



**Outline Diary of Events for the Academic Year 2017 – 2018**

**2017 Autumn Term**

**Note** – This year additional training days for the New Junior Cycle will require closure. Dates not available at present.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

School Shop and Second Hand Uniform Shop Sale –In Dining Hall from 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Form I Induction Day** – Boarders arrive at boarding houses between **11.00 – 11.30 a.m.**

**Day pupils** – report to Deane Building between **11.15 – 11.30 a.m.** to receive locker allocation.

All pupils report to Lecture Theatre by **11.55 a.m.** Pupils may be collected at **4.00 p.m.**

**Form 6 Prefects** required from **9.45 a.m.** **Form 5 Mentors** required from **2.00 p.m.**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**Form I Pupils only**- Boarders arrive for 11.00 a.m. Day pupils arrive 11.20 a.m. Activities and lessons follow from 11.30 a.m. **All other new pupils (Forms 2 – 5)** arrive between 1.45 – 2.00 p.m. Please report to Deane Building. Welcome & Introduction to the school 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. **Other Boarders** may return between 3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Boys report to Roundhill House, Girls to Richmond House. Evening meal at 5.45 p.m. Locker allocation during this time period.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

School opens at 9.00 a.m.

General Assembly for **ALL** pupils at 9.30 a.m. in the Sports Complex, followed by Tutorials at 10.20 a.m.

Classes commence for all at 11.20 a.m.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**Long Weekend**

Close at 4.00 p.m. and reopen Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – 9.00 a.m.

Boarders return Sunday evening 1<sup>st</sup> October from 8.00 p.m.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

BGS Careers Fair – Forms 4, 5 & 6 students

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Prize Day

**Half Term commences**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

School Re-opens – at 9.00 a.m. Boarders return from 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Close for **Christmas Holidays**

**2018 SPRING TERM**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Re-open for Spring Term at 9.00 a.m.

Boarders return from 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Mid-term break**

Close at 4.00 p.m.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

School Re-opens – Boarders return from 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Close at 4.00 p.m. for National Holiday weekend

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

School Re-opens – Boarders return Monday evening from 8.00 p.m.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Easter Holidays** – close at 4.00 p.m.

**2018 SUMMER TERM****Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

School Re-opens at 9.00 a.m. Boarders return from 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

School closes at 4.00 p.m. for **May Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

School Re-opens – Boarders return from 8.00 a.m.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

School Examinations commence

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June****End of Year**

School will close for Forms 1, 2, 4 and 5 after Awards Ceremony

**State Examinations**

School reopens at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

State Examinations commence on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**PROVISIONAL - PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS 2017 – 2018**

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Form 6 Parent/Teacher Meeting (4.15 – 6.45 p.m.)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	Form 3 Parent/Teacher Meeting (4.15 – 6.45 p.m.)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	-	Form 5 Parent/Teacher Meeting (4.15 – 6.45 p.m.)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Form 1 Parent/Teacher Meeting (4.15 – 6.45 p.m.)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Form 2 Parent/Teacher Meeting (4.15 – 6.45 p.m.)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Form 4 Parent/Teacher Meeting (4.15 – 6.45 p.m.)

**NOTE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & SKILLS - CONTINGUENCY ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

The Department of Education & Skills has recommended that if schools have to close for a prolonged period of time due to weather conditions and if the tuition time lost cannot be made up in other ways e.g. reducing the length of mock / school examinations or ensuring examination classes attend all classes to the end of May then, having established what arrangements for school transport may or may not be feasible if other schools are remaining closed, may decide to implement either or both of the following contingency arrangements:-

- a) The February mid-term break may be reduced by up to three days subject to the requirement that all schools must be closed on the Thursday and Friday of the week in which this break falls
- b) The Easter break may be reduced by up to three days by the school remaining open up to and including the Wednesday immediately preceding the Easter weekend. All schools must be closed on the Thursday and Friday immediately preceding the Easter weekend and remain closed for the remainder of the Easter break.