

**MOUNT TEMPLE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**  
**RE-OPENING NOTICE 2017-2018**

<b>First Year</b>	<b>Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 – 12:00pm 9:00 – 12:00pm</b>
<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Monday August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am-1:00pm</b>
<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Monday August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	<b>Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am - 1:00pm approx</b>
<b>Fifth Year</b>	<b>Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Sixth Year</b>	<b>Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00pm</b>

- Incoming First Years must attend Monday and Tuesday for induction. One parent/guardian should accompany first years on Monday for a brief meeting.
- Second years will have team building activities after a short assembly – wear tracksuits and runners.
- It is important for all other pupils to attend the assembly scheduled for them.
- Timetables and other important materials will be distributed at these assemblies.

Full classes commence on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 8:40am** – all pupils (except TY) should have timetables, books and €10 for journal & €10 for locker. This payment can be made online at [mounttemple.vsware.ie](http://mounttemple.vsware.ie) or by cash/cheque to form teacher.

**Mount Temple's BOOK LISTS, school policies and upcoming events may be viewed on the school website at [www.mounttemple.ie](http://www.mounttemple.ie) & the School App**

### **TEXT BOOKS**

Text books ordered in advance through the school can be collected and paid for at the following times:-

<b>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> years on Monday August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> years on Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am – 10:30 am</b>

**Collection can be made on either day to facilitate students in different years.**

Subsequent inquiries will be dealt with by staff from the Book Haven – 01 8353806 or [ciaran@bookhaven.ie](mailto:ciaran@bookhaven.ie)

### **ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

A single Voluntary Contribution of €250 per family is the norm.

While those who can often contribute above, it is a voluntary contribution.

This tax-back Support Scheme allows the school to directly access tax paid by parents (e.g. €181 at 41% rate on €250). Amounts given are dealt with confidentially by the Principal.

*See Voluntary Subscription Form for details*

**In brief:**

- The school is obliged to keep accurate attendance records for each pupil and an explanation for each absence must be provided by parent / guardian in the appropriate section of the journal.

Parents/Guardians are requested to text the absence phone (083 1308857) if the student is late or absent for any reason. This phone is not attended and should not be used for any other purpose.

Texts are sent from the school if your child is marked absent at roll call (and no explanatory text is received).

- Appropriate clothes should be worn to school. Tracksuits, obvious leisure wear and provocative clothing is unacceptable.
- Appropriate clothing also required for PE – **Note CONVERSE runners are not suitable footwear for PE.**
- The school accepts no liability for loss of such items as coats, bicycles, watches, mobile phones, mp3s, ipods etc and parents/guardians are advised that it is possible to obtain insurance cover for same by a personal effects extension to the householder's policy. Parents/guardians are advised not to allow pupils to bring large sums of money or other valuables to school.
- Only students living near the school may go home for lunch, if they have received permission from the school to do so. Sixth years may apply for permission to leave the school at lunch time only (1:05 – 1:45pm) subject to parental approval. No other pupils may leave during the school day without permission to sign out. The school does not take responsibility for any harm befalling students who leave the premises.
  - When teachers are unavoidably absent through illness, every effort is made to arrange for substitution, and occasionally the timetable has to be adjusted. When this is not possible, it is sometimes arranged for the pupils in particular classes to be sent home early. If, due to special home circumstances, there are parents who do not find this latter arrangement convenient, they must inform the Principal or Deputy-Principal *in writing*, before the beginning of next term. We will then ensure that the pupil concerned remains in school until the normal closing time.
- All pupils must vacate the school premises within 15 minutes of the end of classes unless involved in school activities.

**SUPERVISED STUDY**

Supervised Study will be available to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students once again this year provided sufficient numbers are interested. Application forms will be available on start up.

**MUSIC**

Piano, guitar, drums and singing tuition are possible optional extras. The charge for each is between €150 and €200 payable in each of Sept, Nov and March.

## **LEAVING AND JUNIOR CERT. EXAMS**

Department of Education & Science fees for these exams are due from February 2018, and the amount is likely to be around €100. Exact details will be issued to pupils by the Department of Education & Science, through the school.

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The Parents' Association is very active and provides support essential to the continuation and development of the schools policies, practices and extra-curricular programme. It is desirable for the full education of the pupils that they participate in as wide a range of activities as possible. The school encourages all parents to join the Parents' Association and get involved!

## **THE SPORTS COUNCIL**

The focus of the Council is the organisation and funding of sport in the school. Students, staff and parents participate in this vibrant and important group. New members are always welcome.

## **OTHER VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES**

Mount Temple benefits greatly from the hard work of a number of dedicated volunteers in the areas of library, canteen, sickbay etc. If you have a few hours to spare your assistance would be much appreciated. Due to the major cutbacks, the number of trips usually embarked on may not be possible next year – if you would be available to accompany pupils on such trips or sporting activities please contact the school office and Garda vetting will be organised.