



To help you prepare your child for starting first year in our school, I would like to provide you with some practical information including details of the materials needed.

Back to School Arrangements:

Weekly Timetable:

Day	Start	Finish
Monday	9.00am	4.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00am	4.00 pm
Wednesday	9.10am	3.35pm
Thursday	9.10 am	3.35pm
Friday	9.10 am	3.35pm

First year students will attend on their own on Tuesday 28th August. Day one will be an orientation day during which students will meet their tutors and other first year students and they will have the opportunity to learn as much as possible about their new school. They will attend school again on Thursday 30th August.

General Information:

Uniform: School uniforms are available from Hore's Stores, Shaws (Wexford) and Wallace's in Wellingtonbridge. The uniform consists of a jumper, trousers, shirt, plain black footwear or navy deck shoes and a school jacket.

Text Books: We operate a Junior Certificate Book Scheme. Parents are asked to pay a contribution of €140 towards the cost of the books. The fee also covers the cost of a calculator and a padlock for your child's locker.

On-line Payment System: We operate an on-line payment system for books and other bills. You will get a text shortly with a link to the *Way2Pay* on-line payment system for payment of the *Junior Certificate Book Scheme* fee (including calculator and padlock). In order to avail of the *Book Scheme*, which is exceptionally good value, payment must be made on-line by 17th August.

Subsequently you will receive another link for payment due in respect of *Miscellaneous Expenses* e.g. school journal, Brennan Insurance, photocopying etc. Again, payment should be made on-line by 17th August.

Other Materials: You will need to purchase the following materials as they are not covered by the Book Scheme:

- Copies
- 5 Hardback Copies
- Pencils
- Colouring Pencils

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- Eraser
- Pens
- Ruler
- A4, 2ring Folder and Subject Dividers, Poly Pockets and a Refill Pad
- A4 Hardback Science Copy
- Graph Copy & Mathematical Set
- New Formulae Tables Book (Maths)
- English Novel: "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman
- English Dictionary

Subject Choice: Option subjects will be allocated on the basis of preferences indicated by students in recent on-line survey. Every effort is made to provide students with the subjects they wish to study. If a student wishes to change a subject he/she should discuss the matter with his/her parents/guardians before requesting a change of subject. If the request cannot be facilitated, Mr. Power, Deputy Principal, will place the student's name on a waiting list for the subject in question.

Parents' Meeting: An information evening will be held in September for the parents of all first year students.

We hope that your association with Bridgetown College will be a happy one and we look forward to meeting you again in August.

Yours sincerely

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