BACK TO SCHOOL

August 2026 Parent Update

Important information for the 2026/27 school year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that all our students and families have enjoyed a restful summer. As we prepare to welcome students back to Creagh College, we would like to highlight some important information and reminders for the start of the 2026/27 school year. Best of luck to Miss Wallace on her secondment with Oide, and congratulations to Mr. O'Loughlin who has been appointed as Acting Deputy Principal.

RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES (full calendar – see Appendix A)

Date	Students Attending	Times
Monday 31st August	1st Years only	8.50am-1.14pm
Tuesday 1st September	1st, 3rd & 6th Years	8.50am-1.14pm
Wednesday 2nd September	3rd, 5th, LCA 1 & 6th Years	Full Day
Thursday 3rd September	3rd, 5th, 6th, LCA 1 & LCA 2	Full Day
Friday 4th September	2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, LCA 1 & LCA 2	Full Day
Monday 7th September	ALL YEAR GROUPS (including 1st Years and TYs)	Full Day

Please note; First year students are only in school on Monday 31st August and Tuesday 1st September for two half days as part of their induction programme. They do not return to school again until Monday 7th September, when all years return. All students should arrive in good time and be ready for the school day.

Other dates to note:

August 20th & 21st – Deployment of laptops to incoming First Year students. Individual times for deployment have been communicated to parents/guardians via TYRO SMS. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

August 21st – Leaving Certificate Results Day (available in school at 11am).

TYRO - OUR SCHOOL APP

Creagh College has now moved from VSware to TYRO. Parents/guardians should ensure that they have:

- Downloaded the TYRO app.
- Activated their parent account. (You should have received an email with an invite to activate your account)
- Checked that their contact details are correct.
- Enabled notifications.

TYRO will increasingly be used during the year for important school information and communication. If you have not received your TYRO invitation, please contact the school office – (0539284035)

BOOKS & STATIONERY

Under the Schoolbooks Scheme, textbooks/eBooks, workbooks and stationery will be provided by the school. Parents do not need to purchase school textbooks before students return.

Students are expected to take good care of all their books and materials provided to them. Lost or damaged items may have to be replaced at the student's expense. Some additional items may still be required for particular practical subjects during the year.

SCHOOL FEES 2026/27

School service fees will be issued to parents through the school's (Tyro) online payment system.

Year Group	Fee	Includes
1st-3rd Year	**€50**	Locker rental, school insurance, photocopying and SMS services
5th Year	**€50**	Locker rental, school insurance, photocopying and SMS services
6th Year	**€50**	Locker rental, school insurance, photocopying and SMS services
Transition Year	**€450**	Bonding activities, buses, workshops and other TY activities
LCA 1 & LCA 2	**€150**	Bonding activities, workshops and other school activities

Mock Examination Fees: 3rd Year - €100 in January; 6th Year - €100 in January.

Parents will receive further information when payments are opened.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are expected to return in full and correct Creagh College uniform.

- Black shoes must be worn.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- All uniform items should be clearly labelled with the student's name.
- The official PE uniform is required.
- Students may wear their PE uniform to school only on days when they have PE (and designated GAA short-course days for Junior Cycle students).

Please check that uniforms and footwear are ready before the first day back.

DIGITAL DEVICES

Incoming 1st Years will use the school's new 2-in-1 laptop device. Students in 2nd-6th Year may continue to use their existing school-managed iPads. There is no requirement for existing students to purchase a new device.

Only school-approved and school-managed devices may be used in Creagh College. Students should ensure that their device is charged, working correctly, and ready for use when they return to school.

SUPERVISED STUDY

After-school supervised study will again be available during 2026/27. Priority will be given to 6th Year, 3rd Year, and 5th Year students. Places are limited to 60 students.

Cost: €10 per week. Further information regarding registration and payment will be issued at the beginning of the school year.

TRANSITION YEAR & LCA

TY students should ensure that they are familiar with the information already issued regarding subjects, fees, and work experience.

TY Work Experience:

- **Block 1:** 16-22 November 2026
- **Block 2:** 23-27 February 2027

LCA students should familiarise themselves with the information already issued by Mr. O'Keeffe in relation to fees, and work experience.

LCA1

- Block 1: Monday 12th October – Friday 23rd October (2 weeks)
- Block 2: Monday 1st February – Friday 12th February (2 weeks)

LCA2

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

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen will operate again this year with a range of hot meals, sandwiches, wraps, rolls, salads and snacks available. Students may pay by cash or card. Further information on menus and ordering will be available when students return. The school canteen is open at specific times during the day. It is not available during class time.

BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS - PARENT CHECKLIST

☐ Check your child's correct return-to-school date.

☐ Download and activate the TYRO app.

☐ Ensure school uniform and black shoes are ready.

☐ Label uniform and PE clothing.

☐ Check your child's digital device is working and charged.

☐ Ensure the school has your correct mobile number and email address.

☐ TY/LCA students - check work-experience arrangements.

☐ Watch TYRO for school payment requests and further updates.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK!

We are very much looking forward to the new academic year and to welcoming our students back to Creagh College. We particularly look forward to welcoming our new First Year students and all students joining Creagh College for the first time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Senior Leadership Team

Declan O'Toole (Principal)
Linda Furlong (Deputy Principal)
Tony McGrath (Deputy Principal)
Neil O'Loughlin (Deputy Principal)

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Appendix A: Creagh College Calendar 2026-2027

Monday 31st August	1st Years (8.50am to 1.14pm)
Tuesday 1st September	1st, 3rd and 6th Years (8.50am to 1.14pm)
Wednesday 2nd September	3rd, 5th, LCAI and 6th Years (Full Day)
Thursday 3rd September	3rd, 5th, 6th , LCAI and LCAII (Full Day)
Friday 4th September	2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th years, LCAI and LCAII (Full Day)
Monday 7th September	All Year Groups (including 1st years and TYs)
Thursday 24th September	Open Night for incoming 1st Years (2027-2028)
Monday 28th September	School Closed
Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October 2026	Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Year 1 – Work Experience Block 1 Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Year 2 – Work Experience Block 2
Tuesday 20th October 2026	6th Year/LCA 2 Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm-6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026	October mid-term break.
Monday 9th November 2026	School Closed (Staff Training)
Wednesday 11th November 2026	5th year/LCA 1 Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm – 6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Wednesday 18th November to Tuesday 24th November (likely dates)	November assessments for all year groups
16th November to 22nd November	Transition Year (TY) Week 1 Work Experience
Thursday 3rd December	3rd year Parent Teacher Meeting (3.15pm – 5.45pm)
Tuesday 22nd December (Last day of school). School re-opens on Wednesday 6th January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 19th January 2027	2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm – 6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Tuesday 26th January 2027	School Closed (Staff Training)
27th January 2027 to 5th February 2027(likely dates)	3rd & 6th year Mock Exams
Monday 1st February 2027	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd February to Friday 12th February 2027	Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Year 1 – Work Experience Block 2
Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February 2027	Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Year 2 – Work Experience Block 2
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Mid-term Break
23rd February to 27th February	Transition Year (TY) Week 2 Work Experience
Wednesday 3rd March 2027	1st Year Parent Teacher Meeting (4.15pm- 6.45pm) School finishes at 3.45pm
Wednesday 17th March	St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
Monday 22nd March to Friday 2nd April 2027 (inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Friday 30th April 2027	School Closure
Monday 3rd May 2027	May Bank Holiday
31st May to 4th June 2027	Summer exams (likely dates)
9th June 2027	State exams begin

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