





CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOL

MOUNTGARRETT, NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

Transition Year Weekly Memo Week Beginning Monday 5th January 2026	
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>Students who are not attending the optional TY on Tour trip are expected to take part in an additional week of work experience for that week (Beginning Monday the 2nd of March.)</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>
TY on Tour	<p>TY on Tour is coming up soon with the trip scheduled to depart on 2nd March for three nights. Students who are not attending the optional TY on Tour trip are expected to take part in an additional week of work experience for that week instead. A full itinerary will be shared at the end of January when final numbers and details are confirmed.</p> <p>Parents and students are also reminded of the payment schedule €150 non refundable deposit due Friday 7th November €100 Friday 12th December €100 Friday 30th January.</p>
TY Exams	<p>Transition Year students will have house exams in their core subjects: English, Irish, and Maths on Monday, 12th January.</p> <p><u>Monday 12th January</u> Maths @ 10:45 – 11:15</p>

	<p>Irish @ 12: 45 – 13:15 English @ 3:30 – 4:00</p> <p><u>Tuesday 13th January</u> Mock Theory Test @ 2:40</p> <p>Students will have study periods between the exams.</p>
Upcoming events	<p><u>No School</u> – No School Wednesday the 14th January due to staff training</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>
Monday	<p>Normal Timetable Leaving Cert Tasters – rotate back to the first taster in September</p>
Tuesday	<p>Normal Timetable</p>
Wednesday	<p>Normal Timetable</p>
Thursday	<p>Enterprise Final Talk @ 2-3PM</p>
Friday	<p>Normal Timetable</p>
Thought of the Week	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD. YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES. YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.</p> <p><i>-Dr. Seuss</i></p>  </div>