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17 August 2026 – Transition Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I hope that you and your family have had a nice summer. The start day for Transition Year is Monday the 31st of August as outlined in the table below

There is further information below in relation to the free book scheme, school closures, fees etc.

Transition Year Fee - €530

This fee covers all activities for the academic year except the international tour. The fee can be paid through Vsware.

Return to School Dates – 2026/27

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Day	Date	Year Group	Time
Friday	28-Aug-26	Only 1st Year Students	09.00 - 14.55
Monday	31-Aug-26	Only 1st, TY, 5th Year & LCA 1 Students	09.00 - 15.55
Tuesday	01-Sept-26	All Students in School	09.00 - 15.55
School Closure Dates 2026 / 2027			
Monday	29-Sept-26	Discretionary Day	
Thursday	22-Oct-26	Teacher Professional Learning - Oide	
Tuesday	19-Jan-27	Teacher Professional Learning - Oide	
Friday	30-Apr-27	Discretionary Day	



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Free Books

All students in Senior Cycle years in our school will receive free schoolbooks and some other classroom materials. These will be given to your son when he returns to school in August. **He will be expected to have a schoolbag, pencil case and light stationary (pens, pencils etc).** All copies, calculators and folders are supplied under the free schoolbooks scheme.

Administration Fees (included in Transition Year fee)

This provides for the following for the 2026/27 academic year

- 24hr Insurance cover

Pupil Protection insurance cover, for further details click on the link:

[fe21-1885487368_Pupil_Protector_IPID.pdf \(stmaryscbs.ie\)](#)

Claim Form

[vg82-Pupil_Protection_Claim_Form_Jan_2024.pdf](#)

- Vsware Parental Access

Parental access to Vsware, as you are aware this allows parents to view student reports, attendance, behaviour and student timetables. **Going forward notifications in relation to school events and activities will be sent via VSmile. It is important to download the Vsware App to your phone if possible.** Link to help [Guides for Parents - Help Centre \(vsware.ie\)](#)

What is VSmile?

[fc20-What_is_VSmile.pdf](#)

Uniform

While the school uniform is currently under review, any proposed changes will not come into effect until September 2027. In the meantime, from this September we will continue to



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emphasise the importance of all students wearing the full school uniform each day. This includes the school jacket and appropriate black footwear; hoodies are not permitted as part of the uniform. The uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of togetherness, inclusion, and pride in being part of our school community. All uniform items can be purchased from Matt Mernagh's in Enniscorthy.

Food Provision

Senior Cycle students are permitted to leave the school grounds during lunchtime only. The school canteen offers food at breaks as well as lunchtime and operates a cashless system. All students have received a card to purchase items in the canteen. The card can be credited online by parents, and a guide will be available on the school's website to help parents with the setting up of the card.

Mobile Phone Use – Senior Cycle Students

In line with Circular 0045/2025, schools are required to implement policies that restrict the use of personal mobile phones during the school day, including at break and lunchtime, in order to support students' wellbeing and engagement in learning.

Following consultation with the Board of Management and the Parents' Council, the school has agreed the following arrangements for Senior Cycle students:

- Senior Cycle students may bring their mobile phones to school.
- However, phones must be switched off and kept out of sight while on the school campus during the school day.
- Mobile phones may only be used as a learning support when explicitly permitted by the teacher in a particular lesson.
- At all other times, including during breaks and lunchtime, the use of mobile phones is not permitted on the school grounds.

This approach is designed to support a calm, focused learning environment, promote positive social interaction, and minimise distractions. We appreciate the cooperation of all students in adhering to these expectations.



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Yours sincerely,

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