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Maynooth Community College

23rd June 2026

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Maynooth Community College. Thank you for attending the recent First year information night recently.

We hope that your child will be happy in secondary school and that on the completion of their studies that your child will be well prepared for the next major step in life, be it employment or further education. We believe that Maynooth Community College can provide an excellent education, one which supports your child to achieve their full potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you wish to discuss any problems or issues that may arise during the school year. We look forward to working together during this exciting next step in your child's educational journey.

Our 2026/2027 1st Year Summer Pack is now available on the MCC website.

Please find included in the online summer pack the following for your information:

- School Calendar 2026/2027
- Uniform Letter
- TYRO information Guide
- Social Media Information Letter
- Webwise parent guide
- First year Presentation May 2026
- School Map
- A Parent's Guide to Child Protection Guidelines (New guidelines to follow in Sept)
- Junior Cycle Information Leaflet
- Junior Cycle Reporting and Assessment
- Wellbeing information leaflet
- Mobile Phone Policy
- School Policy's
- SPHE Curriculum
- RSE Policy
- Book scheme Information
- Link to stepup.ie a resource to support the transition to secondary school.

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School Books:

Following the introduction of the School Book Scheme for Junior Cycle, all first-year books will be provided by the school. All textbooks, workbook, school diary, calculator, maths set and a stationary pack will be provided to the students when they start. There may also be a contribution required for some practical subjects. A full list of the school books will be provided when books are collected in the end of August, if any books are lost or damaged throughout the 3-year Junior Cycle they will need to be replaced by the parent/ guardian.

All students will need to provide a schoolbag, pencil case, pens / pencils, rubber, ruler, sharpener and highlighters.

All 1st year students have been facilitated with their subject choices, if you have not been contacted we have been able to provide the options that were chosen and confirmation of the options you choose have been sent to you via the Tyro app. If for any reason your child would like to change their subjects prior to starting with us, then please email principal@mcc.edu.ie . The books for subject options will be circulated after the first week to facilitate change of subject requests.

Access to examrevision.ie will also be provided to each student to enhance learning. This platform will have online videos, quizzes, notes and exam papers and solutions.

Uniform:

The uniform, supplied by SAVI Clothing (www.schoolwear.ie), consists of a school jacket (choice of two styles of coat both are available from SAVI clothing), school jumper, tie, blue shirt, a kilt/ navy trousers for girls and navy trousers for boys. Please see the important **Uniform Letter** in the information pack on the website.

All 1st Year students are required to wear the school jacket as part of their uniform. Non-uniform jackets will not be acceptable.

Please note students are obliged to wear dark coloured i.e. Black or Navy leather or leather look FORMAL shoes.

Boots/Runners/Trainers are not allowed as part of the school uniform. Samples of suitable and unsuitable footwear are enclosed in the information pack on the website to assist you in your choice.

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P.E. Uniform:

PE Uniform Orders can be places with the Masita. The PE uniform will be supplied by Masita and includes the following:

- Half ZipTop
- Tracksuit bottoms
- T Shirt

https://schoolsportsuniforms.ie/collections/maynooth-education-campus

Students will be permitted to wear their PE uniform ONLY on the days they are timetabled for PE. Strictly no other sports gear will be permitted. **Shorts are not permitted to be worn during school and are only required for some sports teams**.

Students will need to have suitable runners for use during PE class only. (non-marking soles)

It is advisable to name tag all items of uniform and PE uniform.

For parents/guardians who qualify please contact the HSE in regard to the '***Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme 2026'.***

The school has a small quantity of uniforms which may be distributed to parents who require assistance in this regard. Please contact the school office, in confidence, if you need to avail of this service.

Mobile Phones/Internet:

The use of Mobile phones or smart watches are **NOT** allowed in the school. However, in exceptional circumstances prior permission of the Principal may be granted for the use of a phone. When permission is granted the phone must be switched off at all times during school hours.

Please see the MCC Mobile Phone Policy in the pack. This policy may be adapted to facilitate the use of mobile phone storage options in September.

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School Journal:

- A copy will be given to all 1st Years when they commence school in August.
- The journal must be available at all times for inspection by either the school staff or parents.
- The journal must be maintained properly and students are not permitted to draw on or otherwise deface the journal or its cover.
- All homework both written and oral must be recorded in the journal each day.
- All absence notes from parents must be sent through Tyro.
- At the end of the academic year, the journal will be presented for final inspection to the class tutor.

Induction Pack/ Lock:

Please note all 1st Year Students will receive a copy of the School Diary and a lock (for student lockers) when they commence in the school. All students will receive a personal code for their lock , only black school locks are permitted and any replacement locks will cost €20. It is essential that all students keep their lockers locked and secure at all times. It is also essential that students do not share the code with other students.

Digital Learning

In 2026 all 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th years will have their own laptops for use when required in class. The school's collaboration platform is Microsoft teams. All students will receive an individual email and password which we recommend they do not share with any other students.

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Tyro:

Please find in the 1st year summer pack on the website, a brief explanation of how to access the school electronic information system known as Tyro.

The school uses this system to record student attendance, behaviour, assessment results and contact information. This will allow you access as Parent/ Guardian to view your child timetable, monitor attendance and view school reports. This system will also send a text message to you if your child is absent from the school in the morning.

If you have not received an email to invite you as a user, please email reception@mcc.edu.ie .

Please note that our main form of communication to Parents/Guardians takes place through the use of the Tyro App. This App allows us to send messages with links to letters and all forms of notifications that we use to keep you up to date with. The App is free to download and can be downloaded on an Android or iPhone by going to the App Store and searching for Tyro School App.

Bikes and Electric Scooters:

Please note there are bike shelters available on site but that bikes are left at the individuals own risk.

From 20 May 2024, new laws are in operation in terms of e-scooter use in Ireland.

- Users must be 16 years or older
- Obey a speed limit of 20km/hr
- Must have front and rear lights and reflectors and a bell
- Not aloud use a mobile phone while using an e-scooter
- E-scooters are banned from footpaths or pedestrianised zones
- Users can't carry passengers

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Schedule for return of students for the start of the school year:

• **Thursday 27th August 2026**	**2:00pm-4:00pm** 5th & 6th Year Students
• **Friday 28th August 2026**	**8:48am – 12:30pm** 1st Year Students only
• **Monday 31st August 2026**	**8:48am – 1:30pm** 1st,2nd, 3rd ,5th & 6th Year Students
• **Tuesday 1st September 2026**	**8:48am – 1:30pm** All students inc. Transition Year
• **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**	**8:48am – 4:00pm** All student's full day
• **Thursday 3rd September 2026**	**8:48am – 4:00pm** All student's full day
• **Friday 4th September 2026**	**8:48am – 12:30pm** All students

The school timetable consists of one-hour classes to facilitate more active learning, less weight in school bags and less time spent in the transition from class to class.

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The school day will run from 8:48am to 4:00pm from Monday to Thursday and from 8:48am to 12:30pm on Friday.

School will begin every morning at 8:48am with a 12-minute tutorial with the class tutor and classes will run as follows:

Monday to Thursday:	Time:
• Tutor	8.48 - 9.00am
• Class	9.00 – 10.00am
• Class	10.00 – 11.00am
Break	11.00 – 11.30am
• Class	11.30 – 12.30am
• Class	12.30 – 1.30pm
Break	1.30 – 2.00 pm
• Class	2.00 – 3.00pm
• Class	3.00 – 4.00pm

Friday:	Time:
• Tutor	8.48 - 9.00am
• Class	9.00 – 10.00am
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We are looking forward to your child starting the next step in their educational journey with us here at Maynooth Community College.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Regards,



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