

# URSULINE COLLEGE SLIGO



## NEWS BULLETIN - 03/10/2020

Key updates and information for parents/guardian & students

### 1<sup>st</sup> Years

We would like to welcome all of our new 1<sup>st</sup> years to Ursuline College. The girls are being paired up with a 6<sup>th</sup> year Cara to help them on their new adventure. The mentoring programme is a work in process, we are mindful that some student have yet to connect with their Cara, this will happen next week. They are settling in very well and we look forward to working with them over the coming year.

### 6<sup>th</sup> years

Congratulations to our Leaving Cert class of 2020 on their amazing results. We are delighted with their success and wish them every good wish in the next chapter. **Ádh mór oraibh go léir**

### Covid 19 - Updates

1. There is a new one way system in place to ensure social distancing can be maintained. And reduce cross traffic in all areas
2. New hand washing stations were installed around the school to enable students to access hot water and sanitizer in multiple locations.
3. The **"Bí Cúramach and Beat Covid"** campaign was launched in school this week. Student's enjoyed a range of Public Health Announcements from a dazzling line up of RTE, Raidió na Gaeltachta, Ocean Fm and Mid-West Radio, stars, such as Dustin the Turkey and Marty Morrissey. Reminding us all to wash our hands, wear our masks, keep socially distant and stay positive. Thank you to Ms. Lee for coordinating the campaign.

## ACTIVITIES

- TY students enjoyed three days of activities in Strandhill this week. These included surfing lessons, yoga and a coastal walk.
- As part of the Cairdeas Programme 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years had a treat from a visiting ice cream van. They enjoyed the last of the summer sunshine as they got to know each other and celebrated a new school year.
- Check out our social media platforms for updates on school activities.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Could all parents/guardians please contact the school office regarding any changes in their contact information? This will help us to keep you updated and informed.



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# PROCEDURES FOR ABSENCES & SIGNING IN AND OUT



## Late Arrivals/Signing In

- If the student is late for 1<sup>st</sup> class in the morning (8.50-9.30am), she should go directly to her class and the teacher will mark this on the roll.
- Should the student arrive after 9.30am, she should go directly to the school office. This will be recorded on VSware and a message sent to the relevant Year Head.
- The student should have a note signed by a parent/guardian explaining the reason for her late arrival.

## Signing Out

- Parents/guardians must ring the school office to inform the school that the student will be signing out.
- The student signing out should come directly to the school office.
- She must have a note signed by a parent or guardian in her journal explaining the reason for leaving school.
- This note will be shown to the office staff before being deposited in the post box.
- Each year group will have a designated post box in the hall outside the office.
- A message will be sent to the relevant Year Head informing them that the student has signed out.

## Absences

We strongly advise that students are not absent from school for holidays during the school year, as class contact time is so valuable.

Where a parent/guardian has notified the school that a student will be absent for an extended period of time.

- A message will be sent to the relevant Year Head in order to record the absence on VSware.
- Where absences are short term the student should make every effort to check the ongoing daily work being covering in class and check any updates on Microsoft Teams. In the case of an extended absence due to illness, the Year Head will contact the teachers of the student and request that the student is sent work on Teams.
- On arrival back in school, the student should submit a note for the absence in the designated post box.

**Wishing you all restful and safe weekend  
Enjoy the sunshine**