



INFORMATION EVENING

Welcome to
Coláiste Bríde



Introduction

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Coláiste Bríde



- First Year Information Evening
May 16th 2018
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Basic Information

- ▶ 678 Students
- ▶ 60 Teachers

Supporting your Child in their Transition to Post Primary

First Year Support Team:

- ▶ Year Head: Marguerite Furlong
- ▶ Assistant Year Head: Roisin Mernagh
- ▶ Guidance Counsellor: Aishling McDonald
- ▶ Learning Support Co-ordinator: Louise Murphy
- ▶ Class Tutor & Subject Teachers
- ▶ Principal: Kiera O'Sullivan
- ▶ Deputy Principal: Niall Moynihan
- ▶ Meitheal Leaders

Subjects for First Year

- ▶ English (4 class periods)
- ▶ Irish (4)
- ▶ Maths (5)
- ▶ History (3)
- ▶ Geography (3)
- ▶ Religion (3)
- ▶ Art (2)
- ▶ Business (2)
- ▶ French (3)
- ▶ German (3)
- ▶ Home Economics (2)
- ▶ Music (2)
- ▶ Science (2)
- ▶ Well-Being (Well-Being, PE, SPHE & CSPE) (5)



Junior Cycle Wellbeing

There is a requirement on schools to provide your daughter/ward with 300 hours of timetabled Wellbeing classes over the three years of their Junior Cycle.

Wellbeing is made up of 2 classes of PE each week, one class of SPHE, one class of CSPE and one other Wellbeing class.

To meet the 300 hour requirement we have decided to provide a Tutor class for the extra Wellbeing class.

The Tutor will provide a pastoral care support for the student and will help them with the transition from Primary to Secondary.

The Tutor will also monitor your daughter's school journal and provide guidance and support in relation to their journals.

Timetable 2018/2019

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 8:45 | | | | | |
| 9:25 | | | | | |
| 10:05 | | | | | |
| 10:45 to 11:05 | Break | | | | |
| 11:05 | | | | | |
| 11:45 | | | | | |
| 12:25 | | | | | |
| 13:05 to 13:45 | Lunch | | | | |
| 13:45 | | | | | |
| 14:25 | | | | | |
| 15:05 | | | | | |
| End of Day | 15:45 | 15:45 | 15:45 | 15:05 | 15:05 |

Lunchtime Activities

This year the following lunchtime activities took place:

- ▶ Book Club
- ▶ Library
- ▶ Rounders
- ▶ Knit-n-knatter
- ▶ Drama Improv. group



Sport at Coláiste Bríde

- ▶ Camogie
- ▶ Football
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Athletics

We also support participation in:

- Golf
- Swimming
- Equestrian



Meitheal in Coláiste Bríde



The **Meitheal Programme** is an anti-bullying & mentoring programme. Fifth Year students receive training to equip them with the skills to become mentors for incoming First Year students. It is a programme based on pro-respect within the school community, and one that enables students to take responsibility for the happiness of others and for the safety and well-being of all who share a school environment.

Applicants who are chosen to become Meitheal Leaders undergo a two day training programme in the summer prior to their return to school the following September.

Three Meitheal leaders are assigned to each First Year class and will support first years from their first day in Coláiste Bríde.

Meitheal Activities

- ▶ Assist with induction on the first day.
- ▶ School Tour in September
- ▶ Meitheal leaders spend time in the 1st year base area during morning break
- ▶ Friendship Week
- ▶ In school activities such as quizzes
- ▶ School Tour in May

First Day at School

- ▶ First Years will start school on Friday the 24th of August.
- ▶ On their first day of school, the first years come in with the Meitheal leaders to get a sense of the school and to become familiar with their class groups.
- ▶ Explanation of rules and procedures.
- ▶ Tour of school
- ▶ Ice-breaker games are played within each class to help them to bond and to get to know each other.
- ▶ Meet key people
- ▶ Locker & Journal & Timetable

Education Passport

Over the next few weeks your daughter's primary school will complete an Education Passport for your child.

This will assist us in making the transition as smooth as possible.

The *Education Passport* materials are available to view at www.ncca.ie/transfer and include a

- ▶ *6th Class Report Card My Profile* sheet for children
- ▶ *My Child's Profile* sheet for parent(s)/guardian(s)
- ▶ A *Special Educational Needs Summary* form will be added to support the sharing of information for those children who have identified learning needs.

Education Passport

Pas Oideachais

Supporting your child's transition
from primary to post-primary school

Ag tacú le haistriú do linbh ón
mbunscoil go dtí an iarthurscoil

My Child's Profile

To be completed by **parent(s)/guardian(s)**

Your child will soon be moving from primary school to post-primary school.

As part of your child's Education Passport we invite you to add information about your child by completing this form.

Please complete and return to your child's primary school principal **within five working days**.

This is my/our first experience of a child starting in post-primary school.

Yes

☐

No

☐

Child's name

Primary school name

Child's home language(s)

1. In school, my child enjoys...

Ar scoil, baineann mo pháiste sult as...

2. Outside school, my child enjoys...

Lasmuigh den scoil, baineann mo pháiste sult as...

3. My child sometimes needs help with...

Teastaíonn cúnamh ó mo pháiste ó am go chéile le...

Uniform

- ▶ Navy jumper with red stripe approx. €40
- ▶ Plaid school skirt cost approx. €75
- ▶ Both are available from Burke O' Leary's and Mat Mernagh's, Enniscorthy.
- ▶ White shirt
- ▶ Red Tie
- ▶ Navy socks or navy tights
- ▶ Plain navy or black shoes
- ▶ Plain navy scarf



Uniform continued

- ▶ The skirt can be bought second-hand.
- ▶ The school coat is available in both shops but is **not** compulsory. Most students do **not** wear it. We are currently looking at a new version.
- ▶ PE uniform consists of a navy tracksuit and white t-shirt.
- ▶ A school crested hoodie is **not** part of either the school or PE uniform.

Book Rental

- ▶ The cost of Book Rental for First Years is €145.
- ▶ If you are in receipt of a medical card it is €110.
- ▶ The total cost if you were to purchase all the books yourself is €303.05.
- ▶ Complete the Book Rental application form and return by Friday 15th of June.

Book Rental

- ▶ The book rental scheme is available to all incoming first years. It includes all of the books and materials that the student needs for her first year in Coláiste Bríde.
- ▶ The bundle includes a number of workbooks e.g. Irish, Science and Business. These books do not need to be returned.
- ▶ The art pack includes sketch pads, pencils etc. – everything the student needs packed in a convenient wallet.
- ▶ The maths pack includes a calculator, mini-white boards and maths set which the students keeps as her own.

Book Rental continued

- ▶ As you may be aware there are ongoing changes in the Junior Certificate curriculum. Here at Coláiste Bríde we are keeping pace with these changes in terms of text books. The first year Irish book together with the Science and Business books are all in keeping with the changes.
- ▶ The weight of school books is an issue for many parents and students. The good news is that most of the books on this list are e-books. Irish, French and German have CDs for language. English, History, Geography, Science, Business and Irish textbooks are all e-books. The student can access these books on their computers and don't have to carry the books home.

Locker & Journal

All students require a locker and a school journal:

- ▶ €30 to be paid on the first day of the school year.
- ▶ €10 will be refunded in June 2019 if the students locker is returned clean and undamaged.

Communication

- ▶ School Journal: main form of communication between home and school
- ▶ Texting system to text parents
- ▶ Phone calls and appointments
- ▶ School Reports
- ▶ VS Ware
- ▶ Digital Newsletter, if you have provided the school with an email you will receive this
- ▶ www.colaistebride.ie

School Journal

- ▶ The school journal is the main form of communication between home and school.
- ▶ Students use it to write in all their homework and as a calendar for upcoming events such as tests.
- ▶ Towards the back of the journal is a section where teachers record discipline issues such as a student having no homework or no books.
- ▶ Notes in relation to absences or lateness should be written in the appropriate section of the school journal. These notes must be dated and signed to be accepted.
- ▶ The journal should be signed each week by a parent/guardian.

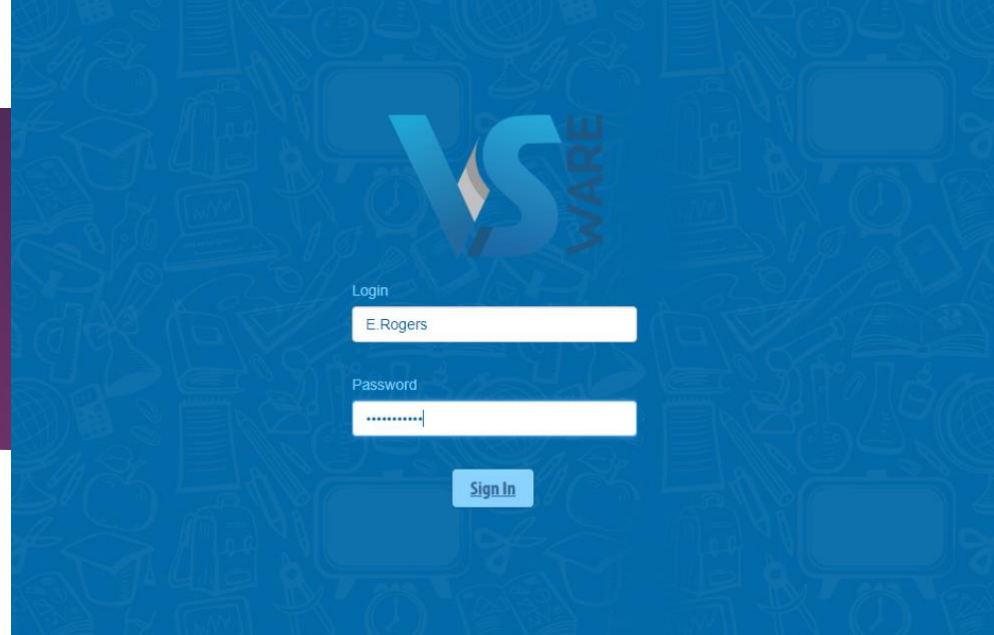
Signing Out

- ▶ 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.

Signing Out continued

- ▶ 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.

VS Ware



- ▶ VS Ware is the administration software programme the school uses.
- ▶ Details about your daughter such as their timetable, attendance and Christmas & Summer test results will be available on VS Ware.
- ▶ Parents have been provided with an individual login and password.
- ▶ VSWare is accessed through the school's website.
- ▶ Email or ring the office if you forget your details.

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TY Latest News



VS Ware

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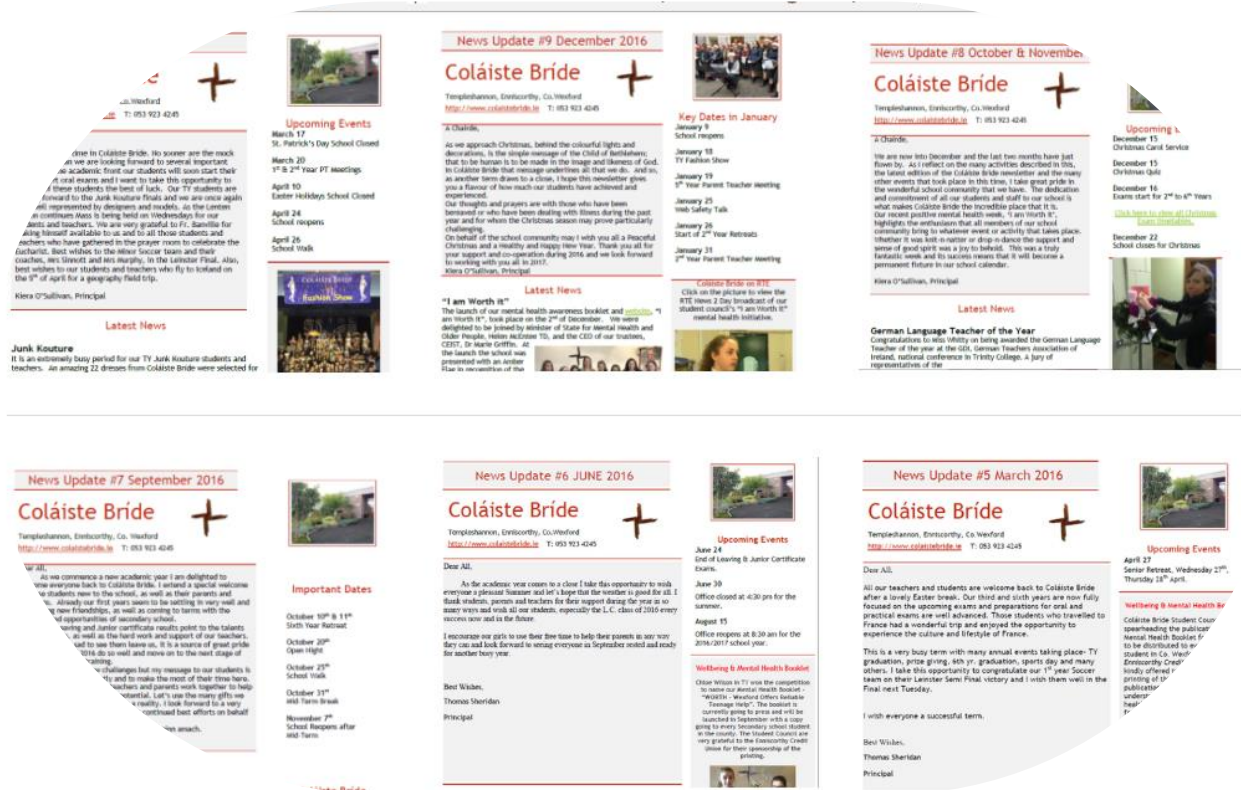
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@Colaiste_Bride

Out TY students dancing their hearts out at their Ceili on Achill Island.



School Newsletter

- A Digital Newsletter will be emailed to all parents who provide the school with an email address.



Division of Classes

- ▶ Secondary school provides your daughter with an opportunity to make new friends in a new learning environment. It is a fresh start in a new class, with new girls from a large number of primary schools.
- ▶ First years adapt really quickly to their new classes and classmates.
- ▶ However, if you feel that it would be absolutely vital to your daughter's well-being and happiness, we can place her in a class with a friend.
- ▶ Alternatively if you feel that it would be absolutely vital to your daughter's well-being that she **not** be placed in a class with someone we can address this also.

Voluntary Contribution

- ▶ Parents are asked to contribute an annual voluntary contribution to make up the shortfall in the funding that the school receives.
- ▶ Parents' generous support will continue to play a vital role every year in ensuring that your daughter will benefit fully from the high quality teaching and learning environment in the school.
- ▶ Contributions from parents allow us to provide services such as our student wellbeing area, the school library, retreats & wellbeing days, internet safety talks, extracurricular activities, class set of ipads, etc.
- ▶ The voluntary contribution costs for next year are as follows:
 - One daughter €100
 - Two daughters €150
 - Three or more €200

What happens next?

- ▶ Book Rental Forms returned with payment by Friday 15th of June.
- ▶ You will receive a reminder text in August regarding the first day of school and the €30 for lockers and journals.
- ▶ Friday 24th of August First Year Induction Day.
- ▶ First Years are off school until Thursday 30th of August, on that date all year groups are back in school.

Most important things to remember...

- ▶ Be positive! Try not to worry about the transition.
- ▶ We really look forward to welcoming your daughter here and we will do everything we can to help your daughter enjoy her time in Coláiste Bríde and to achieve her academic potential.

Questions

