

2026/27 School Calendar (subject to change if contingency arrangements are required)

July 2026							August 2026							September 2026							October 2026						
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November 2026							December 2026							January 2027							February 2027							
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March 2027							April 2027							May 2027							June 2027						
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2026/27 School Year commences : 27th August 2026
 2026/27 School Year finishes: 4th June 2026
 Open Night: Tuesday 22nd September 2026

School Closures 2026/27		
Bank Holidays 2026/27	Discretionary Days 2026/27	OIDE Whole Staff CPD 2026/27
1st February 2027	Monday 28th September 2026	Thurs 1st October 2026 - Subject Cluster Day
17th March 2027	Monday 7th December 2026	Fri 12th Mar 2027: Programme Support: A Whole School Approach to Planning for Learning at Senior Cycle
3rd May 2027	Friday 30th April 2027	
Parent Teacher Meetings		
Monday, 5th October 2026 (6th Yr.)	Tuesday, 3rd Nov 2026 (1st & 2nd Yr.)	Thursday, 3rd December 2026 (3rd Yr)
Thursday, 28th January 2027 (2nd & 5th Yr.)	Tuesday, 6th April 2027 (Post-mock)	
Staff Meetings		
Monday, 31st August 2026	Thursday, 10th September 2026	Tuesday, 22nd September 2026 (Open Night)
Monday, 19th October 2026	Tuesday, 17th November 2026	Thursday, 11th February 2027
Thursday, 4th March 2027	Tuesday, 20th April 2027	Monday, 10th May 2027
Assessment Schedule		
Week beginning 9th November 2026	Week beginning 25th January 2027	Week beginning 31st May 2027



Contingency Plan for Unforeseen School Closures

Beaufort College is committed to ensuring that all students receive the full teaching and learning time they need. Occasionally, schools may have to close due to circumstances outside our control, most often severe weather or safety concerns. This plan explains how the school will respond and how any lost time will be made up, in line with national requirements.

1. Why Is a Contingency Plan Required?

Unforeseen closures can interrupt teaching and learning. To protect students' progress:

- Beaufort College has planned for how it will respond if closures occur.
- The school ensures that parents, students, and staff know how lost time will be made up.
- The school follows national guidance on the standardised school year, and the advice provided through the Be Winter Ready campaign when closures are weather-related.

2. What Happens When the School Must Close?

If the school must close due to severe weather or other serious issues:

- The safety of students and staff is the first priority.
- Updates will be shared as early as possible through the COMPASS app, by email, social media platforms, and will be published on the school website.
- Staff, students, and families will be kept informed of how long the closure is expected to last.

Because closures vary from school to school and from year to year, individual situations will be reviewed to ascertain its impact on learning.

3. How Lost Teaching Time Will Be Made Up

Once the school reopens, a structured approach will be followed to ensure students do not miss out.

The school reviews how many school days were missed.

School leadership and teachers look at each year group to identify:

- a. The teaching time lost
- b. What parts of the curriculum need extra attention

With staff agreement, temporary changes will be made such as:

1. Prioritising classroom teaching over non-teaching events
2. Shortening mock or house exams
3. Postponing non-essential activities such as school tours
4. Ensuring exam classes and Transition Year students attend fully until the end of May
5. If more time is required, discretionary days that were originally planned as school closures may be reinstated. Parents and staff will be given adequate notice before any calendar changes.
6. If the lost time is significant (e.g., extended severe weather), and the steps above are not sufficient, the school may, depending on transport arrangements, apply the following:

February Mid-Term Adjustment

- Mid-term may be reduced by up to three days,
- Thursday and Friday of the February midterm break will remain closed.

(Adjustments to Easter apply only to primary schools and do not affect post-primary schools.)

Before any changes are made, the school will consider how they affect:

- Students and parents
- Teachers and other staff
- School transport and escorts
- School visitors, and other services

Measures will be chosen that are effective and minimally disruptive.

4. What This Plan Does NOT Include

- Contingency arrangements do not involve remote teaching and learning.
- Changes to the school year will remain within national rules for closures and holidays.

5. Annual Notice to Parents and Staff

At the start of each school year, a school calendar showing all planned closures (due to holidays and staff continuous professional development days) will be published on the website and will issue through the COMPASS app. The calendar will clearly state that it is subject to change if there is a requirement to make up time lost due to unforeseen closures.