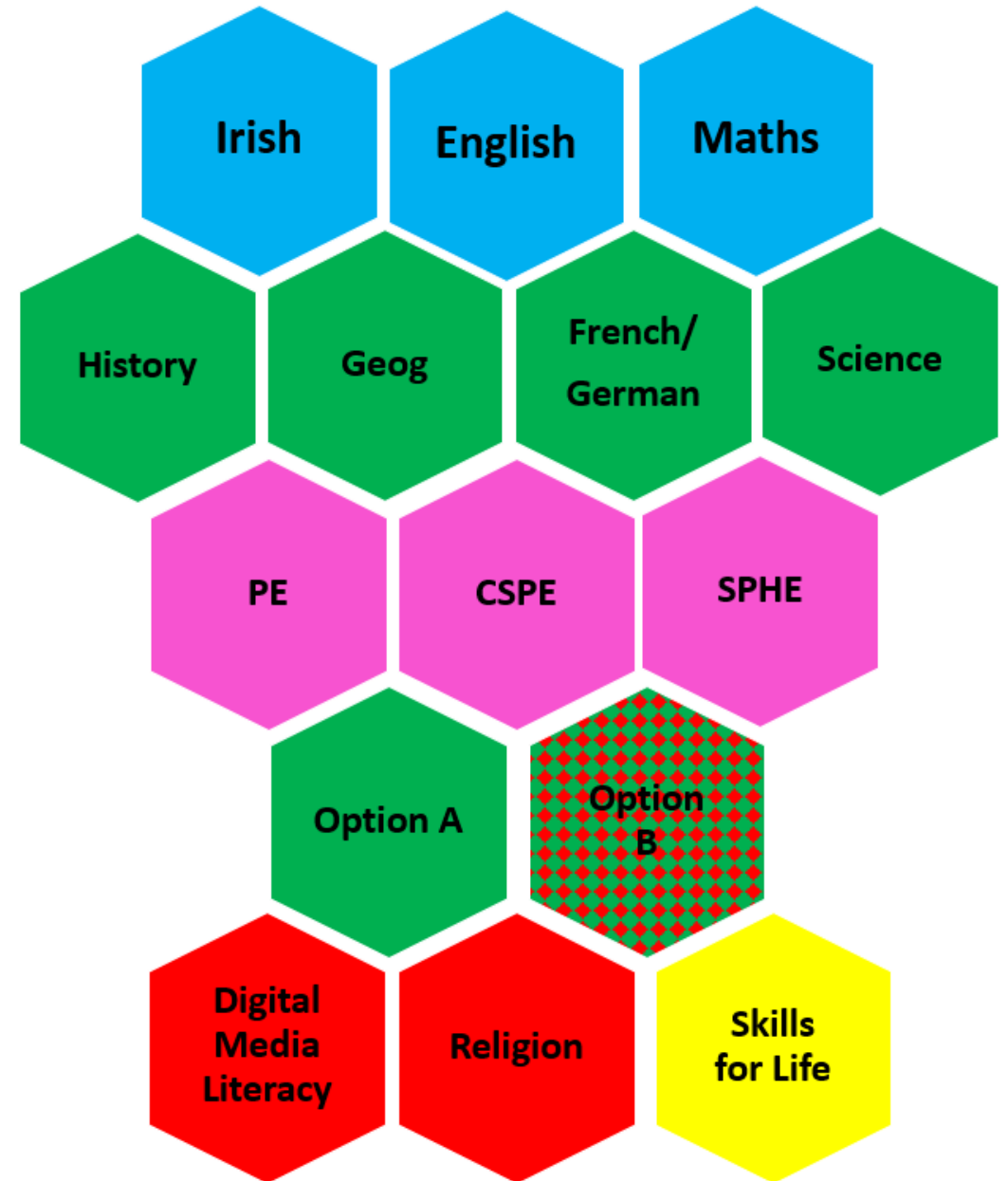
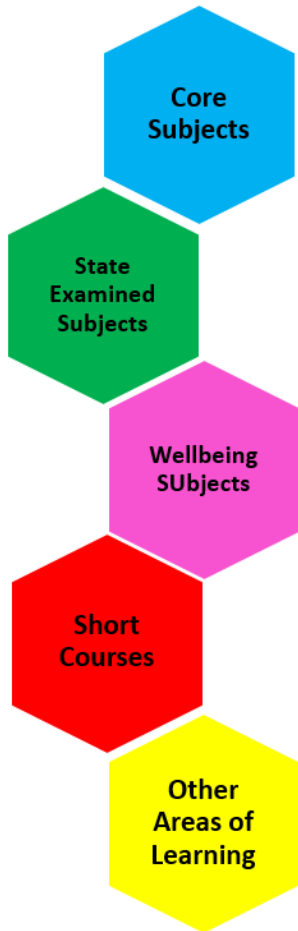
DEBATING

POETRY ALOUD

Sampling

- Option subjects sampled over two blocks of four weeks
- Sampled four subjects in total by the end of the sampling period
- Starting their new sampling subjects next Tuesday 1st October until half term
- Option choices will be set up to start after the Halloween break
- Students need to think carefully about choices for options. We hope to give students one of their top two choices, ideally their top two
- Talk to your children about their subject choices; explore the motivation behind their choices (Because friends are doing it? Because you think it's a good idea? Because their older sister did it?) Key criteria: do I like it? Am I interested in it? Do I feel I'd be good at it?
- Over subscribed subjects will be selected by lottery, with a waiting list

Junior Cycle Programme in Newpark



Daily routines

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ABOUT US PARENTS STUDENTS NEW PARENTS

Home | Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures

Newpark has the following specific policies and procedures for the benefit of all members of the school community.

- [Admissions Policy](#)
- [Anti-Bullying Policy](#)
- [Arts Policy](#)
- [Child Safeguarding Statement 2019](#)
- [Code of Practice for Processing Complaints Against a Teacher - ACCS, ASTI, TUI](#)
- [Dress Code Policy 2019](#)
- [Dignity At Work](#)
- [Healthy Eating Policy 2016](#)
- [Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#)
- [Job Sharing Policy \(B.O.M.\)](#)
- [Junior Cycle Assessment Policy](#)
- [Mobile Phone Policy 2019](#)
- [Procedure List - Helpful Information for New Parents 2019](#)
- [Punctuality Procedures 2018](#)
- [Relationships and Behaviour Policy](#)
- [School Trips Policy](#)

- Safety to and from school
- If driving, consider dropping them at a safe place off campus
- Cycling – plenty of bicycle racks
- Behaviour coming to and going home from school
- Feeling ill?
- Mobile phone policy

Social

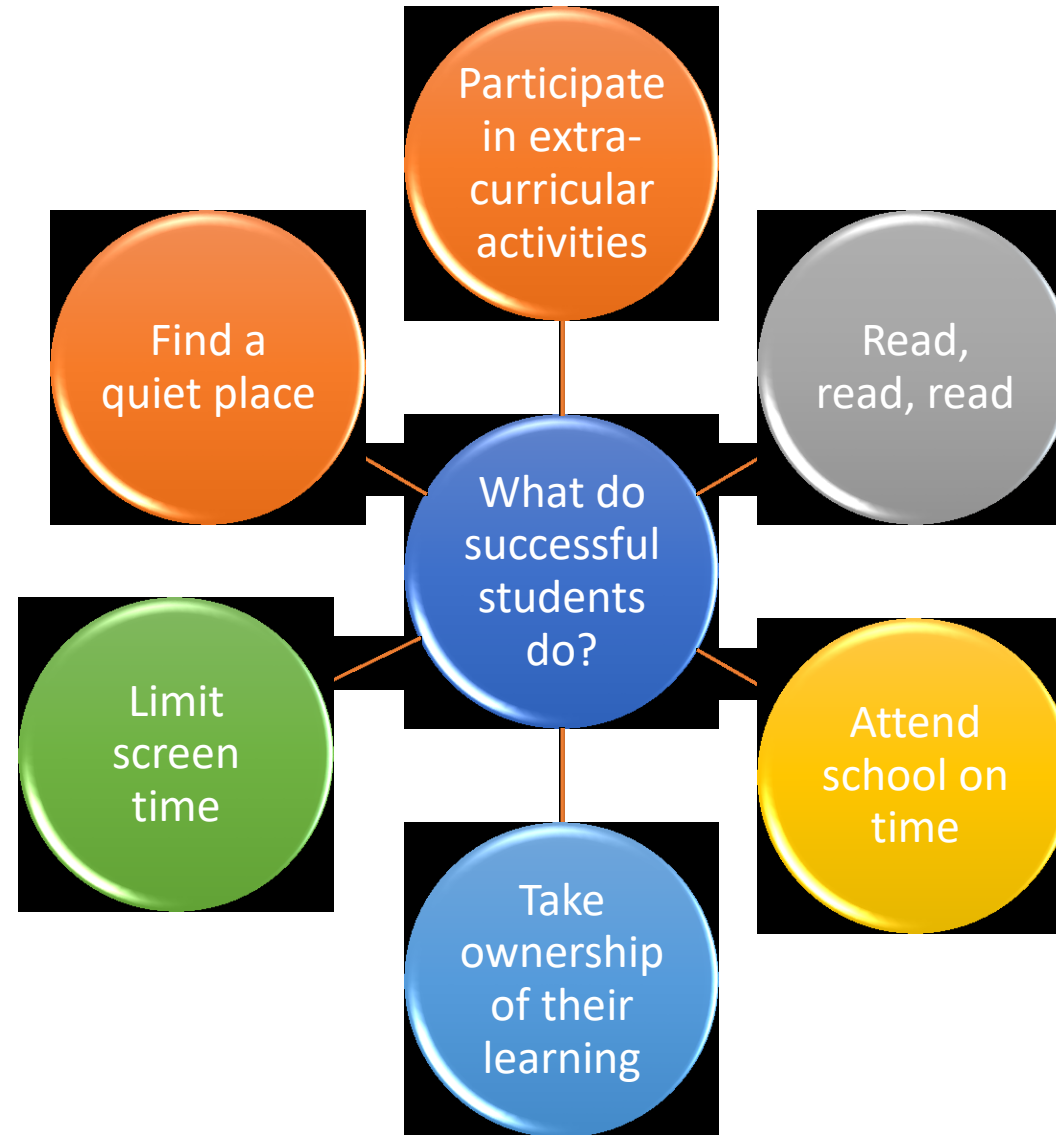
- It is **OK to be nervous**, scared and lonely initially. Acknowledge it and reassure them that this is normal and that they will be OK. It often takes until Christmas for some to settle
- **Join ECAs**, sports, drama, lunchtime groups (some may feel intimidated going to an ECA if they know no one, so will need encouragement)
- May **need a little help on how to make friends**. Give them a sentence or two to say, such as “Hi, what primary school were you in?”
- Be aware that not all teenagers need or want groups of friends. They may be happy with one or two and like some time on their own
- Parents/guardians **listen...** they don't always need advice or for you to 'fix it'. What is a problem today may not be a problem tomorrow

Social Media



Screen time

- Teens in western countries spend an average of five hours per day in recreational screen use
- By age 18, the average person will have spent three full years of 24-hour days in the 'off-real' world
- Research indicates there is a medical impact of high levels of screen time, for example: difficulties with empathy, low mood, difficulties with attention, reduced academic performance, increase in dissatisfaction with one's own appearance, insomnia, increase in stress and irritation in the body
- What can you do?
 - Limit screen time, especially before bed
 - No screens in bedrooms
 - Positive modelling



At our first assembly...



Questions & Answers



Many thanks for coming along this evening

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