



# Holy Family Community School

TY Information 2023/2024

Part 3

# Dates for Diary



## January:

Ski trip - 23rd-28<sup>th</sup> of January

## **Work Experience Block 2 (29<sup>th</sup> of January- 9<sup>th</sup> of February)**

## February:

STEM passport (female students only) Microsoft DreamSpace- 21<sup>st</sup> of February

Wheatfield Prison (male students only) - 21<sup>st</sup> of February

First Aid course (26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February) **may change to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of March**

RSCI TY Programme 26<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> of March

## March:

Barista Induction course (inhouse)- 11<sup>th</sup> of March

TY1 Criminal Court of Justice Visit 1- 19<sup>th</sup> of March

TY2 Criminal Court of Justice Visit 2- 21<sup>st</sup> of March

## April:

TY3 Criminal Court of Justice Visit 3-9<sup>th</sup> of April

TY4 Criminal Court of Justice Visit 4- 11<sup>th</sup> of April

Carlingford Adventure Centre - 26<sup>th</sup> of April

## May:

Achill trip - 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of May (Provisional)

Athlone Water Park- End of Year trip (provisionally booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> of May but may change to 20<sup>th</sup> of May to accommodate an annual Achill trip)

# Gaeltacht Trip (optional)



- **Dates – 15th-17th May**
- **Price – approximately €220.** This cost includes transport, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), activities. Students may bring extra money for the Coláiste tuck shop/shop on the way to Mayo if they wish.
- Collection of monies will not be until March 2024, and it will be through the school's online payment system (Easy Payments)
- Students will be sent a form/permission slip to complete at a later date, regarding allergies, medical issues etc.
- Activities include but are not limited to surfing, kayaking, coasteering, bog snorkeling/obstacle course, abseiling, Canadian canoes. These activities are decided based on the tides/currents on the day.
- Bus will leave at approx. 7.45am Monday morning, return at approx. 6pm Wednesday evening.
- Ms. M. Morrin is the organising teacher for this trip, so any queries or questions relating to this trip you can contact [m.morrin@hfcs.ie](mailto:m.morrin@hfcs.ie)

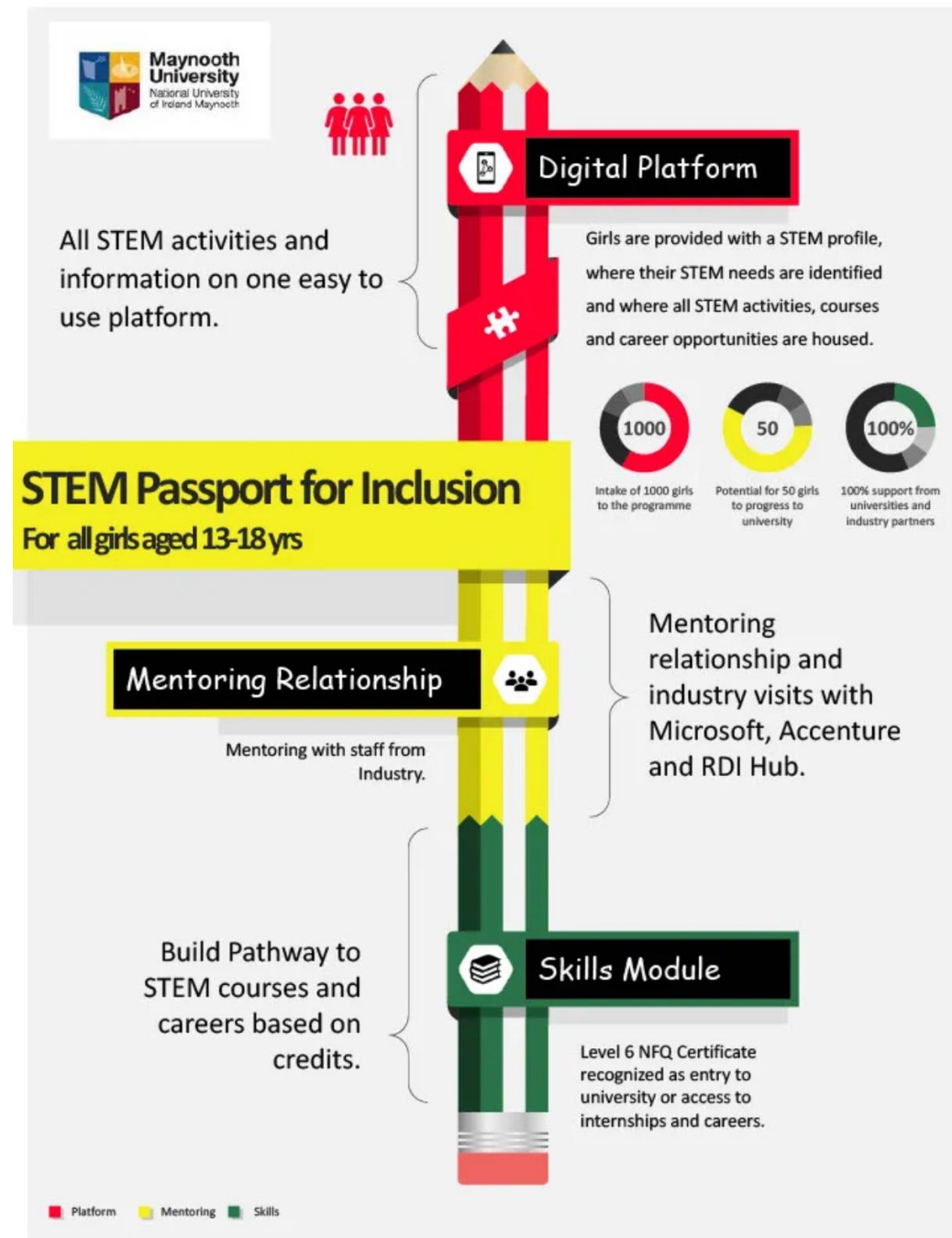






# STEM Passport for Inclusion

- The purpose of this Science Foundation Ireland funded STEM Passport Inclusion project is to build and increase access to STEM education and STEM careers to girls.
- The STEM Passport for Inclusion project aims to inspire young women who – prior to the project – may never have entertained ideas of entering the STEM workspace. The project provides them with very practical and fun experiences.



# What is Involved

- 3 full days of STEM courses with Microsoft, students will have a mentor from Accenture and Microsoft and be provided with a set of digital tools which gives them all the STEM insight they might need.
- The programme involves 3 days over the year attending and some remote work on the digital platform.
- The first lab day will take place this Thursday 16th October (Bus leaves at 8.15am sharp, full school uniform)







When the students have completed 3 lab days and independent learning activities they receive a special purpose micro-award in 21<sup>st</sup> century STEM skills which they can use on their CAO to access STEM courses in Maynooth University and Munster Technological University.

This is the first award of it's kind in Ireland and we believe it will pave the way for future generations of Women in STEM!



- **RCSI Transition Year Programme**, provides excellent opportunities for students to gain experience of what it is like to train and work as a doctor, pharmacist and physiotherapist. The programmes consist of lectures and real-life surgeries shown via video link to the operating theatre, all of which are carried out by leading professionals in their respective areas.

Like last year, they are running three programmes; MiniMed, MiniPharm and MiniPhysio.

To summarise, please see below details of each programme:

- **Programme 1:** RCSI Transition Year MiniMed
  - **Dates:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024
  - **Format:** In - Person and online \*\*Lottery and I have applied for this\*\*
- **Programme 2:** RCSI Transition Year MiniPharm
  - **Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024
  - **Format:** Online only
- **Programme 3:** RCSI Transition Year MiniPhysio
  - **Date:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024
  - **Format:** Online only
- There will only be space for 30 students to complete the online courses. There will be a Microsoft Form sent out closer to the time to allow students to sign up. If there is more than 30 students who express their interest it will be based on a first come, first served basis.



# Ski Trip



■ **Separate information meeting will be held at a later date**

This is a gentle reminder that the remaining balance must be paid by **14.11.23**  
**(Final Balance €720)**

It is the responsibility of the **PARENT/Guardian to ensure that THEIR CHILD HOLDS A valid passport**. Some countries require passports to be valid for 6 months after the return date. Parents should check entry requirements for your destination at [www.dfa.ie/travel](http://www.dfa.ie/travel). Within the EU, EU passports need only be valid for the dates of travel, but it is advisable to have a few weeks extra on the passport in case of any unforeseen circumstances. **Make sure students fill in the emergency contact details in their passports.**

For foreign national students, a **visa** may be required for travel. The relevant embassy will need to be contacted well in advance in order to check visa requirements. **The visa application process is the responsibility of the student/parent.**

**European Health Insurance Card (EHIC):** If travelling within the EU or Switzerland, all passengers must apply for the EHIC card before departure to be entitled to public healthcare services in any EU country should the student become ill or injured whilst on tour. Application details can be found at [\[www.ehic.ie\]](http://www.ehic.ie)[www.ehic.ie](http://www.ehic.ie).

# Ski Essentials

Everyone will need to bring the following:

- Lots of thick layers
- Skiing clothes (jacket & trousers/ salopettes)
- Ski Goggles
- Ski gloves
- Runners or non-slip winter boots for walking around
- Thick socks (several pairs)
- Winter hats
- Sunglasses
- Lip balm
- neck warmer (no scarf)
- Sun cream (The sun is very strong in the mountains as it bounces off the snow, so a high factor is recommended)
- A small backpack for water and other necessities when skiing
- Comfortable clothes & shoes to wear when not outside.
- \*\*Keep an eye out for Lidl & Aldi they do ski clothes\*\*





# TY 2022/23



Lavarone Ski Trip

Graduation Video





Thank you for your attendance  
tonight, we are delighted to  
have you all as part of our  
school community

