



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOL

MOUNTGARRETT, NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

Transition Year Weekly Memo

Week Beginning Monday 1st December 2025

Work Experience Forms	<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: Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 6th February Monday 9th – Friday 13th February</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 submitted by 16th January. Forms are available on the TY notice board.</p> <p>Garda Vetting for Work Experience 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>
Information Night	<p>A Parent Information Evening for Transition Year parents/guardians will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 6:00 p.m. It will provide key information about progressing to 5th Year and choosing Leaving Certificate subjects. By this stage, students will have sampled all subjects, helping them make informed decisions for next year.</p>
TY Exams	<p>Transition Year students will have house exams in their core subjects: English, Irish, and Maths on Monday, 12th January. Students will also complete their mock theory test this day too. The exam timetable will be available in next weeks Monday Memo</p>
Upcoming events	<p><u>TY Retreat</u> Unfortunately the facilitators needed to cancel this date. It will be rescheduled again for the new year</p> <p><u>No School</u> Students will have no school on the 8th and 9th of December.</p> <p><u>TY Christmas Market</u></p>

	<p>Our TY Christmas Market will take place the morning of Friday the 12th of December @ 10:45 AM. Students will be showcasing their Mini Company products and we warmly welcome parents, guardians and grandparents to come in, have a look around and support the students' hard work and creativity.</p> <p>There will also be Christmas carols to help us get into the festive spirit along with a coffee and hot chocolate van on site to help keep everyone warm. We look forward to seeing you there!</p> <p><u>Ice Skating Trip Dundrum</u> On Tuesday the 16th of December, students will be going ice skating in Dundrum. They will also have some time afterwards to do a bit of shopping in Dundrum Shopping Centre. Further details, including times and arrangements, will be shared closer to the date.</p> <p><u>Carol Service</u> 18th December @2pm in the parish church</p> <p><u>Dulann Certificates Due</u> 10 Dulann Certificates are due on the 19th of December</p>
<p>January Key Events</p>	<p><u>Zak Moradi</u> Former Leitrim hurler Zak Moradi, 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><u>Driving School 15th January</u> 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>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>Normal Timetable</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p><u>The Marie Keating Foundation @11:00 – 12:00</u> The Marie Keating Foundation will deliver its <i>"Your Health, Your Choice"</i> presentation to students on Tuesday. The session will focus on how everyday choices affect long-term health and will include key information on cancer statistics in Ireland, healthy eating, smoking and vaping, alcohol use, skin cancer awareness and sun safety. The importance of the HPV vaccine in cancer prevention will also be covered. Students will be encouraged to take responsibility for their health and understand how their habits today can shape their future wellbeing.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Normal Timetable</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Normal Timetable</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Normal Timetable</p>

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Success
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