

TERM ONE 2026

Friday	21 August	Leaving Certificate Results Day. Gathering for Rhetoric '26 at 11am in the Castle
Monday	31 August	House Leaders training day and dinner
Tuesday	1 September	Elements arrive 2pm-3pm
Wednesday	2 September	New students arrive at 3pm. Returning students arrive 6.30pm-8.30pm
Thursday	3-8 September	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Saturday	5 September	Rhetoric '66 60 Year Reunion
Sunday	6 September	New Parents' Lunch at The K Club
Sunday	6 September	Past v Present Golf, Portmarnock Golf Club
Wednesday	9 September	Sports Day
Thursday	10 September	Mass for new school year
Friday	11 September	Autumn Concert Series 6pm-7pm
Saturday	12 September	Admissions Golf Morning
Saturday	12 September	Optional Saturday night leave
Monday	14-20 September	Creation Week – Caring for our common home
Friday	18 September	The Fr. Sheil 'A Person for Others' Honorary Address by Judge Fergal Gaynor OC'89, 7.30pm
Friday	18 September	Culture Night at Clongowes
Saturday	19 September	Clongowes U12s Rugby Tournament
Sunday	20 September	Past v Present Tennis Match
Monday	21-23 September	TY Outdoor Education Trip
Thursday	24 September	Break begins at 3.45pm
Monday	28 September	Break ends. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Monday	28 September	Parents' Association AGM 7.30pm
Thursday	1 October	Admissions Virtual Open Evening
Monday	5-8 October	Kairos Retreat for Poetry
Saturday	10 October	Admissions Open Morning
Saturday	10 October	Optional Saturday night leave
Thursday	15 October	Clongowes Careers Fair for Syntax, Poetry and Rhetoric
Saturday	17 October	Online CAO information session for Rhetoric parents
Saturday	17 October	Rhetoric '76 50 Year Reunion
Saturday	17 October	Rhetoric '26 Graduation Ball
Saturday	17 October	OC Rugby Day
Monday	19 October	TY work experience #1. TY students leave on Saturday 17th after sport
Monday	19 October	Art trip to Paris for Higher Line
Tuesday	20 October	Jesuit Schools Student Leadership Conference
Thursday	22 October	Grammar Retreat
Friday	23 October	Rhetoric Parent Teacher Meeting begins at 12.30pm
Friday	23 October	Mid-term break begins at 12pm
Monday	2 November	Teaching staff CPD day
Monday	2 November	Mid-term break ends. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Friday	6-14 November	Fordham Prep exchange students in Clongowes
Tuesday	10-12 November	School Musical, Moat Theatre, Naas
Friday	13 November	TY Retreat group #1
Saturday	14 November	Mock interviews for Rhetoric
Saturday	14 November	Optional Saturday night leave
Monday	16 November	TY Retreat group #2
Thursday	19 November	TY Retreat group #3
Saturday	21-26 November	Term 1 exams for Elements, Rudiments and Poetry
Sunday	22 November	Mass for deceased Old Clongownians
Monday	23-25 November	Rhetoric Retreats
Monday	23 November	TY social placement . TY students leave on Saturday 21st after sport
Friday	27 November	Clongowes Union Lunch, Conrad Hotel
Friday	27 November	Grammar Parent Teacher Meeting begins at 12.30pm
Friday	27 November	Break begins at 12pm
Monday	30 November	Break ends. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Monday	7-11 December	Positive Mental Health Week
Tuesday	8 December	Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception followed by Christmas Dinner
Friday	11 December	Christmas Concert 6.30pm
Wednesday	16 December	Christmas gathering for students and staff
Friday	18 December	Students depart for Christmas holidays at 12pm
Saturday	2-6 January	SCT Tour

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Tuesday	5 January	Christmas holidays end. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday	6 January	Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday	9 January	Online subject choice information session for Syntax parents
Thursday	14-16 January	Elements tour to Belfast
Friday	15-22 January	Mock Exams for Grammar and Rhetoric - TBD
Sunday	17-24 January	Christian unity week
Sunday	17 January	Christian unity gathering with the King's Hospital School
Friday	22-28 January	Mock Exams for Grammar and Rhetoric - TBD
Saturday	23-30 January	TY ski trip
Friday	29 January	Clongowes Union Dinner
Friday	29 January	Elements Parent Teacher Meeting begins at 12.30pm
Friday	29 January	Break begins at 12pm
Sunday	31 Jan - 5 Feb	Catholic Schools Week
Monday	1 February	Break ends. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Saturday	6 February	Careers morning for Poetry
Thursday	11 February	Admissions Virtual Open Evening
Friday	12 February	Poetry Parent Teacher Meeting begins at 12.30pm
Friday	12 February	Mid-term break begins at 12pm
Monday	22 February	Teaching staff CPD day
Monday	22 February	Mid-term break ends. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Thursday	25 February	Past v Present Debate
Saturday	27 February	Admissions Open Morning
Saturday	27 February	Parent Retreat
Wednesday	3 March	Reconciliation Service
Saturday	6 March	Optional Saturday night leave
Wednesday	10-12 March	A Midsummer Night's Dream
Friday	12-26 March	Global Education Ignatian Pilgrimage to Kenya
Saturday	13 March	Clongowes Run in aid of the Duck Push
Wednesday	17 March	St Patrick's Day (Sunday order)
Friday	19 March	Rudiments and Syntax Parent Teacher Meetings begin at 12.30pm
Friday	19-27 March	Clongowes exchange to Fordham Prep, NYC
Friday	19 March	Easter holidays begin at 12pm
Saturday	20-25 March	Leaving Certificate oral examinations for Rhetoric

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Sunday	4 April	Easter holidays end. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Monday	5-10 April	TY work experience #2
Saturday	10 April	Clongowes U11s rugby tournament
Sunday	11 April	TY students return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday	14 April	Clongowes Got Talent preliminary round
Thursday	15 April	Elements Retreat
Thursday	15 April	Clongowes Foundation event for OCs, Merrion Hotel
Saturday	17 April	Optional Saturday night leave
Wednesday	21 April	Clongowes Got Talent final
Monday	26-28 April	Rudiments trip to Delphi Adventure Centre
Monday	26-30 April	TY Ignatian Camino Pilgrimage or work experience #3
Friday	30 April	Break begins at 1pm
Monday	3 May	Break ends. Return 6.30pm-8.30pm
Friday	7 May	Summer Concert Series at 6.30pm
Saturday	8 May	Gathering for Elements joining in 2027
Thursday	13 May	Rudiments Retreat
Saturday	15 May	Admissions Golf Morning
Saturday	15 May	Optional Saturday night leave
Saturday	22 May	IELTS exams, Dublin
Sunday	23 May	IELTS exams, Clongowes
Friday	28 May	Summer exams begin for Elements, Rudiments and Poetry
Sunday	30 May	Union Day
Tuesday	1 June	TY Graduation Ceremony. TY depart after ceremony
Wednesday	2 June	Grammar depart at 12pm
Friday	4 June	Summer holidays begin for all students at 12pm
Wednesday	9 June	Public exams begin for Grammar and Rhetoric
Wednesday	16 June	Fr. Peter Kenney Day