



Dear Year 12 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 with a range of challenges and opportunities, and I am looking forward to working with you and your sons in achieving success over the next two academic years.

#### **Support**

The Sixth Form is the pinnacle of Victoria College. It is something that boys aspire to be part of, and which offers students opportunities to grow and develop both as students and as young men. It is a privilege for boys to be part of our community and similarly it is a privilege for us to be able to support them during these key years. Whilst I hope to guide the Sixth Form to develop and grow in stature both within the school and in the community, my primary role, along with the rest of the Sixth Form team, is to ensure your sons are provided with the support they need to achieve their goals and aspirations. When I first met the boys this term, I highlighted the importance of seeking support from myself, Mrs Dawn Murphy (Deputy Head of Sixth Form), Mrs Suzanne Job (Careers Guidance), their tutors, their teachers and the wider student support team, should they need it, and ask that you also call upon us should you have any concerns or queries.

#### **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. As the senior students of the school, they are an example to all younger students and to one another. My expectations of them are simple. The boys are required 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.

Our students will be expected to demonstrate responsibility, leadership, respect of others and teamwork skills whilst also maintaining high levels of academic effort. I will also be 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.

#### **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 invaluable information to aid my planning for changes within, or additions to, the Sixth Form programme. Your engagement in

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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 will be important in supporting your sons to achieve their potential. I also ask for your support in reiterating messages from the school to your sons, such as the expectations I have outlined above.

### **Information Evening**

Finally, I would like to invite you and your son to a presentation, which will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 17.30 in the Great Hall. This event has been organised to provide you with information about your son's Sixth Form programme and the expectations we have of our Sixth Form students. 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@vcj.sch.je](mailto:a.falle@vcj.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

**Head of Sixth Form**

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