



Colaiste Mhuire Co-Ed
Castlemeadows
Thurles
Co. Tipperary

June 2024

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 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 23rd of August for the day. Please be in school for 8.45 that morning. **All TYs return on Tuesday the 27th of August.**

6. You will receive a link to pay your TY FEE of €550 via a text link during the summer. A deposit of €250 is expected by June 16th The balance of €300 is due by August 18th

Please note **ALL Trips** and **Activities** in TY are Mandatory unless there are exceptional circumstances.

This fee covers:

Trips

Ballyhass

Overnight Activity Package,

Adventure Journey (Overnight)

Day Trips

College Open Days.

Online & Certification Programmes

Careers Portal

BuildUp Maths,

AIB Future Sparks,

CsLinc Computer Coding,

Dare2Believe

Olympic School Programme,

GAA Future Leaders,

Bfiresafe@school,

HSA Health & Safety Choose Safety Programme

Workshops :

Develop Me,

Law Ed Workshop,

Fun Forensics CSI,

CPR4Schools,

Craft Workshops

Activities :

Programme of PE Activities

This fee **does not cover** Gaisce Application Fee or International Trip (Please ensure your son/daughter's Passport is VALID within 6 months of April 2025 if you are interested in this.) Please also note for your information the 1st week of TY Work Experience is November 27th

December 1st 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-Experience-Policy_7.12.2_023-BOM.pdf

All TY Trips/Activities are available if you wish to download Google Calendar and follow the link at [TY2425](#).

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.

Yours sincerely

Ann Conroy
TY Coordinator