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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
an Longfoirt agus na hIarmhí
Longford and Westmeath
Education and Training Board



Ballymahon Vocational School

Ballymahon

Co Longford

Tel: (090) 6432211

26th August, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Enclosed please find

- Important Information on Classroom Resources
- Uniform Information
- Provisional Dates for the New School Year 2020-2021
- **Note: Second Year, Transition Year, Fifth Year and Sixth Year Book Lists for students who are not part of the Book Rental Scheme are available on our school website. Please note below requirements for all students that do not form part of the Book Rental Scheme.**

Workbooks, calculators, technical graphics sets, mathematical tables, grammar books, dictionaries, revision books, exam papers and stationery such as copies, hardback copies, pens, pencils, rulers etc. are not part of the school Book Rental scheme and must be purchased separately by parents/guardians. Students will not be permitted to share any classroom resources in the coming academic year.

All parents/guardians are requested to purchase 10 plastic A4 Envelope Strong Mesh Zip Folders (different colours please) for each subject. We request that students put each subject book/ resources into the different folders. This will help with organisation for all students.

In keeping with our Green Schools' Code, and as the water fountains around the school are no longer in use, we request that all students buy their own reusable water bottle in order to alleviate plastic waste in our school.

We wish to advise that we operate an on-line system of payment called Way2Pay. A text message will issue to you when the system opens for the individual school payments. **You cannot make a payment until you receive the text message.** All payments can be paid on-line and the following costs are applicable to the 2020 – 2021 school year.

SCHOOL PAYMENT	COST	DUE DATE
School Services	€50 per student / €80 per family	7 th September 2020
Second Year Book Rental	€50	7 th September 2020
Fifth Year Book Rental	€80	7 th September 2020
Sixth Year Book Rental	€50	7 th September 2020
Brennan Insurance & Safety Glasses	€15 per student	7 th September 2020
Mock Examinations	€130 Junior Certificate	13 th November 2020
Mock Examinations	€120 Leaving Certificate	13 th November 2020

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Please feel free to contact the school on (090) 6432211 or by email to bhiggins.bvs@lwetb.ie if you have any queries or concerns. We look forward to meeting our students in the coming days as we embark on the start of a new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Higgins

Principal



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Provisional Dates for the 2020/21 Academic Year

- Monday 31st August 2020 – 1st Year Induction and mentor training. 9am -12.30 pm
- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October inclusive – Mid-Term Break
- Wednesday 23rd December – Wednesday 6th January inclusive – Christmas Holidays
- Monday, 11th January, 2021 – JCT Inservice for Staff – No school for students.
- Monday 15th – 19th February inclusive – Mid-Term Break
- Wednesday 17th March – Public Holiday
- Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April inclusive – Easter Holidays
- Monday 3rd May – Public Holiday
- Friday 4th June – Summer Holidays



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Uniform Policy

Compulsory

- Maroon Jumper with school crest
- Two grey polo shirts
- Two grey trousers / skirt (knee length)
- Plain black footwear (no white/coloured laces or soles, no markings or logos or colours or stripes)
- Crested School Jacket

Uniform available locally in Claffey's, Ballymahon

The New Black Crested School Jacket is compulsory for all First Year students and can be worn over school jumper and polo shirt. No other hoodies/jackets are permitted.

For the attention of all other students:

The New School Jacket is the ONLY jacket which can be worn in class and around the school.

New School Jacket





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