



1st July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Newsletter and Summer 2020 Reports

The **School Newsletter** which gives a snapshot of the year is available on the school website at: <http://www.mercymounthawk.ie/newsletter/> As you will read, it has been a busy year in Mounthawk despite school closure and cancellation of events and competitions. I am particularly happy that we sustained our sense of community as a school, as best we could online, and that we maintained our Awards Ceremonies for TY and the whole school on-line and also marked the end of their time for 6th years with an on-line Farewell. If you want to view these on-line productions – check out:

TY Awards	18th June	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOHoZjIB3JY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOHoZjIB3JY</a>
School Awards	25th June	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrMj3hTwyUg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrMj3hTwyUg</a>
6th year Graduation	26th June	<a href="https://t.co/MDMp2c7Rq4">https://t.co/MDMp2c7Rq4</a>

I want to thank all the students, parents and teachers for their hard work and commitment for all that has been achieved during the year and in particular since we went on-line.

If you have not already done so, you can view your son's/daughter's **Summer Report** online, by logging onto the school website, [www.mercymounthawk.ie](http://www.mercymounthawk.ie) and log onto VS with your user name and password. All parents should have their log-in details at this stage, but if you do not, please contact the school.

### Return to school

We recently received the **Interim Recommendations for the Reopening of Schools** for September 2020. If you would like to read these guidelines – I have attached them to website at: <http://www.mercymounthawk.ie/parent-information/> We are currently considering these recommendations and will be making arrangements for the return, as conditions and requirements become clearer. An outline calendar for the 2020/2021 school will be posted in the next week on the school website indicating that the return to school will begin from 1st September. However a more detailed and definite set of dates and arrangements will issue in August as soon as we have greater clarity.

### Contact and information - **SCHOOL APP**

We will continue to connect with you through the School App in August. It is really important that all parents download this App as it is our primary means of connecting with you in an ever changing situation. If you do not have the App, please use this link to access instructions on how to download the App: <http://www.mercymounthawk.ie/parent-information/>



## Uniform

The school uniform is available from 2 suppliers

- (i) **Gemma's**, who will be in the school on Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Wednesday 19th August with a full supply of uniforms, Gemma's is located at 111 Henry St, Limerick, Phone: (061) 410 344 or Mae at 087 944 1949 if you have any queries or need to order uniforms
- (ii) **Dan Fitzgerald's**, The Mall, Tralee.

## Book Scheme

The application form for the school Book Scheme is available on the School App. Please see the relevant form under the 'Permissions tab' on the App Home Page and submit the form on-line. The closing date for applications is Friday 7th August and applications will be processed after that date. If you have any difficulties access the form or returning it on-line, please contact the school at: [admin@mercymounthawk.ie](mailto:admin@mercymounthawk.ie)

Families who qualify under one of the following headings may apply for the scheme:

1. Families mainly dependant on social welfare
2. Families on low income
3. Families experiencing hardship because of particular circumstances

## Enrolment for September 2021

I would also draw your attention to the dates for enrolment for September 2021 academic year.

Enrolment opens on Monday 19th October 2020. The closing date for applications is at 2.00 pm on Friday 20th November 2020.

This is a very important deadline for those applying under the siblings and Moyderwell/Balloonagh criteria. Arrangements for the collection and return of Application Forms will be communicated before the Opening Date for Enrolment.

You will receive a further letter in August with more details regarding the coming academic year. In the meantime, we wish all our students, parents and families a very happy and safe Summer.

Sincerely,