



Larkin Community College  
Coláiste Pobail Lorcáin

# Incoming First Year Information Booklet 2022/2023



# Introducing our Principal & Deputy Principal



**Mr. Usher**  
**Principal**



**Ms. Doyle**  
**Deputy Principal**



Mr. Usher and Ms. Doyle are looking forward to welcoming you all to the school on your first day!

If you need to speak to them they are always available before and after school and at break times.

# Message from First Year, Year Head Ms. Hynes

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to Larkin Community College. I am sure that you are all so excited about starting your new journey in secondary school.

This can be a very exciting time filled with lots of change, new experiences and opportunities to develop and meet new people. You will also get an opportunity to try a range of different subjects and extra-curricular activities in the school.

It's understandable to feel a sense of worry or nervousness before you start secondary school. This is perfectly normal. I am here to support you during this time and throughout the course of the year. I am responsible for providing you with information, your timetable and discussing any concerns you may have or resolving issues which may arise over the course of the year. Each class group will have a tutor assigned to them who will support and help you also.

On behalf of all the staff, tutors and myself we are really looking forward to seeing you on the first day at Larkin Community College where we will start your Secondary School Journey together.

# Message from Ms. Neill

## Home School Community Liaison

The HSCL promotes partnership and active co-operation between home and school and the community. It is the link to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their child.

Our HSCL Co-Ordinator is Fiona Neill and she can be contacted during school hours by Parents / Guardians on the school number 01 8741913 or 086 0788642. We welcome and encourage ongoing communication between the school and the home.

Part of Fiona's job includes:

- Meeting and visiting parents to offer advice and support.
- Organizing events, courses, and activities for parents.
- Sharing information between the school and home that may be helpful to you, the parents /guardians.
- Creating positive relationships between Larkin College and the families of our students. As HSCL, Fiona has nothing to do with discipline in the school, her role is purely to support parents in their dealings with school and around education for all.
- Liaising with outside services with the objective of supporting families.

### **Message from Fiona:**

"I look forward to working with you all to help your child/children reach their full potential here in Larkin Community College. If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to become involved in events for parents, please contact me."

# Summer Induction Programme

We will be running a **compulsory** summer induction programme for all students from Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August for 10:00 until 13:00 each day.

This programme will give you the opportunity to get to know your classmates and try out lots of activities. We will be in touch with more details in early August!

## List of Subjects

This is a list of the subjects you will be studying.  
You must do the green subjects and you have a choice with the blue subjects

Junior Certificate
English
Irish
Maths
P-Tech Coding
Wellbeing
Science
History
Geography
Physical Education
P-Tech Robotics
CSR
Home Economics
Woodwork
Art
Music
Italian/Spanish
Business

# School Uniform

You can buy your school uniform in Grants Uniforms, Manor Street or online at [www.grantsuniforms.ie](http://www.grantsuniforms.ie)

Available from 1st week in August

Navy school jumper with Larkin Community College crest, school tie, white shirt, navy trousers or school skirt & black shoes.

Girls can wear trousers or skirt.

**Full uniform is always compulsory.**



# PE Uniform

Our new tracksuit comprises of Tee-Shirt – white with navy piping 1/4 zip  
Hoodie with Larkin Logo/Leggings

**PE Uniform available from Grants Uniforms**



# Books & School Fees

Your books will be provided by the school and given to you by your teachers.

A payment of €130 (This includes Laptop, Books, insurance fee/all photocopying)

## **On-Line payment**

<https://www.larkincommunitycollege.ie/online-payment-system>

*Fees can be paid in instalments or all together*

*Fees must be paid in full by the 01/08/22*



# Stationery

- School Bag
- Pencil Case (Generously sized)
- Pens (Blue/Black/Red)
- Pencils and pencil sharpener
- Pencil eraser
- 30cm ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Maths Set (Geometry set- Compass, Set Square, 360 degree protractor)
- Colouring pencils
- Highlighters
- A4 softback and hardback copies
- A4 Science copy
- A4 Maths Copy

## Important Note

This is not a full list of everything you need but it will give you all a good idea of what you may need for starting Secondary School. It is not intended to put extra expense on parents as hopefully most of these items will already be at home from 6<sup>th</sup> class.



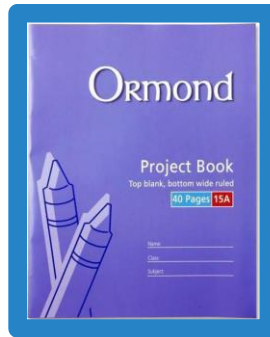


# Organisation Tips

With so many different subjects each day, there are steps you can take before you start school to help with keeping everything organised and safe.

## Labelling

Having your books/copies labelled with your name and class ensures that if a book goes missing it will be easier to find.



## Organisation

Check your school timetable the night before to see what classes you have the next day.



## Homework Journal Tips

It is a clever idea to write in Topic and Homework for each class. Your tutor will explain this to you on the first day.

If you have no homework in a particular class, write in what you did in class that day.

Your tutor will check each week that your diary is up to date and in good Condition. Journals need to be shown and signed by a parent.

**You must have your homework diary with you in all classes!**

# Layout of the School Day

**Class begins:** 8:40 am

**Little Break:** 10:40 to 10:50 am

11:00 to 11:10 am (Wednesdays)

**Lunch Break:** 12:50pm to 1:30pm

**Classes Finish:** 3:30 pm ( Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

1:10 pm (Wednesday)

Please note the timings of the school day may change due to Covid – 19 restrictions.

**First years do not have permission to leave the school at lunch time.**

If this is the case a permission slip will need to be completed.

## Timetable

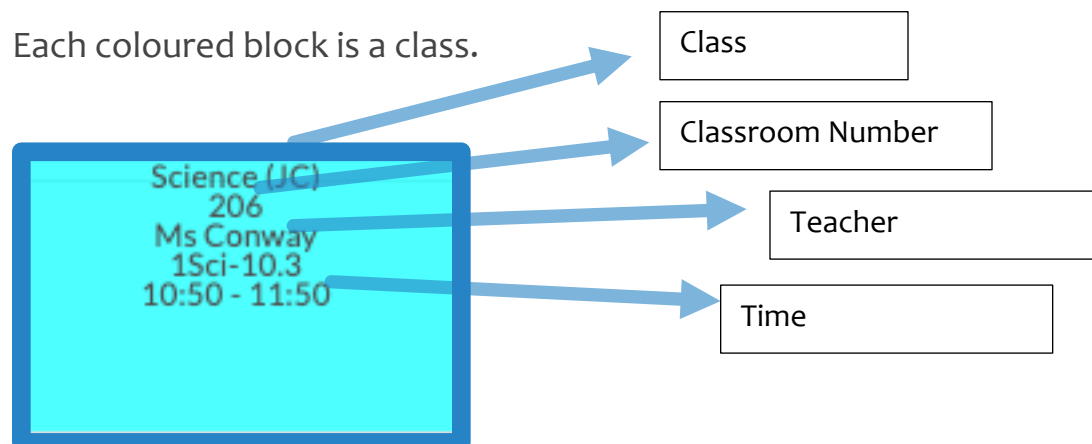
When you get your timetable on the first day back, it is a good idea to make a few copies of it. You will have it in your homework diary, but also put one on a wall at home so you can get used to it quickly.

SAMPLE Timetable – You will get a different one on your first day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30 - 08:40					
08:40 - 09:40	Italian 1Ita-5.1 201 Sophie Gerrard; Ms Kelly; Ms Higgins	Italian 1Ita-5.1 201 Sophie Gerrard; Ms Kelly; Ms Higgins	CSR 1CSR-11.3 203 Ms O'Dowd; Ms McKenna	Science (JC) 1Sci-4.2 206 Ms Conway	CSR 1CSR-11.3 203 Ms O'Dowd; Ms McKenna
09:40 - 10:40	Mathematics 1Mat-C 203 Ms Rafferty	Basketball 1BB-10.2 GYM Mr McGeough	Music 1Mus-7.3 129 Mr Cusack	Art, Craft, Design 1Art-8.2 128 Ms McKenzie	Music 1Mus-7.3 129 Ms Kelly; Mr Cusack
10:40 - 10:50			TUTOR 1TUT-6.3 203 Ms Dunphy		
10:50 - 11:50	Basketball 1BB-10.2 GYM Mr McGeough	Geography 1Geo-C 203 Mr Delaney		Media Studies 1st Med gpp 204 Ms Carrizo	Mathematics 1Mat-C 203 Ms Rafferty
11:50 - 12:50	English 1Eng-C 203 Ms Creighton	Mathematics 1Mat-C 203 Ms Rafferty	English 1Eng-C 203 Ms Creighton; Ms Meagher	Media Studies 1st Med gpp 204 Ms Carrizo	Robotics 1Rob-C 213 Mrs Jackson
12:50 - 13:10			History 1His-C 203 Mr McGeough		
13:10 - 13:30			Wellbeing 1WB-C 203 Ms Creighton; Ms McKenna		
13:30 - 14:30	Coding 1Cod-C 101 Mr Devine	English 1Eng-C 203 Ms Gavin; Ms Creighton		Geography 1Geo-C 203 Mr Delaney; Ms Kelly	Irish 1Ir-9.3 203 Ms McKenna
14:30 - 15:30	Art, Craft, Design 1Art-8.2 128 Ms McKenzie	Irish 1Ir-9.3 203 Ms McKenna		History 1His-C 203 Mr McGeough	Science (JC) 1Sci-4.2 206 Ms Conway
15:30 - 16:30					

## How to read your timetable

Each coloured block is a class.



# School Lunch & Snacks

## Break Time Snacks

We offer a selection of fresh fruit daily at morning break time for all students.

## Lunch Time - Hot lunches

Larkin College promote a healthy eating policy to improve concentration, performance and eating habits. Hot meals are available. We offer a seasonal menu with vegetarian options. All meals are prepared daily with only the freshest ingredients.

For the first few weeks first years will be allowed down to queue for lunches a few minutes before the rest of the school. You may wish to bring your own lunch with you each day.

**Lunch costs 1 euro per day and is payable each day.**

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## Water

Water bottles are provided free to our students, we have several water fountains available for students to refill their bottles at lunch time. As we are a green school plastic bottles are not permitted.



## Tutor Time

Your tutor (who will meet on the first day back) will have a class with you each week. They are the head of your class. They will check your diary, collect notes, discuss any issues etc.

If you are worried or unsure about anything, please talk to your tutor about it.



## After School Study

After school supervised study is offered to all students in our school community. This year we hope to pilot a study club for 1<sup>st</sup> years specifically which will aim to provide specific tailored homework support to students in establishing good homework routines and time management.



# Finding Your Way Around

Included in the folder is a copy of the layout of the school.

Even before you start school it is a good idea to see where the rooms are. Then when you get your timetable, you will find out exactly what rooms you will be in for each class.

If you print out the map you can pop it in your homework diary to use when you start school. PLEASE don't worry if you cannot remember where all the rooms are from the beginning. Room 100-129 are downstairs while room 200-224 are upstairs.

You can ask any staff member or other students where the room is if you are unsure. You will get to know the rooms very quickly.





# School Library – Book in Bag

Larkin students have access to a high-quality JCSP Library run by two qualified librarians, Jenny and Michelle. The library is usually open before school, at lunchtime and after school. Lots of fun events and activities happen here. All First-Year students will have weekly Library classes, reading homework and will be expected to have a library book in their schoolbag every day. First Years will also have access to our online Digital Library, Sora.



Have a look at the library page of our website to take part in our Summer Reading BINGO Challenge and explore our newly created Virtual Library where students can click on the pictures to access Sora, our Digital Library and where they can access eBooks and audiobooks as well as many other resources, puzzles and competitions.

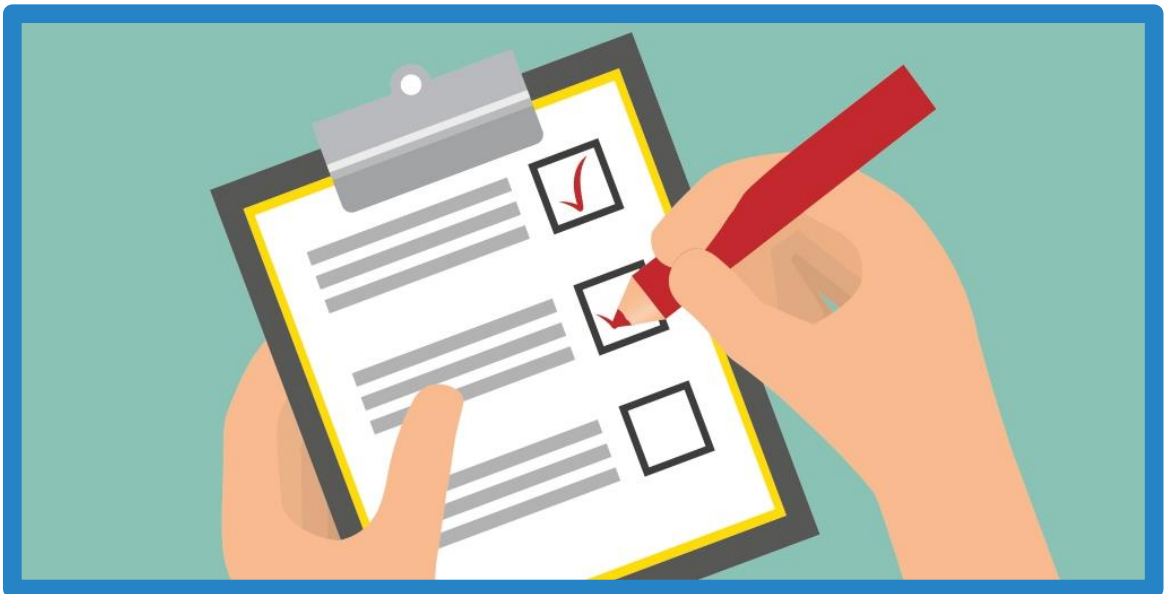
<http://larkincommunitycollege.ie/library>



# School Day to Day Checklist

For school each day I need:

- School bag
- School books and copies for that day
- Journal
- Pencil Case with my stationery
- Homework diary Lunchbox or lunch money
- Water
- PE Kit
- Any other specific equipment (ingredients for Home Economics instruments etc...)
- Any letters to take into school?





# Contact with Parents & Guardians – School App

We use the school app to communicate with parents and guardians

This can include permission slips, absence notes, late notes, information around school closures etc.

# Top Tips For Settling Into Secondary School

Every single one of our students have been in first year and have felt the same feelings you are currently feeling. Some of them got together to offer you some advice!

[Click here to watch a video from them!](#)

Be organised, get to know your timetable!

Plan your journey to school so that you get in on time!

Try everything and anything. Take parts in sports and clubs

Don't try so hard to fit in, and certainly don't try so hard to be different... just try hard to be you!

Be Kind!  
If someone else seems to be having a hard time, try to help. This is a good way to make friends and hopefully they will return the

Be Brave! It might seem hard to make new friends but everyone is feeling the same way. Say hello!

# How to Access Office 365

You will be given a school email account ([@larkincommunitycollege.ie](mailto:@larkincommunitycollege.ie)) which you can use to access materials from teachers and also to store your work.

The screenshot shows the Larkin Community College website with a blue background. At the top, there are several logos: Office 365, VSWARE, Parent Teacher Meeting, moodle, Sora, myON, Accelerated Reader, and GL Assessment. A red arrow points from the Office 365 logo to a text box on the right that says "Click here and enter your school email and password." Below the logos, the college's name and address are listed: "Larkin Community College, Champions Avenue, Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin 1, Ireland". There are also social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "Call : (01) 874 1913 or (01) 874 1928", "Fax: (+353 1) 874 9127", "Email : larkinupdates@lcc.cdetb.ie", and three social media links: "https://twitter.com/LarkinCDETB", "https://www.facebook.com/Larkincollege/", and "https://www.instagram.com/larkincdetb/". A yellow box on the right contains a "Top Tip: Download Microsoft Outlook on to your phone!".

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