



23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the Mid-Term break, I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to you in my role as Year Head for 1st Year students. The transition to post-primary school can be challenging, and I would like to commend your sons and daughters for managing the various adjustments that come with this move. Over the past nine weeks, 1st Year students have shown great enthusiasm and a positive attitude toward both their classroom learning and participation in our extra-curricular programme.

I would particularly like to congratulate those students who have already become involved in the Student Council, sports, the musical, and other extra-curricular activities. I encourage all 1st Year students to continue exploring the wide range of activities available outside the classroom. These opportunities are a great way to develop new skills, meet friends, and engage fully in school life.

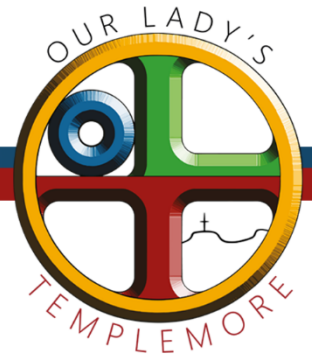
As parents and guardians, your support is invaluable in helping your child make the most of their experience, both academically and socially. With that in mind, I would like to highlight a few key points:

### 1. **VsWare App**

Our VsWare App provides a platform for parents to view both positive and negative comments from teachers. These play an important role in our student awards system. If you haven't already familiarised yourself with the app, I encourage you to do so. In addition, all student absences should be recorded via VsWare.

### 2. **Homework and Study Routine**

Establishing a consistent homework and study routine is crucial for students to achieve their full potential. 1st Year is the ideal time to build this habit. Please continue to encourage your child to devote adequate time to their homework in a quiet environment, free from distractions such as mobile phones.



### 3. Respect and Social Media

Respect for oneself and others is fundamental to a successful school experience. As we are all aware, social media platforms like Snapchat, Tik Tok and BeReal can be used in both positive and negative ways. We kindly ask for your support in monitoring your child's phone usage and promoting responsible behavior when engaging with these apps.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to support your child's journey throughout 1st Year. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable Mid-Term break.

Best regards,

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1st Year Year Head

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Deputy Principal