



Term 1 Newsletter for 3rd Year Students 2025/2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would firstly like to wish you and your family a happy and safe midterm break. It has been a very busy term for all 3rd Year students as they move towards from Halloween towards the Christmas period. Our 3rd Years have shown excellent focus and maturity as they settle into their final Junior Cycle year. Students have been completing a range of Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs) across subjects, demonstrating creativity, collaboration, and strong effort.

Compass reporting:

As you may be aware, we have been trialling Compass as a means of reporting positive and negative behaviour over the course of this term. Surveys have been sent out to parents, students and teachers to assess the effectiveness of this. The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive with parents reporting being more informed and teachers being satisfied that this communication is reaching home in a more timely manner than using the traditional journal. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Attendance:

At Coláiste na Mí, regular and punctual school attendance is valued as essential for every student's educational success and personal development. If your child is absent, please submit a note through our Compass system to explain the absence. A short video tutorial on how to do this can be found <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r584sR9wiJA> There is a strong link between attendance and attainment, and we encourage full attendance where possible.

Exam Revision:

Coláiste na Mí has purchased access to ExamRevision.ie for every student, providing a valuable online resource to support exam preparation. Each student has been given a personal username and password to log in. We encourage parents to remind their children to make full use of this tool to enhance their revision and exam success.

SPHE:

As part of the SPHE programme, each year group from First to Sixth Year will participate in classes focusing on Drugs and Alcohol Education. These classes are designed to: Provide accurate, age-appropriate information on drugs, alcohol, and related issues, encourage students to explore attitudes and values around substance use, develop students' decision-making, assertiveness, and refusal skills, and highlight the impact of substance use on personal health, relationships, and society. This module will be delivered from November 3rd - December 19th over a series of six timetabled class periods as part of the regular SPHE timetable (One class per week).

After school study:

This is an excellent opportunity for the students of Coláiste na Mí, and we strongly encourage participation, particularly for students in exam years. A structured study environment with a focused atmosphere is essential for effective learning. As places are limited, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure a place, students must return a completed application form, which can be collected from Máistir Lanigan's office. The cost for this term is €35 per student, payable through Way2Pay. (For further details on using Way2Pay, please refer to the school website.)

Study Schedule:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 3:40 – 5:40pm
- Wednesday: 1:10 – 3:10pm

Study skills:

3rd years will be engaging in study skills next term. This will occur in two-week blocks with I. Clinton on rotation over the term. Caomhnoiri and Year head continue to encourage students to develop good routines at home and in school.

Extra-Curricular activities:

A number of our 3rd Year students continue to represent the school in various extra-curricular activities which has been fantastic to see. There will be further opportunities to engage with these in the new year also. Well done on your efforts so far.

Dates to be mindful of:

Parent teacher meeting: This will take place on Thursday 6th November. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss progress to date. As this year is an exam year, your attendance is even more important to ensure your child is reaching their potential in each of their subjects.

CBA Schedule:

Irish – October Midterm

Coding- Monday 3rd Nov

Home Economics- 5th Jan

Art- 12th Sept

Music- 26th Jan

Woodwork- 8th September

Graphics- 8th Sept

Midterm work: Work has been given by teachers of 3rd years to complete over the break.

Subject	Work assigned	Expected Engagement
Irish HL	Poetry and Gearrscéalta from last year (Spás/An cluiche mór and Jeaic ar Scoil/stadeolaíocht)	2hrs
English	Exam questions assigned on teams.	2 hours.
Maths HL	Exam Qs and IXL	2 hrs
History	Exam papers Questions (first year revision work)	2-3 hours
Geography	Exam paper questions	2 hours
Science	Body systems revision booklet / 2023 Mock paper-Mr. Reilly	2 hours
Spanish		
Art	CBA2 complete the page on presentation of project so far in phase 1 summary of the CBA2 phase 1 in A5 sketchbook. Use CBA2 2025-26 powerpoint to complete any unfinished work from the start of project to date. Prepare for presentations mid Nov.	2-3 hours
Business	Full 2024 Mock Paper as revision.	2 hours.
MTW	Fretwork/pyrography pgs 198-204; Wood turning pgs 206-219; Bending and laminating 258-265	3 hours
Technology	Finish design sketches	2 hours
Music	Revision worksheet given in class	2 hours
Home Economics	Exam papers	2 hrs

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support in relation to our school policies and procedures. 3rd Years are well aware of rules and expectations in relation to uniform, mobile phones, and code of behaviour. I would like to ask that you continue to monitor the school Dialann and Compass each week as these are used for homework and communication.

Kind Regards,

Máistir Reilly

3rd Year Year Head