



Spring 2017 -Bulletin

BALLYMAKENNY COLLEGE SHOW

On Thursday 25th May students will be performing in our first show in our new campus. "A Night on Broadway" will be a musical celebration of Broadway's Greatest Hits. Tickets are €7 or €25 for a family ticket. Doors open at 7pm and the show begins at 7:30pm sharp.

SCHOOL APP

The Ballymakenny College website has been updated and a new school app is also available to download. Simply go to the Apple or Android store and download the "iClassCMS" app, register your details, and you will get updates regarding school events.

ASSESSMENTS

Summer Assessments for First and Second Year students will start on Tuesday May 30 to Friday June 5. School will then close for Summer holidays.

REGISTRATION

The Board of Management has set a registration fee of €100 for Ballymakenny College students for 2015 onwards. This registration fee covers a range of costs which I have listed below and we believe it represents very good value for money and covers the Student Journal, Locker, 24hr Insurance, Student Awards, Extra-Curricular events, Text Service and Photocopying for the year. If parent(s) guardians have issues concerning this registration fee they can contact me or Susan in the office. It will be possible to make payments on VS-Ware from June. **Payments can be made online through VSWare and it is possible to pay the Registration Fee in instalments.**

VS WARE PASSWORDS

VS ware passwords are available from Susan in the office and are always sent by text message to the mobile phone we have listed. If you have lost your password please contact the office and we will issue you with a new one.

ONLINE BEHAVIOUR GUIDE

Unfortunately this is an issue we constantly have to raise with students and parent(s)/guardian(s). The whole community of Ballymakenny College has a duty to use technology safely and responsibly. Cyberbullying most commonly occurs through social

networking sites so please monitor your child's online profile. It is important that students be taught to appreciate that what they see as 'slagging and teasing' can be seen in a different light, once they appear on social media sites for everyone to see.

Circulating, publishing or distributing (including on the internet) material associated with school activities including but not limited to material in relation to staff and students where such circulation undermines, humiliates or causes damage to another person is considered a serious breach of school discipline and may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion.

MOBILE PHONES & TEXTING

We have a very simple approach to mobile phone use in Ballymakenny College and that is zero tolerance. Students should not have their phones out in class, corridors or the yard during the school day. Parents/Guardian(s) should not text/ring their child during the classes. Emergency contact can be made through the office.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

The new school term will begin on Thursday 24th August 2017. Details will follow during the summer.

FIRST YEAR ENROLMENTS

Enrolments have opened for 2018/19 from 1 May 2017. Ballymakenny College does not have a sibling policy at present and operate on a First come-First Serve basis and places are limited.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY

Parents are reminded that we are not in a position to disrupt classes so that children can be picked up before those classes end. Arrangements should be made with your child and their class tutor to pick them up when classes are changing over or during break/lunchtime. Susan or members of the teaching staff will not be disrupting classes to accommodate early leavers. This is done in the best interests of continuity for teaching.