



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## Start of School Year Information

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are keeping well and that our students are enjoying the end of their summer holidays. We are looking forward to having our students back in school soon. Our return to school dates are below:

<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Cairde Team from 1:45pm to 3:33pm in Room 7
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Years from 8:50am-12:30pm Cairde Team from 8:25am to 1pm
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Years and Cairde Team all day 8:50am-3:33pm
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Years, 5 <sup>th</sup> Years and 6 <sup>th</sup> Years all day 8:50am-3:33pm
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Years, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Years, 5 <sup>th</sup> Years and 6 <sup>th</sup> Years all day 8:50am-3:33pm
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Years, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Years, 5 <sup>th</sup> Years, 6 <sup>th</sup> Years all day 8:50am-3:33pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Years, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Years, TYs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Years, 6 <sup>th</sup> Years all day 8:50am-2:25pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Years <b>ONLY</b> have a <b>DAY OFF</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Normal classes for 1 <sup>st</sup> Years, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Years, 5 <sup>th</sup> Years, 6 <sup>th</sup> Years TY Work Experience or Gym Course Afternoon Study <b>begins</b> – see the school website via easy payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>link for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Years: <a href="#">Easy Payments</a></li><li>Link for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Link for: <a href="#">Easy Payments for Incoming First Years</a></li></ul>
<b>From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Normal classes for all students</li><li>Afternoon Study continues</li><li><i>Note: Lockers and diaries will be given out during this second week of school to students whose school expenses are paid</i></li></ul>

On return to school students will need a **school bag** to hold:

- Device (you may wish to consider putting a protective cover on this). **Please ensure that the device is fully charged before arriving to school each day** and then leave the charger at home so that it does not get lost.
- **Reusable water bottle** (*single use plastics are banned*) – please clearly label this bottle
- Spiral key chain / key ring for locker key (consider attaching this to your pencil case or uniform).
- Six copies (soft covers **NOT** hard backs)
- Pencil case with casio calculator
- Lunch box
- Students have a school device with eBooks, **so there is no need to bring textbooks to school.**



**School uniform** information is provided for you at this [link](#).

- Students wear either the Pinafore Uniform or the Trouser Uniform each day.
- The PE uniform may be worn on PE day **only** or on other occasions that students are notified about in advance by the school.
- Please buy tights now so that you are prepared when the weather suddenly gets colder!
- You are also advised to have warm base/thermal layers (in a white or neutral colour) for **under** the school shirt.
- Label all items of uniform, including the school jacket. If we find uniform items that are not labelled, then we cannot return them to their owner!

## Afternoon Study

Students can opt-in to afternoon Study. To opt-in you simply pay for this on the [Easy Payments](#) section of our website. Any student who is registered must also sign up to the Afternoon Study's Code of Behaviour. This form will be available for students and their families on our first week back.

<b>Cost of Study 2023-2024 (approx. €2.80 per day)</b>				
<b>There are 3 options possible for 2023-2024</b>				
<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>Monday to Thursday</b>	<b>Friday Only</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	€190	€152	€38
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	€253	€202	€51

**Note:**  
Reflected in our costs, there is no study the day we break up for October Midterm, Christmas Holiday, February Midterm, Easter Holiday, May Bank Holiday and Summer Holiday.

<b>Study Times 2023 - 2024</b>					
<b>Days</b>	<b>School Ends</b>	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Pick-up time</b>
Monday to Thursday	3:33pm	3:45pm to 4:40pm	4:40pm to 4:50pm	4:50pm to 5:45pm	5:45pm sharp
Friday only	2:25pm	2:40pm to 3:35pm	3:35pm to 3:45pm	3.45pm to 4.40pm	4.40pm sharp

## School Expenses

These fees are now due and include (but are not limited to): the cost for the school of *personal accident insurance, photocopying, consumable classroom materials, printing, communications, SPHE materials, careers, assessment tests, wellbeing activities and retreat (3rd, 5th and 6th Year only)*. These are also available to pay on the [Easy Payments](#) section of our website. A school contribution is also on the website and can be paid at any time during the school year.

*Note:* Only two staff members are involved in fee payments: the Principal and the Financial Secretary. Therefore, if you wish to discuss a payment plan or you need to discuss your personal circumstances you can phone the Principal in complete confidence at 052 6121402.

## Communication between School and Families

We acknowledge the importance of parents/guardians in providing a safe, secure, supportive and happy environment for our students. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to provide us with any important information, which can be given in confidence. This will allow us to properly support your daughter.

Each year group has a Year Head. As a parent/guardian your first point of contact is the Year Head.

<b>Year Heads / Coordinator</b>			
<b>First Year</b>	Ms Niamh Barry	<b>Second Year</b>	Ms Margaret Gainford
<b>Third Year</b>	Ms Enya Bourke	<b>Transition Years</b>	Ms Michele Culliton
<b>Fifth Years</b>	Ms Deirdre Kirby	<b>Sixth Years</b>	Ms Breda Geoghegan

Please contact the relevant staff member at 052 6121402 or by emailing [reception@loretoclonmel.ie](mailto:reception@loretoclonmel.ie) and the staff member will return your call or email.

## Supervision

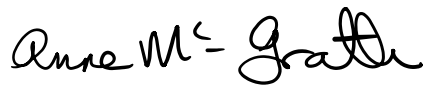
Please note that while the main school building is open at 8am **supervision does not begin until 8:35am** and so students who are onsite prior to 8:35am are here at their own risk.

## School Calendar

Please see *pages 4 and 5* for an outline of our school calendar.

We are very much looking forward to meeting all our students again. Please see below our start of school year prayer for every member of the Loreto School Community.

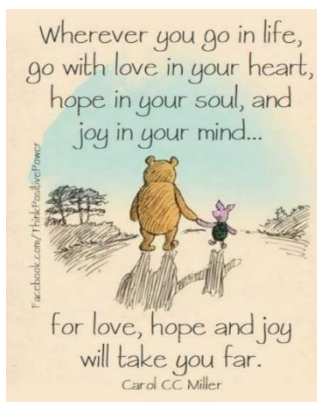
Yours faithfully,



Anne Mc Grath,  
Principal



Sarah Rice,  
Deputy Principal



### Our start of school year prayer:

May our school community be a place of **love, laughter and learning**.

Open our minds to the possibilities that this year holds.

Open our eyes to the wonder of each new day.

Fill each of us with love, hope and joy so that we have a fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow.

# Provisional Loreto Clonmel Calendar 2023 – 2024

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Mon						1 Bank Holiday			1 Bank Holiday		
Tue	1					2			2		
Wed	2					3 Christmas Holidays			3 Easter Holidays	1	
Thurs	3			1 Mid-Term		4	1 Mock Exams		4	2	
Fri	4	1		2	1	5	2	1	5	3	
Sat	5	2		3	2	6	3	2	6	4	1
Sun	6	3	1	4	3	7	4	3	7	5	2
Mon	7	4	2	5	4	8	5 St. Brigid's Bank Holiday	4	8	6 Day Off	3 Bank Holiday
Tue	8	5	3	6	5	9	6 Mock Exams	5	9	7 Day Off	4
Wed	9	6	4	7	6 3rd Year P/T	10	7	6	10	8	5
Thurs	10	7	5	8	7	11	8	7 1st Year P/T	11	9	6
Fri	11	8	6	9	8 Day Off	12	9	8	12	10	7
Sat	12	9	7	10	9	13	10	9	13	11	8
Sun	13	10	8	11	10	14	11	10	14	12	9
Mon	14	11	9	12	11	15	12	11	15	13	10
Tue	15	12	10	13	12	16	13	12	16	14 TY House Exams	11
Wed	16	13	11	14	13 6 <sup>th</sup> Year P/T	17 2nd Year P/T	14 Mid-Term	13	17	15 (Provisional)	12
Thurs	17	14	12	15	14	18	15	14	18	16	13
Fri	18	15	13	16	15	19	16	15	19	17	14
Sat	19	16	14	17	16	20	17	16	20	18	15
Sun	20	17	15	18	17	21	18	17 St. Patrick's Day	21	19	16
Mon	21	18	16	19	18 House Exams	22 House Exams	19 Óide Day Off	18 Day Off	22	20	17
Tue	22	19	17	20	19 (Provisional)	21 1st and TYs	20	19	23	21	18
Wed	23	20	18	21	20 Óide Day Off	22 (Provisional)	21	20	24	22	19
Thurs	24	21	19	22	21 2nd, 3rd Years	23	22	21	25	23	20
Fri	25	22	20	23	22 5th and 6th Years	24 Last Day before Xmas	23	22	26	24	21
Sat	26	23	21	24	23	25	24	23	27	25	22
Sun	27	24	22	25	24	26	25	24	28	26	23
Mon	28	25	23 Day Off	26	25 Bank Holiday	27 Mock Exams	26	25	29	27 House Exams	24
Tue	29	26	24	27	26 Bank Holiday	28	27 5th Year P/T	26	30	28 (Provisional)	25
Wed	30	27	25	28	27 Christmas Holidays	29	28	27 Easter Holidays		29 1st, 2nd, 5th Years	26
Thurs	31	28	26	29	28	30	29	28		30	27
Fri		29	27	30	29	31	30	29		31 Last Day	28
Sat		30	28		30		31	30			29
Sun		31	29					31			30
Mon			30 Bank Holiday								
Tue			31								

SEC Examinations

# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel Calendar 2023 – 2024

## Provisional

<b>Colour Codes</b>	<p>All Secondary Schools Closed</p> <p><b>Loreto Clonmel Closed</b></p> <p>Parent Teacher Meetings</p> <p>Exams (House Exams or Mock Exams)</p>
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<b>Term 1</b>	
<b>September</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (day off)</b>
<b>October Midterm</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 (Midterm break)</b>
<b>November</b>	Week beginning Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 ( <i>provisional date</i> ) House Exams Week for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Years, 5 <sup>th</sup> Years and 6 <sup>th</sup> Years
<b>November</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 (Óide In-service for staff, students' day off)</b>
<b>December</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b> Parent Teacher Meeting
<b>December</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (day off)</b>
<b>December</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Year</b> Parent Teacher Meeting
<b>December</b>	Week beginning Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 ( <i>provisional date</i> ) House Exams Week for 1 <sup>st</sup> Years and Transition Years
<b>December</b>	Last day of school this term: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Christmas Holidays)</b>

<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>January</b>	Return to school this term: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>January</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b> Parent Teacher Meeting
<b>January and February</b>	Two weeks beginning Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 ( <i>provisional date</i> ) Mock Exams for 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Years
<b>February</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (St Brigid's Day: day off)</b>
<b>February Midterm</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Midterm break)</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Óide In-service for staff, students' day off)</b>
<b>February</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Year</b> Parent Teacher Meeting
<b>March</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b> Parent Teacher Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (in lieu of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: St Patrick's Day)</b>
<b>March</b>	Last day of school this term: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Easter holidays)</b>

<b>Term 3</b>	
<b>April</b>	Return to school this term: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>May Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (both days off)</b>
<b>May</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 ( <i>provisional date</i> ) House Exams Week for Transition Years
<b>May</b>	Week beginning Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 ( <i>provisional date</i> ) House Exams Week for 1 <sup>st</sup> Years, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years and 5 <sup>th</sup> Years
<b>May</b>	Last day of school this term: Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
<b>June</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 beginning of Junior Cycle and Leaving Cert Exams (Calendar is usually published by State Examinations Commission in January)