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### **Schoolbooks Grant for Post-Primary Schools 2024/25**

In March, The Minister for Education, Ms Norma Foley TD, published a guidance document on the new schoolbooks scheme for all students in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools from September 2024. Please click on the link below to view:

<https://www.glanmirecc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Letter-to-parents-from-Minister-Foley-post-primary-English.pdf>

Parents are asked to note that GCC has operated a book rental scheme at both Junior and Senior Cycle for a long number of years and this will continue in September 2024. Subject departments have completed their orders and the books have already been delivered to the school for labelling and processing.

The biggest change with the introduction of the Schoolbooks Grant is the inclusion of core classroom resources such as copybooks, calculators\* and log tables. It is important for parents to note that the Free Book Scheme applies only to Junior Cycle year groups from 1st year to 3rd Year. Senior Cycle year groups will still be expected to purchase items on stationery lists as in previous years.

For example, past exam papers are part of the Free Book Scheme at Junior Cycle but not at Senior Cycle. Parents should also note that not all items on the Subject Department stationery list at Junior Cycle are covered by the Free Book Scheme. For example, biros, colouring pencils and highlighters are not included. Therefore, there are some items that parents will continue to buy themselves.

Last year our GCC Parents Council requested that Subject Departments would be as specific and detailed as possible in their stationery list requirements and we have again asked that parents are made clear about the stationery requirements in advance of the beginning of the school year. This includes monetary contributions that parents may have to make towards subject field trips, project materials etc.

The introduction of the grant across all school's nationally is very welcome and should alleviate some financial and organisational pressures on parents and families. There are, however, significant planning requirements to take account of the additional responsibilities placed on the school, particularly in relation to stationery. We ask for the patience and support of parents as we navigate this new scheme.

**\*Calculators will be purchased for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Year students only as 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students will already have purchased their own calculators.**



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Please click on the following links to view the stationery lists for each respective year group:

- [1st Year Stationery Requirements 2024-2025](#)
- [2nd Year Stationery Requirements 2024-2025](#)
- [3rd Year Stationery Requirements 2024-2025](#)
- [4th Year Stationery Requirements 2024-2025](#)
- [5th Year Stationery Requirements 2024-2025](#)
- [6th Year Stationery Requirements 2024-2025](#)

