



Colaiste Muire Máthair

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Return to School: 2026-2027 for 1st Years

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

We hope that you are enjoying the summer holidays!

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Key Dates & Return to School Information:

1st Years:

- Thursday 27th August 2026 @ 8.45am - 3.40pm – Induction Day.
- Friday 28th August 2026 @ 8.45am - 1.00pm

3rd Years & 6th Years:

- Friday 28th August 2026 @ 8.45am – 1.00pm

1st Years/2nd Years/3rd Years/5th Years/6th Years:

- Monday 31st August 2026 @ 8.45am – 3.40pm

Transition Years:

- Thursday 3rd September 2026 @ 8.45am – 3.40pm.

School Calendar:

- The full 2026/2027 calendar outline is available on <https://www.cmmg.ie/>

Book Scheme, Uniforms, & Equipment:

School Books:

- Under the **Department of Education free schoolbooks scheme** for ALL STUDENTS, all core textbooks and copies will be provided. You do not need to buy textbooks or copies.

1st Years: These will be available to collect from the school on Monday 24th August 2026 from 10.00am - 1.00pm.

2nd Years/3rd Years/6th Years:

- Your school books and copies remain in your locked lockers. These lockers will be unlocked once the School Administration Fee is paid in full. See below*.

Stationery & Equipment:

- Parents are required to provide a durable school bag, pencil case filled with black and red pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, ruler and colours.

School Uniform:

- The uniform must be worn in full every day. It is available to purchase from **The Schoolwear Centre & Ryan's Department Store Galway**. Please ensure all items, including their jacket and PE gear, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

School Administration Fee:*

- €175 for 1st year students (€250 for 2 x siblings)

School Administration Fees include payment for the following:

- Locker Rental
- Pupil Insurance 24hr cover (Allianz)
- Compass School Manager
- Microsoft 365 Suite Licence
- Yondr Pouch – Mobile Phone locked pouch (1st Years)
- Photocopier – supplementary school notes
- School Journal
- CAT4 Assessments
- Study Skills for senior students and 3rd Years i.e “Inspire” [Inspire Study Skills](#)
- Games, referees
- Sports Affiliation Fees
- Entry Fees for several events, competitions, visiting speakers etc

School Administration Fees are payable in the following ways:

- Via the COMPASS School Administration App.

- **Or** Via Online banking:

BANK: Bank of Ireland

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE27 BOFI 903840 66428181

- **Or** at School Reception when the school opens in August in cash or by Debit/Credit Card

Daily Life & Getting Organised:

The School Journal:

- All students will receive a Student Homework Journal. This is an essential tool for tracking homework, keeping their weekly timetable, and acting as a primary link between home and school. Please review regularly and it must be signed weekly.

Lockers:

- All students will be assigned a locker after the school administration fees is paid. **It is essential that you purchase a good quality padlock and helping your child practice using it beforehand. A combination lock is recommended and essential.**

Timetables:

- 2nd Years/3rd Years/6th Years: Students remain in their subject choices made in the previous year.
- 5th Years: Students have already made their Subject Option Choices. 5th Year students will be assigned to their teaching groups in the first week of the new term. Junior Cycle 2026 Results are expected to be issued in October 2026. Some movement between levels of subjects will be permitted up to this time.

Communication, Attendance & Digital Platforms:

School App:

- We use **Compass School Manager** for tracking attendance, viewing timetables, and publishing term reports. Please ensure you download the app and log in using the credentials provided to you by the school. If you have any issues with this at all please contact reception.
- **Absences:** Under the **Education (Welfare) Act 2000**, schools are legally obligated to track attendance. If your child is absent due to illness, you must submit an absence note via our school app on the morning of the absence.

Mobile Phone Policy:

- In line with our school policy your child was provided with a Yondr Pouch to store their phones in during the school day. New Yondr Pouches will be available for sale if the pouch is now lost. Mobile phones **are not permitted in school** and need to be in Yondr Pouch during the school day.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over the next school years to support your child in reaching their full potential. If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.

Enjoy the summer break and we will be in contact with you again in advance of the start of term.

Warm regards,

Claire Mac Loughlin

Principal