



Sixth Year Parents' Information Evening September 2026



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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
Chill Chainnigh agus Cheatharlach
*Kilkenny and Carlow
Education and Training Board*



Pastoral Care Team

Year Head: Ms A Brennan

Class Teachers:



6 Ash Mr. F O'Donnchú

6 Elm Ms. S Ryan

6 Oak Ms. C. Stanley

Bí Cineálta



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

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Procedures to Prevent and Address
Bullying Behaviour for Primary and
Post-Primary Schools

June 2024



Attendance

Every School Day Counts at Borris College



There are **365** days in a year. Students spend **166** days in school.

Students have **199** days out of school.

Don't miss out on the education you deserve!



Every minute counts!

Lateness equals lost learning

5 minutes late each day = 2 days lost.

10 minutes late each day = 4 days lost.

15 minutes late each day = 6 days lost.

20 minutes late each day = 8 days lost.

30 minutes late each day = 12 days lost.

**Be at the classroom
on time, equipped
and ready to learn.**

Uniform

School Uniform

All other year groups

Grey Knee Length Skirt or Grey Trousers

Maroon V Neck Crested School Jumper

White or Grey Shirt

Maroon Socks

Crested School Jacket

Black or Navy Leather shoes

Please note that students in all other years can purchase and wear any of the new Borris College uniform items should they require a new uniform.

Brown shoes, Vans or Converse shoes etc. are not permitted

Jerseys are not permitted e.g. club, county or national.

**If t-shirts are worn under the school shirt during the cold weather,
they may only be plain white or grey.**

No polo necks permitted.

It is very important to note the school skirt length must be to the knee or below.

PE Uniform all other years

O'Neill's School Crested Half Zip

(please note there is a new style also available without the white stripes)

O'Neill's Crested Training Top (please note there are now two options)

O'Neill's Crested Navy Bottoms (please note two new styles)

Runners which provide support to the foot

**Should students from any other year wish to wear new Borris College crested
items this is permitted.**

Vans or Converse shoes etc. are not permitted.

Jerseys and non-school t-shirts are not permitted e.g. Club, County or National.

No polo necks permitted.

PE uniform to be worn only days when students are timetabled for PE.

**5th and 6th year students who have chosen LCPE as an option are advised to
purchase two training tops.**



How do schools ensure the use of PhoneLocker at the start of the day?

Tutors or teachers usually check phones are secured in pouches, either during first class of the day or at morning assembly.



How do schools deal with instances whereby students arrive to school without their PhoneLocker?

Most of our client's feedback has been that students without their PhoneLocker must report to reception or their year head. They must then surrender their phone for the day and are given a slip to confirm this. They may pick up their phone at the end of the school day.



How are PhoneLocker pouches unlocked at the end of the school day?

The most popular and efficient method is our fixed-point secure unlocking stations. School staff use a master key to unlock these prior to the final school bell. Students are then free to unlock their pouches themselves upon departure.



What if a teacher requires the use of smartphones in class for a specific task?

We offer handheld unlocking stations which allow teachers to unlock the pouches without the need to access fixed points. These handheld stations have also been utilized to great effect on school excursions.



What are the benefits of using PhoneLocker in school environments?

The general feedback from clients to date has been:

REASONS PHONE POUCHES WORK



Students are more focused in the classroom.



Student engagement with teachers during lessons has greatly improved.



Teachers are seeing far less toilet breaks from students.



Social interaction amongst students has improved significantly.



SECURE. SIMPLE. EFFECTIVE.

Helping schools create better learning environments.

Class Group Induction 1-09-2026

Welcome back - An important year ahead

High expectations for both work rate and behaviour

Student Self Reflection including worksheet reflections

Goal setting

Key Messages:

Most Senior Students

Stay on top of work & project deadlines

Year Assembly Thursday 3rd September

Main Points: This is Your Year

- The importance of meeting SEC deadlines-follow the teacher's instruction in class and keep up with homework, revision for class tests & November Assessments.
- Focus on their own race. Reset and start again
- Goals and targets. Study plan important for each subject
- Expectations of Senior Students. Care and Respect.
- Phone Pouches
- Attendance - Catching up on work when absent – ask subject teachers for help. We are all part of one team with a shared goal.
- Wellbeing – eat properly, sleep well, fresh air and exercise.
- Work and Socialising.
- Supports available in school when feeling overwhelmed or anxious.
- Make the year count!

What we will do...

Teaching and Learning: Excellence in teaching and learning is our main goal and for your son/daughter to achieve their potential in the Leaving Cert. **RACE**

Care: We will work with you to ensure your son/daughter remains happy, comfortable and confident in school.

(Breakfast Club/After School Study/Extracurricular Activities)

Respect: Mutual Respect between students and teachers.

Equality: Inclusion of all students.

Community : There are so many things for your son/daughter to get involved in.



Think, Pair, Share

**How can you support your
son/daughter to reach their
potential?**

What we need your support with...

Encourage: Your child to come to school organised/on time.

Organise: Appointments outside of school time.

Monitor: Please check journal frequently and sign each week –
question blank spaces. Please check TYRO



Holidays: Outside of term time.

Uniform: Ensure your child is in correct uniform. PE uniform is as per school journal description. No Jerseys.

Phones: Phones must now be placed in the phone pouches at the beginning of the day.

Study: Encourage a study routine and provide an atmosphere for study.

Deadlines: Help your child to complete all coursework on time

Inform: Let us know if there is anything of concern going on in your child's life.

Sleep and Diet: Ensuring a good night sleep and healthy food will help students' concentration and work ethic throughout the day.

Part Time Work: Consider reducing this.



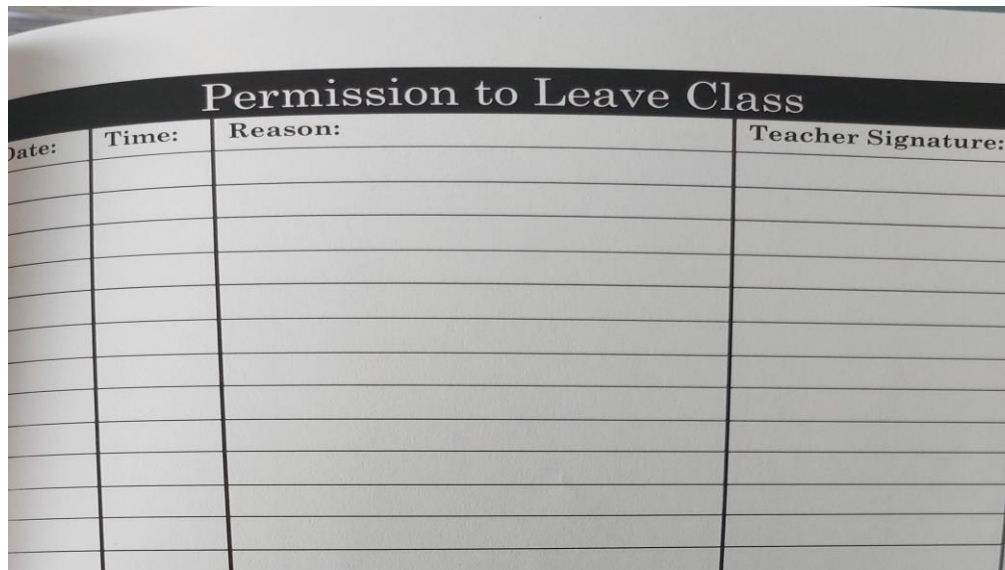
Study Skills



6th Year Study Skills: Tuesday 15th September 2026

This is a 2 hours session and tailored to each year group in the school. There will be a €5 fee for each session.

There will also be a free Parents' Webinar.



SEC Timetable

The official State Examinations Commission (SEC) Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle timetables for 2026 will be **published in Spring 2026**.

While the full, detailed timetable is not yet available, you can expect the written exams to begin on **Wednesday, 9th June 2026**.



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Tracking Student Progress



Parent Teacher Meeting:

Date: Tuesday 6th October Time: 4pm to 6.30pm.

Autumn Assessments: Report will issue late December 2026

CAO Information Evening: Thursday Jan 7th 2027

Mocks : Week beginning 25th January – 5th February 2027
Report will issue March 2026

***Do not hesitate to contact us to
discuss your child's progress.***

LC Grading System

Higher Level Grade	Ordinary Level Grade
H1 (90-100)	O1 (90-100)
H2 (80 < 90)	O2 (80 < 90)
H3 (70 < 80)	O3 (70 < 80)
H4 (60 < 70)	O4 (60 < 70)
H5 (50 < 60)	O5 (50 < 60)
H6 (40 < 50)	O6 (40 < 50)
H7 (30 < 40)	O7 (30 < 40)
H8 (0 < 30)	O8 (0 < 30)



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Grading System Link Modules

LCVP Grading

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme



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LCVP Grade		% Score	LCVP Points
	Distinction	85 - 100	66
	Merit	65 - 79	46
	Pass	50 - 64	28

A Deadline is not a Target

SEC PROJECT SUBMISSIONS • PLAN AHEAD • SUBMIT EARLY

THE SEC PROJECT **SUBMISSION DEADLINE** IS **NOT** YOUR TARGET DATE

Your project should be ready to submit **AT LEAST 5 DAYS EARLY.**



**BUILD IN A
5-DAY
CUSHION**



ILLNESS



TECHNICAL
ISSUES



MISSING
FILES



LAST-MINUTE
ERRORS



UNFORESEEN
CIRCUMSTANCES



RESET THE DATE

Take the official SEC deadline and move it back 5 days. Put **THAT** date in your calendar and treat it as your real deadline.



11:59 PM IS NOT A PLAN

Do not aim to beat the clock.
Aim to be finished, checked and ready early.

FINISH EARLY ★ CHECK EVERYTHING ★ SUBMIT EARLY ★ KEEP YOUR CONFIRMATION

LC & LCVP PROJECT DEADLINES

= 2026/2027 =

PLAN AHEAD. STAY ORGANISED. FINISH STRONG! 💪




NOVEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2026	JANUARY 2027	FEBRUARY 2027	MARCH 2027	APRIL 2027	APRIL / MAY 2027
2 NOV 🍳 Home Economics Food studies coursework	11 DEC ⚗️ Physics Investigation	15 JAN ✍️ DCG Coursework	26 FEB 👥 LCVP Link modules Portfolio	5 MAR ⚙️ Engineering Project Component	9 APR 📊 Applied Maths Modelling project	30 APR 👥 Politics and Society Citizenship project
27 NOV 🏛️ Latin Research study report	11 DEC 📈 Economics Research Study	15 JAN 🏛️ Classical Studies Research study report	26 FEB 🌱 Biology Investigation	12 MAR 📁 Business Investigative study	9 APR 🚗 Ag. Science Investigative study	30 APR 🏰 History RSR
27 NOV 🌀 Ancient Greek Research study report	18 DEC 🏃 PE PAP report			12 MAR 🌱 Climate Action Sus Action project	16 APR 🌐 Geography Investigation report	30 APR ✝️ Religion Coursework
				19 MAR 💻 Computer Science Coursework project	16 APR 📖 Home Economics Textile studies	30 APR 🏗️ Construction studies Project component
				19 MAR 🏃 PE Performance Assessment	16 APR 🎨 Art Practical coursework	30 APR 🎵 Music Composing
				19 MAR 🔧 Technology Practical coursework	23 APR 🎭 Drama film & Theatre Practice project	
					23 APR 🧪 Chemistry Practice investigation	
SUBMISSION WINDOW 1 3 RD – 5 TH NOV 2026		SUBMISSION WINDOW 2 18 TH – 21 ST JAN 2027	SUBMISSION WINDOW 3 8 TH – 11 TH MAR 2027	SUBMISSION WINDOW 4 6 TH – 9 TH APR 2027	SUBMISSION WINDOW 5 26 TH – 29 TH APR 2027	SUBMISSION WINDOW 6 4 TH – 7 TH MAY 2027

TOP TIPS!

- ✓ Check your deadlines early
- ✓ Break projects into steps
- ✓ Ask for help if you need it
- ✓ Don't leave it to the last minute!

WHY THESE PROJECTS MATTER



Builds skills for collage, the world of work and life!



Shows your learning, research and creativity



Every project counts towards your Leaving Certificate!



PLAN NOW, SUCCEED LATER!

Use this timeline to stay on track and give yourself enough time to do your best work.

YOU'VE GOT THIS!

Subject Element Weightings

Key assessment components for SEC-related subjects



Agricultural Science

Individual Investigative Study

25%



Art

Practical Coursework (Project & Visual Journal)

50%

Practical Examination

20%

Written Examination

30%



Biology & Chemistry

AAC Investigative Study

40%



Business

AAC Investigative Study

40%



Engineering & Construction

Project

25%

Practical

25%

Written Examination

50%



Geography

Field Study Booklet

20%



History

Research Study

20%



Home Economics

Course Work Booklet

20%



Irish

Oral

40%



MFL

Oral Exam — **20%** (Ordinary Level)

Oral Exam — **25%** (Higher Level)



Music

Practical

50%



PE

Physical Activity Project

20%

Performance Assessment

30%



These weightings show the assessed elements that contribute to final subject outcomes.

Please encourage students to plan ahead and give appropriate attention to each component.

LCVP Portfolio of Coursework

Key components of the portfolio (worth 60% of final grade)



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Curriculum Vitae



Career Investigation



Enterprise/Action Plan



Summary Report



Diary of Work Experience



Recorded Interview

**60%
of final
grade**



These components together make up the LCVP Portfolio of Coursework,
which is worth **60% of the final grade** awarded by the SEC.

SEC Key Dates 2026–2027

Important coursework, practical, oral and examination dates



September

- DCG Project 2026 begins
- Construction Studies Project begins
- LCPE PAP begins
- Biology Investigates deadline



October

- Engineering Project begins



November

- Geography Field Trip – Nov 3rd
- November Assessments
- Business Investigates deadline
- Home Economics Coursework deadline



December

- LCPE PAP deadline
- Art Themes released
- Chemistry Coursework deadline
- Geography Coursework submission



January

- DCG submission deadline
- Mock Exams
- PE Performance Assessment begins



February

- Link Modules (LCVP) Portfolio Submission



March

- Engineering project component complete
- Oral Examinations – Irish, French, Spanish, German, Polish, etc.



April

- Construction Project deadline
- Agricultural Science Investigative Study
- History Coursework deadline
- Link Modules (LCVP) Examination – April 28th
- Music Practical Exam
- Practical Exams – Art, Construction Studies



May

- Engineering Practical Examination



June

- All written examinations begin Wednesday 9th, 2027



Please encourage students to plan ahead and keep track of all project, practical and examination dates.

GETTING IT TOGETHER

ORGANISATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS



BE READY

- ✓ Have materials
- ✓ Be on time
- ✓ Make an honest effort



BE RESPECTFUL

- ✓ Follow adult instructions
- ✓ Listen respectfully, one voice
- ✓ Allow others to concentrate



BE RESPONSIBLE

- ✓ Return materials
- ✓ Look after your environment
- ✓ Allow others to learn

★ GOOD ORGANISATION TODAY,
MORE CONFIDENCE TOMORROW.

GETTING IT TOGETHER

- ✓ Plan ahead
- ✓ Pack what you need
- ✓ Check your journal
- ✓ Build a routine

- Students can be
- Respectful
 - Co-operative
 - Ambitious
 - Hard working

Guidance and Careers

Explore • Plan • Progress



KNOW
YOURSELF



EXPLORE
OPTIONS



MAKE
A PLAN



BUILD
YOUR FUTURE



Your Future, Your Choice

- Help with CAO & apprenticeship applications
- Race Applications
- Career research
- Career information seminars

STUDY TIP

Put technology in the corner.

**Distractions only
lower your grade.
Try and keep the
phone away from
the textbooks.**





Please ensure to download the app to see:

Timetables Reports Attendance

Notifications must be switched on please

**All absences, leaving early or arriving late
notes to be completed using
TYRO app only please.**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Days off – Half days – Career Days/Evenings –
Various Outings etc.

Parents will ***always*** be informed ***in writing*** with
regard to any of the above.

If you haven't got it in writing please check with the
school and put your mind at rest.

Breakfast Club

- Monday to Friday 8.10am to 8.40am.
- Cereal/Toast/Tea/Juice/Fruit



After School Study 6th Years

- Monday – Thursday – to begin mid September
- Students **do not** have permission to leave the school grounds go up the town to the shop etc.
- This will commence by the end of September.

STUDY

GDPR



- EU Directive – Protection of Data
- Personal data cannot be discussed with anyone other than the data subject.
- Parent Teacher Meeting: Tuesday 6th October, student may accompany parent/guardian
- Nomination forms for students over 18
- Please discuss this with your child.

It always seems impossible until it's done.



Thank you

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Thank
You

