

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed prospectus

Summary

Mission Statement:

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed aspires to develop a caring and inclusive learning community which optimises the potential of each person.

School Motto is “**Rath as Saothar - Success Through Effort**”.

Our core values are **Respect, Honesty, Effort and Co-operation.**

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Welcome from the Principal



At Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, we believe in offering our students the highest quality of education in a safe, happy, caring and challenging environment.

Every pupil is a valued member of our school and while your child is with us he/she will develop into a mature, happy, responsible young adult prepared to face the future with confidence.

Through the provision of a comprehensive curriculum, we ensure that each pupil is given every opportunity to develop to his/her full potential in our school. Students of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, are supported through the Le Chéille Mentoring Programme and are encouraged to become independent young adults.

Coláiste Mhuire, a growing school with increasing enrolments, also provides a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities, all of which are facilitated by our dedicated teachers and support staff.

The school motto is "**Rath as Saothar-Success Through Effort**". This motto underpins our core values of **respect, honesty, effort and co-operation**. Values that ensure that every child will be assisted in attaining his/her full potential during their time with us.

Together with you, the parents/guardians, we will strive to unlock that potential, while providing the best possible education for your child.





Academic

At Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed academic achievement and excellent exam results are our primary focus. This is achieved by providing:

- ▶ Excellent and dedicated teachers
- ▶ Strict but fair learning environment
- ▶ Effective academic monitoring - 4 academic tests per year
- ▶ Positive merit system
- ▶ Caring and inclusive environment.

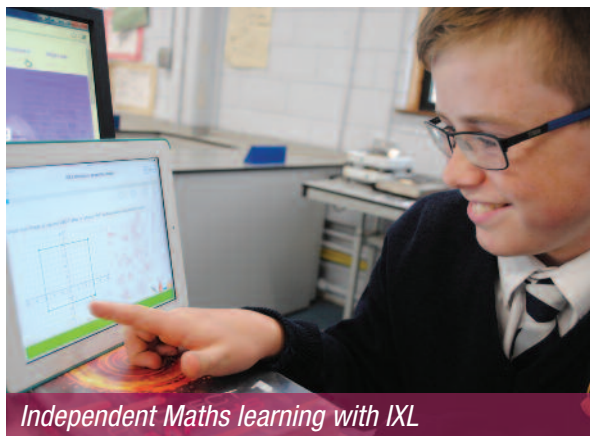
“Good or very good learning and teaching was observed in all lessons”

“Students’ behaviour and application to their work was observed to be exemplary”

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Academic Tracking

Our academic tracking is a very involved process which includes four whole school tests per subject, per year.



Independent Maths learning with IXL



One of our recent graduates achieved first place in Ireland for her Engineering project.

Merit System

Coláiste Mhuire Co-ed operates a positive merit system based on rewarding academic achievement and positive behaviour.

STEM Subjects

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed can provide all the STEM subjects i.e. Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

STEM Activities

- ▶ BT Young Scientist
- ▶ Scifest Ireland
- ▶ Robotic Challenge
- ▶ LearnStorm
- ▶ Khan Academy
- ▶ Formula One Competition

Did you know?

- ▶ Our students create e-portfolios
- ▶ Our students have won enterprise competitions at European level
- ▶ Junior students have the option of a “digital school bag” and the use of ipads in their day to day class routine



Subject Choice

Subjects

Junior Cert

Core Subjects

- ▶ English
- ▶ Irish
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- ▶ ESS
- ▶ CSPE
- ▶ SPHE
- ▶ Religion
- ▶ Study Skills

Junior Cert

Optional Subjects

- ▶ Business
- ▶ Woodwork
- ▶ Metalwork
- ▶ Technical Graphics
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Art

Taster Programme

Students will study all the optional subjects for a period of 10 weeks during Year 1. They will then select three of these to study for the Junior Cert.

Leaving Cert Subjects

- ▶ English
- ▶ Irish
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ French
- ▶ Business
- ▶ History
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Construction Studies
- ▶ Design & Communication Graphics
- ▶ Engineering Technology
- ▶ Art, Craft & Design
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Agricultural Science
- ▶ Enterprise Studies (LCVP)

The school community's openness to change, together with a willingness to take on new challenges in order to enhance teaching and learning, suggests that it is well poised to bring about further improvement.

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"High expectations are set for students in all aspects of their attendance, participation and achievement."

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Student Support Services

At Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, our core values are:

- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Honesty
- ▶ Effort
- ▶ Co-operation

These values are enshrined in the ethos of our school community.

First Year Support Structure

First Year Induction Programme

We have developed a very comprehensive induction programme to help with the transition from primary to second level school.

Our induction programme begins in January, and includes sixth class students coming to the school on four occasions. During this time they will meet their new friends and teachers, engage in team building activities and learn the geography of the school.



€1,000 Scholarship winner. Scholarship includes iPad and schools books

Our care structure for students includes:

- ▶ Guidance Counsellor
- ▶ Class Tutors
- ▶ Year Heads
- ▶ Care Team

Le Chéile

We have a buddy system for first year students called the “Le Chéile” programme, whereby trained senior students help first years to feel safe and happy in school.

Students can also arrange to see our guidance counsellor.

“The school is characterised by an open enrolment policy and an ethos of respect, effort, honesty and co-operation.”

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First Year student with Le Chéile Leader

Our intention is:

- ▶ To create a caring environment in the school that is favourable to student learning.
- ▶ To instill confidence, self-discipline, self-direction and integrity in every student.
- ▶ To nurture positive self-esteem in our students allowing them to grow in confidence.
- ▶ To provide a holistic support structure for all our students.

“The importance and value of the ongoing contribution of all concerned in areas such as the school musical, art, sport and community projects is recognised and commended.”
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“The quality of care provided for students is very good.”
 Dept. of Education Inspection Report



“Students are proud to be attending Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and they feel safe and cared for in the school.”
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Transition Year

At Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed., we have developed a vibrant and innovative Transition Year programme based on the following principles:

- ▶ Education for maturity, with the emphasis on personal development, including social awareness and increased social competence.
- ▶ The promotion of general, technical and academic skills, with an emphasis on inter-disciplinary and self-directed learning.
- ▶ Education through experience of adult and working life, as a basis for personal development and maturity.

Academic Curriculum

- ▶ English & Communications
- ▶ Irish Language



- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Science
- ▶ French
- ▶ Materials Technology
- ▶ ICT
- ▶ Chinese Language and Culture
- ▶ Irish Culture and Heritage
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ Art

Social Personal Development Curriculum

- ▶ Work experience
- ▶ Development of an eportfolio
- ▶ Gaisce Awards
- ▶ Young Scientist
- ▶ Young Social Innovators
- ▶ Young Entrepreneur competition
- ▶ Community Care
- ▶ One Book Project
- ▶ TAP Tourism
- ▶ Leadership courses and development
- ▶ First Aid



Minister for Education with our students at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition

- ▶ Road Safety
- ▶ Robotics Challenge
- ▶ ICT coding and App development courses
- ▶ Creative Engagement project
- ▶ Range of sporting events
- ▶ School musical

Our Transition Year students have arranged and participated in many trips and school tours, such as the following:

- ▶ Ploughing Championship
- ▶ Adventure Centre
- ▶ Tourism Trip
- ▶ Local Heritage Walking Trail
- ▶ Adventure Journey



Sports

At Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed we offer a wide range of sporting activities, including:

- ▶ Hurling,
 - ▶ Camogie,
 - ▶ Gaelic Football,
 - ▶ Volleyball,
 - ▶ Soccer,
 - ▶ Table Tennis,
 - ▶ Athletics,
 - ▶ Badminton,
 - ▶ Orienteering,
 - ▶ Basketball,
 - ▶ Tennis
- Other activities are catered for upon interest.



Holycross brothers congratulate fellow student and minor team player Gavin Dunne on All Ireland Hurling victory



Did You Know?

- ▶ Gavin Dunne represented Tipperary in the All Ireland Minor hurling final.
- ▶ Two first year students receive a sports scholarship every year. This scholarship is awarded for commitment and attitude shown.
- ▶ We have a state of the art "Dome" to cater for a wide variety of sporting interests.
- ▶ Our U/14 Hurling Team recently won the County Hurling Championship.
- ▶ We are the only school in the area participating in the Active School Flag Initiative.

First year soccer team



Extra & Co-curricular Activities

Arts & Culture

At Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, we offer:

- ▶ Lunchtime music tuition
- ▶ Drama Club
- ▶ Choir
- ▶ Gaisce Awards
- ▶ Art Exhibitions
- ▶ School Tours Nationally and Internationally
- ▶ Competitions involving Debates, Quizzes etc



- ▶ Gaeltacht Scholarships
- ▶ Excellent computer facilities to explore your technical abilities
- ▶ Outings to Theatres, Cinemas, Third level college open days etc.

Academic

- ▶ After School Study
- ▶ B.T. Young Scientists
- ▶ Sci Fest Competition
- ▶ Mathletes
- ▶ Khan Academy
- ▶ Maths Club
- ▶ Maths Week Activities
- ▶ Library Club
- ▶ Green Schools
- ▶ Robotics Challenge
- ▶ Formula One Competition

- ▶ Enterprise Competitions
- ▶ Field Trips
- ▶ Seachtain na Gaeilge Initiatives
- ▶ Science Week Activities
- ▶ Student Council

School Musical

Each year our school produces a school musical. Our recent productions include:

- ▶ Grease
- ▶ Mama Mia
- ▶ Camp Rock
- ▶ Back to the 80's

All First Years participate in these productions.



Our students on tour in Paris 2015



Students are not permitted to leave the school premises at lunchtime, but instead can make full use of our spacious and leafy campus, with large playing fields, basketball courts and our state of the art Dome.

Academic

- ▶ 5 Computer Suites
- ▶ 2 Engineering rooms
- ▶ 2 Woodwork rooms
- ▶ 1 Lecture Theatre
- ▶ 2 Art Rooms
- ▶ 1 Home Economics room
- ▶ Computer Hub
- ▶ 2 Science labs
- ▶ Music Room
- ▶ Ipads suites for student use
- ▶ Library

Did You Know...

We have a superb canteen where students can purchase a hot, nutritious, well balanced, low cost meal every lunch time.

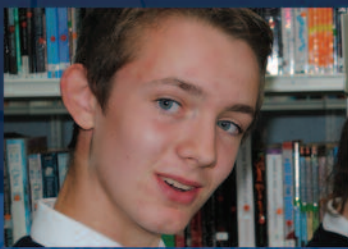
We have a state of the art sports "Dome" situated on our campus which gives students access to the gym and a multi-sport indoor arena.

Extra Curricular

- ▶ Dome and high performance gym
- ▶ Playing Fields
- ▶ Basketball courts
- ▶ Computerised Library
- ▶ Computer Hub
- ▶ Indoor Board Games
- ▶ Debating Club



Fionnán Sheahan, past pupil officially opening our new library



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