

Nuachtlitir Choláiste De Lacy

Samhain 2016



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We wish to invite you and your family to celebrate the opening of our new school building with us on Friday 18th November. All three schools on the campus are going on a celebratory march around the town of Ashbourne at 11:00am. Join us at the back of the march or cheer us on along the route. We will return to the campus to release a balloon for each member of our campus community at ~11:45am. Tea/coffee will be served for the family members of Coláiste De Lacy at ~12:00pm in the halla. Students will bring family members on a tour of the Coláiste.

The celebration will finish at ~1:15pm. Students will return to class as normal until the end of the day.

We hope that you can join us to recognise this big moment in the history of our Coláiste.

Hope to see you all there!

Kind regards,

Iníon Corrigan & Máistir McCormack

Office Opening Hours for Autumn 2016



Office of Coláiste De Lacy (8:30—4:00pm)

Closed for break: 10:45—11:00am

Closed for lunch: 1:30—2:30pm

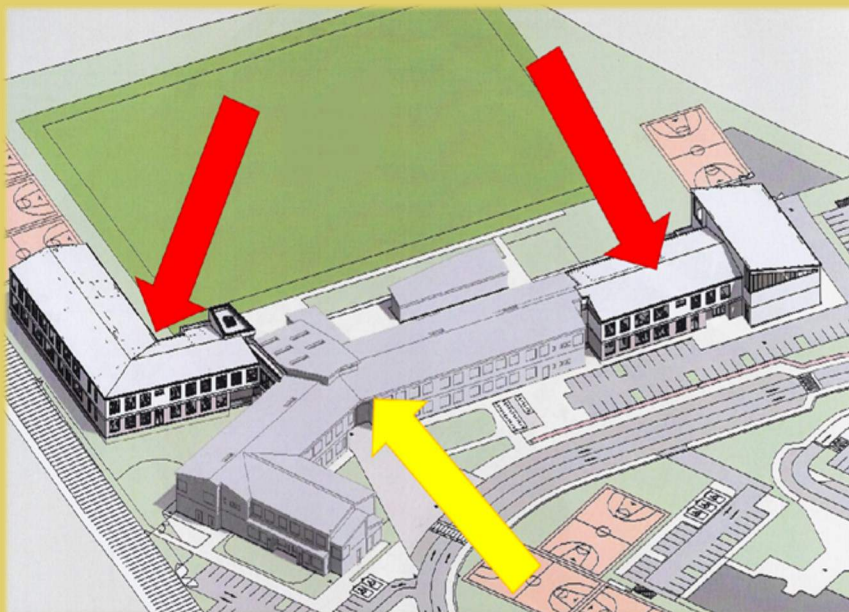


Phase 2 of Building Project (2016-2019)

Plans for Phase 2 of our school building project are already underway. Site surveys and investigations have commenced. Iníon Corrigan is meeting with the Department of Education & Skills next week regarding the design. If everything goes to plan, the building should commence in the springtime and should be completed by the 2019-2020 academic year.....just in time for our first Leaving Certificate group.

Phase 2 (red arrows) will be comprised of additional building to the east and the west of Phase 1 (yellow arrow). It will include further general classrooms, further practical rooms, a massive Sports Hall and fitness suite.

We will keep everyone updated with progress!



Upcoming Events (Nov & Dec)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tuesday 15th November 2016	Support Night for parents/guardians of 1st year students at 7pm. Parents/Guardians should bring their child's iPad & Dialann (journal)
Thursday 17th November 2016	Talk by Fionnbar & Elma Walsh (parents of Donal Walsh) at 2pm. All parents/guardians are welcome
Friday 18th November 2016	Celebratory March (see page 1). All parents/guardians are welcome. Enrolment for 2017 closes at 3pm
Tuesday 22nd November 2016	Talk for all parents/guardians: "Insights into the World of Adolescents" at 7:30pm. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend
Wednesday 23rd November 2016	3rd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting at 4:15pm. Please arrive on time to see all teachers as the meeting will end at 6:45pm sharp Study Skills workshops for all 3rd year students during school day
Wednesday 30th November 2016	RSE Workshops for all 3rd year students during school day (9:30– 1:00)
Tuesday 6th December 2016	2nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting at 4:15pm. Please arrive on time to see all teachers as the meeting will end at 6:45pm sharp
Monday 5th—Friday 16th December 2016	Christmas Exams for all students during class time
Thursday 22 nd December 2016	School closes (12:15pm) for Christmas Holidays

Ice Skating Trip on Tuesday 20th December.....further details to follow!



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Traffic Management on Campus



Many thanks to all parents/guardians for your full co-operation regarding the traffic management on our new campus. We really appreciate your support in this matter.

There are many reasons for limiting the amount of vehicular traffic on the campus. These include:

- * The Health & Safety of all students
- * The lack of car parking spaces to accommodate parents/guardians parking during drop-offs and collections
- * The fact that Phase 2 will commence shortly and Coláiste De Lacy may have very limited outside space and may need to use the actual driveways! Further details will follow as soon as we have a building schedule and safety plan for the construction period in place
- * The exceptionally high number of students being driven to school in Ashbourne
- * The inability of the campus to cope with further increases in traffic, for example, there are currently approximately 600 pupils between all three schools. This will grow very quickly to over 2000!!!

Please note the following:

- * We strongly encourage all students to walk or cycle to school (unless they travel by bus). It is recommended that all teenagers should get 30-60 minutes of exercise each day. Students have school jackets to protect them from poor weather. There are lots of bike racks at the front of the Coláiste.
- * All students who are driven to school by car should be dropped off and collected in Donaghmore-Ashbourne GAA car park or at a safe point on the route to school. The distance from the front door of the Coláiste to the pedestrian bridge (across to Donaghmore-Ashbourne GAA) is 319 metres.
- * **The only vehicles permitted to drive onto the campus during opening and closing times are staff cars and school buses. This remains in place until further notice**
- * Parents/guardians who wish to collect their son/daughter for necessary appointments may drive onto the campus to do so and sign the student out at the office as normal. This applies only during class times only.
- * If a student is on crutches or in a wheelchair, then parents/guardians are permitted to drive onto campus to drop-off and collect students.
- * A one way system is in operation around the campus. Please obey the road markings if you have reason to drive onto the campus.
- * Please watch out for all of our students when driving and parking on campus.
- * Please refrain from dropping students off on the roundabout.
- * All students need to adjust their departure times to ensure that they arrive in the Coláiste (not just at the gates) before 8:30am. Students need sufficient time to go to their lockers and to organise themselves for their lessons.
- * Unfortunately, the Coláiste is not in a position to open the gates into Johns Wood at present. The land on the other side of the fence/gates is privately owned. The Coláiste is hoping that Meath County Council may secure pedestrian access for our campus community in the near future.
- * In addition, students who walk across the field (between Johns Wood and the campus) are trespassing on private property. Until pedestrian access to Johns Wood is secure, Coláiste De Lacy advises all students to walk the safe route to school using the town footpaths.

We thank you in advance for your continued co-operation and support! We will notify all parents/guardians if and when there are changes to the above.

Twilight Agreement

Please remember that all devices
(phones, laptops, iPads, tablets...etc)
should be handed to parents/guardians
before bedtime!
Bedrooms should be screen free zones!!!
Facebook, Snapchat, Messenger ...etc
are not allowed on school iPads.





Enrolment for 2017 closes at 3pm on Friday 18th November 2016. Please ensure all applications are in the oifig before this time.

School Jackets

Please ensure that your son/daughter wears their school jacket to school each day during the winter months!

