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A graphic slide with a dark purple background on the left and a blue background on the right. The left side features a list of staff members with red arrowheads. The right side features a blue graphic with the word 'WELCOME' in white, a yellow banner, a megaphone, and various geometric shapes. A pink vertical bar is at the top right.

- ▶ Niamh Duggan
Year Head
- ▶ Niall Moynihan,
Deputy Principal
- ▶ Eleanor Harpur
HSC

WELCOME

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Supporting your Child in their Transition to Post Primary

First Year Support Team:

- ▶ Year Head: Niamh Duggan
- ▶ Learning Support Co-ordinator: Louise Murphy
- ▶ HSCL: Eleanor Harpur
- ▶ Guidance Counsellor: Aisling McDonald
- ▶ Class Tutor & Subject Teachers
- ▶ Principal: Kiera O'Sullivan
- ▶ Deputy Principals: Rose McConville & Niall Moynihan
- ▶ Fifth Year Cara Leaders

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Year Head

Role & Responsibilities:

- ▶ Pastoral care of all students
- ▶ Notify relevant teachers (when requested) of out-of-school or home issues/concerns
- ▶ Assemblies and informal interaction with students
- ▶ Work with 5th Year Mentors (Cara leaders) who will provide peer support for First Year students
- ▶ Initial point of contact

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Special Educational Needs

SEN support team:

- ▶ SEN co-Ordinator: Louise Murphy
- ▶ Special education teachers (SETs): Niamh Duggan & Orla Foley
- ▶ Other supports: class teachers and SNAs: Avril Lynch, Mary Wickham, Bride Kinsella & Therese Connaughton

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Subjects for First Year

In First Year, your daughter studies each of the following subjects:

Core:

- ▶ English
- ▶ Irish
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ History
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Religion
- ▶ CSPE
- ▶ SPHE
- ▶ PE

Options:

- ▶ Art
- ▶ Business
- ▶ French
- ▶ German
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Science

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Pastoral Care/Class Tutor

Tutor:

- ▶ Provides **pastoral care support** with the transition from Primary to Secondary
- ▶ Students follow a Transition to Secondary School **programme** in their Pastoral Care/Tutor class
- ▶ The Tutor monitors your daughter's school journal and provides **guidance and support** with their journals, organisational skills and day-to-day issues

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Cara Leaders Peer Mentor Programme

- ▶ 5th Year students – trained mentors to **support & help** students settle in throughout the year
- ▶ Mentors are assigned to each 1st Year class
- ▶ Assist the Year Head with the **induction** of First Years on their first days
- ▶ Organise an **out-of-school** tour for the year group in September & May, **lunchtime activities**, **Friendship Week** & other **in-school activities** such as quizzes, games, & walks
- ▶ **Socialise** with First Years at breaktimes



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First Year Induction

- ▶ Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd August 2024
- ▶ Meet their Year Head, class tutors & Cara Leaders
- ▶ Tour of the school, become familiar with their class group, base classroom, lockers, office, canteen etc.
- ▶ Ice-breaker games are played within each class to help them to bond and to get to know each other
- ▶ Learn school procedures

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Division of Classes

- ▶ Mixed ability classes
- ▶ Random selection
- ▶ Follow similar timetables but not streamed
- ▶ Provides an opportunity to make new friends (from over 20 schools) in a new learning environment.
- ▶ Students generally adapt quickly to their new classes and classmates.
- ▶ Efforts will be made to place students in class with friends

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Uniform

Available from **Matt Mernagh's**,
Enniscorthy.

- ▶ Navy jumper with red stripe
- ▶ Plaid school skirt or school trousers
- ▶ School Jacket
- ▶ White shirt
- ▶ Red Tie
- ▶ Navy socks or navy tights
- ▶ Plain navy or black shoes (runners or canvas shoes are not allowed)



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PE Uniform

- ▶ a plain navy/black tracksuit bottom or leggings.
 - ▶ school crested half-zip/crew neck top
 - ▶ School training top
 - ▶ An optional sports jacket & bobble-hat are also available
- ▶ Only available online from **BodiBro**.



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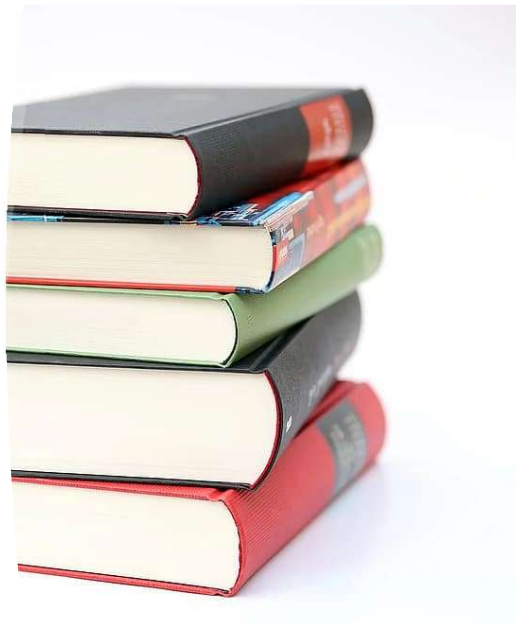
Summer Transition Programme

- ▶ In July, the School Completion Programme will run a two-day 2024 Transition Programme
- ▶ Completely optional, but it will be an opportunity to meet new classmates in a fun environment
- ▶ Day 1: 2 hours of fun games, e.g. icebreakers, percussion drumming workshop, music
- ▶ Day 2: Trip to Leisure Max for bowling

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Book Scheme

- ▶ The book scheme is available to all incoming first years
- ▶ Books & journal available for collection on the first day of school



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Locker & Journal

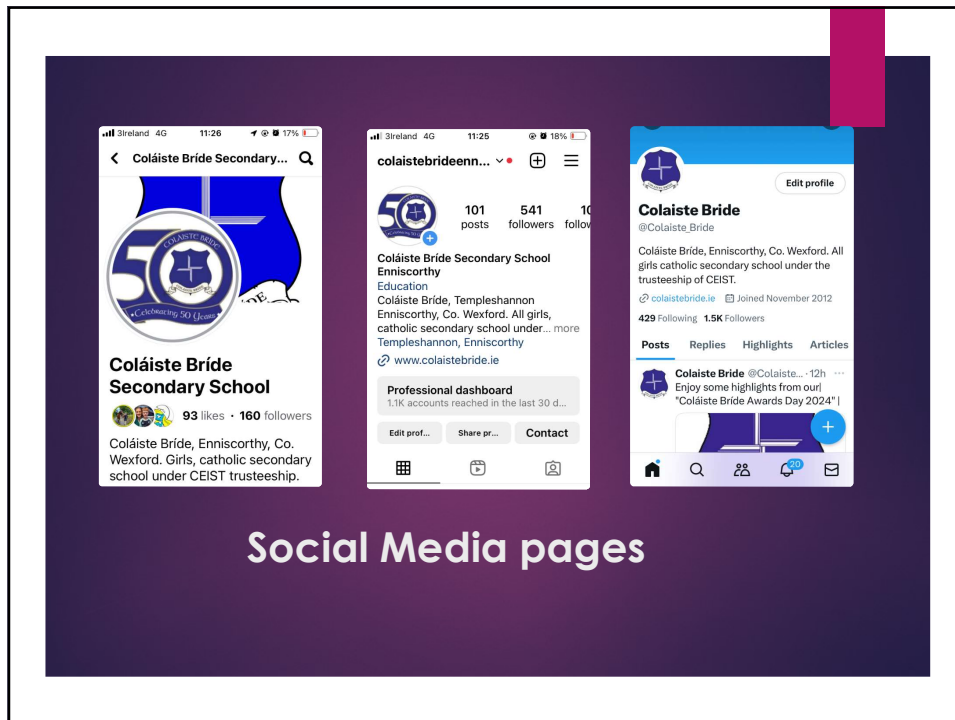
- ▶ All students will be allocated a locker with a combination lock
- ▶ There will be an administration fee paid via VSware

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Communication

- ▶ VS Ware: main form of communication
- ▶ School Journal
- ▶ Texting system
- ▶ Digital Newsletter
- ▶ www.colaistebride.ie.....information on our school and all our school's policies are available on our website
- ▶ Social media – Facebook, Instagram, and X page

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VSware

- ▶ VSware is the administration software programme the school uses
- ▶ Details about the timetable, fees, behaviour, attendance, House Exam results & reports will be available on VSware
- ▶ VSware is used to send you notifications if your daughter is absent
- ▶ It is used for all school notifications and letters

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Welcome to VSware

School Name

Colaiste Bride

Username

Your Username

Password

Create or reset your password

Login

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

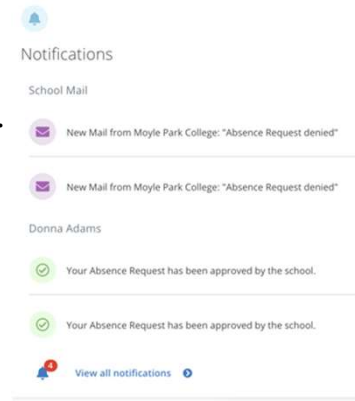
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VShare

What to do next:

- ▶ Receive a text message with your **individual login username** and instructions on how to use VShare.
- ▶ Parents should **install the VShare App** on their phones.
- ▶ Your daughter should **never** have access to your VShare App or account



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School Journal

- ▶ For noting **homework**
- ▶ As a **calendar** for upcoming events such as tests/holidays/important notes
- ▶ Notes about absenteeism or lateness
- ▶ Use the journal to **support your daughter's transition** to First Year (look at the timetable & homework & help her plan for the next school day)

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Mobile Phones

- ▶ Students will **not** be permitted to use their phones during school hours
- ▶ **Yondr** pouches are used
- ▶ This helps students to socialise and make friends
- ▶ It will also support teaching & learning & can be used if requested by teachers

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What happens next?

- ▶ Set up VSware account
- ▶ SCP Transition Programme July
- ▶ Notification in June & August with details of school opening, lockers
- ▶ Thursday 22nd August & Friday 23rd August: 1st Year Induction Days
- ▶ Return Wednesday 28th August
- ▶ AEN/SEN needs – contact the school
- ▶ Mid-September: Information talk for parents on school procedures & further support in First Year.
- ▶ School website/social media



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A final thought!

Be positive!
Try not to worry about the transition!

