

# SUMMER INFORMATION



## CALENDAR FOR SUMMER MONTHS

SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021  
(inclusive).

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS: (Date not yet confirmed)

## CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

STAFF MEETING/TRAINING: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

BOOK RENTAL: Books for 1<sup>st</sup> years MUST be collected at the school Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am – 12.30pm and books for 2<sup>nd</sup> years MUST be collected at the school Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please bring book list with option subjects marked as selected on Online Book Rental Application Form. 3<sup>rd</sup> year students have NO books to collect.

[THERE IS NO BOOK RENTAL FOR SENIOR CYCLE](#)

## Schedule for return to school

<u>1<sup>ST</sup> YEARS INDUCTION DAY</u>	First Years only in school on Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> of September
<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 6<sup>TH</sup> YEARS</u>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
<u>1<sup>ST</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 3<sup>RD</sup></u>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<u>1<sup>ST</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> &amp; 5<sup>TH</sup></u>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
<u>TY STUDENTS</u>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
<u>LCA STUDENTS</u>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September

AUTUMN MIDTERM BREAK: Closed Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

CHRISTMAS BREAK: Closed Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 inclusive.

FEBRUARY MIDTERM BREAK: Closed Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February inclusive.

Closed Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March (Bank Holiday).

EASTER BREAK: Closed Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive.

APRIL/MAY: Closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Bank Holiday).

JUNE: State Examinations start Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

We are hopeful that parent teacher meetings will be able to go ahead and we are planning for that eventuality.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Yr- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021: 4.10-6.40pm.

6<sup>th</sup> Yr - (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021: 4.10-6.40pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> Yr - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2021: 4.10-6.40pm.

5<sup>th</sup> Year- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022: 4.10-6.40pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Yr- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022: 4.10-6.40pm.

6<sup>th</sup> Yr- (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022: 4.10-6.40pm.

[NB All Classes will end at 3.40pm on days of PT meetings.](#)

# Relevant Information for 2021-2022 School year

We are following all guidelines in relation to COVID-19 for the reopening of our school in September 2021.

## **Opening hours**

Monday to Thursday inclusive: Start at 9.00am Finish at 3.55pm

Friday start at 9.00am and finish at 1.15pm. (Buses to leave at 1.25pm)

- **LOCKERS: 1<sup>st</sup> year locker fees are included in the cost of the Parental Contribution.** All other year groups need to pay online a fee of €20. A payment request will be sent online. You must log into your EPP account to make payment. (2<sup>nd</sup> years 2021, will receive a free locker in 2021 as they paid towards lockers in first year and COVID prevented use of lockers).
- **SCHOOL JOURNAL:** The School Journal is a requirement for ALL students. It is an important communication mechanism between school and home. It has been newly updated to increase its usefulness for our students. (Cost **€10**) This is included in 1<sup>st</sup> year contribution.
- **UNIFORM:**
  - All students are obliged to wear their full school uniform and practise Covid-19 protocol as per HSE Guidelines

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Light Grey Shirt (2)	Light Grey Revere Blouse (2)
<b>Junior Cycle:</b> Royal Blue Round Necked Jumper with Crest <b>Senior Cycle:</b> Irish Blue Round Necked Jumper with Crest	<b>Junior Cycle:</b> Royal Blue V Necked Jumper with Crest. <b>Senior Cycle:</b> Irish Blue V Necked Jumper with Cres
Dark Grey Terylene <u>or</u> Trevira Slacks	Dark Grey & Blue Pinstripe Knee Length Pleated Skirt <u>or</u> Dark Grey & Blue Pinstripe Terylene <u>or</u> Trevira Girls Slacks
Dark Grey or Black Socks	Dark Grey or Black Socks/Tights
Black, Brown or Navy shoes <b>Black only for First &amp; Second years</b>	Black, Brown or Navy shoes – Low Heels <b>Black only for First &amp; Second years</b>

- All students must wear our proper school uniform at all times. Uniform items can only be purchased at the following outlet in Gort: Pat Smyth, Bridge Street, Gort.
- **Please note that leggings are not regarded as appropriate school wear at any time in Gort Community School.**
- School uniform footwear can **ONLY** be black shoes or black sport shoes. The footwear has to be **ALL black with no other colour or markings, the sole also has to be black.**
- An exemption can be made for PE day when students can wear their PE uniform, if they so wish. The uniform for PE is a black tracksuit with a white or black t-shirt only (Leggings are not acceptable). See the end of this letter for details.

- **MOBILE PHONES:**

- *Mobile phones must be switched off during the course of the school day. Senior students only, have permission to use their mobile phones at lunchtime. **Junior Cycle students may not access their mobile phones at any time during the school day.***
- *To protect the privacy of all members of the school, the use of phone cameras/videos/voice recorders is strictly prohibited on the school premises/grounds at all times.*

**Sanctions**

- *Phones will be confiscated if switched on other than at the agreed lunchtime period for Senior Students only. They will be retained by the Principal for two weeks and returned only to a Parent/Guardian.*
- *The use of a phone camera/video/voice recorder will result in confiscation for the duration of the school year. This will be treated as serious misbehaviour.*
- **PARENTS, STUDENTS AND CARS:** Traffic is becoming an issue with increased student numbers, additional buses due to COVID and limited parking facilities.  
If parents are dropping off children to school, **please do not drop them off in the staff car park.** The safest place is in front of the Community Centre. Please move in a clockwise direction making sure to give way to pedestrians and staff cars. I would ask parents not to park their cars in the bus bay area and if you are collecting in the evening, do try to be in before 3.45pm. The speed limit on school grounds is 5 km/ph. 1<sup>st</sup> year students arriving to school before 8.45am must wait in the Community Centre where supervision is available from 8.30am.
- **STUDENT PARKING:** This is limited to 6<sup>th</sup> year students on an interim basis.  
The Department of Education do not provide for Student parking. The demand on parking has surpassed our capacity to cater for staff and visitor parking. I am making an exception for limited student parking for this year. Students driving to school must submit the relevant school form to me. **Students driving to school in 2021-2022 are only permitted to park in the Astro pitch parking area.** We are in consultation with the Department to increase the parking spaces and hope to have this resolved in the near future.
- **GOOD MANNERS AND GENERAL COURTESY:** There should be mutual respect for all staff and students in our school. Students are taught by their parents to be respectful to staff but sometimes a minority forget this at school.
- **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** The school is proud of its achievements and the successes of all our students. All students are actively encouraged to get involved in school activities. Junior students who have timetabled Physical Education should participate at all times in that class. For senior students it is optional but Physical Education activities are again encouraged.
- **PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL AND TO CLASS:** Students who are late for school without a note from parents/guardians, will get a tick in the disciplinary file. Three ticks in the disciplinary file will result in Friday detention.
- **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** If students are feeling unwell they should remain at home. If a student misses a school day, please write a note at the back of the Student Journal under the section *Student Absence Record*. These notes must be signed by the Yearhead on return to school. Parents will be notified via text message if their son/daughter fails to attend school. If a student is out long term due to illness or COVID-19 health concerns, please inform the Yearhead in writing. **You must inform the school if you change your mobile number.**
- **SUPERVISED STUDY/HOMEWORK CLUB:** This has been a great success for the school and we intend to offer this again this coming year.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA/ CYBER BULLYING:** It is important that we keep informed and know what safeguards to put in place to support our young people with their use of devices and social media.

**Top tips for parents:**

1. Do not allow devices/Phones into the bedroom.
2. Have a cut off time for internet/Social media use - suggested 9pm.
3. Check your son's/daughter's device history.
4. Know what apps and sites your son/daughter uses.
5. Communicate about usage of Internet/social media.
6. Stay informed.

## PE Uniform, Team Wear & School Indoor Jacket

Whilst parents are free to purchase elsewhere we have sourced very competitive prices with our [School Indoor Jacket Supplier](#) for our PE Uniform or from our [GAA O'Neills School Shop](#) for our team wear which can be viewed online by clicking the pictures.



**The School Indoor Jacket** is the only jacket that can be worn inside the school building. It can be worn over the uniform jumper but not instead of the jumper. It can be purchased online at <https://www.teamwear.ie/your-shop/gort-community-school.html>

