MERCY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026 – subject to change

CHRISTMAS TERM: 21 AUGUST – 19 DECEMBER 2025

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| **DATE** | **DETAILS** | **NOTES** |
| 20 August 2025 (Wed) | **Staff ONLY** | 6 hours Croke Park  |
| 21 August 2025 (Thurs) | School open  |  |
| 19 September 2025 (Fri) | School mass for Mercy Day-TBC |  |
| 22 September 2025 (Mon) | Parents Council AGM | 7.30 – 9.00pm |
| 25 September 2025 (Thurs) | Staff Meeting/Planning  | 4.00-6.00pm 2 hours  |
| **29 September 2025 (Mon)** | **School closed for day** | **School closed for day** |
| 2 October 2025 (Thurs) | Open Night  | 7.00 - 10.00pm 3 hours |
| 7 October 2025 (Tues) | CAO/Higher Options Night | 7.00 - 9.00pm |
| **14 October 2025 (Tues )** | **OIDE Child Protection Training – staff only** | **School Closed for students** |
| 21 October 2025 (Tues) | 6th Year PTM | 4.15 - 6.45pm 3 hours  |
| **24 October 2025 (Fri)** | **Mid-term Break** | **Classes finish at 1:00pm** |
| **3 November 2025 (Mon)** | **School re-opens** | **Full school day** |
| 5 November 2025 (Wed) | Staff Meeting/Planning  | 4.00-6.00pm 2 hours |
| ***7 November 2025 (Fri)*** | ***Exceptional Closure Day – NCSE providing staff training***  | ***School Closed for students*** |
| **11 November 2025 (Tues)** | **OIDE Cluster subject day – staff only** | **School Closed for students** |
| 11 November 2025 (Tues) | Senior Cycle Options Night (for 3rd years and TY) – TBC | 7.00 - 9.00pm 2 hours |
| 20 November 2025 (Thurs) | 3rd Year PTM  | 4.15 - 6.45pm 3 hours  |
| 24 Nov – 28 Nov 2025 or2 Dec – 5 Dec 2025 | Christmas tests and assessments |  |
| **1 December 2025 (Mon)** | **School closed for day** | **School closed for day** |
| 11 December 2025 (Thurs) | DEIS teams Meeting | 4.00-6.00pm 2 hours |
| **19 December 2025 (Fri)** | **End of Term** | **Classes finish at 1.00pm** |

EASTER TERM: 5 JANUARY – 27 MARCH 2026

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| **DATE** | **DETAILS** | **NOTES** |
| **5 January 2026 (Mon)** | **School re-opens** | **Full school day** |
| 14 Jan 2026 (Wed) | Staff Meeting/Planning | 4.15 - 6.45pm 3 hours |
| **21 January 2026 (Wed)** | **OIDE Program Support for SCR – staff only** | **School closed for students** |
| 22 Jan 2026 (Thurs) | Due date for return of programme and subject options for senior cycle |  |
| 24 January 2026 (Sat) | Entrance Assessment | 9:30 - 12:15 approx |
| 28 January 2026 (Wed) | 2nd Year PTM | 4.00-6.00pm 2 hours |
| **2 Feb 2026 (Mon)** | **St. Brigid’s Day holiday** | **School closed for day** |
| 3 Feb - 13 Feb 2026 | Pre LC & JC examinations - TBC |  |
| 5 February 2026 (Thurs) | 5th Year PTM | 4.15 - 6.45pm 3 hours |
| **13 February 2026 (Fri)** | Mid-term break | **Classes finish at 1.00pm** |
| **23 February 2026 (Mon)** | School re-opens | **Full school day** |
| 24 February 2026 (Tue) | 1st Year PTM | 4.15 - 6.45pm 3 hours |
| 4 March 2026 (Wed) | Incoming 1st Year Welcome Night -TBC | 7.00 – 8.00pm |
| **16 March 2026 (Mon)** | **School closed for day** | **School closed for day** |
| **17 March 2026 (Tues)** | **St. Patrick’s Day Holiday** | **School closed for day** |
| **27 March 2026 (Fri)** | **End of term**  | **Classes finish at 1.00pm** |

SUMMER TERM: 13 APRIL – 29 MAY 2026

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| **DATE** | **DETAILS** | **NOTES** |
| 15 April 2026 (Wed) | Staff Meeting/Planning | 4.00 – 6.00pm 2 hours |
| **5 May 2026 (Mon)** | **Public Holiday** | **School closed for day** |
| 12 May 2026 (Tues) | DEIS teams Meeting | 4.00-6.00pm 2 hours |
| 25 May – 29 May 2026 | House exams 1st, 2nd, TY & 5th year |  |
| **29 May 2026 (Fri)** | **End of term** |  |
| Wed 3 - Tues 24 June 2026  | State Examinations (written) **TBC** |  |

Additional hours: 23 Croke Park hours whole school + up to 10 Croke Park hours non-whole school + 12 hours under Cir M58/04: 3xPTM + 3x Staff meetings

38 hours out of 45 assigned: leaving 7 hours

**\*Notice Re Contingency Days:**

In the event that the school is forced to close due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. snow, heating breakdown) the Department of Education has designated the following dates as ‘contingency days’ which may be used to make up for any days lost: 16th, 17th & 18th February and March 30th, 31st & 1st April 2026.

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| **Week/Month - TBC** | **Whole School Event** |
| September | Mercy Month |
| September | Study Skills |
| October  | Mental Health  |
| October  | Maths Week |
| November | Science Week |
| November | College Awareness  |
| November | Languages, Cultures and Diversity  |
| January | Catholic Schools  |
| January | Health/Wellbeing  |
| May | Creative Schools |
| May | Multicultural Day |