











# Prospectus 2025 / 2026



Coláiste Treasa are inviting you to our



for 6th Class Students and their Parents

on

# Tuesday 8th October, 2024 at 7.00pm

This Open Night will give you the opportunity to get an insight of what we have to offer - view facilities, subject choice, hear from staff and students.

Application forms accompany this prospectus and are also available at the office on request.

Completed applications for enrolment into 1st year 2025/2026 will be accepted from **Tuesday 1st October** to **Thursday 24th October 2024** @ **4.00pm** in line with our admission notice.

Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications.

All applicants to the First Year Group will be notified by 22nd November 2024.

#### Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students

It is my pleasure and privilege on behalf of the students, staff, Parents Association and Board of Management to introduce you to our school.

Coláiste Treasa is a modern school with all the facilities to give students a well rounded education in preparation for third level or the world of work. We pride ourselves in providing quality teaching and learning to all students in an inclusive school environment. We set high expectations for our students and they thrive in a warm welcoming atmosphere based on mutual respect.

We endeavour to create an environment where each child is valued and nurtured in a caring environment to develop academically and socially into full and valuable members of their community. Care is a central component of school life at Coláiste Treasa, with each student being accepted for what he/she is, regardless of ability or social background. This promotes confidence through which each pupil will achieve his/her potential through growth and maturity.

We firmly believe in offering a progressive academic curriculum as well as an intensive range of extra curricular activities which promote the holistic development of our students.

Our pastoral care and guidance service is comprehensive and one of its aims is to reduce the stress pupils experience during the difficult period of transition from primary to secondary school.

Discipline in Coláiste Treasa is strict with a strong emphasis on respect for self and others. Positive behavioural patterns and attitudes are encouraged. All members of the Coláiste Treasa community are expected to treat one another with respect, good manners and courtesy at all times. The school is justly proud of the excellent behaviour of its pupils.

I am confident that we, in Coláiste Treasa, provide an education second to none and look forward to welcoming our new first year students to our dynamic and progressive school.

Acting Principal

#### Veronica Walsh

#### - Mission Statement -

Coláiste Treasa offers a broad based education with strong emphasis on the cultivation and development of good social and moral values which will prepare students for adult life in the context of modern Ireland.





Canteen



#### TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECOND LEVEL

The transfer from primary school to second level is one of the most important events in your childs life.

It coincides with the end of childhood and the beginning of adolescence. It can be a source of stress and anxiety for both students and parents. We endeavour to make the transition as seemless as possible.

- Application forms must be completed and processed.
- **Induction Day:** First day of school term is devoted to introducing new students to the structure of the school, orientation, timetable, canteen, etc.
- Class Teachers: are assigned to individual classes. Advice will be offered on organisational issues. How to plan ahead for classes, any technical issues, etc.
- **Year Head:** Ms Eileen Cronin, has overall responsibility for first years and will liaise with parents, class teachers and Principal.
- First years are introduced to the pastoral care system. Students are encouraged to raise concerns

with teachers, year head, Principal or Deputy Principal.

- A buddy system is in place to help the transition from primary school.
- Classes are organised on a mixed ability basis.
- Contact between home and school can be made through VSware or by emailing the year head.
  VSware is used to communicate between teachers and parents.
- **C.A.T.:** Accepted students will sit a standardised test to identify their strengths and weaknesses.
- A parent information meeting is held in the first term where concerns may be raised.
- Parents are welcome to contact the Principal, Deputy Principal or Year Head to discuss any matters.
- The Guidance Counsellor meets with all pupils.
- VSware is the computer package that we use where students and parents have access to view timetables, attendance, term reports and behaviour.
- Microsoft Teams is our online learning platform.

A Note from the Year Head - Ms. Eileen Cronin

The transition from Primary to Secondary school can be challenging. We have an induction programme at the beginning of the year with the focus being on friendship formation and learning to cope with new subjects, a new timetable and layout at a new school. A buddy system / Mentoring programme also operates within the school where 1st years are paired with TY students who will be there to offer support going forward.

Eileen Cronin is the First Year Head and she ensures that every student is encouraged and looked







All students and staff in Coláiste Treasa are using iPads for educational purposes.

Once enrolled more information will be given on iPads and the use of technology in Colaiste Treasa.

In Coláiste Treasa we provide a comprehensive range of subjects. The range of optional subjects to both the Junior and Senior Cycle is based on student preferences.

#### SCHOOL CURRICULUM JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS

#### **CORE SUBJECTS**

Irish	English	Maths
Science	History	

#### **OPTION SUBJECTS**

Visual Art	Business Studies	Geography	
French	German	Spanish	
Home Economics	Engineering Wood Techno		
Music	Graphics		

#### WELLBEING PROGRAMME

The eight key skills of Junior Cycle are embedded into

PE (Short Course)	SPHE (Short Course)
CSPE (Short Course)	Religion (non exam)

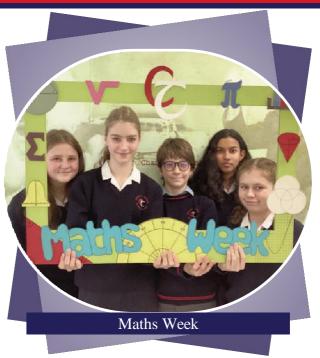
In first year all students study all subjects. Some subjects are studied in modules.

For the remaining two years the Junior Cycle students study nine subjects to examination level. All study Irish, Maths, English, Science and History and select other option subjects from the list above. They will also study wellbeing (PE Short Course, SPHE, CSPE Short Course plus other Wellbeing Modules).

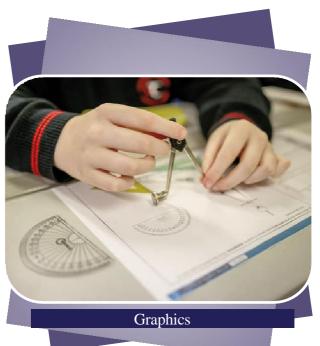
In addition to the normal class music curriculum students may choose to have lessons in Piano, Traditional Music, Harp and Choir are provided by the Cork ETB School of Music. Our students are introduced to all genres of music and have the opportunity to play many instruments.

The option lines for 2nd year are created based on students preferences.

They will be asked to choose their preferences in April after getting the opportunity to study all subjects.







#### TRANSITION YEAR

After completing the Junior Cycle, students have the choice of continuing onto Senior Cycle and the Leaving Certificate or they can choose to apply for Transition Year. Transition Year affords students an opportunity to mature and develop and experience a wide range of educational activities without the pressure of a formal examination.

During the TY programme students are offered tasters of all L.C. subjects as well as modules with an emphasis on personal development, social awareness and skills for life.

Students in the TY programme go on work experience 1 day a week (Friday).

Student assessment is carried out in the form of e-portfolios and class tests.

#### TRANSITION YEAR MUSICALS



We offer a wide and varied senior cycle curriculum.

#### SENIOR CYCLE - LEAVING CERTIFICATE

#### **CORE SUBJECTS**

Irish	English	Maths	
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#### **OPTION SUBJECTS**

Accounting	Art	Biology	
Business	Chemistry	Construction	
		Studies	
Design & Communication Graphics (D.C.G.)			
Engineering	French	German	
Spanish	Geography	History	
Home Economics	Physical Ed. (Exam)	LCVP	
Music	Physics		

#### WELLBEING PROGRAMME

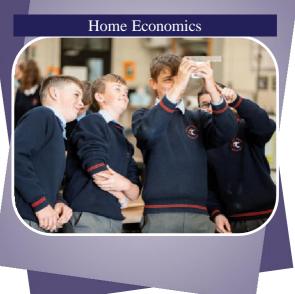
PE (Short Course)	SPHE (Short Course)
CSPE (Short Course)	Religion (non exam)

Leaving Cert students take seven examination subjects Maths, English and Irish and four other subjects arranged in option lines, to reflect the student preferences. Subject options are created based on student preferences.









2020 Munster Senior Hurling Champions and All Ireland Finalists

Engineering



#### STUDENT SUPPORTS

#### PASTORAL CARE

Individual students will be assigned to the particular care of a class tutor who will advise and help them through any difficulties they may encounter during their time in school. Each year group has a designated year head who oversees the general welfare of all students in their year group. This is supported by our pastoral care team. The pastoral care team is made up of the guidance counsellor, learning support co-ordinators, year head, Deputy Principal and Principal. While each member of the school staff has a duty of care to our students, the pastoral care team brings all the supports together to ensure the highest quality provision of student care.

#### **GUIDANCE**

Our guidance counsellor Ms. Fiona Goulding works alongside the senior leadership team, year heads, class tutors, AEN team and all the teachers in the school. Her role includes personal and social counselling, career and academic guidance.

#### ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (A.E.N.)

We have an extremely dedicated, qualified team of special education teachers and special needs assistants who work tirelessly to support the teaching and learning progress for our students with additional education needs.

The team work together with students, parents and teachers to ensure that these students thrive and reach their potential during their time here at Coláiste Treasa not just academically but personally and socially.

Pupils with specific learning requirements will receive learning support in their area of need. If parents/guardians have any concerns they should inform the school at the enrolment process.

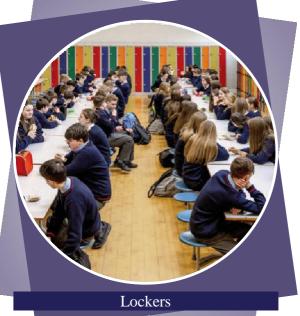
Provision for students with additional educational needs is integrated into the curriculum at all levels.





Music Class





# Learning with iPad





#### PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A Parents Association is democratically elected every two years to act as a communications link between the school and parents generally.

The Parents Association acts as a representative body that:

- represents the views of the parents
- fosters co-operation between parents, teachers and school leadership
- helps with the provision of extra equipment and fundraising
- informs parents of developments in education and in school

#### AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISED STUDY

Exam classes are offered supervised study on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4.15p.m. to 6.15p.m. Wednesday from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. 1st and 2nd years are offered 1 hour of afterschool study. A fee is charged to fund this on a non-profit basis.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student voice is very important to us and as a result we have a very active student council.

Student councils give students a voice and the opportunity to work in partnership with management and staff to improve their schools. Young people are afforded freedom of expression and appropriate participation in policymaking under both the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and Ireland's National Children's Strategy. Student councils are provided for in the Education Act, 1998 as a means of students being involved in the affairs of the school. We would like our student council to have this voice and be a highly effective catalyst for any necessary change in our school.

#### **BUS TRANSPORT**

The Department of Education in conjunction with Bus Éireann provide a bus service to and from the school. The online family booking portal will open in March 2025. This can be found on <a href="https://www.buseireann.ie">www.buseireann.ie</a>. Any bus queries please contact Bus Eireann Customer Care directly.

#### SCHOOL BREAK / LUNCHTIME

Healthy eating is essential for an active mind capable of concentrating on education. We have a range of healthy foods available at close to cost price. Soup, rolls, sandwiches, filled rolls, fruit, yogurts, milk, tea, scones and snacks are available at break and lunchtime. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch. IRD Food Services operate our canteen. Morning break is for 20 minutes. Lunchtime break is from 12.30 - 1.15pm.

#### **LIBRARY**

The school has a well stocked library which is used by the students for general reading and research. Books may be taken home on loan.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students wear a School Uniform, which is available at Central Stores, Kanturk and O'Sheas, Newmarket.

Girls:- Black flat shoes, White blouse with revere style collar. Navy trousers with narrow blue pinstripe. A V-Necked navy jumper incorporating the school crest.

Boys:- Black shoes. Plain dark grey trousers of trevira hopsack material or equivalent. Plain pale blue shirt in colour. A round necked navy jumper incorporating the school crest.

#### P.E. UNIFORM

The P.E. uniform consists of a half zip, leggings or a tracksuit pants. These are available to purchase on www.oneills.com

#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our examination results are excellent across a wide ability range. We are very proud of the achievements of our students.



Leaving Certs Results



Co-operative Learning



#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR**



An example of some of our extra curricular activities.

- Athletics
- Camogie
- Badminton
- Golf
- Choir
- Chess Club
- BT Young Scientist
- School Musicals
- Drama
- Green Schools
- Aberdeen Angus Competition
- Junk Couture

- Hurling
- Football
- Basketball
- Gaisce
- Music
- Games Club
- Debating
- MUN
- Art Competitions
- Rugby
- Showjumping
- Cookery Competition



#### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Here in Coláiste Treasa we use ICT for teaching, learning and administration systems within the school.

Our school prides itself on promoting innovation and embracing technology to facilitate an effective meaningful and memorable learning experience. To enable students to be independent learners and to give them access to their class materials whenever they need them we use iPads and the digital learning platform Microsoft 365.

We are continually striving to have the most up to date technology in the school for our students.

A recent inspection report stated that "very good use was made of digital technology to support and enhance learning". The report also commended the use of the school digital platform (Micosoft Office) to share notes and homework tasks with students.

#### MULTI DENOMINATIONAL

Coláiste Treasa supports the provision of religious education that caters for all students regardless of the religious and non-religious beliefs.

#### **FACILITIES**

Our school was opened in 1938, since then there has been continuous development. Currently plans are in place for further extension to the school incorporating a music room, art rooms, textile room, 7 general classrooms, a multi media room and an additional needs unit.

We recently upgraded the equipment in the following rooms, engineering, construction, art, science labs, P.E., music and home economics.



We are delighted to be part of the Kanturk Community Astroturf Committee. The Astroturf is located adjacent to our gym and it is hoped to be fully completed by September 2024.

#### SCHOOL FEES

As a result of the government announcement in 2024 a school book scheme is available for all junior cycle students, however there will be a fee to cover lockers, water charges, printing, insurance etc.

All fees can be paid through <u>way2pay.org</u>. An account will be set up for you after enrolment.





#### Coláiste Treasa Staff 2024 / 2025

Mr. John Murphy - Principal

Ms. Veronica Walsh - Acting Principal

**Ms. Joanne Corkery - Acting Deputy Principal** 

Science, Chemistry, Biology

Mr. John O'Brien - Assistant Principal

Wood Tech, Graphics, I.T. Co-ordinator, D.C.G.,

**Construction Studies** 

Ms. Eileen Cronin - Assistant Principal

Accounting, Business Studies (1st Year Head)

Ms. Anne-Marie Griffin - Assistant Principal/

T.Y. Co-ordinator - English, Irish, Geography

Mr. Tom O'Connell - Assistant Principal

Wood Tech, Graphics, D.C.G., Construction Studies

Ms. Maighread O'Leary - Assistant Principal

Biology, Science

Ms. Karen McAuliffe - Acting Assistant Principal

English, SEN

Mr. Niall Collins - Assistant Principal

**Engineering Graphics** 

Mr. John Brosnan - Wood Technology, Graphics,

D.C.G., Construction Studies

Ms. Cait Buckley - Maths, Music

Ms. Marguerite Buckley - English, History, YSI

Ms. Siobhan Burke - Art

Ms. Helena Fitzgerald - Business, Maths, L.C.V.P.

Ms. Josephine Flaherty - Maths, German

Ms. Fiona Goulding - Guidance Counsellor,

Career Guidance, French, L.C.V.P.

Ms. Lesley Anne Harnett - French, Geography

Ms. Catriona Hartnett - Maths, Geography

Mr. Noel Hartnett - Science, Maths

Ms. Aine Irwin - French, German

Ms. Linda Kelleher - Home Economics, Religion,

C.S.P.E., S.P.H.E., Mindfulness

Ms. Annette Lordan - German, Irish

Ms. Carmel McAuliffe - English, History

Ms. Colette McCarthy - English, History

Ms. Kate McCarthy - Business, Accounting

Mr. Billy Murphy - Engineering Graphics

Ms. Mary Murphy - Maths, Geography, C.S.P.E.

Ms. Sarah Linehan - Maths, P.E.

**Ms. Anne O'Connell** - German, English, Learning Support Co-ordinator

Mr. Cormac O'Connor - Irish, Physical Education

**Mr. James O'Connell** - Science, Physics, Maths, Applied Maths

Ms. Margaret O'Farrell - Irish, Religion, S.P.H.E.

Ms. Yvonne O'Gorman - English, History

**Ms. Helena O'Mahony** - Home Economics, Religion, S.P.H.E.

**Ms. Heather Healy** - Music

Ms. Amanda O'Regan - Physical Education, Maths

Ms. Mary O'Sullivan - Irish, Religion, German,

S.P.H.E., Mindfulness

Ms. Muireann Stack - Physical Education, Maths

Ms. Damhnait Sweeney - Music, Cork School of

Music

Ms. Helen Vaughan - Irish, Religion, S.P.H.E.,

Mindfulness

Ms. Sheila Vaughan - Geography, History, C.S.P.E.

Ms. Patricia Buttimer - Business, History

Ms. Norelle Murphy - Geography, Irish

Ms. Louise Cronin - Home Economics, Irish

Mr. Tadgh Corkery - Irish, Physical Education

Ms. Chloe McAuliffe - Business

Ms. Brid Anne O'Donoghue - Science /

Agricultural Science

Ms. Gemma Barrett - English, P.E.

Ms. Aoife O'Dwyer - French, Spanish

Mr. Thomas Healy - Maths, Physics, Science

Ms. Peig O'Connor - Science, Biology, Chemistry

Ms. Siobhan O'Sullivan - Science, Chemistry,

Biology

Ms. Lisa Sheahan - SNA

Ms. Liz McSweeney - Admin Staff

Ms. Carmel Walsh - Admin Staff

Mr. Ben Ouirke - Caretaker

Mr. Kieran Linehan - Caretaker

Ms. Joan Murphy - Cleaner

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