



# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOL

MOUNTGARRETT, NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

## Transition Year Weekly Memo

Week Beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025



<b>Work Experience Forms</b>	<p>Ms.Codd will meet students individually this week to discuss their previous work experience and the employer feedback form.</p> <p>The next block of TY work experience will take place on: <b>Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 6th February</b> <b>Monday 9th – Friday 13th February</b></p> <p>To get the most value from the TY work experience programme, students are strongly encouraged to secure two different work placements across these weeks.</p> <p>All work experience forms for the February block must be <b>submitted by 16th January</b>. Forms are available on the TY notice board.</p> <p><b>Garda Vetting for Work Experience</b> Students should be aware that Garda Vetting is required if they are working with children, vulnerable people or in certain public settings during work experience. Students must be over 16 years of age to apply for Garda Vetting and the process can take a few weeks, so once students turn 16, they are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the employer to process the Garda Vetting application, but students should always ask about Garda Vetting when arranging a work experience placement. Being prepared in advance will help avoid delays and ensure that students are eligible to take up their chosen placement.</p>
<b>Information Night</b>	<p>A Parent Information Evening for Transition Year parents/guardians took place on Wednesday 10th December at 6:00 p.m. The meeting provided key information on progressing to 5th Year and choosing Leaving Certificate subjects. By this stage, students have sampled all subjects, supporting them in making informed decisions for next year. <b>A copy of the PowerPoint presentation used on the night will be shared with all parents/guardians.</b></p>
<b>TY Exams</b>	<p>Transition Year students will have house exams in their core subjects: English, Irish, and Maths on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b><u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Maths @ 10:45 – 11:15 Irish @ 12: 45 – 13:15 English @ 3:30 – 4:00</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Mock Theory Test @ 2:40</p>

	Students will have study periods between the exams.
<b>Upcoming events</b>	<p><b><u>Zak Moradi</u></b> Former Leitrim hurler <b>Zak Moradi</b>, originally from Iraq, will visit the school in January to speak with TY students about his life growing up as a Kurdish refugee and beginning a new life in Ireland. His story sheds light on the challenges faced by those forced to leave their homes and start over in a completely new culture. It is important for students to learn about the refugee experience so they can better understand issues of displacement, empathy and inclusion in today's world. Zak's journey shows how resilience, community and sport can help people find hope and belonging, even in difficult circumstances.</p> <p><b><u>Driving School 15<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> O'Briens Driving School will visit the school on 15th January to deliver a one-day Driver Education and e-scooter safety training programme. Students will learn the basics of road safety, responsible driving and the rules of the road. They will also have the opportunity to drive a vehicle with a qualified instructor, giving them valuable hands-on experience in a safe and controlled environment.</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b><u>Ice Skating Trip Dundrum</u></b> We will be leaving the school around 9:20 a.m. and expect to arrive in Dundrum before 11:30 a.m. Students will go ice skating from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be time both before and after ice skating for students to do some Christmas shopping and to purchase lunch. They will need to bring <b>money with them to buy their lunch</b>. We will be leaving Dundrum at 3:00 p.m. and hope to return to the school by approximately <b>5:00 p.m.</b>, depending on traffic.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Normal Timetable</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b><u>Carol Service</u></b> 18<sup>th</sup> December @2pm in the parish church</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b><u>Dulann Certificates Due</u></b> 10 Dulann Certificates are due on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December</p> <p><b><u>Christmas Holidays</u></b> School closes at 12 noon</p>
<b>Thought of the Week</b>	