

TERM ONE 2025

Friday	22 August	Leaving Certificate Results Day. Gathering for Rhetoric 25 at 11am in the Castle
Monday	25 August	House Leaders training day and dinner
Tuesday	26 August	Elements arrive 2pm - 3pm
Wednesday	27 August	New students arrive at 3pm. Returning students arrive 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Sunday	31 August	New Parents' Lunch at The Keadeen Hotel
Thursday	4 - 9 September	Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes
Wednesday	10 September	Mass for new school year and sports day
Friday	12 September	Concert Series #1
Saturday	13 September	Admissions Golf Morning
Saturday	13 September	Optional Saturday night leave
Monday	15 - 18 September	Kairos Retreat for Poetry
Friday	19 September	Parents' Association Visiting Speaker Prof. Tess Lambert
Friday	19 September	Culture Night
Saturday	20 September	Clongowes U12s Rugby Tournament
Sunday	21 September	Inaugural Past v Present Tennis
Thursday	25 September	Break begins at 3.45pm
Monday	29 September	Break ends. Return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Monday	29 September	Parents' Association AGM
Saturday	4 October	Ladies' Association lunch for Syntax mothers
Monday	6 October	TY Retreat group #1
Thursday	9 - 11 October	TY Outdoor Education Trip
Saturday	11 October	Admissions Open Morning
Saturday	11 October	Optional Saturday night leave
Monday	13 October	TY Retreat group #2
Thursday	16 October	Clongowes Careers Fair for Poetry and Rhetoric
Saturday	18 October	Rhetoric '75 50 Year Reunion
Saturday	18 October	Rhetoric '25 Graduation Ball
Monday	20 - 24 October	TY work experience #1
Friday	24 October	Rhetoric Parent Teacher Meetings begin at 12.30pm
Friday	24 October	Mid-term break begins 12pm
Thursday	30 - 2 November	Senior Panel 1 and Junior Panel 1 Tour
Monday	3 November	OIDE child protection training day for staff
Monday	3 November	Break ends. Return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday	5 - 7 November	School Musical at the Moat Theatre, Naas
Thursday	6 November	Duck Push 24-hour swim
Friday	7 - 15 November	Fordham Prep exchange students in Clongowes
Saturday	8 November	Ladies' Association lunch for Rhetoric mothers
Sunday	9 November	Memorial Mass for deceased Old Clongownians
Monday	10 November	TY Retreat group #3
Tuesday	11 November	Trad for Trócaire
Thursday	13 November	Grammar Retreat
Saturday	15 November	Mock Interviews for Rhetoric
Saturday	15 November	Duck Push Spinathon, Whitewater, Newbridge
Saturday	15 November	Optional Saturday night leave
Thursday	20 November	Admissions Virtual Open Evening
Friday	21 November	Clongowes Union Lunch, Conrad Hotel
Saturday	22 November	CAO webinar for Rhetoric parents
Saturday	22 November	Ladies' Association lunch for Elements mothers
Saturday	22 - 27 November	Term 1 exams for Elements, Rudiments and Poetry
Sunday	23 Nov - 7 Dec	Art Exhibition
Monday	24 - 26 November	Rhetoric Retreats
Monday	24 - 28 November	TY Social Placement.
Thursday	27 November	Ladies' Association Christmas event
Friday	28 November	Grammar Parent Teacher Meeting at 12.30pm
Friday	28 November	Break begins at 12pm
Monday	1 December	Break ends. Boys return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Monday	1 - 6 December	Positive Mental Health Week
Wednesday	3 December	Reconciliation Service
Sunday	7 December	Christmas Concert
Monday	8 December	Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception followed by Christmas dinner
Wednesday	17 December	Carol Service
Thursday	18 December	Students depart for Christmas Holidays at 12pm
Thursday	1 - 3 January	SCT & JCT Christmas camps

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Monday	5 January	Christmas Holidays end. Return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	10 January	Ladies' Association lunch for Grammar mothers
Saturday	10 January	Leaving Cert subject choice seminar for Syntax parents
Friday	16 - 23 January	Mock exams for Rhetoric and Grammar
Saturday	17 January	Ladies' Association lunch for Poetry mothers
Monday	19 - 25 January	Christian Unity Week
Wednesday	21 - 24 January	Elements tour to Belfast
Saturday	24 - 31 January	TY Ski Trip
Saturday	24 January	Ladies' Association lunch for Rudiments mothers
Sunday	25 - 1 February	Catholic Schools Week
Sunday	25 January	Christian unity gathering with the King's Hospital School
Friday	30 January	Clongowes Union Dinner, RDS
Friday	30 January	Elements Parent Teacher Meetings begin at 12.30pm
Friday	30 January	Break begins at 12.00pm
Friday	30 Jan - 2 Feb	Orchestra Tour to Bratislava and Vienna
Monday	2 February	Break ends. Students return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	7 February	U11s Rugby Tournament
Saturday	7 February	Poetry Careers' Morning
Monday	9 February	Concert Series #2
Thursday	12 February	Admissions Virtual Open Evening
Friday	13 February	Poetry Parent Teacher meetings begin at 12.30pm
Friday	13 February	Mid-term break begins at 12pm
Monday	23 February	Mid-term break ends. Students return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Monday	23 February	OIDE Senior Cycle redevelopment planning training day for staff
Thursday	26 February	Past v Present Debate
Saturday	28 February	Ladies' Association Annual Lunch
Saturday	7 March	Parent Retreat
Thursday	12 March	Elements Retreat
Friday	13 March	Syntax Parent Teacher Meetings begin at 12.30pm
Friday	13 March	Break Begins at 12pm
Tuesday	17 March	Break ends. Students Return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday	18 March	Reconciliation Service
Friday	20 March	Clongowes Union Ball, Adare
Friday	20 - 3 April	Global Education Immersion Programme (Kenya) for Poetry students *
Saturday	21 March	Duck Push Run 5km/10km Run
Saturday	21 March	Admissions Open Morning
Wednesday	25 - 26 March	Adapted Shakespeare drama performance
Friday	27 March	Rudiments Parent Teacher Meetings begin at 12.30pm
Friday	27 March	Easter holidays begin at 12pm
Friday	27 - 4 April	Clongowes exchange students go to Fordham Prep, NYC *

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Sunday	12 April	Easter holidays end. Return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Monday	13 - 18 April	TY work experience #2
Thursday	16 April	Rudiments Retreat
Saturday	18 April	Admissions Golf Morning
Sunday	19 April	TY students return by 8.30pm
Monday	20 April	Confirmations at Clongowes
Monday	27 - 1 May	TY Ignatian Camino Pilgrimage
Friday	1 May	Break begins at 3.45pm
Monday	4 May	Break ends. Students return 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	9 May	Gathering for Elements joining in 2026
Monday	11 - 14 May	TY Theatre Trip to London *
Saturday	16 May	Optional Saturday night leave
Thursday	21 May	Concert Series #3
Saturday	23 - 29 May	House exams for Elements, Rudiments and Poetry
Sunday	24 May	Union Day
Tuesday	26 May	TY Graduation Ceremony. TY depart after ceremony
Wednesday	27 May	Grammar depart at 12pm
Friday	29 May	Summer holidays begin for all students
Wednesday	3 June	Public exams begin for Grammar and Rhetoric
Wednesday	10 June	Fr. Peter Kenney SJ Day

*Dates may change +/- 1 day