

June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 3rd year students, and our Leaving Certificate Applied students on completing their recent state examinations. We wish our 6th year students continued good luck in the remainder of their exams, and we would like to congratulate all our 6th year students on their recent graduation from Creagh. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

We would like to thank you, the parents and guardians, for your continued support throughout the year. We hope everyone has a lovely Summer.

This newsletter highlights some important notices and deadlines for the upcoming academic year. (Please click on the hyperlinks to be brought directly to that section of the newsletter)

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Kindest regards,

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1. TYRO App- accessing Term Reports and State CBA Reports

Well done to all students on completing their summer assessments in the last few weeks. Hopefully you will see that the work you have put into your schoolwork and homework this year is reflected in your grades this Summer.

How to access your report:

As a school, we have moved from VSware to Tyro at the end of May. TYRO invite emails have been sent to all contacts. If you haven't received it in your email account, please contact our administration staff creaghcollege@wwetb.ie. You will need to have downloaded the TYRO app in order to receive your child's Summer Report. Please read the [TYRO Parent Guide](#).

Term Reports

Summer Assessments

This is a short video guide to viewing your child's [assessment reports](#)

From the TYRO dashboard, it is straightforward on how to access your child's/children's Term reports via 'Assessments'. Summer reports for all year groups (except 3rd and 6th year) were published on TYRO for students on Friday 12th June 2026. Over the course of the academic year, we will be rolling out more features in TYRO for contacts and students to use.



State CBA (Classroom Based Assessments)

Parents of 2nd and 3rd years: You will also be able to access your child's 2nd and 3rd year CBA results, in subjects where CBAs were completed this year, in the CBA section of the Assessment page. It will simply state the Subject and the CBA result:

- Exceptional,
- Above expectations,
- In line with expectations,
- Yet to meet expectations, or
- Not reported (if a student was absent, the default report comment must be 'not reported').

Homework

We would strongly encourage students and parents to read our [Homework Guidelines](#) in preparation for the new academic year. Here you will find information on recommended study/homework time for each year group and suggested parent and student roles in relation to homework. Please see further information in the newsletter regarding Afterschool Supervised Study.

2. Creagh College Calendar 2026-2027

Monday 31 st August	1 st Years (8.50am to 1.14pm)
Tuesday 1 st September	1 st , 3 rd and 6 th Years (8.50am to 1.14pm)
Wednesday 2 nd September	3 rd , 5 th , LCAI and 6 th Years (Full Day)
Thursday 3 rd September	3 rd , 5 th , 6 th , LCAI and LCAII (Full Day)
Friday 4 th September	2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th , 6 th years, LCAI and LCAII (Full Day)
Monday 7 th September	All Year Groups (including 1 st years and TYs)
Thursday 24 th September	Open Night for incoming 1 st Years (2027-2028)
Monday 28 th September	School Closed
Monday 12 th to Friday 23 rd October 2026	LCAI – Work Experience Block 1 LCAII – Work Experience Block 2
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	6 th Year/LCA 2 Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm-6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026	October mid-term break.
Monday 9 th November 2026	School Closed (Staff Training)
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	5 th year/LCA 1 Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm – 6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Wednesday 18 th to Tuesday 24 th November (likely dates)	November assessments for all year groups
16 th November to 22 nd November	Transition Year (TY) Week 1 Work Experience

Thursday 3 rd December	3 rd year Parent Teacher Meeting (3.15pm – 5.45pm)
Friday 18 th December (Last day of school). School re-opens on Monday 4 th January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 19 th January 2027	2 nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm – 6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Tuesday 26 th January 2027	School Closed (Staff Training)
27 th January 2027 to 5 th February 2027(likely dates)	3 rd & 6 th year Mock Exams
Monday 2 nd February 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th February 2027	LCAI – Work Experience Block 2
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th February 2027	LCAII – Work Experience Block 2
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February	Mid-term Break
23 rd February to 27 th February	Transition Year (TY) Week 2 Work Experience
Wednesday 3 rd March 2027	1 st Year Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm- 6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Wednesday 17 th March	St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
Monday 22 nd March to Friday 2 nd April 2027 (inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Friday 30 th April 2027	School Closure
Monday 3 rd May 2027	May Bank Holiday
31 st May to 4 th June 2027	Summer exams (likely dates)
9 th June 2027	State exams begin

This calendar is subject to change. Changes and updates to the school calendar will be communicated to parents.

3. Book grant information 2026/2027

As per the Government announcement last year, books (including eBooks), workbooks and stationery for all students from 1st to 6th year, including Transition Year and Leaving Certificate Applied, will be provided by schools in September. Please note that it is the responsibility of each student to mind and care for these items. All costs of replacement items will be borne by the students.

This summer, there will be no need for parents of **any** students to source or purchase textbooks or classroom stationery before the start of the school year. These will be purchased by the school and distributed to students in September free of charge. However, please note, the Department did issue Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate fees for 3rd and 6th year students in the current academic year. We expect the same will occur next year. Also, mock fees are not covered by this grant.

Junior Students (1st to 3rd Years)

For 1st year students, the management fee for their new 2-in-1 laptop device (€158) has also been covered by this grant. Our hope is that the new Junior Cycle book grant will also cover all classroom materials across all subjects

in the school as it did in 2025/26. However, it is possible that we may have to seek contributions from parents for materials to be used in some practical subjects. This is dependent on further Department grants and whether these are sufficient to meet all of the relevant costs. Also, please be aware that students of Home Economics will still be required to provide their own perishable ingredients. Please note that it is unclear what the level of the grant will be in the future, and we may need to request funds from parents for those classroom materials in future years.

Stationery packs for 1st year students will include a limited number of hardbacks, copies, calculator, student journal, formula tables, basic writing stationery including pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, colouring pencils. All remaining students will receive a pack with a refresh of copies, pens, hardbacks etc. Parents/guardians should be aware that the stationery pack provided may not fully cover the total stationery and equipment requirements for all subjects. Additionally, we aim to cover the requirements for subjects such as Graphics, Technology, Art etc where possible and within the constraints of the Book Grant.

Senior Students (TY, 5th and 6th Year)

Our 5th and 6th year students (including Leaving Certificate Applied) will also receive their physical books and stationery packs in September.

4. Digital Device Update for Parents

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing teaching and learning in Creagh College, we are introducing an updated approach to student digital devices.

Introduction of 2-in-1 Devices for Incoming 1st Years

From the upcoming academic year 2026/2027, all incoming First Year students will use a new 2-in-1 laptop device. These devices combine the flexibility of a tablet with the functionality of a laptop, supporting students across a wider range of learning activities. They are better suited to meet the needs of students and the evolving requirements of both the Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle curricula.

Devices for Current Students (2nd–6th Year)

Students currently in 2nd to 6th Year will continue to use their existing iPads as normal — there is no need to take any action or make any purchase.

However, students will have the option to purchase the new 2-in-1 device should they wish to do so.

- This is entirely optional
- There is no requirement to change devices
- Students can continue using their iPad unless it is no longer fit for purpose

Optional Upgrade for Existing Students

All current students may choose to purchase the new 2-in-1 device.

- This option is completely optional for 2nd–6th Year students
- Students may continue using their existing iPad instead

This upgrade may be particularly relevant for Senior Cycle students (5th and 6th Year) due to the introduction of Additional Assessment Components (AACs – project work), where the additional functionality of a laptop-style device may be beneficial.

To be clear, this purchase is entirely optional for current students in 2nd to 6th year inclusively.

If purchased, the device will become fully unlocked once the student finishes in Creagh College, allowing it to be used in university, college, or elsewhere.

What Are the New 2-in-1 Device Details?

The 2-in-1 device package includes:

- ASUS 2-in-1 Laptop, designed specifically for use in education
 - Combines laptop and tablet functionality
 - Includes a full keyboard, digital pen, and responsive touchscreen
 - 12.2-inch screen, 8GB RAM, 128GB storage
 - Supplied with a robust protective case
- The device will be fully set up with the school's required software and applications
- Safety and filtering software to ensure appropriate and secure use in school
- 5-year extended warranty, including accidental damage cover
- Dedicated support (online, email, and phone) for parents and students

After Leaving Creagh College

Once a student leaves the school:

- All school management software will be removed
- The device becomes fully unlocked for personal use

Approved Devices Only

Please note:

- The only devices permitted for use in Creagh College are:
 - The existing school-managed iPad (Wriggle)
 - The new 2-in-1 device supplied through Olive for Education
- There is no "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) option

How to Purchase (2nd–6th Year Students)

- Go to: <https://store.oliveforeducation.ie/>
- Enter the School Code: 76127D-5YR
- Select the appropriate year group for 2026 (e.g. 2nd Year, 3rd Year, etc.)
- Choose your payment method and enter student details when prompted
- Pricing (*Pricing varies depending on length of cover and software requirements*)
 - 2nd & 3rd Year: €755
 - Transition Year & 5th Year: €693

- 6th Year: €686

In order to ensure delivery in August, laptops should be ordered by 19th June 2026.

Transferring Students:

Please be aware that all new and transferring students will be required to use the new 2-in-1 laptop device and should follow the purchasing instructions outlined above.

The only exception applies to students transferring from another iPad school. In this case, students must contact Wriggle (01 500 9060) to arrange for our school's management software to be installed on their existing iPad – the cost of which will be borne by the student.

Please note that this must be a previously managed school iPad from their former school.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow the use of any other pre-existing personal or educational devices.

As always, Altura Credit Union have [school Technology Assist loans](#).



School Tech Assist Loan

Affordable finance for school devices - **just 4.9% (5.1% APR).**

Altura Credit Union has partnered with local schools to help families cover the cost of required student Laptops/iPads. Loans are available to parents / guardians of the student and are issued to members only, see back page on how to join.

Loan Examples (See our online [loan calculator](#) for a different quote)

Weekly Repayments*	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
1 device (€599)	€11.81	€6.05	€4.13
Fortnightly Repayments*	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
1 device (€599)	€23.63	€12.11	€8.27
Monthly Repayments*	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
1 device (€599)	€51.26	€26.26	€17.93

5. School Services Fees.

School services fees will be issued in September.

Fees will be:

- Junior students (1st–3rd year students), 5th and 6th year students; Each child will need to pay €50 towards their locker rental, school insurance, photocopying and SMS text services. All other fees are now covered by the government's Junior Cycle book grant.
- Third Year students please note that Junior Cycle Mock Fees of €100 will be due in January.
- TY students €450 (this includes bonding trips, costs towards buses and other workshops that will take place throughout the year).
- LCA I and II is €150 (this includes bonding trips, workshops and other school activities).
- 6th year students; Please note that Leaving Certificate Mock fees of €100 will be due in January.

6. School/PE Uniform

Our uniform policy can be found [here](#). Please re-read the policy as we do not want parents to go to added expense when uniform items are not acceptable. Please be reminded that black shoes must be worn by all students (please see pg. 5&6 of uniform policy) and that facial piercings are not permitted. (Please note, piercings take approximately 6 weeks to heal so therefore no new piercings should be taken within that timeframe of return to school. Your child will be asked to remove any extra studs/rings, etc.).

School uniform and PE uniform are required by all students. The PE uniform can be purchased from: Funge's (main street Gorey) or online at Playr-fit.com (see below).

Please note, we highly recommend that you get your child's initials embroidered onto their quarter-zip and training jersey or permanent marker is used to label their clothing in case of loss of items.

PE uniform: In consultation with students and teachers, students can continue to wear their PE uniform **ONLY** on days where they have PE (and for junior cycle students, where they have GAA short courses). Where the student has training activities before or after school, they **must** wear their school uniform into school and change in the changing rooms after school.

The PE uniform consists of:

- Official Creagh College quarter zip top or crew neck jumper
- Official Creagh College Training jersey
- Official Creagh College leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

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- Playr-fit; The [PlayerFit online store](#) (please click on that link to go directly to the online store) will open on **Friday 12th June**. All orders received before **Sunday 5th July** will be ready for **August home delivery**.
- PE Uniform Pack costs €75. (excludes delivery of €7 and personalised initials €2 per item)
- **Thursday 11th June 2026; Sizing day in Creagh College 12-6pm**

7. Supervised Study

The aim of Supervised Study is to encourage regular study patterns and provide students with an environment conducive to study. After-school Supervised Study is offered to all our students. Priority is given to 6th, 5th & 3rd Year students, in that order, with any remaining places being open to other students. There are only 60 places available. A waiting list will be formed once supervised study is over-subscribed. Students who signed up for, fully paid & attended Block 1 are given priority for Block 2, etc.

Times: Monday – Wednesday 4pm - 6.05pm Thursday – Friday 3pm - 5.05pm

Payment: €10 per week and payments are to be made through Way2Pay. To secure a place the first week's fee must be made upfront.

The payment blocks are as follows:

- Monday 7th Sept €110
- Monday 30th Nov €100
- Monday 1st Mar €110

All school rules and expectations of students remain the same as during the school day. Applications will be accepted from the beginning of September 2025. Please contact Mr. Ciarán MacRaghnaill for further information at the start of the new school year.

8. Transition Year

A [letter](#) has been sent to TY students informing them of important information for next year; Subject choices, work experience dates (*16th – 22nd November 2026 and 23rd February – 27th February 2027*) and fees.

We plan to host an information evening for all parents and guardians of Transition Year students during the first term. This session will outline the calendar of events planned for the year, along with any associated costs. Additionally, parents/guardians of Transition Year students will receive two comprehensive progress reports during Transition Year in addition to their End of Year Certificate.

9. LCA Information 2026-2027

Please note the following information with regards to the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme in 2026/27 below:

Work experience

Please secure work experience placements before students return to school in September.

LCA1

- **Work Experience 1:** 12th - 23rd October 2026 (2 weeks)
- **Work Experience 2:** 1st - 12th February 2027 (2 weeks)

LCA2

- *Work Experience 1: Monday 12th October – Friday 23rd October (2 weeks)*
- *Work Experience 2: Monday 8th February – Friday 12th February (1 week)*

Useful websites for researching Work Experience:

1. [List of Businesses in Gorey, Wexford \(localbusinesspages.ie\).](#)
2. [North Wexford Business Directory | Gorey Business | Love Gorey](#)
3. [Gorey Business Directory. Business Listings in Gorey, Wexford - MyTown.ie](#)
4. [Gorey Links - Local Business, Community Directory :: Gorey, Co Wexford, Ireland](#)

Bonding trips/events

A bonding trip will take place during the first couple of weeks when students return to school. Various other trips and events will take place throughout the school year. We will keep you updated with these as we progress through the year and look forward to a positive year ahead.

Please contact Mr. Paraic O’Keeffe, LCA Coordinator, for further information if necessary.

10. School Canteen

Welcome to the Creagh College Canteen! Here you will find Moira, Catherine, Eilish, and Kate always ready to serve you with a smile! There are lots of tasty, healthy choices on offer! If you want something more substantial there are paninis, wraps, sandwiches, rolls, salads with a range of different toppings and a different hot special every day! If you just want a snack, you can choose from fruit, yogurts, carrot sticks, popcorn, and homemade flapjacks! Friday is treat day with chocolate bars on offer!

Students should preorder their lunch by sending a WhatsApp message to (087) 4852660 before 8pm the night before or order between 8.05 and 8.40 the following morning at the canteen in the GP area. Cash/Card accepted. Follow the canteen on WhatsApp (087) 4852660 for daily specials.

11. SVP News

SVP (Saint Vincent de Paul) Gorey will be offering a bursary to 5 Leaving Certificate students from Creagh College for the academic year 2026/2027. This will be based on an assessment of need, and an application form for anyone wishing to apply will be available in August. The bursary can cover afterschool study fees, and/or revision courses at the Dublin Academy of Education, Stillorgan or Coláiste Laighean, New Ross. If you would like to get more information, please contact Mr. J. Sinnott (joesinnott@wwetb.ie) and Ms. J. Rickerby (jackierickerby@wwetb.ie) in the new school year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful volunteers of SVP Gorey for their work in supporting our students.

12. Contacting us

Our administration office will operate over the summer for telephone and email queries. If you change address/phone number/email etc., please ensure that you let our administration staff know.

Creaghcollege@wwetb.ie and (053)9484035.

Wishing all of our school community a happy and safe summer.