

27th March 2026

Dear parents/guardians,

The Easter holidays are now in sight, as we come to the end of a short but extremely busy 5-week term. For our Sixth-Year students, however, the work continues, with oral examinations starting on Saturday 28th March, running to Wednesday 1st April, in Irish, Spanish, French, Russian, German, Polish and Lithuanian. We extend our very best wishes to them all.

Looking back at the term, it is impossible to capture the sheer variety of activities, engagement and energy within our school community. We have had so many events this term: different themed weeks, welcoming students and staff from a Hungarian school, a wide variety of workshops and trips, Gaisce hikes, various sporting events, staff/student bake-offs – the list is endless. To every student and staff member who makes our school such a vibrant place to learn, work and thrive, my sincerest thanks to all.

I want to pay credit to our U15 Boys Soccer team who won the FAI Schools Wicklow-Wexford league after a 3-1 AET victory over Selskar College, Wexford. While they were defeated in their Leinster Champions League Quarter-Final match against Balbriggan Community College, it has nonetheless been a fantastic campaign. As a school community, we are deeply proud of this team's achievements this year. It is not easy to win league titles but the group have been a credit to the school and I am sure there is much more to come from these players in the coming years. To their coaches, a massive thank you for your hard work and dedication to the team.

Recently, we had success at the regional Junior Cycle Pi-Quiz event, run by the Irish Maths Teachers' Association (IMTA). This is an event that we proudly host every year and two of our teams won the event and came third place respectively. Well done to Kseniia, Ciana, Liam and Noah, who will now represent our school/this region in the National Finals in Portlaoise at the end of April.

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Tyro – please enable notifications

As we are now settling into our new student management information system, Tyro, it is very important that all parents/guardians make sure that their notifications are **turned on** for the Tyro app.

As per previous correspondence on this, all school communication will be initiated through the mail function on this app and there will be no text messages sent out to parents/guardians anymore due to the high costs involved.

Smartphone pouches

The smartphones pouches were introduced at the start of this term. I want to thank all students and parents/guardians for their understanding and cooperation in this roll-out. We are already seeing the positive impact that this is having in school, so your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Last term of 2025-26

The school reopens, after the Easter holidays, on Monday 13th April, for the final term of the 2025-2026 school year. It is a 7-week term, leading to the summer holidays. It will be an extremely busy term, as we enter the season of end of year awards, graduations and summer examinations. For our State Exam students, the work continues apace. We continue to encourage high attendance over this last term: just 34 school days until the long summer break: we encourage our students to make the most of the time left in school, as teachers will be spending quality time revising over key topics in the lead up to the in-school and state examinations. To this end, after the Easter break, we will be launching our Attendance “Drive for 25” campaign, keep an eye on our social media platforms for more information but see some of the promotional flyers attached in this correspondence.

Some important dates to bear in mind for next term, at the time of writing, are
(some dates may be subject to change):

Week of 13th April – Neurodiversity Week (Parents' Association coffee morning on
Tuesday 14th April in the Parents' Room from 10am to 11am)

Wednesday 15th April – Leaving Certificate Music practical

Thursday 16th April – TY Trash Fashion event – 7pm – Sports Hall

Week of 20th April – Second Year Academic Coaching

Monday 20th to Friday 24th April – Transition Year work experience (Week 4)

Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th April – Junior Cycle Home Economics
practicals

Week of 27th April – History Week

Monday 27th April – Parents' Association meeting – 7pm

Tuesday 28th April – Oide Whole-School staff training – no school for students (with
the exception of LC Construction Studies students)

Tuesday 28th April – Leaving Certificate Construction Studies practical

Wednesday 29th April – LCVP – Link Modules examination

Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday – school is closed

Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th May – TY Carlingford trip

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th May – Leaving Certificate Engineering practicals

Wednesday 13th May – Annual Sports Day

Friday 15th May – TY exams (provisional, tbc)

Week of 18th May – End of year excellence awards

Wednesday 20th May – Leaving Certificate Computer Science examination

Wednesday 20th May – Transition Year graduation

Thursday 21st May – Sixth Year/LCA2 Class of 2026 graduation

Friday 22nd May to Friday 29th May inclusive – Summer exams for First, Second, Fifth Year/LCA1 students, double-classes for Third Year, Sixth Year/LCA2 students

Please note that there will be end of year trips for different year groups over this term and these dates will be communicated once finalised. Please note for our LCA1 & 2 students that they have a busy programme of events for their interviews, practicals and orals throughout the next term.

On behalf of Ms Campbell and Mr Rolston, Deputy Principals, myself and all the staff here, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

Damien Cloney,

Principal

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DRIVE FOR 25

- ✓ Be on time **every day!**
- ✓ Attend **every class!**
- ✓ Stay focused and engaged!
- ✓ Reach **25 full days** of school!



**SHOW UP - BE ON TIME -
GIVE YOUR BEST!**

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Attendance Supports Your Wellbeing

- ✓ Builds confidence
- ✓ Strengthens friendships
- ✓ Improves mental wellbeing
- ✓ Helps you feel connected

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★ **Be present. Be involved.
Drive for 25!**

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