



Mungret Community College

3rd Year Presentation

TRANSITION YEAR

January 2026



Remainder of 3rd Year

- **The pre exams start on Friday 6th February and will continue to Friday 13th February.**
- **Students will come off their normal timetable and have an exam timetable they will follow. This has been shared on Google Classroom.**
- **Please ensure students have all materials they need for exams which may include some of the following; multiple pens/ pencils, a sharpener, a rubber, a calculator, formula booklet, mathematical set, watch.**
- **Cost of Pre exams is €140, a Way2Pay link was sent last week. The school has to purchase and pay for correction of each exam script.**



Remainder of 3rd Year

- 2 to 2.5 hours a night and some extra at the weekend
- Start with Problem Solving subjects
- Work on the subjects you find difficult first
- Mix up between learning/ reading and written work

Talking to students about levels (Higher/ Ordinary in Irish, English, Maths)

The timetable for the exams in June can be seen on the next slide.

Any worries/ concerns, please email me at bgiltenane@mungretcccloud.ie or ring the school (061) 308880



Timetables Junior Cycle

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



Timetables Pre Exam

DATE	SUBJECT	TIME
FRIDAY 06 FEB 2026	STUDY ENGLISH	08.55 - 09.35 09.35 - 11.35
	BREAK STUDY LUNCH	11.35 - 11.55 11.55 - 12.35 12.35 - 13.10
	GRAPHICS (2hrs) MUSIC (Study for first 30 mins)	13.10 - 15.10 13.10 - 14.40
MONDAY 09 FEB 2026	STUDY IRISH	08.55 - 09.35 09.35 - 11.35
	BREAK STUDY LUNCH	11.35 - 11.55 11.55 - 13.15 13.15 - 13.50
	GEOGRAPHY	13.50 - 15.50
TUESDAY 10 FEB 2026	STUDY MATHS	08.55 - 09.35 09.35 - 11.35
	BREAK STUDY LUNCH	11.35 - 11.55 11.55 - 13.15 13.15 - 13.50
	HISTORY	13.50 - 15.50

WEDNESDAY 11 FEB 2026	STUDY SCIENCE	08.55 - 09.35 09.35 - 11.35
	STUDY BREAK	10.55 - 11.35 11.35 - 11.55
	BUSINESS	11.55 - 13.55
THURSDAY 12 FEB 2026	STUDY SPANISH + FRENCH	08.55 - 09.35 09.35 - 11.35
	BREAK STUDY LUNCH	11.35 - 11.55 11.55 - 13.15 13.15 - 13.50
	WOOD	14.00 - 15.30
FRIDAY 13 FEB 2026	STUDY TECHNOLOGY	08.55 - 10.05 10.05 - 11.35
	BREAK STUDY LUNCH	11.35 - 11.55 11.55 - 12.35 12.35 - 13.10
	HOME EC	13.10 - 15.10

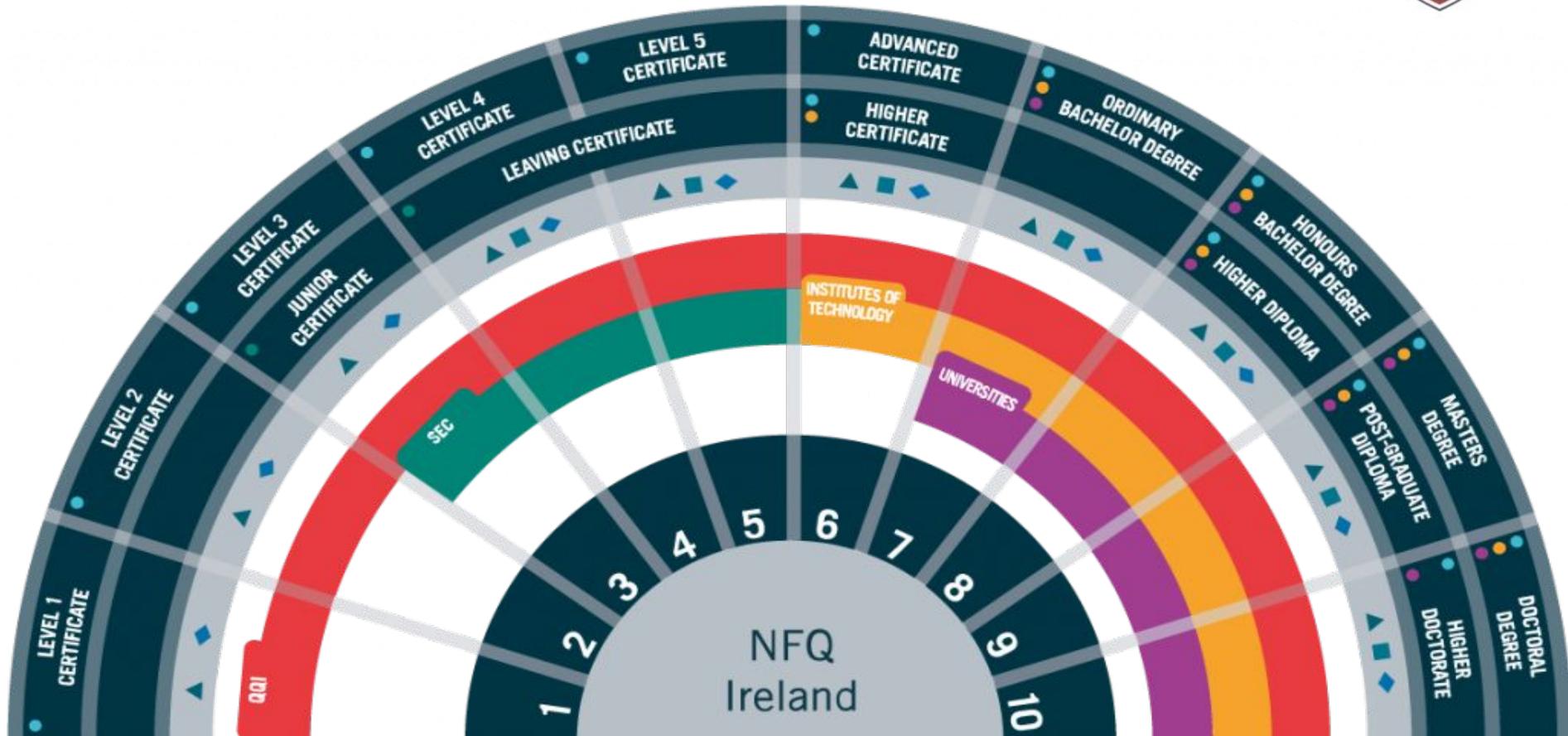
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Moving on the Journey



Skills and Competencies of the Senior Cycle and the Future



Creativity

Emotional Intelligence (EI)

Critical Thinking

Active Learning with a Growth

Mindset

Judgment and Decision making

Interpersonal Development

Communication Skills

Responsible and Sustained

Lives

Diversity and Cultural

Intelligence

Technology Skills

Embracing Change

Complex Problem Solving

Cognitive Flexibility

Negotiation

Leadership Skills

Curiosity

What is Transition Year

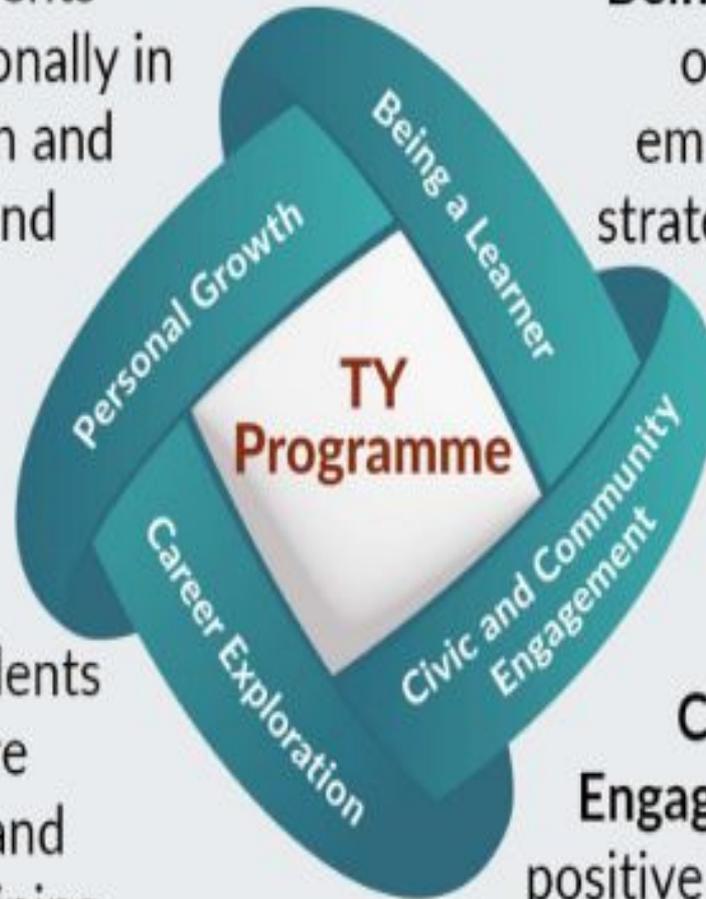


- ★ First of the three Senior Cycle years.
- ★ No long just a gap year...now designed to be the foundation for 5th and 6th year.
- ★ Clear and established links between TY and the skills now required for the reformed Leaving Certificate subjects.
- ★ Ahead of the challenges the LC will bring students need to have
 - Adaptability
 - Resistance
 - Self Confidence

Student Dimensions

Personal Growth: Students mature socially and emotionally in areas that include health and wellbeing, empathy and leadership

Being a Learner: Students build on previous experiences, embracing opportunities and strategies for learning that work best for them



Career Exploration Students explore diverse future pathways in a guided and coordinated manner, gaining first-hand workplace experience

Civic and Community Engagement: Students make a positive difference in their schools, communities and society



Our Mission for Transition Year

In Mungret Community College our mission for Transition Year is that our programme encourages students to take ownership and responsibility for their learning and promotes the students to enter into the spirit of transition year with a strong work ethic, an open mind and a commitment to embracing all aspects of the year ahead.

At the heart of our programme are three core values:

- ★ A continued emphasis on academic standards;
- ★ Ensuring the wellbeing of our students, in a nurturing and supportive environment;
- ★ Providing students with the opportunity to reflect on the past, enjoy the present and to look forward to and be prepared for their future.



Transition Year 2026/27

Benefits

- Self Awareness / Confidence / Maturity
- Reflection Skills
- Enhanced social skills-
teamwork/collaboration/communication
- Informed choices
- Career Knowledge
- Technical / ICT Skills
- Managing Relationships
- New experiences.
- Portfolio Skills.
- CV Development
- Work Experience

Concerns

- Not 'Year 1' of a three year Leaving Cert.
- A lot of the onus on student participation.
- Reduced homework.
- Different base classes.

"Students will get out what students put in"

- ★ Students who complete Transition Year engage better with their studies in their Leaving Certificate than those who do not.
- ★ Students spend significantly more time on their homework in 5th & 6th year and feel more able to persist with difficult questions.
- ★ Findings from research may help explain why teenagers who do Transition Year tend to perform better at Leaving Certificate.

Core Subject Layer	Choice Subject Layer	TY Specific Layer	Calendar Layer
Irish	Geography	Tourism Studies	<u>Work Experience</u>
English	History	Religious Studies	<u>Guest Speakers</u>
Maths	Biology	Film Studies	Eg. Gambling, Revenue,
French/Spanish	Chemistry	Sustainability	Nutrition, Consent
Career Guidance	Physics	Global Citizenship	<u>Workshops</u>
Wellbeing/SPHE	Art & Design	Cultural Studies	Eg. Develop Me, CSI, Robotics,
Physical Education	Home Economics	STEM	School of Life
E Portfolio	Business	Script Writing	<u>LCETB Courses</u>
	Construction Studies	Stagecraft	Eg. Barista, Culinary, Outdoor
	Music	Photography	Education
	Technology	Mind & Body	<u>FET Taster Courses</u>
	DCG	Creative Design	Eg. Hairdressing, Beauty,
	History	Digital Literacy	Creative Media, Sports
	Accounting	Restorative Practice	<u>School Initiatives</u>
	Economics	DIY	Gaisce, Amber Flag, TY
	Sport Science	Financial Wellbeing	Leaders, Green Schools, TY
	Politics & Society		Buddies
	Engineering		<u>School Trips</u>



Timetable Key Points

- English Irish & Maths (3 periods per week)
- Drama module (3 periods per week)
- Language MFL (3 periods per week)
- SPHE Wellbeing (1 period per week)
- Physical Education (3 periods per week)
- Guidance (1 period per week)
- E-Portfolio Reflection (2 periods per week)
- 4-5 week module rotation (3/4 periods per module)

Sample Timetable - 2025/2026



08:55	Mathematics A1-16 Eleanor O'Brien	Career Guidance B1-10 Ciara Downey	Social, Personal and Health Education C0-02 Louise Lynch	English A2-07 Diarmuid Whelan	Sustainability & Climate Change A2-11 Caoimhe Treacy
09:35	Technology C0-06 Diarmuid Hartney	Irish A1-09 Susan O'Donoghue	History A2-09 Janette McKenna	Sustainability & Climate Change A2-11 Caoimhe Treacy	Spanish B1-11 Sarah Sheahan
10:15	Visual Art A0-15 Ciara Murphy	DIY A0-18 Jamie Hynes	Drama C1-13 Christine Carew	DIY A0-18 Jamie Hynes	History A2-09 Janette McKenna
10:55	Visual Art A0-15 Ciara Murphy	Technology C0-06 Diarmuid Hartney	Drama C1-13 Christine Carew	E Portfolio Presentation C1-13 Christine Carew	Physical Education Gym Finbar Aherne
11:35					
11:55	Spanish B1-11 Sarah Sheahan	History A2-09 Janette McKenna	DIY A0-18 Jamie Hynes	History A2-09 Janette McKenna	Physical Education Gym Finbar Aherne
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13:15			Mathematics A2-11 Eleanor O'Brien		
13:50	DIY A0-18 Jamie Hynes	Visual Art A0-15 Ciara Murphy		Mathematics A1-16 Eleanor O'Brien	Drama C1-13 Christine Carew
14:30	English A2-07 Diarmuid Whelan	Sustainability & Climate Change A2-11 Caoimhe Treacy		Technology C0-06 Diarmuid Hartney	Visual Art A0-15 Ciara Murphy
15:10	Irish A1-06 Susan O'Donoghue	Spanish B1-11 Sarah Sheahan		Technology C0-06 Diarmuid Hartney	



Module Rotation

4 Periods x 6 Weeks = 1 Rotation = 10 Credits					
General Options	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Rotation 4	Rotation 5
		Business	Economics	History	Geography
Life Skills	Cultural Studies	Financial Wellbeing	DIY	Restorative Practice	Digital Literacy
3 Periods x 6 Weeks = 1 Rotation = 10 Credits					
TY Modules	Global Citizenship	Tourism Studies	Sustainability	Religious Studies	Photography

4 Periods x 4 Weeks = 1 Rotation = 5 Credits								
Practical Options	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Rotation 4	Rotation 5	Rotation 6	Rotation 7	
		Computer Studies	DCG	Home Economics	Music	Physics	Politics & Society	Technology
		Applied Maths	Biology	Chemistry	Construction Studies	Engineering	Sports Science	Art

3 Periods x 10 Weeks = 1 Rotation = 15 Credits						
Creative Arts	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year
		STEM	Script Writing	Stagecraft	Mind & Body	Creative Design

Workshops	Guest Speakers	Career	Training Programmes	Trips	Community
CSI	Tony O Reilly	Burren Outdoor Pathways	FAI Trainer Training	Farm Visit	Primary School PE
Develop Me	Breast Cancer Awareness	I Wish	Munster Rugby	Prison Visit	Seachtain na Gaeilge
Personal Safety	Nutrition Talk	Health Sciences	Barista	Ski Trip	Science Week
School of Life	DELL	Creative Media	Culinary	Outdoor Adventure Centre	ALONE
NZEB	Trocaire	Beauty	Hockey Coaching	Surfing	School Bank
Law Ed	Women in Aviation	Sports	Restorative Practice	Camino	World Down Syndrome Day
Jigsaw	Community Garda	Hairdressing	Sugar Craft	Gaisce	Scare Factory
Fundamentals	Consent Talk	Nursing Showcase	LCETB Junior Chef	Compute DCU	VIP

TY Assessment



E Portfolio

**Written
Assessment**

**Practical
Assessment**

Project Work

Homework

**Peer
Assessment**

**Self
Assessment**

**Aural/Oral
Assessment**

**Summative
Reports**

TY Assessment



TY is assessed using a dual system.

Summative exam in English, Irish, Maths & MFL at both Christmas and Summer, combined with a credit system for classroom modules outlined below.

Certificates are awarded according to the credits accumulated throughout the year in the following grading system:

Distinction :	601 - 800 credits
Merit :	401 - 600 credits
Pass :	201 - 400 credits
Participation:	0 - 200

A report will be provided to parents at Christmas to outline students progress, credits to date and highlight areas needing improvement, and in summer a final report outlining total credits awarded.



Work Experience

- 2 X 1 week work Experience (exact dates tbc)
1st Placement- November 2026
2nd Placement- March 2027
- Students must find work experience preferably in an area that they have a genuine interest.
- Garda Vetting will be facilitated if needed.
- Students should start thinking about this now and start organising this as soon as possible (Remember competition for places with other schools).
- Additional work experience available within industry established TY Programme eg DELL, Striker
- FAQ's on website in relation to work experience.



TY School Initiatives

A core component of TY is the Initiatives Programme.

All TY student are asked to sign up to participate in at least one school initiative run in TY. These are designed to enhance leadership skills, build confidence and interpersonal skills.

- TY Leaders
- Amber Flag
- Green School
- Ethos Ambassadors
- TY Buddies
- Student Council
- Gaisce

Gaisce Presidents Award



- Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme that encourages students to find their passion, get active and make a difference in their community!
- Gaisce is a year long activity under patron of the President of Ireland for young people aged 15-25.
- There are three levels of Gaisce – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze is completed in Transition Year.
- By taking part in Gaisce, you will take on personal, physical and community challenges and develop new skills.



TY Ski Trip - January 2027

Location:

Northern Italy

Date:

January 2027

Activities:

6 Days of Skiing and other Winter Sport Activities

Cost:

This is an **optional trip** and costs will be determined once we have received expressions of interest.





Guidance in Transition Year

Some areas that will be explored in TY Career Guidance Classes:

1. CVs, cover letters, job applications
2. Personal Abilities & Career Interests
3. Interview skills & mock interviews
4. Preparation for Work Experience
5. Interest & aptitude tests
6. Subject choice
7. Career Investigations & College Course Searching
8. Application processes for post Leaving Cert (CAO, UCAS, PLC)
9. Apprenticeships
10. The world of work - differences between work & school
11. Personal Statements
12. Scholarships
13. Guest speakers from 3rd level/visits to open days



Expectations for Transition Year

The expectation for students in TY is the same as those of any other year group in the school. This is not a 'year out' but very much a year 'in'.

Expectations centre around - **Attendance, Engagement & Behaviour**

These are accounted for both when in school - lessons, workshops, talk etc. and when out of school - TY events, trips, courses etc.

Selection for TY activities where there are limited places will be based on a student's record in all three areas.



Communication with Students & Parents

Daily communication with TY Students is essential for the smooth operation of the program in the form of:

- Daily Assemblies/Tutor
- Announcements through a TY specific Google Classroom
- Individual Class/Module Google Classrooms
- School Email
- E-Portfolio Class discussions
- TY Notice Board

Parent Communication is key to enabling you to keep track of your student's engagement and progress throughout out TY. This is achieved through:

- Introduction Booklet
- TY Newsletters (September/Christmas)
- TY Report (Christmas/Summer)
- MCC Website
- MCC Social Media
- Email

Cost of Transition Year



Fee = €350 payable early July 2026

Includes

- Transport
- Off Campus Programme for PE
- Visiting speakers
- Buses to events
- Workshops (Personal Safety, CSI, Develop Me, Drivers Ed)
- Journal
- 24 hour insurance
- The Ski Trip and Gaisce Residential trip are **optional** additional costs





Chromebook Scheme

- Wriggle for purchase of Chromebook
- It will be used daily in school to support learning in conjunction with Google Workspace

Eg. projects, assessments, ePortfolio, online courses, CAT testing, etc.

- Each student will sign a detailed contract with regards to the appropriate usage and care of device.
- Students are responsible for bringing a **fully charged** device to school each day.
- Cost €512 (incl. delivery) -

link on home page of website





Benefits of Student Devices

- Personalise learning
- Result from standardised testing strong non verbal learning profile - Visual learning
- Modern learning & teaching in the school in line with Third level Experience
- Co designed Teaching & Learning - enriched collaboration
- Greater adaptability for a range of learners
- Making learning more enjoyable
- Supports the reformed LC subjects going forward
- Teacher Professional Development Programme

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VShare Parent App

The screenshot shows the VShare Parent App login interface. At the top is the VShare logo. Below it is the text 'Welcome to VShare'. The 'School' section shows the Mungret Community College logo and name. The 'Username' section has a text input field with the placeholder 'Your username'. The 'Password' section has a text input field with masked characters '*****'. Below the password field is a link 'Create or reset your password'. At the bottom is a blue 'Login' button and a link 'Don't have an account? Learn more'.

Access to:

- Timetable
- Reports
- Attendance

Questions

