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A graphic with a blue background. A yellow banner with the word 'WELCOME' in white capital letters is the central element. To the left of the banner is a white megaphone. There are several small yellow and white geometric shapes (dots, lines, a plus sign) scattered around the banner. Below the banner, on a dark grey background, the words 'PARENTS' TALK' are written in white capital letters.

Speakers:

Year Head:
Margo Whelan

Deputy Principal:
Rose McConville

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AGENDA

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HOMEWORK & STUDY

Transition Year is different to other years – less academic homework – more presentations, project work, team work e.g Junk Kouture and Mini company etc...

Longer assignments may be given over a number of days/weeks.

Teamwork and group work is encouraged to help students develop better social and friendship skills – this will reflect what college groupwork will be like.

Look for help and support from teachers/the guidance teacher/Year Head/family

Deadlines are extremely important – students will be given plenty of notice of project work.

Expect that there will be extra pressure as big events approach e.g Junk Kouture Show and Mini Company. Just stay on top of work and communicate with your team, your subject teacher and your Year Head.

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UNIFORM

All students must be in **full uniform** each school day:

School jumper, skirt or school trousers, white shirt, red tie and shoes (**not runners**).

The **school jacket** can be worn during the school day.

The **PE uniform** consists of our school quarter zip top, school t-shirt, navy or black plain leggings and runners (not converse).

Hoodies are not allowed. Please **layer up** under the uniform if required.

Only **one facial piercing** is allowed and no nose rings for safety reasons.



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COMMUNICATION

VS Ware: allows you to record absenteeism, view reports, results, timetable, behaviour, and pay fees etc.

School Journal: sign-out notes, late notes, absenteeism notes.

Texting system to parents in emergencies & to record absenteeism.

Contact the school via email or phone.

Digital Newsletter

www.colaistebride.ie...information on our school and all our school's policies are available on our website

Please note that due to teaching commitments the Year Head or teachers may not be in a position to contact you back immediately.

Parents should NOT use the "chat" on Teams to communicate with teachers – pupils only to use this please.

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Welcome to VSware

School Name

Coláiste Bride

Username

Your Username

Password

[Create or reset your password](#)

Login

Don't have an account? [Learn more](#)



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VSWARE

Install the VSware App on your phones.

This is a parent's App - students should not have access to your account.

Only parents or guardians can input absent notes.



Notifications

School Mail



New Mail from Moyle Park College: "Absence Request denie



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Donna Adams



Your Absence Request has been approved by the school.



Your Absence Request has been approved by the school.



[View all notifications](#)

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ABSENCE/LATE NOTES

Absenteeism can be notified via Vsware or the journal. Late attendance must be notified & signed by parent/guardian via the note section in the school journal. Parents – please write the whole note – students should NOT write any part of these notes.

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	Signed by Parent/Guardian:		Date: / /
	Date: / /		Arrival Time:
	Reason:		Signed by Parent/Guardian:
1 LATE NOTE	Date: / / Late time: Signed: Date signed:	1 LATE NOTE	Student Name: / / Class: Date: / / Arrival Time: Reason: Signed by Parent/Guardian:
	Tel no.:		Date: / /

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SIGNING OUT (APPOINTMENT)

Students must have a signed note to sign-out (available in the school journal)

Must be signed in advance by the Year head

Present note to Office

Office sends a text to parent/guardian & student sends a record to Year Head via Teams

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SIGNING OUT (FEELING UNWELL)

If your daughter is **feeling unwell** and needs to go home, then she will have to **be collected** from the school.

Present to the office immediately and they will arrange collection by parent/Guardian.

If a parent or guardian is **unable to collect** her and you **make alternative arrangements, you should inform the school** of who will be collecting your daughter.

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ATTENDANCE

Making appointments during the school day means that students miss important school time.

Impact of hour-long classes.

Every day and every class counts!

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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MOBILE PHONES

Students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Phones can be a good resource at times! Many teachers use Teams and OneNote.

We are using the **Yondr** pouches this year and the initial feedback is very positive.

Phones may be used in some classes to support learning under the supervision of a teacher but only **with that teacher's permission**.

If there is an emergency – please **contact the office**.

Try to avoid use of phones at **night time** as this impacts on their sleep and on their general wellbeing.



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Wellbeing

Clubs & Societies

Board games,	gardening,	choir,
music,	chess,	knitting & crochet,
Green Schools,	LGBTQ+,	Trad band,
Gaelbhhratach,	sports teams and much more!).	

It's not all about study!

We encourage students to get some **downtime** too;

Engage in hobbies, sports, socialising etc.,

All work and no play.....

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PARENT/TUTOR MEETING 11/03/'24

Parent/Tutor meeting will be held in March (date may change).

An online scheduled by parent at a time slot that suits them.

If parent would like to speak with an individual teacher, an appointment can be arranged.

Subject choice online meeting will take place around March hosted by the School Career and Guidance Counsellor.



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JUNIOR CERT RESULTS 2023

Preliminary Junior Cert results will be released on Oct 18th 2023.

Students invited to the Sports Hall at 9.30am to receive their results – no uniform. Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Students please explain their absence to their Work Experience providers in advance.

Students free to go home after receiving their results.

Students will receive a PIN in advance to get their results online at 4pm if they would prefer.

Letter will be sent to parents shortly (on V&Ware) explaining this process in detail.

GOOD LUCK!!!!



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LONDON

Change to the original destination as explained to the students in assembly as the parent letter you should have received by now.

Very important meeting must be attended by students and parents before we go (April '24) to London to finalise details, rules and regulations. (Online)

Please get passport AND EHIC ready NOW and send me a photocopy of both asap.



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SCHOOL TOUR 2024

Proposed itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1; Transport to Dublin & Depart very early flight
 Guided bus tour of main sights in London – Buckingham Palace etc..
 River Cruise on the Thames
 Lunch (at own cost)
 London Dungeons, Tower of London & crown jewels
 Dinner (2 courses and soft drink) – Hotel and bed
 Day 2; Breakfast
 Natural History Museum
 Shop and lunch (at own cost) in London City Centre
 National Science Museum/War Museum
 Covent Gardens
 Dinner (2 courses and soft drink)
 Hit show in the West End e.g Wicked/The Lion King
 Hotel and bed
 Day 3; Breakfast
 Full Day at Thorpe Park Resort. Lunch at own cost.
 Night flight home – Transport home to Enniscorthy late
 NB; the order of all the above will change!!!!!! Please be aware this is a sample itinerary.



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GAELTACHT TRIP 2024

This is another OPTIONAL trip offered by the Irish Department.

Dates; May 20th – 23rd inclusive

Notes; This experience incorporates outdoor activities with learning Irish

All students welcome (those exempt from Irish too). They may learn a cupla focal but no pressure!

Cost €225 (includes accommodation, food, travel and activities).

VERY little pocket money needed (snacks only)!

helen.kirwan@colaistebride.ie for info



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DATES TO REMEMBER;

Big Dates:

Craft Fair Day – 21st November 2023

German Exchange week- 29th Nov-6th Dec 2023

Christmas Quiz 15th Dec 2023

Junk Kouture Show – 23rd Jan 2024

Foreign Tour – London 17th-19th April 2024

Gaeltacht trip to Achill Island 20-23rd May 2024

Transition Year Graduation Day 27th May 2024

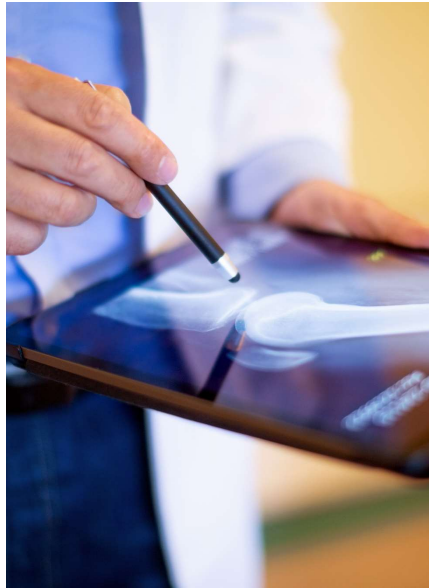


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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TONIGHT!

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH" HELEN KELLER



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