

Questions for Tullamore College

From 6th Class, St. Philomena's N.S.

1. When does school begin and will it be normal or do we have to social distance? We are hoping to start in September but we have to wait for Government Guidelines. We do not know how 'normal' it will be and we may have to consider Social Distancing again depending on how Ireland is doing with Covid 19. We will have to follow hygiene guidelines, as before the closing of, for washing hands, coughing and sneezing.
2. What date do we (hopefully) start school? Hopefully September
3. If we don't start secondary school when we are meant to do we do homeschooling for secondary school? We are currently using email and 'Teams' with our students for distant learning. We also have Support groups for students who have no IT or have difficulties using it so I this will continue if school is closed and you will be set up on the system by our IT Department.
4. Will we be split up like half in the morning and half in the evening Again because we do not know what the outcome will be in September all options will remain open such as half days, half classes, day in day out with distant learning or back fulltime. We just have to wait and see.
5. Are we able to be with our friends for our core class, can we move to a different core class if we don't know

anybody? The core classes will be picked randomly and you will chose your subject options. It is never really an issue who is in the class as you can meet your friends regularly at breaks anyway and you will also make a lot of new friends. You could also be lucky and be chosen in the same class as your friend but it is not optional to move just for because your friends are there.

6. Will it still be just first years on the first day of school? At the moment yes and this has been the case always to give you a chance to settle in, meet your Year Head, Tutor and teachers. It will also give you a chance to look at your timetable, room numbers and get used to your locker.
7. Will we get a booklist? Yes you will get a book list and whatever stationary you need also for the different subjects.
8. Do we get a tour or map of the school to know where our classes are? Yes. This will all happen on the first day.
9. When will we get our time tables? Usually on the first day also so you will see your teachers and room numbers.
10. Where do we go on the first day of school, and what do we bring? On the first day just have your full uniform and you will all meet the Principal for a short talk just inside the front door in the canteen area. You will then go into your tutor groups with your tutor who will go through everything with you and answer any questions you have throughout the day. You can bring a

lunch but no need for books or any big copies. You may also need PE gear as there may be some games and sports. You will get a letter beforehand detailing all the things you need to bring in.

11. If you pick Technical Graphics as a junior cycle subject, is there a follow on subject for your leaving cert? The follow on for Technical graphics is DCG (Design and Communication Graphics)
12. If we have to do work from home for a few weeks will we get our accounts set up? Yes your accounts will be set up by the school and there will be a Support Group of teachers to help out if you have any difficulties or problems.

We very much look forward to seeing you this year and the best way to prepare for Secondary school is to read plenty of books over the Summer.