



Colaiste Mhuire Co-Ed
Castlemeadows
Thurles
Co. Tipperary

June 2025

Dear TY Parent

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We appreciate that the Junior Cycle Exams can be very stressful for a house so we hope that all is going well and that everyone has a lovely summer. We are just writing to inform you of some important information to ensure the smooth running of Transition Year next year.

1. Please note that TY students will wear their PE uniform **EVERY** day during TY. They must wear the proper and correct PE uniform and full details of this is available at

<https://www.cmco.ie/information/uniform/>

Please book your sports tops early at [Bourkes Sports](#) as supply will run low later in the summer.

2. Students **will not** be allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. This means that all students need a **digital device** (other than a phone) for TY. Students must bring a **fully charged** device to school each day. Do not go out and buy new laptops. An older laptop or ipad will work just as well. A very clever and cost effective solution is to convert an old laptop to a chrome book - you can find more information on this at

<https://chromeenterprise.google/os/chromeosflex/>

3. Due to the large volume of activities and Trips It is **ESSENTIAL** during TY that you are able to receive Notifications from the school via the **COMPASS App**. Please ensure you can access Compass on your mobile phone. A reminder that information on compass is at <https://www.cmco.ie/digital-technologies/compass/> and if you need help to access compass please contact the office at 050421734.

4. Diaries, books etc will be given to students when they return to school

5. Please note the return to school dates. Students who have been chosen as **Le Cheile leaders are asked to be in school on Friday the 22nd of August** for the day. Please be in school for 8.45 that morning. **All TYs return on Tuesday the 26th of August.**
6. You will have received a link to pay part of your TY FEE of €600 via a text link over the last few months. We ask that the full fee is paid by the 15th of August. This fee **does not cover** a €10 charge per bus, the Gaisce Application Fee or International Trip (Please ensure your son/daughter's Passport is VALID within 6 months of April 2026 if you are interested in this.)
7. Please note that attendance will be monitored carefully. To ensure fairness to all students and to maintain the integrity of our planned school trips, **we have a general attendance stipulation of 80% for participation in these trips.** This helps ensure students are actively engaged with the TY programme. However, we understand and fully support students who wish to engage in extra Transition Year experiences outside of the core school programme. These opportunities can be incredibly valuable for their personal and educational growth.

We recognise however, that these additional experiences your son/daughter may undertake could impact their regular attendance. To help us support these enriching opportunities while also ensuring students don't miss out on school trips (which do not clash with these additional experiences) due to these commitments, we kindly request that you complete a form which Miss Conroy will send you, if your child is participating in any significant extra TY experiences. This form will allow us to have a clear understanding of their commitments and help us to support them in balancing these with their school attendance. It will also help us in our planning and in ensuring that all students who meet the attendance criteria can fully participate in our planned trips.

For experiences over 2 weeks, arrange a meeting with the Programme Coordinator via aconroy@cmco.ie.

8. Please also note that the 1st week of TY Work Experience is November 24th to November 28th inclusive. As students arrange their own work experience it is advisable to get your "thinking caps" on what you might like to do and approach employers to get in first and avoid disappointment. If you need any more information on work experience see our policy at https://www.cmco.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/CMCO-Work-ExperiencePolicy_7.12.2_023-BOM.pdf

Please ensure that your child joins the TY classroom using the code fjuaawv.

If you have any further queries or questions, please contact the office before the end of June and thereafter Miss Ann Conroy, TY Coordinator will be your point of contact for the year once the new school year begins.