



Our Lady of Mercy College
Beaumont, Dublin 9



Principal: Ms. Maura Gray

Deputy Principal: Ms. Ciara Howard

13th June 2025

Information on the return to School for Parents/ Guardians 2025/26:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this finds you and your family well. Please find below some essential uniform requirements and important information for the academic year 2025/2026. We would kindly ask that you take the time to read this and if you have any queries please let us know.

School Calendar:

A provisional school calendar is enclosed below for your information.

School Uniform Requirements

All uniform items must be purchased from Lynch's Marino only (see enclosed photographs for details). Please note that school jackets with crests are mandatory, and no other jackets will be permitted.

Footwear

Black shoes or black runners only

No other types of footwear are allowed.

PE Uniform

PE tracksuit top only with the option of new official school leggings or official school tracksuit bottoms.

Regular leggings are not permitted.

All PE items must include the school crest and be purchased from Lynch uniform suppliers. Please label all uniform items with the student's name clearly marked.

No hoodies are to be worn with the PE tracksuit. The tracksuit may be worn on a PE Day or when it has been agreed by a teacher for an event e.g. trip, sporting event etc.

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance 2025

Applications are now open for the 2025 Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance.

Payment Rates:

€160 for children aged 4-11

€285 for children aged 12+ in second level education

Important Information:

Over 114,000 families will automatically receive payments in the week beginning 14th July.



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Most payments are processed automatically with no application required.

If you do not receive notification of an automatic payment, please apply online at:
<https://services.mywelfare.ie/en/topics/parents-children-family/back-to-school-clothing-footwear-allowance/>

Applications should be made even if you received a payment last year.

Uniform Appeal - Supporting Sustainability

We are appealing to outgoing 6th Year students and past pupils to donate unwanted or unused uniforms. This initiative supports our commitment to building a more sustainable environment while supporting students and families in our school community.

Donation Collection Dates:

June 16th - June 24th

August 18th onwards

Donation boxes are located outside Ms. Gray's office.

Second-Hand Uniforms:

A selection of donated uniforms will be available for students:

Dates: August 21st August 22nd August, 27th August.

Time: 11am - 2pm.

Location: HSLO office at the school.

Attendance:

Regulations of Tusla are observed i.e. under the Education Welfare Act 2000 if your child is absent from school you must notify the school. For the smooth running of the school and in keeping with our Code of Behaviour, school should be notified in advance of a planned absence. All absence notes are recorded on the school app. A Late note and Detention System are in operation. All appointments should be scheduled outside the school day or on Friday afternoons.

A reminder that students who are feeling sick cannot leave the school premises during the school day without being signed out by a parent/guardian in the office or with Ms. Gray, Ms. Howard or the Yearhead.

Notes to leave school early must be on the school app by 8.30am and **students must always sign out before leaving the school.**



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Unique Schools App:

All payments are processed through our school online payments system which provides you with one point of contact for all school business. Any payments due will be issued via the platform in due course. We accept cash payments in the office or any difficulties with payments please contact Ms.Gray directly to discuss options.

Personal Insurance:

To participate on school outings & sporting events, all students MUST have personal 24 hour insurance. This is included in the school services fee.

Lockers

Locker Payment Requirements

Payment must be completed before lockers will be released for the 2025/26 school year. This payment is included in the school services fee.

How to Pay:

Pay the 1st instalment of the school services fee Lockers will not be assigned until payment is received and processed.

Please complete your payment through the school app as soon as possible to ensure your child's locker is ready for the start of the new school year.

Eco Green Schools' Code:

In keeping with our Green Eco Schools' Code, we request that all students buy their own reusable water bottle in order to alleviate plastic waste in our school.

Mobile Phones:

Please note that our school is a mobile phone free campus and phones are forbidden during school hours. Students should place the phone in the mobile phone pouches provided from the start of the school day. This policy will be enforced without compromise from the start of the school year. If parents/guardians need to contact students urgently during the school day or vice versa, the calls may be made through the school office – 01-8371478. The school will not be responsible for personal belongings lost or stolen during the school day.

School Day:

For your information, the school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3:50pm, Monday to Thursday inclusive. Each class is 1 hour in duration. There are 6 class periods per day with the first break from 10.50am -11.05am. Lunch is from 1.05-1:45pm. First, Second and Third Year students are not permitted to go to the local shops at lunchtime. Senior students may go out or home at lunchtime. The school day ends at 1.05pm every Friday with four classes on this day.



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A free breakfast club is available each morning for students while a selection of sandwiches, rolls, wraps and salads are offered to students at lunchtime. Hot food can be ordered and pre-paid through the food village app available to students in August.

Free Book Scheme

As part of the Free Book Scheme, all Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate books will be provided to students at no cost.

Important Terms and Conditions:

All books remain the property of the school.

Books must be returned in the same condition they were received.

Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of all assigned books.

Any damaged or lost books may result in replacement charges by the student.

Items Students Must Purchase

While textbooks are provided free of charge, students are required to purchase their own stationery supplies, including:

Pencil cases

Colouring pencils

Pens (blue, black, red)

Highlighters

Rulers

Erasers

Folders

Other general stationery items as required by individual subjects

School bag

Book Distribution

Books will be allocated to students upon their return to school at the beginning of the academic year.

Distribution Process:

Books will be distributed during the first weeks of term.

Students will receive a complete set of books for their year level.

Each student will be required to sign for their books.

A record will be kept of all books assigned to each student. Exam papers will be provided to 3rd and 6th year students.

Student Responsibilities

To ensure the success of this scheme for all students:

Handle all books with care.

Keep books clean and free from damage.



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Do not write in or mark textbooks.

Return all books at the end of the academic year or when leaving the school.

This Free Book Scheme represents a significant investment in your child's education. We ask for your support in ensuring students understand the importance of caring for these valuable resources.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring all students are properly equipped for the new school year. If you have any questions regarding the return to school requirements, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Gray.

We look forward to working with you and your family as your child embarks upon the next stage of their educational journey.

Every good wish,
Ms. Gray and Ms. Howard.



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School Calendar
TERM 1

Thursday 21st Aug	1st & 6 th year Induction	11.00am-1.00pm
Friday 22nd Aug	2 nd & 5 th year induction	9.30am -11.30am
Monday 25th Aug	3th & 4th year Induction	9.00am-11.00am
Tuesday 26 th Aug	School commences for all students.	8.50am to 3.50pm
Monday 29 th Sept	School Closed	
Monday 27 th -Fri 31st Oct	Mid-term Break	
Monday 3rd Nov	School Re-opening	
Thursday 13th Nov	School Closed	Staff training Cluster event
Monday 8th Dec	School Closed	
Tuesday 16th December	School Closed	Child Protection Training 2025/2026
Friday 19 th Dec	Christmas Holidays	1.05pm



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TERM 2

Monday 5 th Jan	School Re-opening	
Monday 2nd Feb	Public Holiday	
Monday 16 th -20th Feb	Mid-term Break	
Monday 23rd Feb	School Re-Opening	
Monday 16 th March	School Closed	
Tuesday 17 th March	School Closed	St. Patrick's Day
Monday 23rd March	School Closed	Planning for Senior Cycle Redevelopment 2025/202
Friday 27th March	Easter Holidays	1.05pm

ORAL EXAMS FOR ALL LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS TO TAKE PLACE
DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026, DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.

TERM 3

Monday 13th April	School re-opening	8.50am
Monday 4 th May	School Closed	Public Holiday
Thursday 14 th May	6 th Year Graduation	2pm
Wednesday 20th May	TY Graduation	4pm
Friday 29 th May	Summer Holidays	1.05pm



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IMPORTANT EXAM DATES

Friday 12th-19 th Dec	Christmas Assessments	Exams for all students
Tuesday 3rd-Fri 13 th Feb	3 rd & 6 th Year Mock Exams	
Wednesday 6 th May TBC	LCVP EXAM	To be Confirmed
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th May	Summer Exams & Study	
Wednesday 3rd June	Leaving Cert & Junior Cert Exams,	

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Thursday 2nd Oct	6th Year Meeting Students may attend. 6th year talk (CAO, PLC, other options)	4.15pm-6.45pm 3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 6th Nov	3rd Year parent teacher meeting 3rd/TY (subject choice) talk	4.15pm-6.45pm 3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 15 th Jan	5th Year & LCA Students may attend.	4.15pm-6.45pm
Thursday 29 th Jan	2nd Year & TY	4.15pm-6.45pm
Thursday 26th Feb	1st Year	4.15pm-6.45pm

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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Book Donations

3rd and 6th year students do not need to return books to the school unless we purchased them for the students. If students would like to donate any of the following books it would be greatly appreciated.

Dates to Donate

June 16th - June 24th

August 18th onwards

Donation boxes are located outside Ms. Gray's office.

Third year book donations June 2025

Merchant of Venice

The Outsiders and other novel

Geography in Action

Artefact History book (with black cover)

Sixth Years book donations June 2025

Irish; Fuinneamh Nua

Fiuntas Nua

French ; Tout va bien ed 3

LCVP Focus on Link Modules

English; Small things like these, Claire Keegan

Sive by JB Keane

Vis Art; New appreciating Art, Visual Studies for LC

HE; Complete Home Economics, 2nd Edition.

LCPE; Winning Formula