

# SCOIL MHUIRE

## BUNCRANA



NEWSLETTER #6



DECEMBER 2025

### Beannachtaí na Nollag Oraibh

As we approach the Christmas break, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous effort and energy shown by our entire school community throughout this first term. It has been a busy and rewarding few months, filled with exams, sporting events, our school musical, open days, projects, trips, and the celebration of Junior Cycle results.

We are immensely proud of our students; their achievements, their spirit, and their commitment to Scoil Mhuire. I would also like to extend sincere thanks to our parents and guardians for their ongoing support, encouragement, and goodwill; it truly makes all the difference for our school community.

As we look ahead to the new year, we know that January will bring another busy term with mock exams and important project deadlines. For now, however, it's important that everyone takes time to rest, recharge, and enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break.

On behalf of the staff and school leadership team, I wish all members of our school community a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and every success in 2026. Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

**-Evelyn McLoughlin**



# Amazing Aimee Rose

A huge congratulations to Aimee Rose Carey 2A who recently performed on the Late Late Toy Show and Highland radio. Straight off the stage from Annie, Aimee Rose Carey, performed on this year's Late Late Toy Show. What an incredible achievement to make it through the auditions and earn a spot on the 2025 Toy Show stage. Everyone at Scoil Mhuire is so proud of you.





# Congratulations Odhrán Woods

Congratulations to Odhrán Woods, one of our Transition Year Science students, on his fantastic achievement in the Irish Olympiad of Experimental Science (IrEOES). After a strong performance in Round 1, Odhrán qualified for the national final in DCU, where he competed in Physics against top students from across Ireland. Reaching this stage is an outstanding accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of his hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm for science. Well done, Odhrán!



# SEPI - Shared Education for Positive Innovation

A group of Transition Year students took part in the SEPI Programme Pitch-Off Event at the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. The Shared Education for Positive Innovation (SEPI) Programme empowers young people to become leaders in building a sustainable and peaceful future, combining learning with real-world action.

Our students collaborated with peers from other schools from all over the North West to refine their project ideas before presenting their pitches to an Industry Champion panel. Each team delivered their presentations confidently, receiving positive feedback from the judges.

We are delighted to announce that seven of our students, along with their mixed-school teams, have qualified as SEPI semi-finalists. They will go on to compete at the Climate Summit and Innovation Awards in January. The girls represented the school with great enthusiasm and professionalism, and we are very proud of them! Our thanks to Ms. Gralton for accompanying our students.





# Trade Fair 2025

We recently hosted a very successful Student Trade Fair, where students showcased their creativity, initiative and entrepreneurial spirit by running their own mini-businesses for the day. From planning and budgeting to marketing and customer service, students gained valuable real-world experience while engaging positively with the wider school community. The event was a fantastic display of teamwork, innovation and practical learning in action.

















# Inisowen Credit Union Art Comp

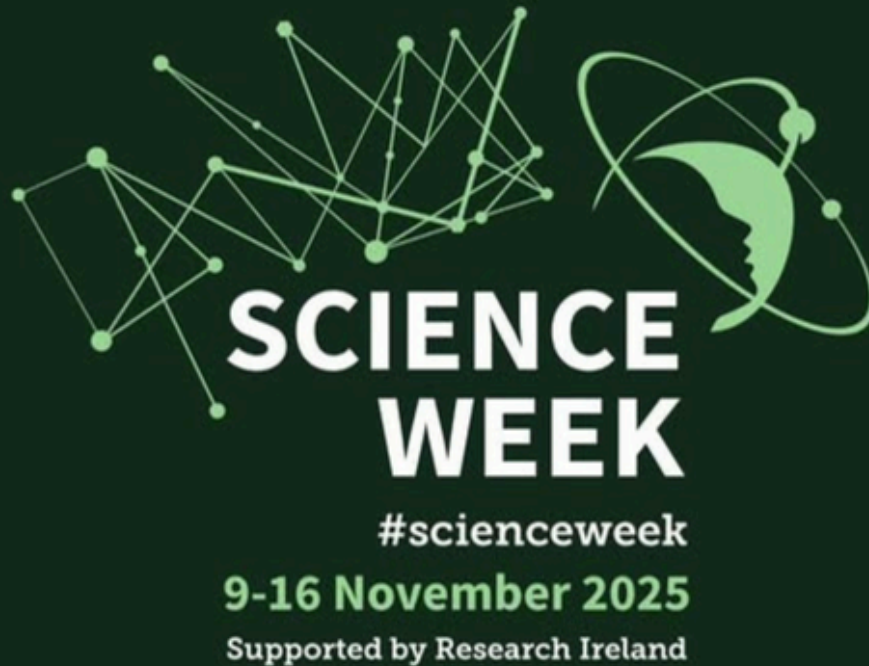
Congratulations and well done to all our students who took part in the Inishowen Credit Union art competition. There was amazing talent on display from Scoil Mhuire.



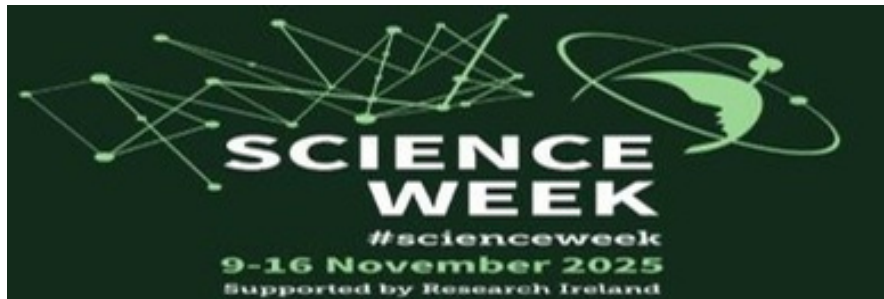


# Science Week 2025

Pictured below are some of our winners from Science Week 2025. Shane McLaughlin, Harry Simpson and Killian Heatherton. Congratulations to our science department for running and organising another amazing Science Week this year.







### Science Quiz Winners:

YearGroup	Winner's Name
1st	Shane Mc Laughlin
2nd	
3rd	Sabah Fheis & Treasure Omoregie
TY	Domhnall Doherty
5th &LCA1	Cian Mc Eleney
6th &LCA2	Erick Andrei Ladan

### Science Bake – Off Winner:

Arabella Bailey (1A)

### STEM Investigation-Build the Tallest Spaghetti Tower Challenge Winners:

Killian Hetherton Paddy Farnan Harry Simpson Pauric Doherty

# SVP Christmas Appeal 2025

Our sincere thanks to everyone in our school community who generously supported the SVP Christmas Appeal. Your kindness and compassion have made a meaningful difference to local families in need this Christmas. We presented Mr. Fionán Bradley, President of SVP Buncrana with a cheque for €1,000 and 40 food hampers. A special word of thanks to the Class of 6F, Ms Katrina McGonagle, Pope John Paul Awards Students and Ms O'Connor.

Together, all in Scoil Mhuire have helped bring hope, dignity, and festive cheer to many this season.





# Senior Citizens Party 2025

Scoil Mhuire's Annual 'Back in the Day' Senior Citizens Party took place on Thursday 11 December in the Inishowen Gateway hotel. In its 10th year now, there was a massive turnout from all around Inishowen.

This heartwarming event is organised by a team of Scoil Mhuire staff and students giving senior citizens a day out with dinner, entertainment, good company, dancing and music. The event is completely fundraised for with donations coming in this year from Fr Bradley, the Credit Union and local councillors. Our sincere thanks to all of our staff and students for making this amazing day happen.













# Creative Minorities

Staff and students are warmly invited to visit our Creative Minorities exhibition in the canteen, created as part of the PEACEPLUS Creative Minorities programme.

The artwork explores migration, identity, and belonging. Birds are used as a metaphor to show that migration is natural and universal, while postcards represent family members living across the world. Keith Haring-inspired figures celebrate our unique identities, and student posters reflect shared values of respect, empathy, unity, kindness, and belonging.

his work will be displayed in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny, in March as part of a larger exhibition involving more schools across the county.





# Team Hope Show Box Appeal

CSPE classes 1E and 2D participated in the Team Hope shoe box appeal this year. Their boxes were recently delivered to Buncrana's Team Hope representatives. Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Team Hope works to bring positive long term change through our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal AND our Sustainable Development Projects. Our thanks to Ms. Sharkey and Ms. C. McDermott for co-ordinating this appeal.





# An Ghaeilge i Scoil Mhuire

Comhghairdeas ó chroí le scoláirí na chéad bhliana a ghnóthaigh an duais ‘Gaeilgeoir na Míosa’ do mhí na Samhna agus na Nollag. Bronnadh teastas agus dearbhan cheaintín orthu uilig. Mar a deir an seanfhocal, mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí.

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## Mí na Samhna

Rang	Scoláire	Múinteoir
1A/1B	Eoghain Friel	Mr. Toland
1B/1C	Lanah Crossan	Ms. F McLaughlin
1D	Noah Grant	Ms. F. McLaughlin
1E	Luke Gleeson	Mr. Toland
1F	Molly McLaughlin	Mr. Toland





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## Mí na Nollag

Rang	Scoláire	Múinteoir
1A/1B	Aoife Cullen	Mr. Toland
1B/1C	Shannon Donaghey	Ms. F McLaughlin
1D	Laura Ejdy	Ms. F. McLaughlin
1E	Katie Jordan	Mr. Toland
1F	Cillian Kerr	Mr. Toland





# Spanish Cinema Trip

The TY Spanish class organised and chaperoned a trip for all Junior Cycle students studying Spanish to Buncrana Cinema as an end of year treat. They demonstrated fantastic leadership, planning and initiative. Well done to all involved on a very successful outing. Our thanks to Ms. Gorney and Mr. McColgan for accompanying the students.



## From the Sidelines

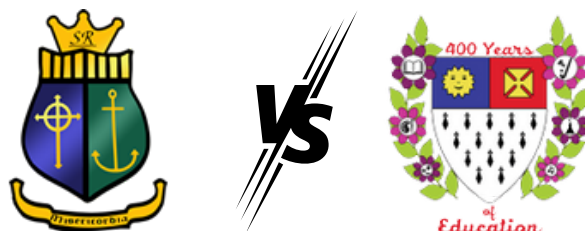
The match between Scoil Mhuire and Rosses took place on Wednesday 29th November. It took place on our pitch at Scoil Mhuire. It was a tough nail biting match. Rosses scored the first goal and Scoil Mhuire levelled with Rosses in the second half. Rosses got another goal and they were happy they scored. Scoil Mhuire worked hard to try and get another goal. 2-1 was the final score.

**-By Jack Harkin, 3rd year**



The match was between Scoil Mhuire and Royal and Prior. The game was located in Lifford. The match started at 11:00. Time of the first goal was 9;01. Goal scored by Royal and Prior. The score at halftime was 3-1. Adam Mc Colgan got a red card and got send off. Scoil Mhuire played really well. It was a great performance by them. The score at full time was 4-2.

**-By Jack Harkin, 3rd year**





# Spórt ar Scoil

Congratulations to our U19 Boys basketball team who enjoyed success in both of their games recently, defeating PCC Falcarragh and Coláiste Ailigh. There were outstanding performances from Tiernan Barr and James McLaughlin, who demonstrated excellent leadership and skill throughout both games. Our thanks to Mr. Donaghy for accompanying the students.



## Ulster Schools Interpros

Congratulations to Stephen McNulty 5B and Terence Doherty 4E who recently represented Ulster in the Interpros. Ulster beat Connacht and were unfortunate to lose out to Leinster and Munster. Finally, congratulations to Mr. Lonergan who was called up to be part of the coaching staff.





# Maith sibh na buachaillí

Massive congratulations to Michael McColgan 4E and Jamie O'Donnell 3E on a fantastic week representing the Ireland U16s at the Carlisle Grounds. What an achievement to see them both scoring for their country on home soil in Bray. Well done, lads! The future is bright!



## U15 Girls Soccer

Scoil Mhuire Buncrana u15 girls soccer put in a brave performance but were beaten 2–0 by a strong St. Columba's side. The game was tight throughout, with Scoil Mhuire defending well and creating chances of their own.

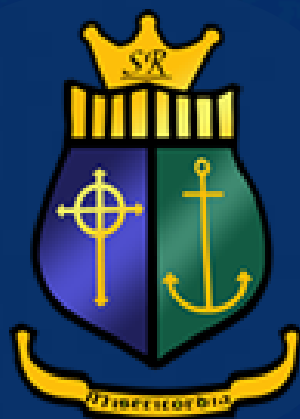
Standout performances came from Lexi Donaghey 2C, Kylie O'Donnell 2D, Amber Loughrey 2B, Ava Bradley 2B and Clíona Kelly 2A.





# Enrolment 2026/2027

Please see information below on our enrolment process for the next academic year.



## SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA

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### KEY ENROLMENT DATES FOR 2026–2027

#### ENROLMENT STAGES

#### DATES



Open Day

Thursday 27th November  
2025 (10am – 2pm)



Open Night

Thursday 27th November  
2025 (7pm – 8pm)



Accepting  
applications

From Thursday 27th  
November 2025



Closing date for  
applications

Thursday 18th  
December 2025 at 4pm



Notification of  
decision on application

Thursday 8 January 2026



Confirmation of  
offer of place

Saturday 17 January 2026  
(10am – 1pm)

☎ 074 93 61065    [info@scolimhuirebuncrana.ie](mailto:info@scolimhuirebuncrana.ie)



Nuachtlitir #6 Nollaig 2025



# Christmas Bake Off 2025

Our Home Economics students have been whipping up festive magic as part of this year's Christmas Bake Off. In Round 1, each student showcased their speciality bake—from decadent cupcakes to creative cookies and cheesecakes—demonstrating impressive skill, creativity, and Christmas cheer.

After some very tough judging, a group of talented bakers now move on to Round 2, where they'll compete in the next festive challenge for the title of Scoil Mhuire's Best Baker.

Well done to all who entered the bake off and best of luck to our finalists as they prepare for the next challenge! Our thanks to the Home Economics department for running this brilliant event.





# Christmas Bake Off -The Final



Festive creativity was on full display in the final round of our Scoil Mhuire Christmas Bake Off! Students showcased their baking talents by preparing their specialty treats, then took on the challenge of decorating them with a Christmas theme. From classic festive flavours to imaginative designs, the room was filled with Christmas spirit and impressive skill. Congratulations to our winners and well done to all our talented bakers.





# Cake Decorating

The Home Economics Department recently held a Christmas cake decorating class, which was facilitated by 'Baked by Cindy'. 20 Home Economics students, from all year groups, took part in this class where they learned how to fill and stack a cake and apply a crumb coating. They were taught the trending vintage style piping technique to create beautiful Christmas themed cakes. The class was really enjoyed by all students and the level of skills learned and shown were fantastic. Well done everyone.





# Religion at Scoil Mhuire

6th year RE students were learning about Care of the Earth in the major world religions, drawing inspiration from the Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si'. To bring their learning to life, Ms. Doherty's 6th year class took part in a cross-curricular Home Economics activity where they learned some of the basic embroidery stitches. Using these skills the students designed and created their own "care of the earth" decoration. Creating visual reminders of the importance of caring for our common home. Well done to all of 6C and our thanks to their teacher, Ms. L. Doherty.



## Concern Debating

Congratulations to our Concern Debate Team who have worked hard and progressed through the competition with great success. They have tackled and resolved global social justice issues such as disinformation, fast fashion, and world hunger. Maith sibh uilig,





# Belfast Trip - TY

The TY year group enjoyed a festive trip to Belfast this week. Students explored the Christmas stalls, sampled seasonal treats, and soaked up the Christmas atmosphere. The outing also provided an opportunity for TY students to get a start on their Christmas shopping. Our sincere thanks to the teachers and SNAs who accompanied the students to Belfast





# Derry Trip

Some of our students were in Derry recently helping our SNA Ryan Doherty get a few last minute bits before his big day.





## Belfast Trip - LCA

As part of their Enterprise 2 module, Lily Ann and the students in LCA2 organised a fantastic trip to the Belfast Christmas Markets for our 6th year Business students. They all enjoyed a festive and educational trip where they explored a vibrant range of local and international stalls, gaining insights into entrepreneurship, pricing strategies, product innovation and seasonal marketing in a real-world setting. The trip offered a valuable opportunity to see business concepts in action while soaking up the holiday atmosphere. A great day was had by all! Thank you to Ms O'Donovan, Ms McGovern and SNA Stephen Fitzpatrick for accompanying the students.





# Christmas Jumper Day 2025

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day took place recently and all money raised was donated to support Scoil Mhuire's SVP Christmas Appeal. Our thanks to Ms. K. McGonagle for organising this event and to all of the students who helped her.







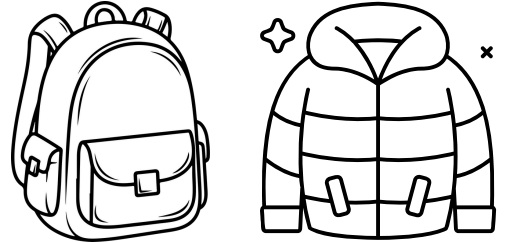






# Personal Belongings

Scoil Mhuire is a big and busy school and it is not unusual for personal belongings to get mislaid. We ask that all items of uniform and school bags are clearly labelled and identifiable. We do not encourage students to bring non-school coats to school and they do so at their own risk. Scoil Mhuire does not take responsibility for missing bags as all students have been given the opportunity to avail of a locker in which they can keep their personal belongings safe and secure.



## Supervised Study

After-school supervised study runs every day in the Study Room from 16:00-18:00. The cost is €2 per session and this is paid to the supervising teacher. Supervised study offers students a fantastic opportunity to complete homework and study without distractions. Students who regularly attend supervised study report that they are less stressed at school, and say that they are able to stay on top of their work and have more free time at home. There is no need to register, simply turn up at the Study Room.

## Deadlines for Projects and Coursework

Please see below links to information on the deadlines for Junior and Leaving Certificate students in relation to projects, coursework and practicals. Should you require any additional information, please contact the subject teacher.

[Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme \(LCVP\) LCVP Deadlines](#)

[Junior Cycle Completion Dates Junior Cycle Deadlines](#)

[Leaving Certificate Completion Dates Leaving Certificate Deadlines](#)





# Social Media

With social media playing an increasingly central role in teenagers' lives, it's important for parents and guardians to stay alert to the risks young people can face online, including oversharing, cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content and pressure to maintain a constant online presence. Open conversations at home, clear expectations around device use and regular check-ins can make a real difference in keeping young people safe and supported. For reliable, up-to-date guidance, we encourage you to visit [Webwise.ie](https://www.webwise.ie), which provides practical advice, step-by-step safety guides, and resources to help families navigate social media confidently and responsibly.



## “Pause Before You Post”

Our “Pause Before You Post” Awareness Campaign is designed to show how those risks can play out in real life, as we learn from the family’s interactions with the three “strangers”. From their social media posts, Éabha’s parents have inadvertently “shared with the world” her name, age, date of birth, photos of her friends, the name and location of her football club, her training schedule and the fact that her Dad is not always on time to collect her. We also show how easy it is for images to end up in the wrong hands, as we see our third stranger downloading one of the photos of Éabha and saving it to his phone.

Click [here](#) for more information on Sharenting

Watch the DPC campaign video by clicking [here](#)



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## “Trends Are Fun... Until They’re Not.”



### What is a Ship Account?

A “ship account” is a social media page created to “ship” (match or pair up) students often without their permission.

### Think Before you Participate

- Always ask permission before posting or sharing someone’s name or photo
- Never submit pictures of classmates without consent
- Avoid commenting hurtfully or encouraging rumours
- Report pages that make students uncomfortable

### Why can they be problematic?

Shares photos or names without

- permission
- Causes embarrassment or unwanted attention
- Leads to rumours, drama or bullying
- Can invade privacy
- Sometimes encourage online harassment

### If a Ship Account Targets You

- Screenshot evidence
- Tell a trusted adult or teacher
- Report the account on the platform
- Remove the tag from the post
- Remember: You have the right to privacy and respect

**RESPECT • CONSENT • SAFETY • FUN**



**Ask** – Do I have the person’s permission?



**Think** – Could this embarrass or hurt someone?



**Protect** – Keep personal info safe.



**Respect** – Online kindness counts the most.



# Need support? You're not alone!



## Trusted mental health information and advice

[YourMentalHealth.ie](#) - easy-to-understand information about mental health and guidance on where to get support.  
[SpunOut.ie](#) - created for young people, covering topics like mental health, relationships and daily life.  
[Webwise](#) - information & resources on internet safety for young people.  
[Aware Parents information](#) for supporting children experiencing depression and anxiety.

## Support for specific needs

[BelongTo](#) - provides LGBTQ+ support groups and 1:1 chats, both online and in-person.  
[Bodywhys](#) - safe space for those dealing with eating issues. Email [alex@bodywhys.ie](mailto:alex@bodywhys.ie).  
[ADHD Ireland Support for Parents](#) - free support groups for parents of ADHDers.  
[AslAm](#) helpline - information and resources relating to autism. Call 0818 234 234  
[Neurodiversity Ireland Parent/Carer Support WhatsApp Group information](#)

## Chat, text and online support

[Jigsaw.ie](#) - provides livechat, group and in-person mental health support.  
[Turn2me.ie](#) - run a monthly Parent/Caregiver Support Group  
[Textaboutit.ie](#) - text 'Hello' to 50808 - free & anonymous 24/7 text service if you need someone to talk to.

## Parent/Family specific supports

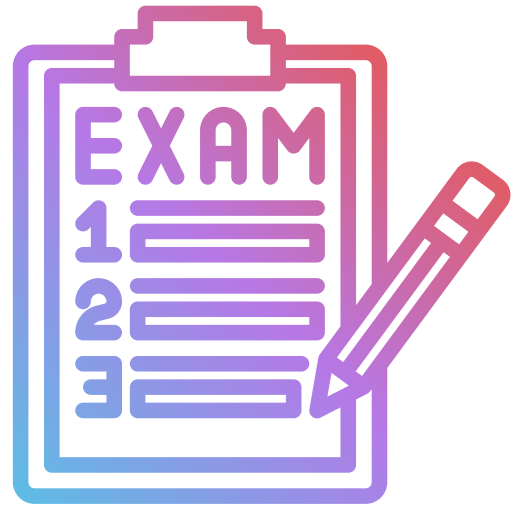
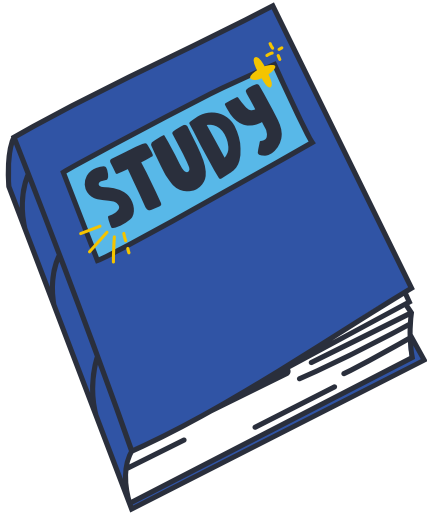
[Parentline](#) - national, confidential helpline that offers parents support, information and guidance on all aspects of being a parent. Call 01 873 3500.  
[National Parents Council](#) - helpline for queries on any aspect of your child's education. Call 01 887 4477  
[One Family](#) supports one-parent families in Ireland through times of change or for people experiencing crisis pregnancies. Call 1890 662 212 or 01 662 9212.  
[Family Carers Ireland](#) offers a range of supports and services for family carers. Call 1800 24 07 24.  
Other resources: [CYPSC](#); [Supporting children and parents](#); [ISPCC](#); [Barnardos](#)

## Other Free Support

[Pieta.ie](#) - provides free support help for anyone struggling with self-harm or suicidal thoughts. Call 1800 247 247 or text 'Help' to 51444  
[Samaritans.org](#) - free talk service for those who are struggling to cope and/or feeling suicidal. Call 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)  
[Teenline](#) - 1800 833 634  
[Primary Care Psychology](#) - talk to your GP about free mental health support.



# Mock Exams 2025



Timetables for the mock exams will be issues to all students in January.

Please ask your son/daughter to read their timetable carefully and to organise books/notes to take with them for study periods before and after their exams.

Remember, it's a marathon and not a sprint. Students will be sitting full papers as opposed to the shorter assessments during house exams. For example, Irish Paper 1 is 1hr 30mins long and Irish Paper 2 is 3 hours long! So make sure to stay hydrated, eat well, get enough sleep and exercise to keep your head straight. As always, if you have any concerns or feel that you need support, please let us know and we'll do everything that we can.

The Mock Exams for **3rd, 6th year and LCA 2** students are provisionally set to run this year as follows:

- 3rd Year Exams Thursday 29 January - Friday 13 February
- 6th Year Exams Thursday 29 January - Friday 13 February
- LCA 2 Exams Thursday 29 January - Friday 13 February

## Signing Out During Exams

Students wishing to sign-out between their exam sessions must have a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian. These permission slips will be issued to students closer to the exams. In the event that a student wishes to sign-out but has not returned their permission slip, then the normal attendance and appointments procedures will apply and a student will need to be collected in person by a parent or guardian. These procedures are in place out of a duty of care for the safety and wellbeing of our students.





## LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2026

Each candidate should note carefully the dates and hours, as fixed on this official timetable, for the examinations in the subjects in which he/she intends to present himself/herself. The Commission will not be responsible for any errors which may occur in the reproduction of this timetable by outside agencies. Candidates are required to be in attendance at least half an hour before the examination begins in the subject in which they first present themselves.

JUNE	SUBJECT	TIME
H=Higher Level O = Ordinary Level F =Foundation Level		
WEDNESDAY <b>3</b>	English, Paper 1 - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Home Economics, Scientific and Social - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
THURSDAY <b>4</b>	Engineering - O	9.30 – 12.00
	Engineering - H	9.30 – 12.30
	English, Paper 2 - H & O	2.00 – 5.20
FRIDAY <b>5</b>	Geography - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Mathematics, Paper 1 - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
MONDAY <b>8</b>	Mathematics, Paper 2 - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
TUESDAY <b>9</b>	Irish Paper 1 Irish - H (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20
	Irish, Paper 2 - F (incl aural)	2.00 – 3.50
	Irish, Paper 2 - O	2.00 – 4.20
WEDNESDAY <b>10</b>	Irish, Paper 2 - H	9.30 – 11.50
	Biology - H & O	9.30 – 12.35
THURSDAY <b>11</b>	French - H & O - Written	2.00 – 5.00
	French - Aural	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY <b>12</b>	History - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Business - O	9.30 – 12.30
MONDAY <b>15</b>	Business - H	2.00 – 4.30
	Construction Studies - O - H	2.00 – 5.00
TUESDAY <b>16</b>	Construction Studies - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
	German - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
WEDNESDAY <b>17</b>	Art, Visual Studies - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese - H&O - Written	9.30 – 12.30
THURSDAY <b>18</b>	Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese - Aural	2.00 – 4.30
	Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and Non Curricular Languages (see Note 2)	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY <b>19</b>	Agricultural Science - H & O	12.10 – 12.50
	Spanish - H & O - Written	2.00 – 5.00
MONDAY <b>22</b>	Spanish - Aural	9.30 – 12.30
	Chemistry - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
TUESDAY <b>23</b>	Physics - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	Physics and Chemistry - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
WEDNESDAY <b>24</b>	Accounting - H & O	1.30 – 3.00
	Design and Communication Graphics - H & O	3.15 – 4.45
THURSDAY <b>25</b>	Music - Listening (Core) - H & O	5.00 – 5.45
	Music - Listening (Elective) - H	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY <b>26</b>	Economics - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Physical Education - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
MONDAY <b>29</b>	Italian - H & O - Written	12.10 – 12.50
	Italian - Aural	2.00 – 4.30
TUESDAY <b>30</b>	Russian - H & O - Written	2.00 – 5.00
	Russian - Aural	2.00 – 4.00
WEDNESDAY <b>1</b>	Classical Studies - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Latin - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
THURSDAY <b>2</b>	Technology - O	12.10 – 12.50
	Technology - H	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY <b>3</b>	Japanese - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.30
	Japanese - Aural	2.00 – 4.00
SATURDAY <b>4</b>	Politics & Society - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Arabic - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
SUNDAY <b>5</b>	Religious Education - O	
	Religious Education - H	
MONDAY <b>6</b>	Applied Mathematics - H & O	

### Notes

- The examination sessions highlighted in red include 20 minutes over and above the time traditionally allocated for the papers concerned.
- Leaving Certificate Examinations in Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and in the Non-Curricular Languages listed below will be held on **Monday 15 June from 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

Non-Curricular Leaving Certificate Examinations:				Bulgarian	Croatian	Czech	Danish	Dutch	Estonian
Finnish	Hungarian	Latvian	Maltese	Modern Greek	Romanian	Slovakian	Slovenian	Swedish	Ukrainian

Examinations based on the curricular specifications for Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish and Portuguese will be held on Monday 15 June.





## LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED EXAMINATION SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION DATES 2026

### Schedule of Dates from January to May

Month	Date	Description
January	Friday 16	Finishing date for LCA Task Work (Session 1 Year 1), (Session 3 Year 2)
January	Monday 26	Start date for assessment of LCA Task Work (Session 1 Year 1, General Education and Session 3 Year 2, Practical Achievement, Contemporary Issue & Vocational Education).
January	Friday 30	Finishing date for assessment of LCA Task Work (Session 1 Year 1 and Session 3 Year 2).
April	Friday 10	Finishing date LCA Task Work (Session 2 Year 1).
April	Monday 27	Start date for the assessment of LCA Task work (Session 2 Year 1)
May	Friday 1	Finishing date for LCA Personal Reflection Task Finishing date for the Assessment of LCA Task work (Session 2, Year 1)

### Schedule of Dates from May to June

Month	Date	Description
May	Friday 8	• Final Date for Return of LCA Personal Reflection Task. • Finishing date for LCA Practical Coursework.
May	5 – 8 plus 11	LCA Oral examinations in English and Communication (Year 2 candidates), Gaeilge Chumarsáideach, French, German, Spanish and Italian (Year 1 and Year 2 candidates).
May	Monday 11	Finishing date for LCA Oral examinations.
May	Wednesday 13	ICT (Specialism) Practical performance and written examination (10.00 – 11.30).
May	11 – 15	LCA Practical Performance examinations in Hotel Catering & Tourism, Office Admin & Customer Care, Active Leisure Studies, Hair & Beauty & Agriculture/Horticulture
May	Friday 15	Finishing date for LCA Practical Performance examinations.
June	Tuesday 2	LCA Practical Coursework assessment in Graphics/ Construction, Engineering, Technology, Childcare/Community Care and Craft & Design. <b>Note that these assessments continue from 8 to 12 June also.</b>

## WRITTEN TIMETABLE 2026

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JUNE	TIME	SUBJECT
<b>WEDNESDAY 3</b>	9.45 – 11.45 --- 2.00 – 4.00	English & Communication ----- ----- Social Education
<b>THURSDAY 4</b>	9.30 – 10.30 9.30 – 12.30 2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 3.00 9.30	Gaeilge Chumarsáideach Sign Language (see Note 1) ----- Sign Language (see Note 1) French / German / Spanish / Italian
<b>FRIDAY 5</b>	– 11.30 2.00 – 3.30 9.30	Mathematical Applications ----- Hotel Catering & Tourism Engineering
<b>MONDAY 8</b>	– 11.00 -----	Child Care / Community Care
<b>TUESDAY</b>	2.00 – 3.30	Graphics & Construction Studies
<b>9</b>	9.30 – 11.00 11.30 – 1.00 ----- 2.30 – 4.00	Hair & Beauty ----- Office Administration & Customer Care
<b>WEDNESDAY 10</b>	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 4.00	Agriculture / Horticulture ----- Technology
<b>THURSDAY 11</b>	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 3.30	Active Leisure Studies ----- Craft & Design

#### NOTES:

1. LCA Sign Language examination is timetabled for 9.30 – 12.30 & 2.00 – 4.30. A candidate specific schedule, for a 30 minute individual assessment, will be drawn up for each centre.



# LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION DATES 2026

NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
<b>Monday 3 November</b> - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Home Economics - Practical Coursework	<b>Friday 12 December</b> - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Physical Education - Physical Activity Project - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Economics Research Study	<b>Friday 16 January</b> - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Design & Communication Graphics Practical Coursework - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Classical Studies Research Study Report
MARCH/APRIL 2026		APRIL 2026
<b>Monday 2 March</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Vocational Programme, Link Modules Portfolio of coursework <b>Friday 13 March</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Engineering Project Component <b>Thursday 19 March</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Computer Science Coursework Project <b>Friday 20 March</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Applied Mathematics Mathematical Modelling Project <b>Monday 23 March</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Physical Education – Performance Assessment	<b>Saturday 28 March to Thursday 2 April</b> - Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Lithuanian, Portuguese, and Polish	<b>Monday 13 April to Friday 24 April</b> - Leaving Certificate Music Practical Examinations <b>Friday 17 April</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Home Economics, Scientific and Social - Construction Studies Project Component - Technology Practical Coursework - Art Practical Coursework - History Research Study Report - Geographical Investigation Report - Agricultural Science Individual Investigative Study <b>Tuesday 21 April to Thursday 23 April</b> - Leaving Certificate Art Practical examination window <b>Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, and Thursday 30 April</b> - Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical <b>Wednesday 29 April</b> - Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme – Link Modules Written Examination (10.00 – 12.30)
MAY 2026		JUNE 2026
<b>Friday 1 May</b> Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Religious Education Practical Coursework - Politics & Society Citizenship Project - Music, Higher Level Elective in Composing <b>Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6, and Thursday 7 May</b> - Leaving Certificate Engineering Practical <b>Wednesday 20 May</b> - Leaving Certificate Computer Science - Written Examination Higher and Ordinary Level. Section A & B – 9.30 – 11.00 - Section C – 11.30 – 12.30	<b>Tuesday 2 June</b> Start date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate: - Construction Studies Practical and Project Components - Engineering Practical and Project Components - Textile Studies, Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social - Technology Practical Coursework <b>Wednesday 3 June</b> <b>Start date of the written examinations</b> <b>Friday 5 June</b> - Finishing date for the marking (in schools) of Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social - Start date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate Art Coursework and Practical Components <b>Friday 12 June</b> Finishing date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate: - Construction Studies Practical and Project Components - Engineering Practical and Project Components - Leaving Certificate Technology Practical Coursework <b>Wednesday 17 June</b> - Finishing date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate Art Coursework and Practical Components	





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The start time for all Junior Cycle afternoon examinations is 1.30p.m.

JUNE	SUBJECT	TIME
	H = Higher Level O = OrdinaryLevel C= Common Level	
WEDNESDAY 3	English - H & O	9.30 – 11.30
THURSDAY 4	Religious Education - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
FRIDAY 5	Irish T1 - H & O (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
MONDAY 8	Irish T2 - H & O (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
9	Geography - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
TUESDAY 10	History - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
11	Mathematics - H & O	1.30 – 3.30
WEDNESDAY 12	Science - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
13	Business Studies - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
THURSDAY 14	Common Level German (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
15	Common Level Italian (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
FRIDAY 16	Common Level French (incl aural)	1.30 – 3.30
MONDAY 17	Home Economics - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00
18	Spanish (incl aural) - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
19	German (incl aural) - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
20	Wood Technology - Common Level	1.30 – 3.00
21	Jewish Studies - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
22	Music - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00
23	Engineering - Common Level	1.30 – 3.00
24	Classics - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
25	Applied Technology - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00





# DEIS for Students

*Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS)* is a national programme that aims to maximise the chances of every child particularly those based in communities at risk of disadvantage and social exclusion.



We have **targets** to help us improve teaching and learning within our school.

For example:

## Theme 1 - Literacy

- To improve the use of subject key words by students

## Theme 3 - Attendance

- Seniors - to decrease the number of students signing out.

## Student Leadership - Get involved!

Scoil Mhuire are creating a ***student DEIS leadership team***.

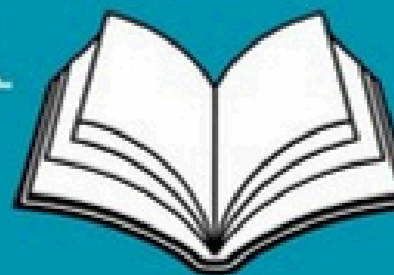
- Students will be placed in a team under each theme.
- Students will have the opportunity to contribute towards how they learn by meeting with staff to discuss what helps them learn and make progress in different subjects.
- This is a great opportunity to contribute towards the school community and towards your own personal growth.
- If you have an interest in joining the student DEIS leadership team please email **Ms E. McGuinness**.



SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA



# BOOK CLUB



Meets every Thursday at lunchtime in the school Library



EVERYONE WELCOME!



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# Extra-Curricular Activities

## Clubs/Activities 2025/26

**Book Club** Ms. Malone, Ms. Quigley, Ms. Craig



**Trad Group** Ms. Byrne, Ms. Furey, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Mooney

**Cli-Mates - Foireann Ghlas** Ms. Dowds, Ms. Doherty, Ms. Gralton



**Musical** Ms. Byrne, Ms. Mooney, Ms. Doherty

**Concern Debates** Ms. Gorney, Ms. H. McDermott, Ms. Malone

**Art Club** Ms. Quigley



**Gaming** Ms. C. McDermott

**Bake Club** Ms. L. Doherty



**Student Council** Ms. O' Sullivan

**Ukulele Club** Ms. Mooney

**Library is open at Breaktime and Lunchtime every day**

**Pope John Paul Awards & Papal Cross Awards** Ms. O' Connor



**Choir** Ms. Byrne

**Junk Kouture** Ms. Quigley

**Revolve Fashion** Ms. Quigley



**Young Scientist** Ms. Gralton



# Upcoming Events

5 January	School Re-opens for Term 2
14 January	3rd Year Study Skills
15 January	5th Year and LCA1 Parent-Teacher Meeting
17 January	Enrolment Day
19 January	Subject Choice Meeting
22 January	2nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting
29 January	Mock Exams Commence
31 January	Ski Trip Departure
2 February	School Closed for Bank Holiday
3 February	5th Year Work Experience Week
4 February	TY Work Experience Week
13 February	Mock Exams End Last day before Mid-Term Break

## Stay in Touch

Keep up-to-date with the latest news from Scoil Mhuire on our social media accounts.



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[Instagram](#)

If you have something that you would like featured in our school newsletter, please email [micheal.clancy@scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie](mailto:micheal.clancy@scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie) and we'll do our best to have it included in our next issue.



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