FIRST YEAR COFFEE MORNING



WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S DS

- Meet the staff....
- School systems
- How are they? Let us know



SUPPORT STRUCTURE IN ST. MARY'S



- **Year Heads- Ms. Edel Tumelty and r. Gerry Spain**
- **Class Tutor**
- **Guidance Counsellors-** Ms. Delany, Ms. Deering
- **Deputy Principals-** Ms. Byrne, Ms. Noone, Ms. Oglesby
- **Principal-** Ms. Catherina McNicholas

- **Class Tutors**
- 1A- Ms. Loughlin
- 1B- Mr. Kirwan
- 1C- Ms. Redmond
- 1D- Ms. Morgan
- 1E- Mr. A'Coistealbha
- 1F- Ms. Corcoran

WHO CAN HELP?

- Subject related concerns- start with the subject teacher – note in journal
- Phone call
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Office@stmarysds.ie
- www.stmarysds.ie





YEAR HEADS – MS. TUMELTY & MR. SPAIN

- Checklist for your sons (do not do it for him):
  - Check the timetable each evening
  - Put copies, set squares, football boots in the bag ready for the subjects the next day
  - Check the journal
    - Homework
    - Timetable
    - Plan out when the homework needs to be done
  - Have a space for his folders, books and copies at home

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

- Ms. Cerrie Byrne
- Ms. Lorraine Noone
- Ms. Nicola Oglesby



Office 365

VSWARE

User Name= As for Options

Password to registered phone number

Timetable

Attendance

Behaviour

Reports

ACCELERATED READER



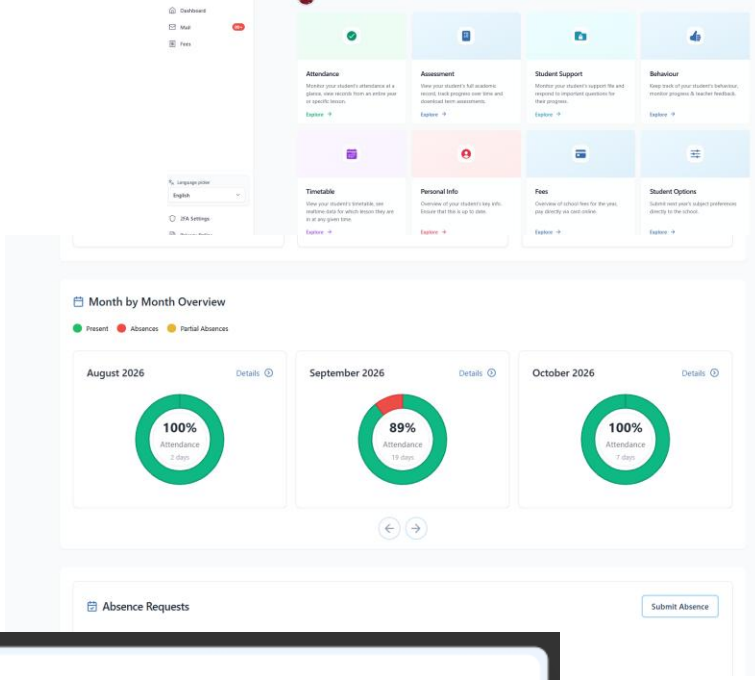
JOURNAL- HOMEWORK RECORD- COMMUNICATON

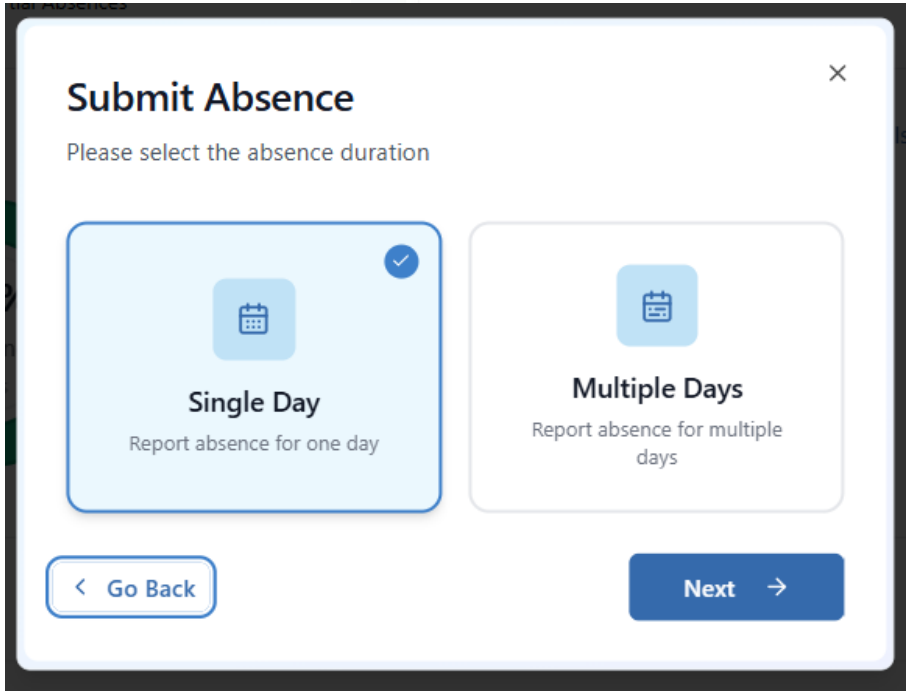
- Specific First Year Journal with bespoke content
- Check the notes sections at weekend for that week and at back.
- Sick notes / Appointments recorded at back or on vsware
- Be sure to Sign Code of Behaviour and update any medical info.
- Useful Pages at start for first year and in Guidance section

ABSENT AND SIGNING OUT

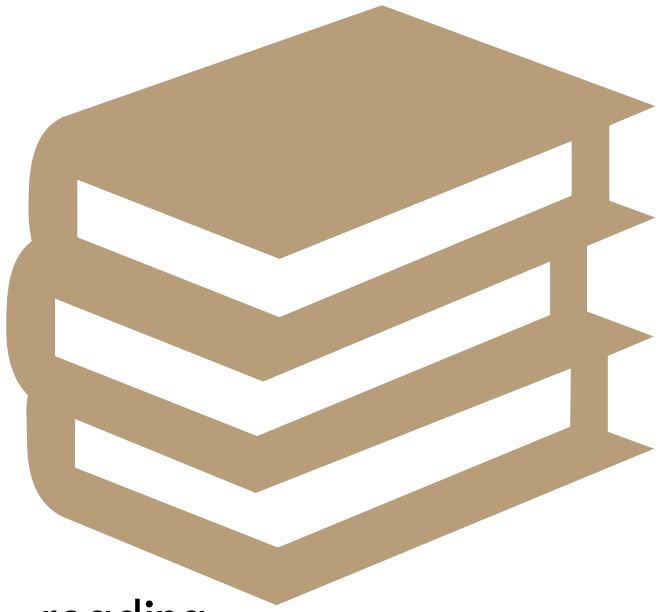
- Note on VSWare or note in journal

- Physically come to school and sign him out **or** if ill, the student comes to the deputy or year head to be signed out & parent is phoned





HOMEWORK



Recommended 1 – 1.5 hours

Revision – test yourself – what do you remember from the class – practice questions – reading

Common teenage excuses:

"We got not homework" - very unlikely but revision can be done

"I got it done in a free class" - work left or assigned by teachers

"I done it a lunch time" - we don't want this – its rushed and we want them to socialise

Starting good habits are important

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING MS. JOANNE DEERING MS. SINEAD DELANY

- Entrance Tests
- Adapting to Secondary School
- Homework Planning
- Subject Choice

- Issues with friends
- Bereavement
- Relationship breakdowns.....



- Going to college
- The world of work

PARENTS COUNCIL

- 1st Tuesday of the Month
- 7:30pm
- School library
- Some meetings will be on zoom



SCHOOL LOTTO – PLEASE SUPPORT IF YOU CAN





CANTEEN

- Junior Students are not permitted out at Break time or Lunch time
- Canteen or pack own lunch

- Lunch
- Hot meal option with fruit and a drink
- Sandwiches

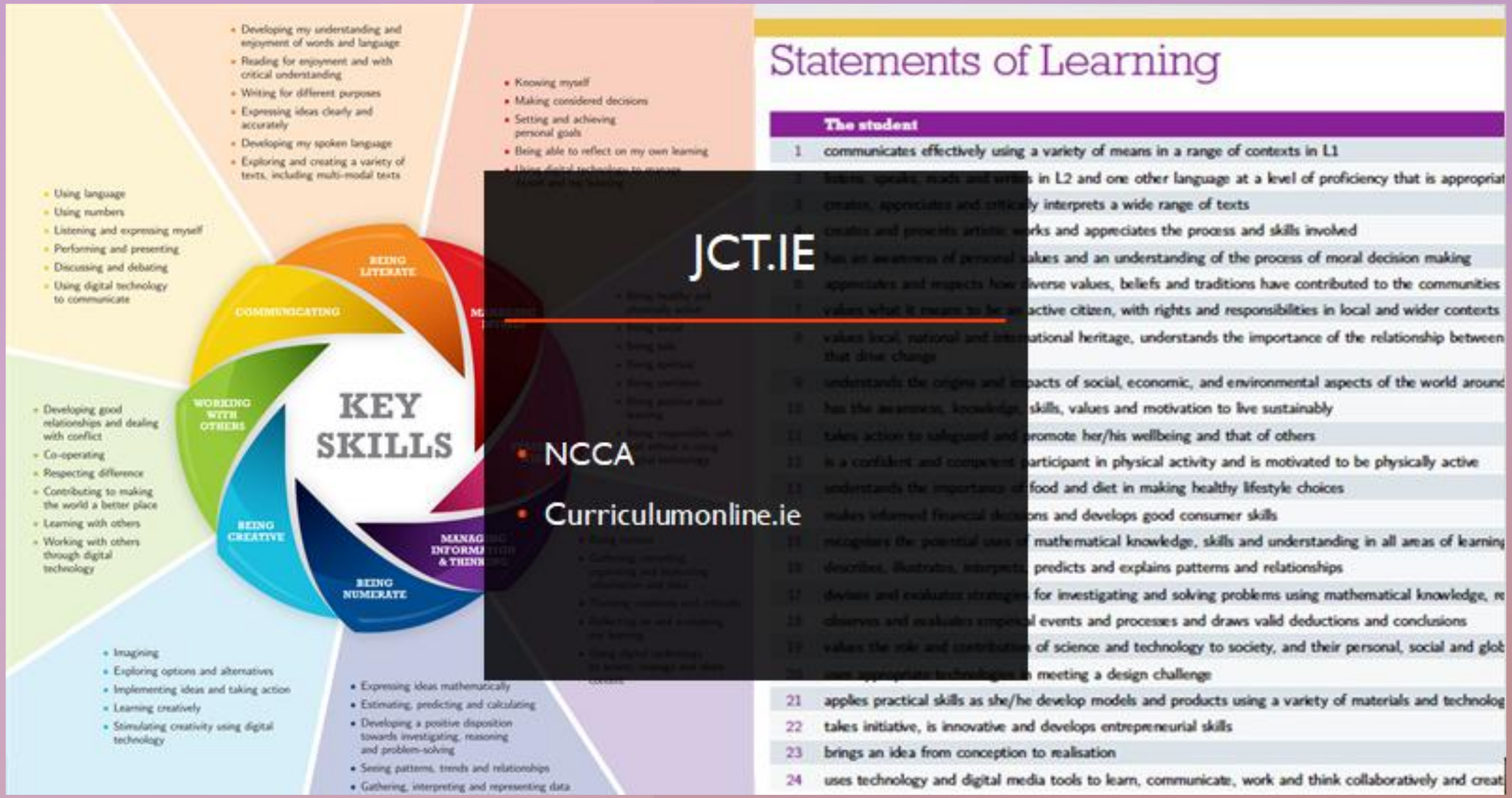


EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Music Clubs
- Games club
- Futsal - Lunchtimes
- Basketball
- Astro – Lunchtimes
- Athletics
- Swimming
- Badminton
- Gaelic Football
- Lego club
- Reading club
- Rugby
- Chess
- Students Council
- Photography- Exhibition Yearly & Trip
- Golf
- Pitch and putt
- Soccer
- Darts

NON SUBJECT RELATED CONCERNS

- Tutor
- Year Heads
- Guidance Counsellor
- Deputy Principal
- Principal



JCT.IE

- NCCA
- Curriculumonline.ie



JUNIOR CYCLE – JUNIOR CYCLE PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Ten Subjects in total reported on

- Common Level – In most
- Honours and Ordinary – Irish, English & Maths Only

  Grades

  Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved, Partially Achieved and Not Graded

- Other Areas Of Learning


THANK YOU!

TYPING COURSE SUGGESTIONS

https://www.typing.com/student/games

https://www.nessy.com/en-us/product/nessy-fingers-touch-typing-home

https://mavis-beacon-free.en.softonic.com/