



*St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School*  
*Scoil Mhuire na mBráithre Críostaí*



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July 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I welcome all our new Year 8 students and look forward to your support and co-operation as we work in partnership to ensure your son has a positive and successful experience during his time at St Mary's.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are permitted to drive pupils onto the school site, staff will be on hand to assist with parking. Thereafter, your son must be dropped off at the bottom of the lane and he will be guided to use the footpath to enter the campus. If your son is unable to walk up the lane due to medical issues, please contact Mrs Barr, our Pastoral VP [abarr524@c2kni.net](mailto:abarr524@c2kni.net) to arrange a lane pass.

The following is the timetable for the registration of Year 8 students for the academic year 2025-26:

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| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2025   | <u>Parent and Pupil Induction</u><br>10.00 – 10.45<br>(Assembly Hall)<br><br><u>Pupil Induction</u><br>Completion of PTE test (no preparation required) and Biometric fingerprint image capture (Cashless Payments)<br>10.45 – 14.15 | <b>Year 8 Parent and Pupil Induction (10.00am – 10.45am).</b><br><br>The induction programme continues <b>for Year 8 until 14.15</b> . Pupils should wear their full uniform, bring break and a packed lunch with them.<br><br><b>(Form classes confirmed on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August)</b> | <b>Pupils finish at 14.15.</b><br><br><b>Parents may drive up the school lane to bring their son to school. However, parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane to collect pupils after induction.</b> |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 | <u>Pupil Induction</u><br>Completion of PTM test (no preparation required) and ER Camp<br>09.00 – 15.15  | The induction programme continues <b>for Year 8 until 15.15</b> . Pupils should wear full uniform, bring break, a packed lunch and PE gear with them.  | <b>Pupils finish at 15.15.</b><br><br><b>Parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane.</b>   |



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| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 | <u>Pupil Induction</u><br>ER Camp concludes with pupil BBQ<br>09.00 – 14.45 | The induction programme continues <b>for Year 8 until 14.45</b> . Pupils may wear their PE gear to school and should bring break with them.   | <b>Pupils finish at 14.30.</b><br><br><b>Parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane.</b> |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 | Classes begin for <b>YEAR 8 PUPILS ONLY</b> .<br>09.00 – 15.15              | Pupils wear full uniform, breaktime tuckshop and lunch canteen facilities are available (Please ensure your son has credit on his ParentMail account if he requires this – Details on how to download the Parent Mail App to be sent in August) | <b>Pupils finish at 15.15.</b><br><br><b>Parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane.</b> |

**Year 8 Induction and ER Camp:**

- All pupils must attend **all Induction days**.
- Full uniform must be worn Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. PE gear should be brought for the ER Camp sessions on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, students will change from their full school uniform into sports gear before the camp begins. Pupils may wear PE gear to school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- Please bring a break and a packed lunch (including a bottle of water) each day as there will be no canteen facilities. Break only is required on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Pupils should bring wired earphones for the PTE and PTM assessments** taking place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Thank you to those parents and guardians who have returned their voluntary contribution during the registration process in June. The voluntary contribution of **£60** is requested at the beginning of the academic year and can be returned to the school office prior to or during the induction week. Pupils are also asked to bring £2.00 for the annual Simmarian - our school magazine.

Free School Meals/ School Uniform/ Physical Education Clothing Allowance 2025-26



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Parents / guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2024-25 school year will **not** be sent a pre-populated form for the 2025-26 school year. All parents (including new applicants) are required to apply online via EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants> . If your son is entitled to Free School Meals, it is very important that you apply for these whether or not your son intends availing of the service.

- Pupils should present for school in full uniform in accordance with our dress code. Pupils who are unwilling to comply will be sent home.

**Please note that our office phone lines are extremely busy and office staff are unable to pass on non-urgent messages to your son.**

**Please ensure that details regarding transport/after-school arrangements etc. are confirmed with your son before he comes to school.**

We trust that the coming academic year will prove very successful and enjoyable for your son.

Yours faithfully

Mr Brendan McComb  
Principal