



Dear Year 13 parents,

### **Re. Start of Year Welcome**

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as we start this new academic year. This year will present us all with a range of challenges and opportunities, and I am looking forward to working with you and your sons once again, in their final year in secondary education.

### **Support**

As you know, I believe that the Sixth Form is the pinnacle of Victoria College. It is a privilege for boys to be a part of our community and similarly it is a privilege for us to be able to support them in this vital final year. We hope that we will enable your son to grow and develop, as students and as young men, whilst they are with us. My role, and the role of the Sixth Form team, is to support the boys in achieving their potential in becoming well-rounded individuals who can make a positive contribution to society. I have encouraged, and will continue to encourage, the boys to seek support from myself, Mrs Murphy (Deputy Head of Sixth Form), Mrs Job (Head of Careers), their tutors, their teachers, and the student support team should they need it.

### **Expectations**

It is important that the boys understand their role within the Victoria College community and that they recognise the responsibilities that come with that. They are an example to all younger students and to one another, and by now will know of our expectations. They are required to have excellent attendance, be punctual to school and lessons and maintain consistently high levels of effort towards their studies, both in and out of class. I also expect the boys to demonstrate pride in their personal appearance and want them to take a holistic approach to their development.

I will continue to encourage the boys to demonstrate responsibility, leadership, respect of others and teamwork skills whilst also maintaining high levels of academic effort during their final year at Victoria College, whilst challenging them to be the very best that they can be in every facet of school life. In doing so, boys will be expected to demonstrate and develop the school values of respect, resilience and aspiration. Where boys are not meeting our expectations, I will look to intervene and challenge this and would appreciate your support in doing so.

### **Parental support**

As parents, your role in the Sixth Form is vital. I hope to provide opportunities for you to share your thoughts with us on various matters as we progress through the year, for example through coffee mornings or focus groups. This will provide me with valuable information to

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aid my planning for changes within, or additions to, the Sixth Form programme, as well as offering a chance for more anecdotal discussions. Your engagement in these exercises would be greatly appreciated, although please don't feel you have to wait for such opportunities to voice your opinions to me. Regular and open dialogue between us, as and when issues arise, will be important in supporting your sons to achieve their potential.

### **UCAS grades**

Last term your son completed his PPEs and was provided with his latest likely to achieve grades, which are his current UCAS grades. He will have assessment opportunities within his subjects later this half term, in class, to improve upon these UCAS grades. I have previously encouraged students to prepare for these assessments, as we will soon be sending off final UCAS applications. There is still time for students to complete further revision for this assessment period so that they are able to show what they are capable of.

### **Information Evening**

Finally, I would like to invite you and your son to a presentation, which will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 17.30 in the Great Hall. This event has been organised to provide you with updated information about your sons Sixth Form programme, to include UCAS and job applications. Where possible, we would recommend that students also attend this presentation with you. By delivering this to you, with your son present, I hope to ensure we are all clear of the expectations, opportunities and support available in the year ahead.

### **Website**

The school website ([www.victoriacollege.je](http://www.victoriacollege.je)) is an excellent source of information, including a calendar with this year's school events. In addition to using this to obtain information, please do not hesitate in contacting me either via e-mail ([a.falle@vci.sch.je](mailto:a.falle@vci.sch.je)) or using my direct number (01534 638257) should you have any concerns at any stage in the academic year. I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Falle  
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