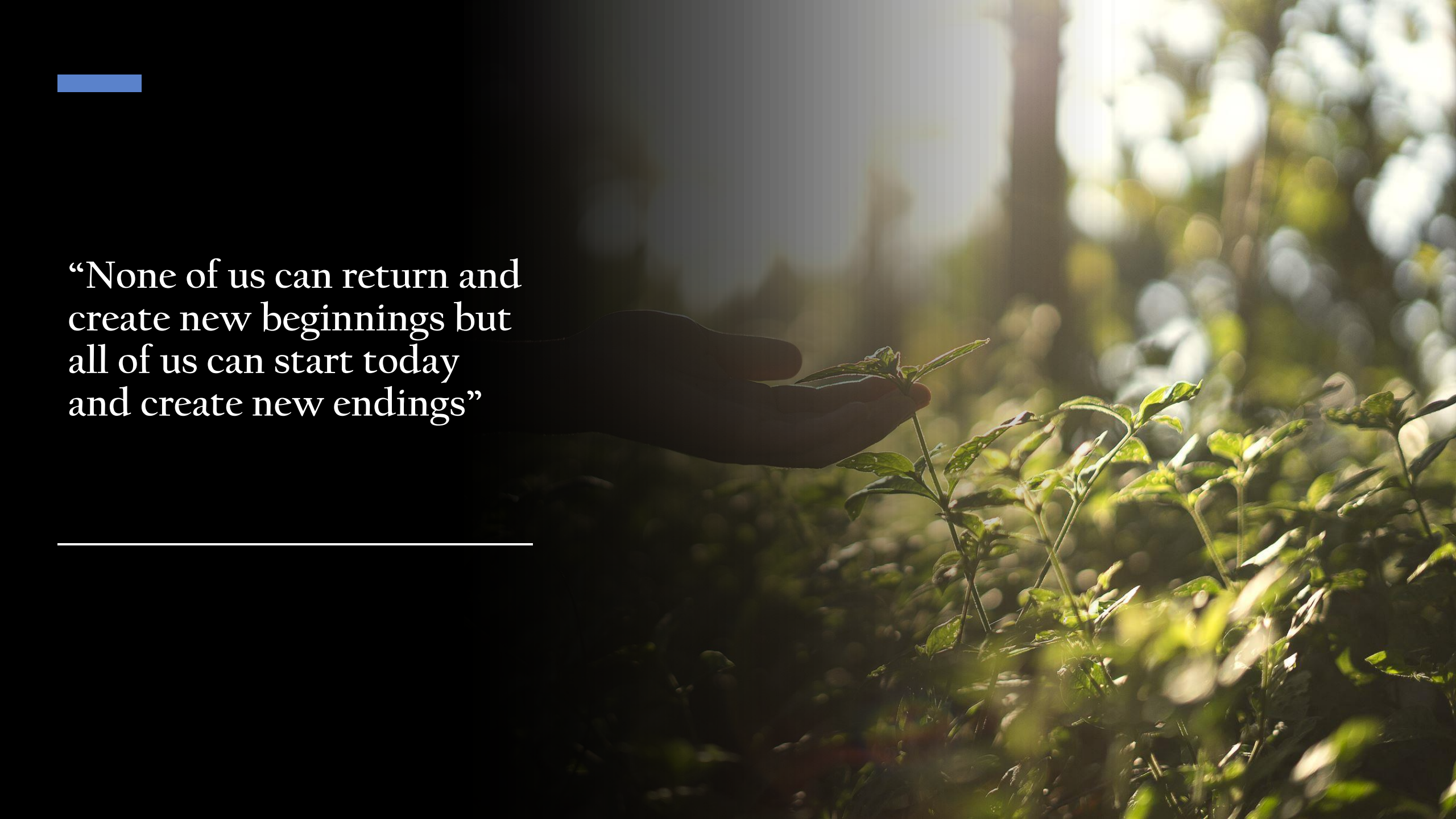


# Third Year Information Evening

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025



A hand is shown in silhouette, holding a small green plant with several leaves. The background is a soft-focus scene of sunlight filtering through trees, creating a bokeh effect of light spots. The overall mood is hopeful and natural.

“None of us can return and  
create new beginnings but  
all of us can start today  
and create new endings”

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**study** *verb*

the act of texting, eating and watching TV with an open textbook nearby







CHAPLAINCY  
AT CASTLEKNOCK  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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# CHAPLAINCY

Care



Create community



Spiritual presence



# CHAPLAINCY & Third YEARS

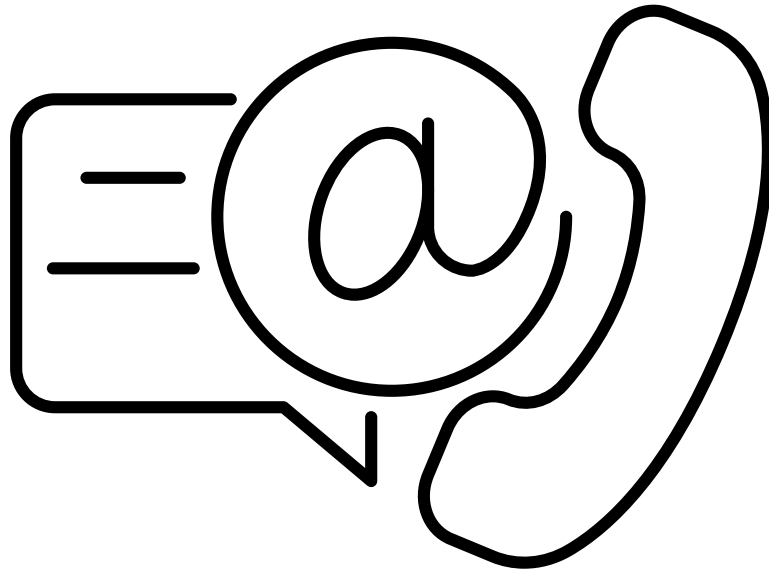
— One to one

— Remembrance service

*Emilia Hensitska's Anniversary*  
*25<sup>th</sup> September*

Christmas Carol Service —

— Chaplaincy team - weekly



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## The Guidance & Counselling Department

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# Bí Cineálta

- **What is Bí Cineálta?**  
Our whole-school Anti-Bullying Policy, rooted in kindness, respect and inclusion.
- **Aims:**
  - Prevent bullying behaviour through awareness, education & positive culture.
  - Support students to report concerns confidently.
  - Ensure clear, consistent procedures for staff, parents & students.
- **How Parents Can Help:**
  - Talk openly with your young person about respect and online safety.
  - Encourage them to tell a trusted adult if something worries them.
  - Stay in touch with the College if concerns arise.



# Bí Cineálta

## How students can help (our Upstander Pledge):

- Notice unkind behaviour
- Name it
- Nix it (don't share/like)
- Notify an adult
- Nurture the person targeted.



# Bí Cineálta!

We want everyone at Castleknock Community College to feel safe and happy.

If you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied, you need to tell a teacher or another adult that you trust. They will know what to do to help.

Get help!

Tell someone!

If a student tells a staff member that they think they are being bullied, we will:

- > talk with the student
- > ask the student what they want to happen
- > work out a plan together
- > talk to their parents
- > talk to the other student(s) involved
- > talk with the other student's parents

Please tell someone if you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied.

Our College has a Bí Cineálta policy to try to stop bullying behaviour.

We look at this policy every year to see what is working well or what could work better.

We will ask you what you think.

# The Role of the Guidance Counsellor

## **Supporting students focusing on three key areas**

- Educational
- Career
- Personal

## **How to make an appointment**

- Referral from Year Head / Teacher / Student / Parents
- Appointments are made via email / Teams / journal
- Parents are always welcome to make contact via email/phone
- Appointments are logged on VSware

# Guidance in Third Year

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1:1 Appointments

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Career Interest Profiler

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CAT4

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Senior Cycle Options

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Subject Choice

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Course/Career Choices

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University Entry Requirements

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Study Skills

# Study Skills – What?

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Homework

Revision

Task  
oriented

Practice

Exam  
Questions

Preparation

# Study Skills – Where?

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Place of Study



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graph TD; A[Place of Study] --> B[Equipment]; B --> C[Background]; C --> D[Distractions]
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Equipment

Background

Distractions

# Study Skills *How?*

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SMART Goals

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Study Plan

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Learning Styles (Visual vs. Auditory)

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40 minute slots

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Active Study

# Further Information

PDST – [www.pdst.ie](http://www.pdst.ie)

NEPS – <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/5ef45c-neps/>

HSE – [www.stresscontrol.ie](http://www.stresscontrol.ie)

Useful Websites:

[www.studyclix.ie](http://www.studyclix.ie)

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

[www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie)

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)



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**Thank you for your time.**

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## Success comes to those who are...

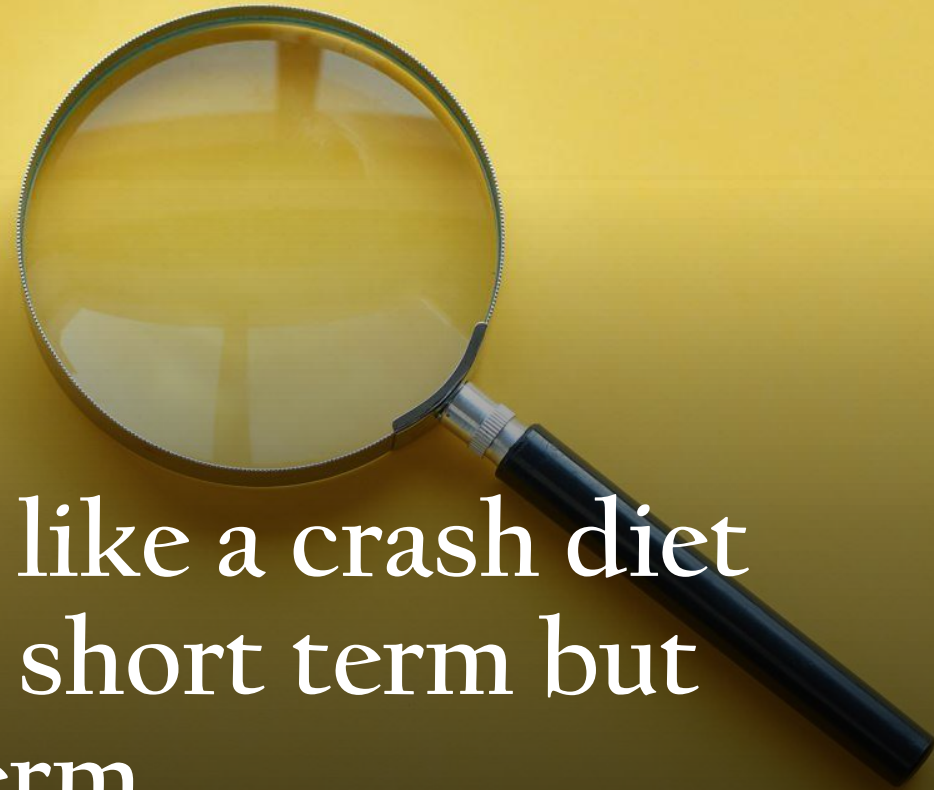
- Focussed & Systematic
- Always attend to minor but basic things
- Always make the best possible use of time
- Always pay active attention



## Reasons why goals are not achieved.

- ✓ No written Plan
- ✓ Confusing activity & productivity
- ✓ Afraid to fail
- ✓ Lack of continual action
- ✓ Loss of Focus
- ✓ Goals are not SMART





Cramming at the end is like a crash diet  
.... It might work in the short term but  
it's no use in the long term





Jennifer Doyle

Assistant Year Head  
Third Year



# New Swipe Terminals & RFID Swipe Cards

- Swipe Card terminals have been updated.
- Location of new terminals: 4 at Student Entrance, 1 at Main Office, 2 at Canteen, 1 in New 'A' Building.
- Essential that students swipe in and have their swipe cards with them at all times.



# Attendance & Punctuality

- Students must swipe-in before 8.45a.m. in the morning and 1.15p.m. in the afternoon
- Any student who swipes in after this time or who fails to swipe is considered late
- Students who are late more than twice in a week are put on Lates Detention
- Lates Detention is held on Wednesday afternoons from 12.30p.m. to 1.30p.m.
- Lates Detention is held in Room 9.



# Attendance VSWare Push Notifications

- We have launched a new VS Ware Push Notification system this year. This system will send notifications via the VSWare App to parents/guardians to alert them to any unexplained school absences.
- There alerts will be issued after the first class in the morning and afternoon (with the exemption of Wednesday when only a morning alert will be issued).
- Parents/guardians will be able to provide notes for these absences and for future absences via the VSWare App.



# VS Ware Support

- [Parent App - Everything you need to know](#)
- Everything you need to know about the VSware Parent App
- [support.vsware.ie](#)
- [Parent App - Submit an Absence Request](#)
- How to submit a past or future absence request to your school as a parent
- [support.vsware.ie](#)

# Collecting students for appointments.

- The student must notify her/his tutor if they must leave the College early for an appointment etc.
- Parents must place a note in their daughter/son's journal.
- The student will then make their way to the main office at the designated time and inform the secretary that they have permission to leave the College.
- If the student is being collected the student must remain in the reception area.

Caitriona Maguire  
Year Head to Third Year



# Third Year Milestones

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School Closed Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

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OIDE School Planning Day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October (College Closed)

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Parent Teacher Meetings: Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.

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Mid Term Break Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Inclusive

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OIDE Planning Day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (College Closed)

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CAT 4 Testing W/C Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November (TBC)

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House Examinations Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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College Closed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

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Last day of Term Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## Third Year Milestones 2025

- College Reopens Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Oide Planning Day Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January - No Classes
- Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Mock Exams: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February (incl.)
- Mid Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February (incl.)
- College Closed Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Break: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April (incl.)
- Term Ends Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- State Examinations commence Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June





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## Standards & Engagement in Third Year

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- Punctuality
- Attendance
- Uniform
- Homework
- Behaviour
- Ms Teams Noticeboard
- Get involved...

# Supervised Study

- Survey issued on Teams to gauge interest among students. <https://forms.office.com/e/CCgExMEby3?origin=prLink>
- Traditionally was held on Mondays at 16:10-18:10, Wednesday 12:40-2:40 and Thursday (16:10-18:10).
- Fee is 135€ per term. This should be paid via the school payment system on the CCC website. Discounts are applied where a student can only attend 1/2 evenings per week or where more than one child in the same family attend study.

CBAAs  
Update from the NCCA  
September 2025

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# Arrangements for the completion of Classroom-Based Assessments 2025/2026

## September 2025

### Student cohort 2023 - 2026 (students in 3rd year in 2025/2026)

Due to the impact of school closures and disrupted periods of learning experienced by students as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, revised assessment arrangements were introduced.

As announced in April 2024, the following revised assessment arrangements will be in place for students in third year in the school year 2025/26.

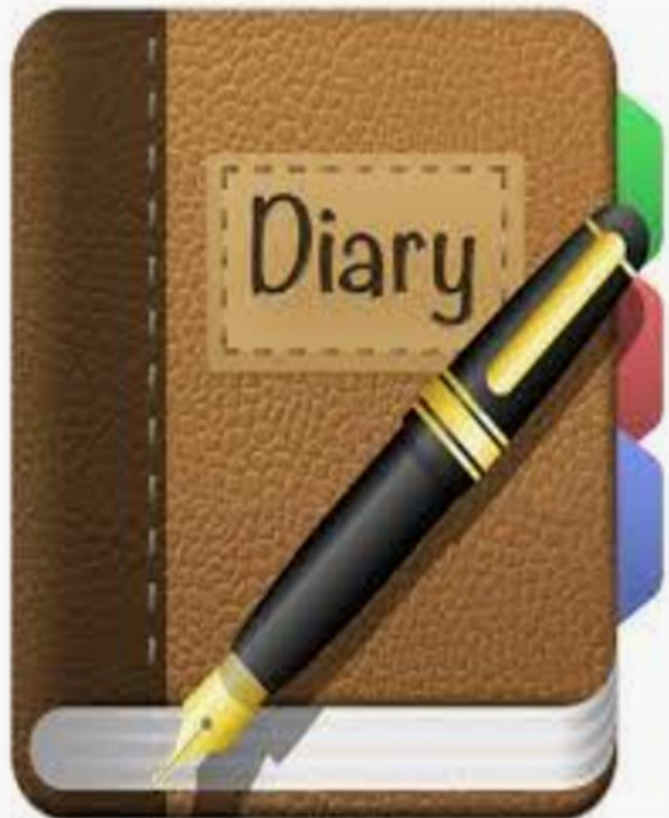
- Each student must complete a minimum of one CBA in each subject and one CBA in each short course. Students from this cohort will not be required to complete Assessment Tasks.
- Schools have autonomy to decide whether to complete one or two CBAs in each subject.
- There will be some exceptions to the choices made by schools:

# CBAAs completed

- English
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education
- MFL (Modern Foreign Language)
- Graphics (CBA 1)
- Maths
- Art (CBA 1)
- Science
- Home Economics (CBA 1)
- Physical Education



# CBAAs to be completed 2025/26



Irish

Home  
Economics

Music

Visual Art

Graphics

Engineering

Wood  
Technology

Applied  
Technology

Business  
Studies

Physical  
Education



## MS Teams



Survey for Supervised Study



Extracurricular Programme 2025/26



Study Skills Support Webinar for Parents



Password updates



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# Free Book Scheme

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- Students have been issued with the following additional books under the Free Book Scheme.
  - The Merchant of Venice has been given to some classes waiting on another delivery for remaining classes
  - All students received a stationery back from the College at the start of the school year.
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- Books issued by the College must be returned to the College at the end of the academic year.
  - Students will also be issued with their past exam papers in the coming weeks.





## The Next Move

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- Transition Year
- The Leaving Certificate Established
- The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme LCVP
  - Preparation for the World of work
  - Enterprise Education

# The Next Move – Leaving Cert Applied



LCA

Leaving Certificate Appli  
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- The Leaving Certificate Applied
  - General Education
  - Preparation for Work
    - Practical Courses

- *“A graduate from CCC is recognised as a young man or woman who possesses a strong moral purpose and holds the courage of their convictions. Graduates will be equipped with the life skills to understand their own well-being so that they can manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical needs.”*





