



25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear (Insert pupil's name)

I am pleased to confirm that your application has been successful for September 2020. Welcome to Ulidia Integrated College!

The College received over 200 applications this year and was only able to accept 110 from all those who applied, so very well done indeed!

You may be wondering why it has taken me so long to get this letter to you. I held off as I had hoped to have something concrete to tell you about what August/September might look like for our year 8 pupils – but, unfortunately at the time of writing, we are not much further ahead with definite plans. It does not look like we will be able to accommodate all of you at the same time for our usual big induction activities due to Covid19 social distancing restrictions – but I sincerely hope things might change before then!

This is the strangest welcome letter I have ever had to write, as normally we would have invited you in to school in June and enjoyed meeting you on induction days, completed some baseline testing in order to put you into classes and pathways, and answered any questions you may have had, but unfortunately I cannot do that this year.

What I can guarantee is this: all decisions will be taken with two primary targets in mind – health and safety for all, and maximising learning opportunities for all pupils.

#### **Website Information for Year 8 Parents 2020**

As soon as we have reliable instructions from Government as to what August/September will look like, we will post our plans on the school website under the **Year 8 Parents' 2020 section**.

In this pack you will see a large information booklet which is for you to read and keep, and a smaller booklet which you need to fill in and return to us as soon as possible. **We would much prefer it if you filled the booklet in online on the website, but the paper copy is also acceptable.** <https://ulidiacollege.com/welcomeyear8>

If you have any questions, please email us at [info@ulidiacollege.com](mailto:info@ulidiacollege.com)

I hope you enjoyed your time at (Insert Primary School) and I am certain that your time at Ulidia Integrated College will be even more enjoyable!

Once again, welcome to our family here at Ulidia!

Yours sincerely

M Houston  
**Principal**

"Educating together, Catholics and Protestants, and those of other religions, or none, in an atmosphere of understanding and tolerance to the highest academic standard"



### Frequently asked questions:

The dates we are aiming for are as follows but please note **these are proposed provisional dates only and are highly likely to change**:

#### Term Dates and Holidays 2020/21

(All dates inclusive, please note that due to COVID 19 these are proposed dates only)

Wed 26th Aug 2020	<b>Year 8 Only</b> (8.50am-12noon TBC)	<b>INSED Days (5)*</b>
Thurs 27th Aug 2020	<b>Year 8 &amp; 6th Form only</b> (8.50am-12noon TBC)	Mon 2nd Nov 2020
Fri 28th Aug 2020	<b>Year 8 &amp; 6th Form only</b> (8.50am-3.10pm TBC)	Fri 8th Jan 2021
Tue 1st Sep 2020	<b>All pupils</b>	Fri 28th May 2021
<b>Term 1</b>	Wed 26th August – Mon 21st Dec 2020	Mon 7th June 2021
	Mid Term: Mon 26th Oct – Mon 2nd Nov 2020	Mon 8th June 2021
	<b>Christmas Holidays: Tue 22nd Dec 2020 – Fri 1st Jan 2021</b>	<b>Baker Days (5)*</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Mon 4th January – Fri 26th Mar 2021	Thu 20th Aug 2020
	Mid Term: Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb 2021	Fri 21st Aug 2020
	<b>Easter Holidays: Mon 29th Mar – Fri 9th Apr 2021</b>	Tue 25th May 2021
<b>Term 3</b>	Mon 12th April – Wed 30th June 2021	Sat 9th Jan 2021 (Open Day)
<b>Bank Holidays school closed:</b>		
	<b>Monday 31st August 2020</b>	
	<b>Monday 3rd May 2021</b>	
	<b>Monday 31st May 2021</b>	

\*School closed for pupils  
on INSED and Baker days

#### When will I know what pathway – Grammar or All Ability – my child will start on?

With such an unusual start to the year ahead, we have not been able to do our usual online baseline testing. We will start the year in all ability groups linked to form classes until we can carry out baseline testing fairly and decide on appropriate learning pathways as soon as possible.

#### How do I apply for Free School Meals?

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>

#### Is my child eligible for transport? How does my child receive a bus/train pass?

<https://www.eani.org.uk/checkTransport> Further information on eligibility for home to school transport assistance and how to apply online can be found on the Education Authority website above.

## **Where can I get the Ulidia Integrated College Uniform?**

**Gordons Jeanery Ltd. 10a Green Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DT**

### **Message from Gordon's:**

Both Gordon's in Carrick & The Jeanery, Glengormley will reopen on Friday June 12th at 9.30am. We are totally Covid-19 compliant in both shops. We feel we don't need to think of an appointment system just yet. The complexities are enormous so we will list a few things that might be helpful.

1. Current legislation states we cannot allow your child to fit on. However we have staff who can size very quickly and accurately and if you need to exchange sizes we will be arranging a late night for that purpose.
2. If you are sure of your sizes we can have your order ready for collection. You may phone on our land lines. You will just notify the staff member at the door when you arrive.
3. It will be very difficult to put uniforms over with a deposit so please do your best to purchase and pay. Obviously we will do our best to help you plan.
4. Please have your list of requirements ready and only bring the child or children who are being kitted out.
5. If you have a child with special needs please call us and we will do everything we can to help. If you can bring the measurements of last year's jumper we can work from that.
6. Usual 10% discount during June & July on everything except honours blazers.

**Cuddy's 18-20 Market Place, Carrickfergus, BT38 7AW**



## **Ulidia Integrated College Previously Owned Uniforms**

In order to support families who may wish to purchase previously owned but gently cared for uniform items, we keep a good stock in the College. If you would like to avail of this service, please email us on [info@ulidiacollege.com](mailto:info@ulidiacollege.com) to make an appointment.