

August 2026

Dear Colleague,

I hope you had a lovely summer, and I look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 25th August 2026**. Please find attached the schedule for return to school. On Tuesday 25th August, the canteen staff will provide a welcome breakfast at 10:30am following our initial meeting.

On **Wednesday 26th August**, we will join staff from local Post Primary Schools at Mass at 2:00pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

On **Friday 28th August**, staff are scheduled, in 2 sessions, to visit the Strule SEC site as per list attached. Representatives from DE Strule SEC Team will provide updates on progress and developments.

Prior to our full staff return to school, **Interviews for entry to Post 16** will take place on **20th and 21st August**. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Details are included in the staff schedule, attached.

The Loreto Education Trust will lead **Induction for New Teachers** on **Monday 24th August** at 11:00am in RE1.

As we prepare to begin a new academic year, we keep our recently retired colleagues:

Anne Connolly, Mairéad Flanagan and Patricia Hackett, and all those who are pursuing various paths:

Joanne Canavan, Catherine Cumiskey, Ursula McGee, Cormac McGettigan, Eugene Murray, Maire Slane and Matthew Topa in our thoughts, and we wish them much happiness for the future.

We continue to pray for all those who are on a continued journey of healing and recovery. *Go gcoinní Dia i mbos a láimhe iad – May God hold them in the palm of His hand.*

Enjoy the remainder of your holiday, be very “productive”, guided by the sentiment shared at the end of term: “*Sometimes the most productive thing you can do is relax...*” Mark Black.

Yours sincerely,

Susan