



2nd Year Parents and Guardians Information Evening

7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

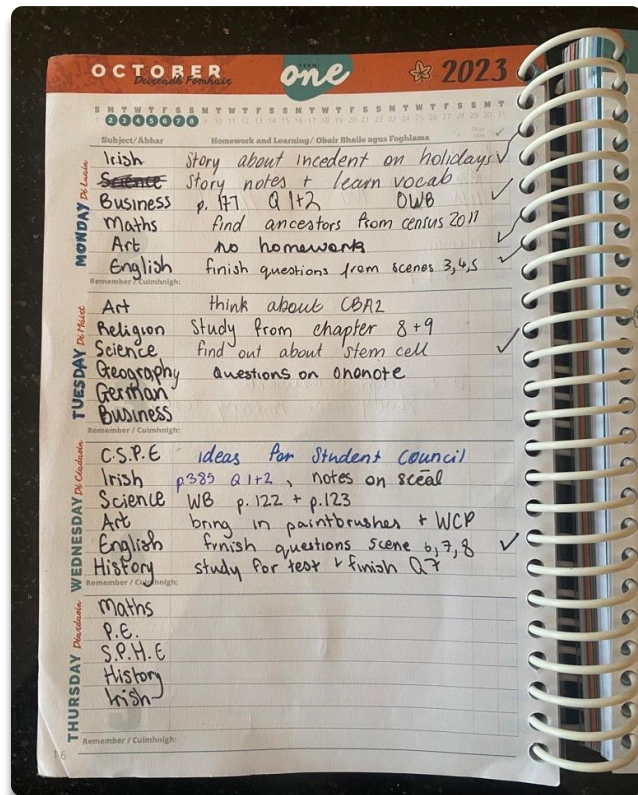
Parents' Talk

- ▶ Deputy Principals: Niall Moynihan and Rose McConville
- ▶ Year Head: Aidan Roche
- ▶ Guidance Counsellor: Aisling Mc Donald

AGENDA

- ▶ Homework
- ▶ Uniform
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Attendance

Homework



- ▶ 20 minutes per class is the maximum.
- ▶ Students must have a note in their journal if unable to complete homework.
- ▶ A balance between extracurricular activities and homework is important.
- ▶ Parental involvement with homework is invaluable for the student.
- ▶ Students are expected to do independent revision work alongside prescribed homework.

Uniform

- ▶ All students must be in full uniform each school day:
- ▶ School jumper, skirt or school trousers, white shirt, red tie and shoes (not runners).
- ▶ The school jacket can be worn during the school day.
- ▶ The PE uniform consists of our school quarter zip top, navy or black plain leggings and runners. Hoodies are not allowed.



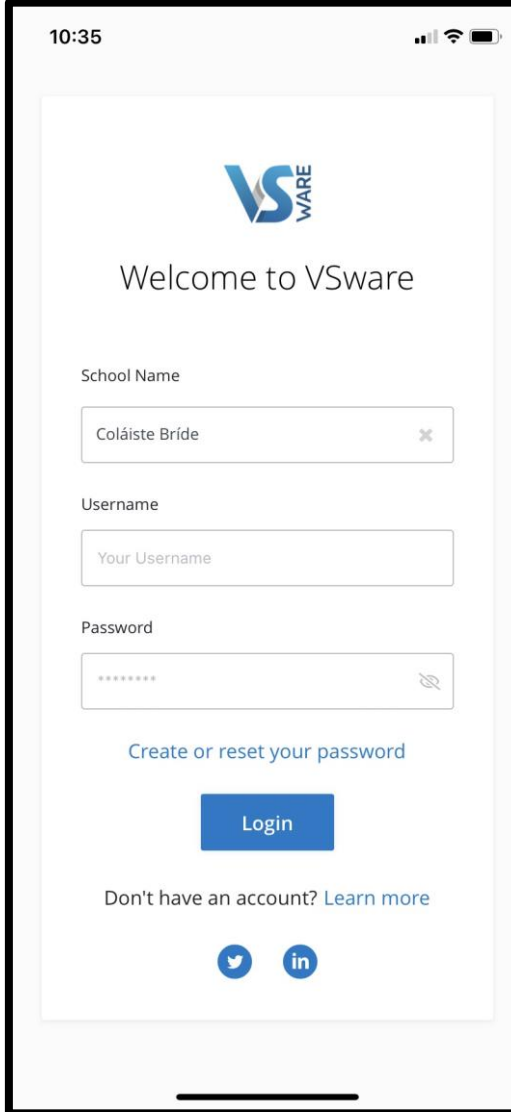
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VS Ware

- ▶ VS Ware is the administration software programme the school uses.
- ▶ Timetable, fees, behaviour, attendance and exam results & reports will be available on VS Ware.
- ▶ Absent or late text notifications.
- ▶ School information and letters.



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Welcome to VSware

School Name

Coláiste Bríde

Username



Your Username

Password

[Create or reset your password](#)

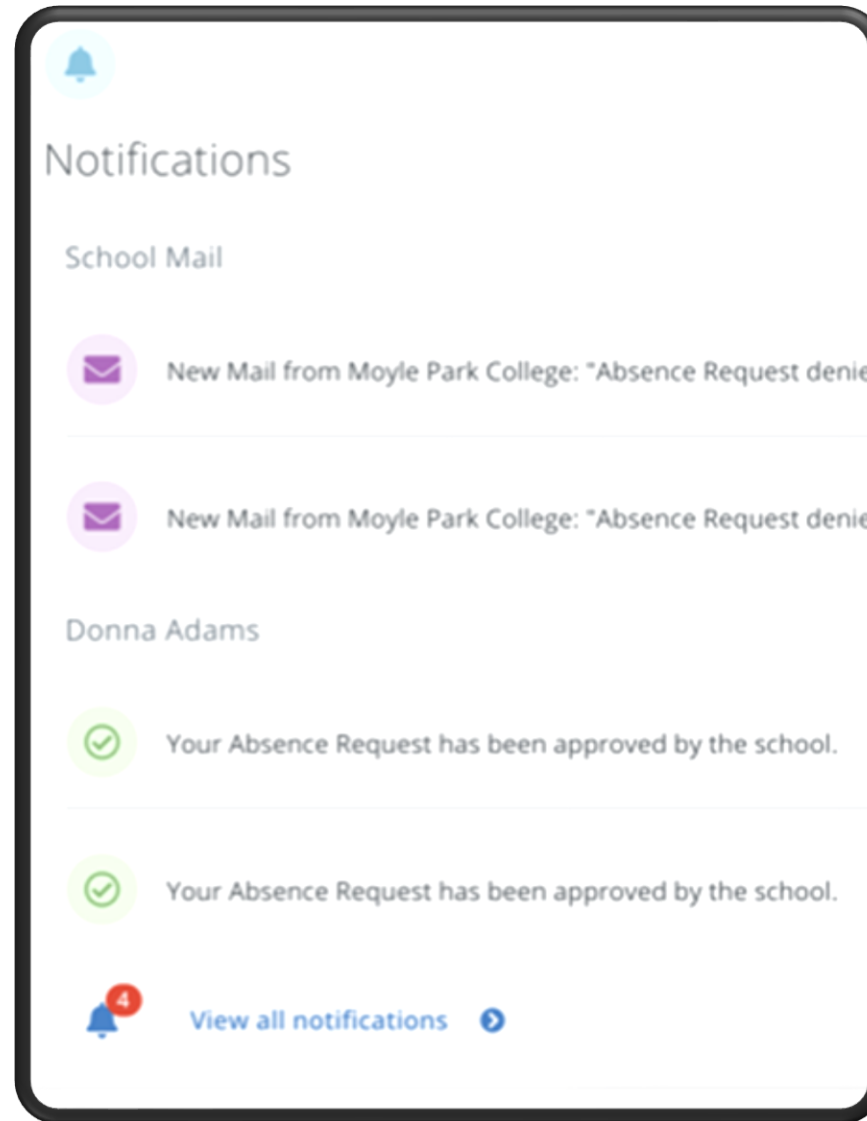
Login

Don't have an account? [Learn more](#)

VShare

- ▶ Install the VShare App on your phones.
- ▶ This App is for parents, students should not have access to your account.



An Introduction to Target-Setting



Aim



Students will set a target grade for each of their subjects and visibly track their own progress towards their targets in their school journal.



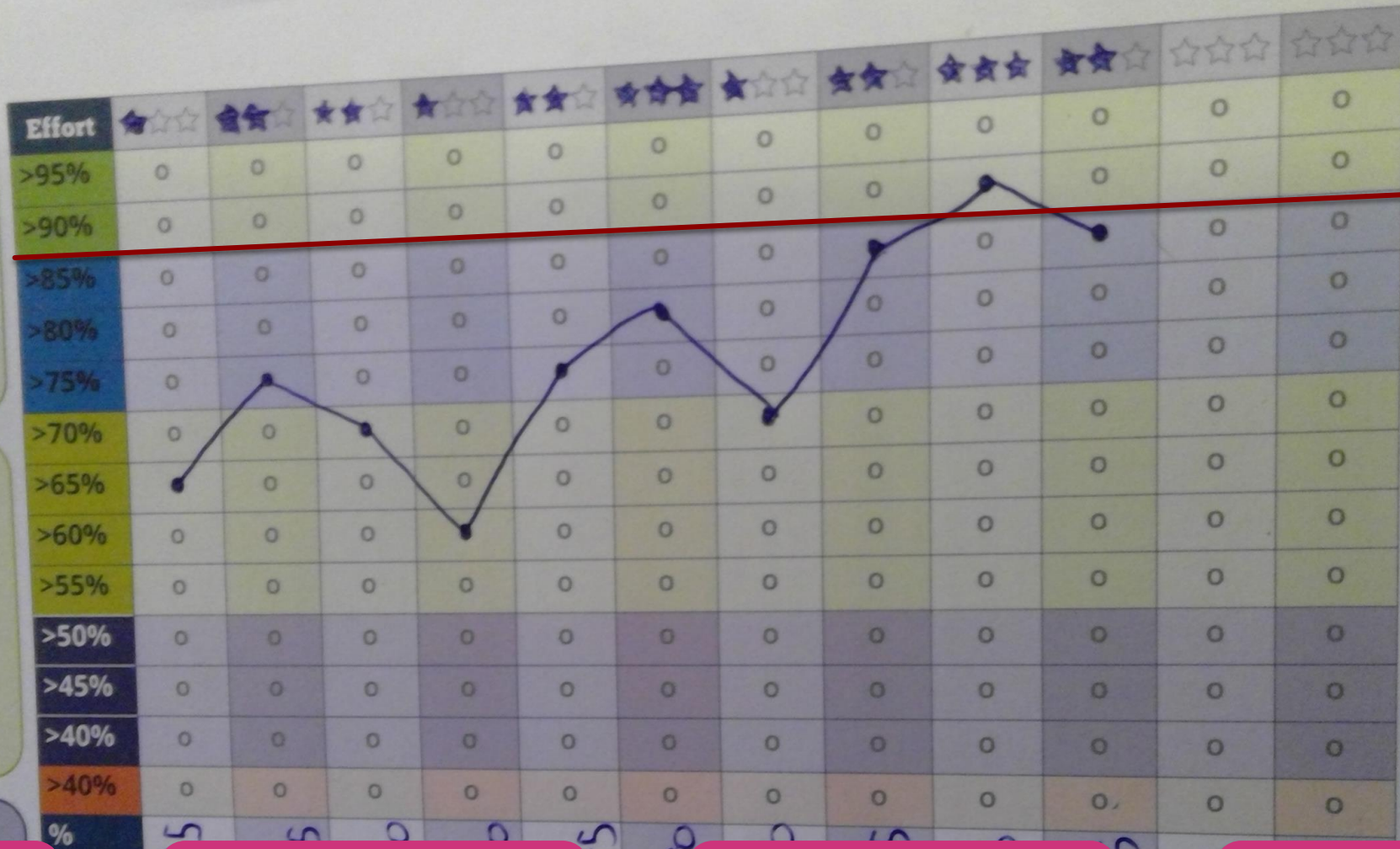
Parents and guardians will be able to easily monitor academic progress and play a role in any encouragement or interventions necessary.

Exam Target:

90%

Teacher:

Ms. Quinn



Coláiste Bríde Secondary School

Clarity of Purpose: Setting targets provides students with a clear **sense of direction**, helping them understand what they need to achieve.

Motivation: Targets create a sense of motivation, **encouraging students to work harder** and put in necessary effort.

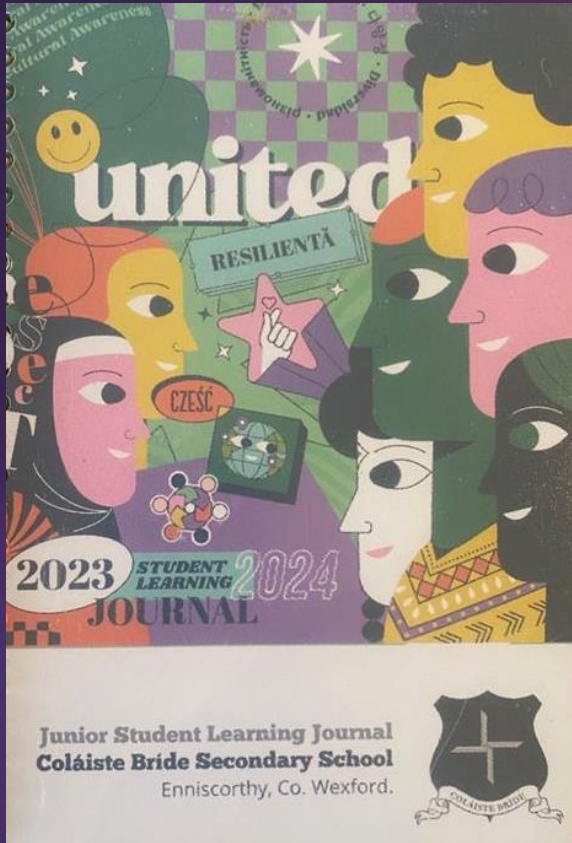
Accountability: Having specific targets makes students **accountable for their own learning** and performance, instilling a sense of responsibility.

Feedback and Improvement: Targets can serve as a basis for **feedback** and reflection, allowing students to **identify areas for improvement**.

Positive Behaviour

- ▶ Through VSware we operate a positive behaviour reward system where students are awarded points or commendations for doing something well.
- ▶ Students respond very positively when their good efforts acknowledged.





School Journal

As in primary school, students use their school journal to write in all their homework and as a calendar for upcoming events such as tests.

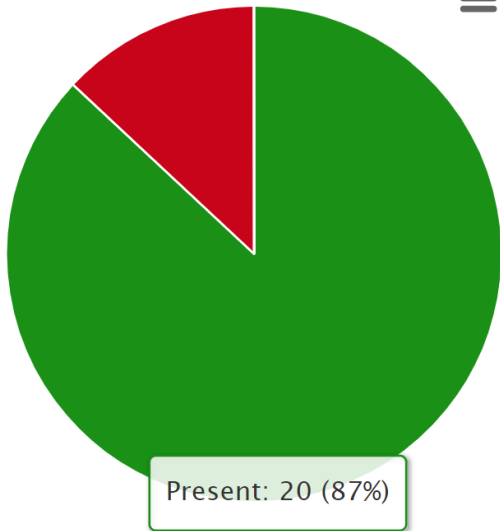
The journal should be signed each week by a parent/guardian.

Support your daughter by talking to her about her timetable and homework with her each evening and supporting her plan for the next school day.

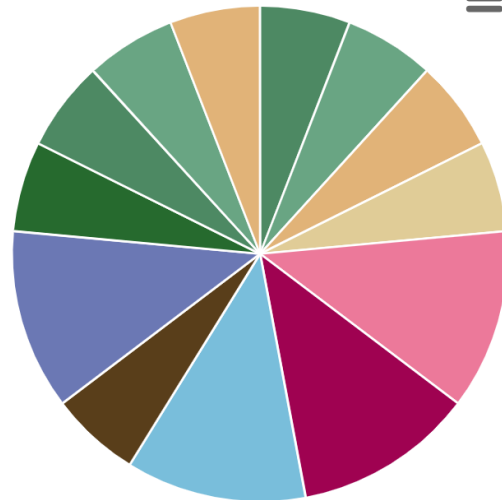
Notes in relation to absences or lateness can be written in the appropriate sections of the school journal. However, we would encourage parents to use the VShare App for absence notes.

Attendance

Absent Days



Lessons missed



- ▶ Making appointments during the school day means that students miss important school time.
- ▶ Impact of hour-long classes.
- ▶ Every day and every class counts..

Late Note

1 LATE NOTE	Date: / /	Arrival Time:	1 LATE NOTE
	Reason:		
Signed by Parent/Guardian:		Date: / /	
Tel no.:			

Absence

1 Record of ABSENCE	Number of days absent:	Date: / /	1 Record of ABSENCE
	Reason for absence:		
	Absent from: / / to / / No. of days:		
	Reason: <input type="checkbox"/> Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Family Reason <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Appointment		
	Details		
Signed by Parent/Guardian:		Date: / /	

To Leave

7 Permission TO LEAVE	Date: / /	Departure Time:	Return Time:	7 Permission TO LEAVE
	Reason:			
Signed by Parent/Guardian:		Date: / /		
Signed by Class Tutor/Year Head:		Date: / /		

Signing Out

7 Permission TO LEAVE	Date:	Departure time:	Return time:	Reason:	7 Permission TO LEAVE
Student Name:		Class:			
Date: / /		Departure Time:		Return Time:	
Signed by Parent/Guardian:		Date: / /			
Signed by Class Tutor/Year Head:		Date: / /			

Students are not allowed leave the school grounds or absent themselves from class without permission.

Breaches of this are dealt with very severely as it is extremely important that your daughter is where she is supposed to be at all times.

We have a duty of care to your daughter, and it would be negligent of us to not enforce this.

If your daughter is feeling unwell, she should inform her teacher and go directly to the office. The office will contact you immediately

If your daughter is feeling unwell and needs to go home, then she will have to be collected from the school.

If a parent or guardian is unable to collect her and you make alternative arrangements, you should inform the school of who will be collecting your daughter.

This is important to ensure the health and safety of your daughter.

If your daughter must sign out for an appointment, they must show this note to their Year Head before 11:00 a.m. each day.

Mobile Phones

- ▶ Students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school, but students then lock phones in their Yonder pouches on entering the school building.
- ▶ We would also encourage parents to not allow students to have devices in their bedrooms at night, this has impacts on their sleep and on their general wellbeing.



1. CASE

As you enter the phone-free area, your phone will be placed in a Yondr case.



2. LOCK

Once inside, the case will lock. You'll maintain possession of your phone at all times.



3. UNLOCK

To use your phone, step outside and tap it on any unlocking base.

Responsibilities of All Students

Be in school every day – attendance and punctuality are crucial

Always do their best

Be prepared for each class

Abide by our Code of Positive Behaviour

Our school's ethos places great value on being respectful to every member of our school community.

Additional Information



EXAMS BEGIN THE WEEK
BEFORE CHRISTMAS
18-22ND DECEMBER



PARENT TEACHER MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
MONDAY 29TH JANUARY



RETREAT
AFTER CHRISTMAS



BONDING DAY
AFTER EASTER

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Junior**CYCLE**

Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement Award

1. Junior Cycle Exams
2. Classroom Based Assessments
3. Other Areas of Learning
4. Wellbeing

Classroom Based Assessment

- Completed During class time
- Corrected by class teacher
- Moderated by subject department (SLAR)
- Reported on VS Ware and separately in Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement

GRADING

Exceptional

Above Expectations

In Line with Expectations

Below Expectations

Grading in NEW JUNIOR CYCLE

- Final Exam and Assessment Task

Grade	Range %
Distinction	≥ 90 to 100
Higher Merit	$\geq 75 < 90$
Merit	$\geq 55 < 75$
Achieved	$\geq 40 < 55$
Partially Achieved	$\geq 20 < 40$
Not Graded	$\geq 0 < 20$

Additional Information



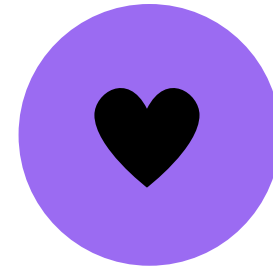
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Parent's Council AGM

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 8 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL



Coláiste Bríde
Guidance Counselling Service



Junior Cycle Guidance Programme (2nd & 3rd Years)

AIKLING MCDONALD
(GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR)

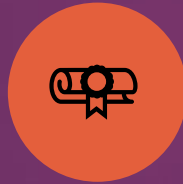
Post Leaving Certificate Options



FURTHER
EDUCATION LEVEL 5
COURSES



COLLEGES ABROAD
UCAS, EUNICAS



HIGHER EDUCATION
LEVELS 6, 7 AND 8
COURSES IN
TECHNOLOGICAL &
TRADITIONAL
UNIVERSITIES



APPRENTICESHIP
AND TRAINING
PROGRAMMES



EMPLOYMENT



GAP YEAR

Parents/Guardians & Guidance

Parents have strongest **influence** on career choice of their children

You are a **role model** for your daughter/ward when it comes to the world of work

Communication is key - discuss career aspirations/options

Never **too early** to start researching career options

Encourage your daughter/ward to **engage** with school and learning to maximise opportunities

Encourage your child to discover & follow their **interests** in and out of school

Junior Guidance Programme

2nd Year Guidance

- ▶ Guidance classes take place during **non-exam** classes where possible
- ▶ **NCGE JC Guidance Programme**
- ▶ **Topics** include:
 - Goal setting
 - Growth mindset
 - Pathways to a future career
- ▶ Individual **Guidance interviews** as requested

3rd Year Guidance

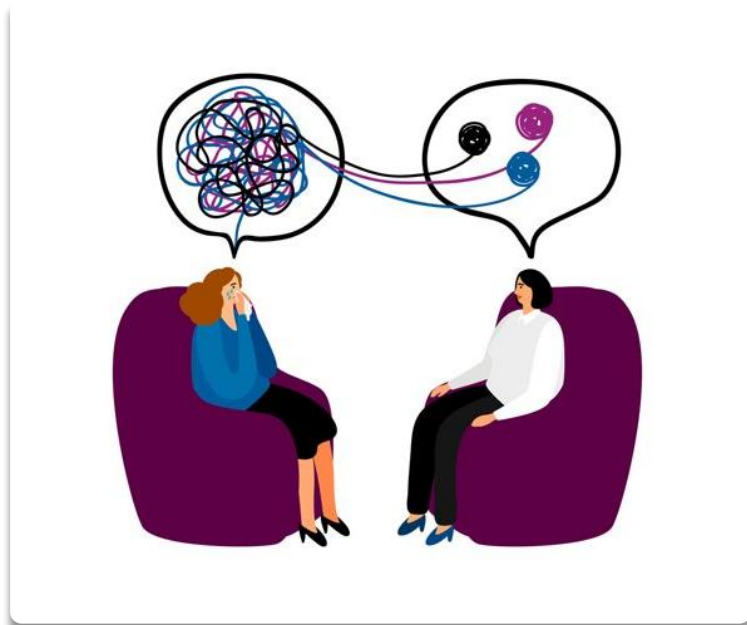
- ▶ Guidance classes take place during **non-exam** classes where possible
- ▶ Guidance related learning **builds on** 2nd Year NCGE JC Guidance Programme
- ▶ **Topics** include:
 - Understanding skills
 - Senior Cycle Subject Choice
 - Options after school
- ▶ DATs – aptitude testing
- ▶ Individual **Guidance interviews** as requested

Online Guidance Resources



- ▶ **Qualifax** www.qualifax.ie
- ▶ **CareersPortal** www.careersportal.ie
- ▶ **CareersNews** www.careersnews.ie
- ▶ **Classroomguidance.ie** www.classroomguidance.ie
- ▶ **CAO** www.cao.ie

Counselling Appointments



- One-to-one **counselling appointments** are available on request and/or referral.



Coláiste Bríde
Guidance Counselling Service

Guidance Appointment

Parents/Guardians are
most **welcome** to
arrange an
appointment with the
Guidance Counsellor.

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