

School Year 2027/2028

H I G H S C H O O L

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'Irish Experience'

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Important School Holidays & Included Transfer Dates

Please note: Exact dates may vary slightly depending on the individual school and year group. The dates below are based on the standard Irish secondary school calendar.



Important Transfer Information

Included airport transfers are always scheduled for **the two days immediately before the first day of school** and **the two days immediately after the last day of a school term**.

This allows students sufficient time to settle in before classes begin and travel home comfortably at the end of each term.



Start of the 2027/2028 School Year

School begins:

Approx. Thursday, 26 August 2027 or Friday, 27 August 2027
(depending on school and year group)



Included Arrival Transfer Dates (Dublin Airport)

- Tuesday, 24 August 2027 **and** Wednesday, 25 August 2027

These are the included transfer dates.



October Mid-Term Break

Schools closed:

- Monday, 25 October 2027, Tuesday, 26 October 2027, Wednesday, 27 October 2027, Thursday, 28 October 2027, Friday, 29 October 2027

Classes resume:

Monday, 1 November 2027



Christmas Holidays (End of 1st Term)

Last day of school:

Friday, 17 December 2027



Included Departure Transfer Dates (Dublin Airport)

- Saturday, 18 December 2027 **and** Sunday, 19 December 2027

These are the included transfer dates.



Start of 2nd Term

Schools reopen:

Thursday, 6 January 2028



Included Arrival Transfer Dates (Dublin Airport)

- Tuesday, 4 January 2028 **and** Wednesday, 5 January 2028

These are the included transfer dates.



February Mid-Term Break

Schools closed:

- Monday, 14 February 2028, Tuesday, 15 February 2028, Wednesday, 16 February 2028, Thursday, 17 February 2028, Friday, 18 February 2028

Classes resume:

Monday, 21 February 2028



Easter Holidays (End of 2nd Term)

Last day of school:

Friday, 7 April 2028*



Included Departure Transfer Dates (Dublin Airport)

- Saturday, 8 April 2028 **and** Sunday, 9 April 2028

These are the included transfer dates.

Start of 3rd Term

Schools reopen:

Monday, 24 April 2028



Included Arrival Transfer Dates (Dublin Airport)

- Saturday, 22 April 2028 **and** Sunday, 23 April 2028

These are the included transfer dates.



End of the 2027/2028 School Year

School year ends:

Approx. Friday, 26 May 2028

(depending on school and year group)



Included Departure Transfer Dates (Dublin Airport)

- Saturday, 27 May 2028 **and** Sunday, 28 May 2028

These are the included transfer dates.



At a Glance

Event	Dates
Start of School Year	26–27 August 2027
October Mid-Term	25–29 October 2027
Christmas Holidays	From 17 December 2027
Return to School	6 January 2028
February Mid-Term	14–18 February 2028
Easter Holidays	From 7 April 2028
Return to School	24 April 2028
End of School Year	Approx. 26 May 2028

Public Holidays

Please note that Irish high schools are also closed on national public holidays throughout the school year. These vary each year and are not included in the dates above.

Important

The dates above are intended as a guide only and may vary slightly between schools.

Final dates will always be confirmed by the individual school and the Department of Education.

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