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17 August 2026 – Sixth Years/LCA2 2026/27

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I hope that you and your family have had a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

The start day for sixth years is Tuesday the 1st of September 2026.

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	

Free Books

All students in sixth year in our school will receive free additional stationary and some other classroom materials for 2026/27, they already have their textbooks. These will be given to your son when he returns to school in August if needed. **He will be expected to have a**



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schoolbag, pencil case and light stationery (pens, pencils etc). All copies, calculators and folders are supplied under the free schoolbooks scheme.

I want to thank you for paying the once off deposit of €50 that applies under the Free Book Scheme payable via VSware. This deposit would have been due last year. The deposit is fully refundable, provided that all books are returned in good condition at the end of sixth year.

If you have not already paid this deposit, we ask that you please do so at your earliest convenience through VSware.

Administration Fees - Senior Cycle Students - €60

The fee provides for the following for the 2026/27 academic year

- Student Locker

The use of a school locker and lock for the academic year. (Locker codes will be available on Vsware)

- 24hr Insurance cover

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

[fe21-1885487368_Pupil_Protector_IPID.pdf\(stmaryscbs.ie\)](http://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\(vsware.ie\)](http://Guides for Parents - Help Centre(vsware.ie))

What is VSmile?

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Activities Fee €50

This fee helps the school to run extra-curricular activities for our students. It includes expenses like transport when representing the school, affiliation fees to various organisations, breakfast club etc. This contribution enables us to provide opportunities for students outside the classroom in many different areas to help the student experience. Initiatives like the Meitheal Programme, where our 5th years support incoming first years are supported by this fund.

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.



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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.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan O'Sullivan
Principal



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