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EXCELLENT ACADEMIC RESULTS - BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS - FULL EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMME - 5TH YEAR TRANSITION PROGRAMME

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Introduction

The purpose of this handbook is to provide parents with information about the organisation and ethos of Coláiste Íde and should serve as a useful reference for you and your daughter during her time as a student in Coláiste Íde. The booklet will be updated as and when necessary, updated versions will be available on our website www.colaisteide.com

Mission Statement

Ardchaighdeán oideachais a sholáthar a chuirfidh béim ar fhorbairt an duine ina iomláine: forbairt spioradálta, mhorálta, intleachtúil, shóisialta, mhothaitheach agus fhisiciúil. Aigne ghníomhach, chruthaitheach a fhorbairt i ngach dalta i dtreo go mbeidh comhbhá agus tuiscint acu do dhaoine eile agus misneach acu seasamh lena gcreideann siad chun a n-áit a thógaint sa tsochaí le mórtas agus muinín.

Core Values and Guiding Principles

Coláiste Íde is a Catholic school, however we welcome students from all traditions. Our aim is to provide a high standard of education through the medium of Irish that will emphasize the holistic development of students; spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially and physically. The following core values and guiding principles provide a framework for the goals and strategies of the Trustees of Cairde Choláiste Íde Teoranta.

- 1. Welfare:** Cairde Choláiste Íde is committed to ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of all stakeholders is at the heart of all its work.
- 2. Christian Identity:** Cairde Choláiste Íde integrates Catholic values and enhances Christian tradition in all aspects of college life.
- 3. Developing the Irish language and the Irish-Speaking Community:** Developing the Irish language and Irish-speaking community is central to



the work of Cairde Choláiste Íde.

- 4. Inclusiveness:** Cairde Choláiste Íde promotes inclusiveness and partnership in every aspect of its activities.
- 5. Continual Learning and Professional Development:** Cairde Choláiste Íde believes in the importance of continual learning and professional development for all stakeholders.
- 6. High Standards:** Cairde Choláiste Íde encourages high standards in the provision of Irish medium holistic education and is committed to high standards and efficiency in its own activities.
- 7. Respect and Confidence:** Cairde Choláiste Íde nurtures the respect and confidence of all of its stakeholders in the development and implementation of Irish-medium Catholic education.
- 8. Flexibility:** Cairde Choláiste Íde ensures flexibility in its approach in catering for the changing needs of the Irish-medium education sector and contemporary society.
- 9. Resources:** Cairde Choláiste Íde makes effective use of the monetary and human resources of the organisation for the benefit of all stakeholders.

History

The first Lord Ventry, Thomas Mullins, was born in 1736. He was created a Baronet in 1797 and he was created Baron Ventry of Burnham on 29th July 1800. He married Elizabeth Gunn, daughter of Townsend Gunn in 1755 and had two sons -William and Townsend and one daughter Theodora. Thomas died on the 9th January, 1824 in Burnham House at the age of 88. Burnham house originally constructed circa 1750 with additional wings on either side constructed circa 1874. Seat of Barons Ventry, sold after 1922 to the Land Commission. A preparatory college and boarding school run by the Sisters of Mercy until 1996 the building and the estate comprising of in excess of 100 acres was entrusted to Cairde Choláiste Íde Teo in 2014, a company which was set up in the early 1990s to ensure the future of the school and its associated business and for the betterment of the area. Coláiste Íde is an all-Irish boarding school for girls with the addition of summer camps for teenagers, the house is a significant tourist attraction particularly because it is the only building of its nature and age in the Dingle peninsula and also because of the location of the Ogam stones to the front and unique views of Dingle to the rear.

Policy Documents

Our policy documents are available on our website on www.coláisteide.com

Entry to Coláiste Íde

This brochure along with the information provided in our website colaisteide.com is designed to provide as much information as possible to prospective students and their parents. The best way to sample life in Coláiste Íde is to come and visit us and meet the students and staff. Two open days are held in early October followed by one in early March, however prospective students and their families are welcome to visit us anytime

by prior appointment. At entry stage an application form which is on our website is completed and an informal interview is held which gives families a good opportunity to discuss the needs of the prospective student and get more information. Following this process a letter of offer is sent along with a timeline for acceptance. Our Admissions Office along with the staff are always happy to talk to you about admissions and give further information if required. Our admissions office can be contacted on +353 66 9151211 or info@colaisteide.com.



Day Boarding

Day boarders register at reception by 8:30a.m. and sign out on departure from the school. Day boarders may avail of both sessions of supervised study, it is recommended, where possible that day boarders remain for one or preferably two study sessions as study is supervised. Day boarders may also take part in the various recreational programmes and activities and are welcome to attend at weekends to be part of the group trips and excursions.

Full time Boarding

Coláiste Íde provides seven day boarding facilities for students; our aim is to provide a home from home environment with particular focus on providing a relaxed safe environment that allows students to enjoy their down time after the school day in a structured but safe environment. Almost 95% of our students are seven day boarders and we also cater for day boarders who would return home to their families in the evenings after school or supervised study. Boarding is a core element of the college fostering a spirit of friendship community and independence in students. The college is fully supervised at all times, the teachers providing tuition and supervision during the school day. Evening, night time and weekend care and supervision is provided by a team of dedicated supervisors and Deans of Boarding.

Education

Coláiste Íde is an all-Irish 7 day boarding school for girls situated in the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry. With a capacity for 130 students, Coláiste Íde provides education through the medium of Irish. Coláiste Íde lends itself to academic excellence and the college consistently features as a top scoring school in Leaving Certificate in Munster and indeed in Ireland. With a strong focus on educational and personal development, Coláiste Íde ensures that each student reaches her potential in an environment that fosters self-confidence, independence and self-esteem. Coláiste Íde



is a small school which provides a very high standard of Post-Primary education to its students. Dedicated teachers and staff along with regular daily supervised study and study skills ensure consistently high academic results achieving points well above the national average. Students leave Coláiste Íde confident, capable, well-educated and well prepared to enter third level education and take their place in society.

Subjects

The College provides a broad curriculum in higher and ordinary level for both junior and senior level. Additional subjects to the curriculum are available in a private capacity if required.

Junior Cycle subjects for 1st to 3rd year inclusive are;

Students take every subject in first year.

The following are State Examination subjects: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Home Economics, Science, Art, Business Studies and Music.

Non-examination subjects include: Religion, social and personal health education, physical education and civic social and political education.

Students choose between: Business, Art and Music from 2nd year onwards. Please note that subject choices may vary.

Senior Cycle subjects for 5th and 6th year inclusive are;

The following are core exam subjects: Irish, English, Mathematics and French



One subject to be chosen from each of the following:

1. Chemistry/Geography/Home Economics
2. Business/Art/History/Physics
3. Biology/ Music

Non-exam subjects include: Religion, physical education and career guidance.

Please note that subject choices may vary.

Learning Support

Coláiste Íde has a Learning Support Department that is committed to inclusive learning and access to learning for students of all abilities. It's aim is to support all of our students to reach their potential. The small school community is key to good communication and understanding our students needs. Should you have any questions about learning support here in Coláiste Íde, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Class Teacher

A Class Teacher is assigned to each class in the school. The Class Teacher speaks to the students about the school's ethos, the code of behaviour and the Irish policy. They help develop and encourage a positive class atmosphere.

Guidance & Counselling

The Guidance programme includes aptitude testing, interest identification and subject choice for senior cycle. Intensive career and job investigation takes place; career talks are given by professionals, and open days at third level institutions are attended. Each student who comes to the College

will meet with the Guidance Counsellor, who forms part of a team working closely with the Principal, Manager and relevant staff if required. The Pastoral team liaise with the teaching staff. Counselling will be available to students who may be under stress or experiencing difficulties in their own personal lives or in the school environment.

School attendance

We expect excellent school attendance from Monday to Friday between 8:45am until 4:00p.m. A note is necessary from parents/guardians if a student is absent. If a student needs to leave school early written permission from parents/guardians is necessary. On return to the college inform the office/supervisor immediately and sign in. The Attendance Policy is available on the college website: www.colaisteide.com.

Homework Journals & Book Lists

Homework Journals are provided to each student in the first days of the new academic year. Students should ensure that journals are kept up to date at all times. Homework journals are periodically inspected by the Teaching Staff and Principal. Book Lists for Continuing Students and for New Students (for all years) are available to view on our website www.colaisteide.com



School Reports

Detailed reports on students progress are made at the end of the Christmas and summer terms. Interim reports are also provided during the course of the year. Reports are accessed online and access details will be sent to you by the School Administrator.

School uniform

During school hours

- Purple crested Jumper
- Purple school skirt which is knee length with neat hem and neat lining
- Navy School Trouser
- Lilac school blouse
- Black tights
- Suitable low heeled black strong/leather shoes with black laces (sports shoes, canvas shoes and pumps are not permitted during school)
- Do not wear make-up
- Wear only simple jewellery - watch, simple ring, pair of studs or sleepers (if ears are pierced)
- Keep hairstyle suited to classroom/study purposes
- Only natural/normal hair colour is permitted
- Make up, fake tan and nail varnish is not permitted
- Jewellery permitted: a watch, a simple ring
- A small discreet pair of studs is allowed on the ear lobe

After school

- Navy sports pants
- Navy crested hoodie
- Grey polo shirt
- Casual footwear

School and sports uniforms can be purchased from McKenna's Drapery, Main Street, Dingle. Telephone: 066 915 1198.



Settling in

The transition from primary to secondary school is a very significant change in the life of all students. In Coláiste Íde we place great emphasis on the support of all our new students and we have a number of measures in place that we have found through the years to be very helpful to new students during the first few weeks. Great emphasis is placed on class bonding, this is achieved through regular group work and play and students are observed constantly to ensure that they are mixing with their class and that they are included in all activities.

Prefects

Prefects are sixth year students who are elected democratically by the college community each year. Typically there is one or two prefects assigned to each class. Class meetings take place on a weekly basis and afford individual students and the class as a group to have an open discussion about all matters current to the community. Prefects are very supportive of new students, having come through the system they understand first-hand what the settling in phase involves and are always at hand to help, guide and support students.

Faith Friends

Faith friends are second year students one of whom is assigned to each new first year student. On arrival in Coláiste Íde on the first day of a new adventure the faith friend is waiting eagerly to meet the new arrivals and from then on remain so until such time as they are no longer required. Faith friends are there to make sure the new students are comfortable and happy, know where each room is and where they need to go and with whom. Faith friends liaise regularly with the grown-ups if they feel that more assistance is required.

The Role of the Boarding Team

Boarding staff include Management, Administration, Accounting, Deans, Supervisory, Catering, Cleaning, Maintenance and Groundsmen. All boarding staff report directly to the Manager. In total there are thirty three staff employed in the boarding school, many of whom have been working in Coláiste Íde for a number of years and some are also past pupils.

Deans of Boarding

Our Deans of Boarding and Supervisory staff who are on duty every evening, overnight and at weekends play a key role in supervising and supporting students, helping our new students to settle in, feel comfortable and make friends. Great focus is placed on group work and play for the first number of weeks, these all offer opportunities for the group of new entrants to get to know one another quickly. Regular and constant supervision ensures that students feel comfortable and safe in their new environment.

There are two Deans of Boarding in Coláiste Íde, each of whom have spent many years working in the supervisory team. The role of the Deans is to ensure that all student needs are met throughout. This is achieved by the team as a whole which includes supervisors, catering, cleaning and medical staff.



The Deans will liaise with students and parents during out of hours and can be contacted directly. Supervisors are available at all times to travel with students to recreational activities. Deans and Supervisors are available to offer additional support to students if needed, this is especially necessary in the case of new students through the settling in period which normally only takes a number of weeks at most.

The Deans and Supervisory staff hold between three and four roll calls throughout the evening/night. It is essential that all students attend roll calls promptly.

College Nurse and Medical care

The Nurse's room is staffed from 8:00-08.30 and also 20.00-22.00 each weekday morning and between 10.00-10.30 and 20.00-20.30 on weekends. The college uses the services of Dingle Medical Centre and Clinic Cois Abhainn along with Southdoc. Students can be transported to Tralee General Hospital or Bons Secour Hospital in Tralee if required. Students are not permitted to keep medication and are requested to hand it up and it will be dispensed accordingly. In addition to medical



care the Nurses work closely with the Manager and all relevant staff in the provision of medical care of students. The Nurse is always pleased to discuss any concerns with parents. It is important that parents update the medical form each year and inform staff if medical needs of any student changes.

Sick Bay

There is a sick bay located on the ground floor which allows for proper and regular supervision during the school day. Students move into sick bay in the morning until bed time. Sick bay is close to the Refectory ensuring that students can attend meals and have snacks and hot drinks if and when required. While mobile phones are normally not used in sick bay to ensure that other students who may be present have a restful sleep, nonetheless students can have regular contact with parents at all times for the duration of their stay and parents are actively encouraged to contact the office if they wish to enquire about their daughter.



Catering and Cleaning

All meals are prepared in our kitchen, using only the highest quality, locally sourced ingredients where possible. Meals are wholesome and all special dietary requirements, food allergies or intolerances are catered for. Dietary requirements and allergies should be confirmed, in writing, to the Admissions Office prior to the beginning of the school year.

The Catering Manager is available to meet parents of students with dietary requirements if required. Cleaning staff ensure that the college is clean at all times however it is the role of the



student to ensure that personal spaces are tidy neat and clean, this is not only essential in Coláiste Íde but it is a necessary life skill to have.

Maintenance

Any problems/breakages/locks etc. that need replacing should be reported to the Supervisors/Deans or office immediately. The maintenance staff will attend to this as soon as possible. Replacement keys are available from the office at no additional charge and must be requested and collected only by the student who is in residence in the room in question.

Supervised Study

All pupils avail of fully supervised study Monday to Friday 17.25 – 19.00 & 19.30 – 21.00. Supervised study also takes place on Saturday and Sunday from 11.00 – 13.00 and from 18.00 – 19.00 and 19.30 - 21.00. First year students initially study for shorter periods of time as students settle in to school work. Initially studying in their classroom with the assistance of the teaching staff, first years gradually move into the main study hall as soon as they have learned the necessary study and time management skills to enable them to spend their study time in the most productive way. Supervised study is provided in Coláiste Íde at no additional cost.



Music and the Arts

Coláiste Íde provides opportunities for students to get involved in creative arts such as Music, ballet, creative dance, Irish dance and Art. Coláiste Íde has a long tradition of choir singing; Cór Choláiste Íde comes together every Wednesday afternoon for practice and performs in St. Mary's Church Dingle regularly and at concerts held in Coláiste Íde. First years take part in the annual Christmas Pageant which takes place in December, a tradition that has been part of Coláiste Íde life for many years.

Music is offered as a curricular subject to both Junior and Leaving Certificate. Students who wish to take lessons in specific instruments can avail of personal tuition after class hours. Lessons are available in a variety of instruments such as piano, guitar and voice training. Instrumental teachers teach a variety of genres ranging from classical to traditional Irish Music. Students are encouraged to take exams (Royal Irish Academy of Music) in their instruments either in November or May. Voice Tuition, piano lessons, classical music lessons are available on a private basis, these are subject to availability and demand.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sport

Sport plays an integral role in the life of students in Coláiste Íde. Students can avail of basketball which is our main sport both schools and club level, rugby, Gaelic Football. All students may use the main avenue for walks/runs and 3th 5th & 6th year students regularly walk the three mile loop walk from the college and back.



West Kerry Fitness

All students over the age of 16 may register with West Kerry Fitness to avail of their facilities twice per week. Students travel to and from West Kerry Fitness in a private bus accompanied by a supervisor. Further information can be found on <https://wkfitness.ie/>

Horse riding

Private tuition for beginners and advanced horse riding is available from Seaview Equestrian Centre and transport to and from the equestrian centre is also provided. Coláiste Íde has had a long association with Seaview Equestrian Centre. We have found the facilities to be of a very high standard with a great emphasis placed on safety. Seaview Equestrian arranges transport for the students which is fully supervised by their staff. They cater for beginners and advanced riders. Further information can be got on www.seaviewequestrian.com

Swimming

Swimming takes place in the Peninsula Spa in Dingle Skellig Hotel on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Students travel to and from swimming in a private bus and are fully supervised at all times. Students who wish to take part in swimming must bring the necessary swim clothing with them including swim hats all of which may be washed and dried in the school laundry.



Creative dance

Private tuition in creative dance and ballet takes place in the assembly hall on Thursdays after school under the auspices of The Academy of Dance. The tutor Clarissa Michaux holds a Masters in Dance and Dance education from the National University of Ireland Limerick.

Irish Dance

Irish dance classes take place once a week in the assembly hall or depending on demand.

5th year Transition Programme

Coláiste Íde offers an after-schools transition programme for 5th year students who wish to spend their transition year in Coláiste Íde. Students attend classes from 8.45 – 4.00 pm daily and participate in daily activities and school life including sports and recreation such as Basketball, Rugby, Swimming, Horse Riding, Computer Classes, French Club, Numeracy Club, Cór Choláiste Íde and much more. In addition to this students in 5th year take part in specific courses aimed at furthering their skills and experiences and would normally be included in many post primary transition programs listed below.

The Irish Language; Spending a year in Coláiste Íde will help improve both written and spoken Irish in preparation for the Leaving Certificate. As an all-Irish school the Irish language is the daily language of the students and all subjects are taught through the medium of Irish. Although students are expected to have a good standard

of fundamental Irish prior to entry into 5th year, students receive total immersion in Irish in Coláiste Íde thereby greatly improving their language skills and their confidence in speaking Irish. A Language assistant is available to offer further support if required.

Why Irish is important for Leaving Certificate; Oral Irish is worth 40% of the marks awarded for Irish in the Leaving Certificate Examination. Students who complete their Leaving Certificate examinations through the medium of Irish also receive up to 10% of total marks gained for sitting the examination through the medium of Irish, further information on education.ie.

European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL); Coláiste Íde is certified as a training and examination centre for ECDL the recognised computer literacy standard in Europe. The course is provided to give students the opportunity to complete the full ECDL or individual modules from the program.

Media Course; a short informal course aimed at giving students a taste of filming and film production. Students will produce a short themed film during the course. In recent years Coláiste Íde has taken part in the Fresh

Film Festival Awards and have won 1st price in the Irish language category in 2017.

Presidents Gaisce Bronze Awards; it takes 26 weeks to complete the Gaisce Bronze Award. The process involves developing personal skills, community involvement, Physical Recreation and an expedition or exploration journey. Personal skills give students the chance to develop a new skill or interests; taking up a new sport, learning a new skill or perhaps a new musical instrument.

Community Involvement focuses on making a difference to the lives of others; activities such as visiting grandparents or elderly neighbours are embarked upon. Physical recreation involves becoming physically stronger and improving fitness. Coláiste Íde provides a wide range of physical activities for example basketball, rugby, running, swimming and surfing. Expedition or exploration journey takes place on land or water. Students embark on the scenic route of 'The Dingle Way' which is approximately 25K. Students stay overnight in a self-catering hostel where they have to cook a meal under supervisor. This is a fun event that the students really enjoy.



Public Access to Law course; this course involves one day intensive tuition. Students also undertake a law course also visit the Four Courts in Dublin to see the justice system in operation in actual cases.

Chinese Language and Culture; Transition year students also learn basic Mandarin in conjunction with UCC Confucius Institute students do a 10 hour course in Chinese Language and Culture Course. Students receive a certificate from the Confucius Institution of Ireland University of Ireland Cork on completion

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP); in conjunction with the Dingle Cookery School, this course is designed to introduce participants to food safety and hygiene issues and is based on the HACCP criteria set down by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Students receive a certificate from the Environmental Health Association of Ireland.

Road Safety and driving lessons; this course entails a Road Safety Lecture, preparation for the theory test, driver theory test, a learners permit and also 3 one hour driving lessons which is RSA approved driving instructor which when logged forms part of the total requirement for undergoing a driving test.



A typical weekday in Coláiste Íde

07.50	Roll call
08.00	Breakfast
08.30 – 08.40	Assembly
08.45:	Classes commence – 2 classes x 60 minutes per class
10.45:	Morning Break
11.00:	Class continues – 2 classes x 60 minutes per class
13.00:	Lunch served to all pupils
13.30:	Recreation time for all students. Class meetings on Mondays. The school shop on Tuesdays and Thursday. Choir practice for 1st to 5th years on Wednesdays.
14.00:	2 classes x 60 minutes per class
16.00:	Afternoon break. Extra-curricular programme takes place and recreational time for all students.
17.25:	Supervised Study
19.00:	Evening meal
19.30:	Supervised Study
20.00:	1st year study ends. Down time for 1st years, shower, tidy bedrooms have fun
21.00:	Supervised study ends
22.10:	Mobile phones are handed up
22.20:	Lights out

A typical weekend day in Coláiste Íde

10.00:	Wake up time
10.30:	Breakfast
11.00:	Supervised Study
13.00:	Dinner
14.00:	Supervised activities and trips
18.00:	Supervised Study
19.00:	Evening Meal
19.30:	Supervised Study/Reading time
20.00:	1st year study ends
21.00:	Supervised study ends
21.30:	Movie night
22.30:	Movie night senior cycle



COMMON ROOMS

Amharclann Íde

This main recreational area for students to socialize and relax in the evenings. It is open to all students from 1st to 6th year after school, evenings and weekends and is located adjacent to the junior dormitories. Amharclann Ide has a number of laptop computers and cinema facilities. Students may use this area for their phones if they require charging overnight. Guest speakers and classes are often taught here during the school day.

Seomra na Sinsir (6th year common area)

Sixth years have a common room adjacent to their dormitories. The room is specifically for use by sixth years to help them unwind, have a snack and watch television.

An Leabharlann

The school library is located in the school area and has a wide range of books to read. An Leabharlann is open on a regular basis for all students and offers them a space to read in a relaxed environment. This is also an excellent resource for students to assist with school work such as essays and creative writing. Each Saturday a book club is held when students who have read books the previous week come together and discuss the content of the book, book club membership is open to all students.

Dormitories

1st 2nd and 3rd years usually sleep in dormitories where individual cubicles are available comprising of a single 3 foot bed, study desk, bedside locker, sink, mirror and lockable wardrobe. Double/triple rooms are available on request for siblings. 5th and 6th year students usually sleep in more open dormitories however any student who wishes to avail of a sleeping cubicle may do so by requesting this from the deputy manager. Sleeping areas should be kept neat clean and tidy at all times. A lockable wardrobe is provided to each student. Each area has a reading light which may be used after lights out at night. As this is the personal space of each student, students are encouraged to decorate their room with personal items which make the area more homely.

Refectory

All students dine together in one refectory. Table places are assigned in advance and students from different classes are seated together, this is

designed to give students an opportunity to get to know one another. Each table has a prefect. During meals students are very encouraged to communicate with other students in their table. Students are encouraged to eat healthy diet. Alternative meals such as salads and pastas are available at all mealtimes as an additional or as an alternative should the student choose. Each student is provided with a tuck space and access to refrigeration for the purposes of storing favourite food items from home. Food stored in the tuck space should be sealed or placed in plastic container and tuck storage should always be kept clean and neat. A high standard of decorum and good manners is expected of all students in Coláiste Íde and this is emphasised in particular in the setting of the refectory. This standard ensures the comfort of all other students and also prepares students for the future when they will be attending third level and onto a professional work environment. Coláiste Íde caters for all dietary requirements. Special dietary requirements should be notified by the parent/guardian to the Secretary in writing in advance and parents should update this instruction if required throughout the year.



Pocket Money

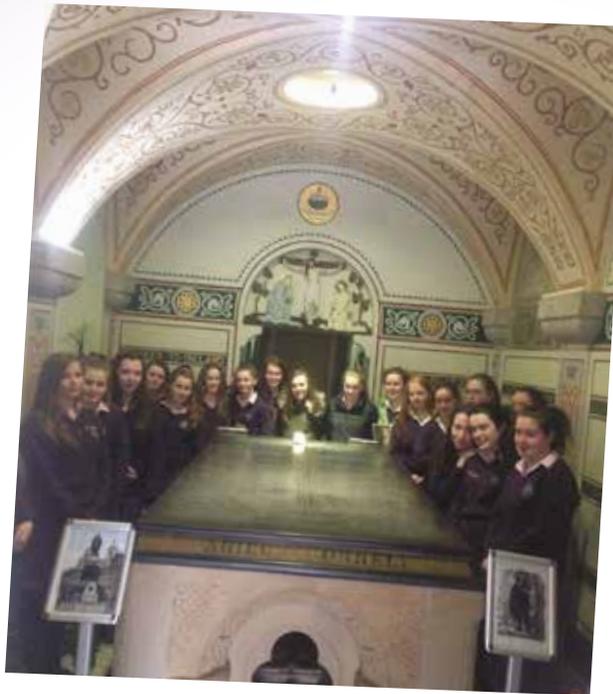
Pocket money for boarders may be lodged with the Dean of Boarding for safe keeping if desired. Money may be taken out every day, a record of lodgements and withdrawals is maintained by the staff. As most of the needs of the students are met in Coláiste Íde a small amount of pocket money is desirable apart from necessary travel expenses at boarders' weekends.

Laundry Service

Coláiste Íde provides a laundry service for students wishing to avail of same. Laundry is collected on Monday Morning and returned on Wednesday afternoon. Special laundry bags are provided in the college. The laundry will accept clothes only, larger items such as bed linen should be taken home on boarders weekend. Payment for laundry service should be made through our website colaisteide.com boarding payments laundry service.

Mobile Phones

Coláiste Íde mobile phone policy has been adapted to facilitate the safe usage of mobile phones in the College to ensure the safety and welfare of each student in our care, to ensure that each student is getting sufficient sleep at night and to avoid incidences of text-message/phone bullying. This policy allocates sufficient time to have daily contact



with home and friends whilst ensuring that students also partake in the community life of the College. The telephone in the college is available for all students at all times and parents are also welcome to contact the college at any time on 066 915 1211 between 9.00a.m.–5.00 p.m. and on 086 7833806 from 5.00p.m - 9.00a.m. Items such as iPads and iPods are permitted with parental consent.

Mobile phones are permitted at the following times;

- Between 7.45a.m.and 8.00a.m. each morning.
- From 9.00p.m. - 10.00p.m
- From 4.00p.m. - 5.20p.m on Tuesdays and Fridays
- During recreation times on weekends

Payment of Fees

Payment of fees and additional payments should be made through our website www.colaisteide.com. There are two strands of payments, Boarding Payments and School Payments, both sections should be checked for due payments. The student's name should always be used as reference. All payments are receipted automatically.

Grants and Bursaries

Six bursaries are awarded to first year students for one year; three are awarded for Irish Language and three for Irish Culture. Competitions for these bursaries are held on the Saturday of Open Days in October and are independently judged. Some parents, depending on geographical location may qualify for a Remote Area Grant. This application is made by the parent/guardian directly to the Department of Education and Skills, please

see Departmental circular giving further information on the Remote Area Grant. Parents who think they may qualify for this grant should contact the Department as soon as possible to allow adequate time for assessment. If granted, the accounts department in Coláiste Íde should be notified immediately.

Remote Area Boarding Grant

Under the Remote Area Boarding Grant scheme, provision exists for the payment of grants in respect of pupils whose normal place of residence is outside the range of public transport services to a school providing suitable free second-level education. The purpose of the scheme is to give pupils who are educationally disadvantaged because of their remoteness from schools an opportunity to attend school on the same basis as other pupils not so disadvantaged. Pupil's resident on off shore islands that do not have a school providing suitable free second level education may also qualify for assistance under the scheme. For pupil's requiring an Irish medium education the outlined criteria will be applied to the nearest second level school providing instruction through Irish. The curriculum choices provided by a school (including the provision or otherwise of transition year) within 25 km of the applicant's normal place of residence will not be a factor in the determination of eligibility for the award of a grant. The maximum grant payable under the scheme from the commencement of the school year may not exceed €4,947 per pupil per annum. The grant is payable after each school term to the school or parent/guardian, whichever is appropriate, subject to verification by the school that the pupil has been in full-time attendance for the period concerned and a statement of the annual maintenance charge for the boarding or lodging fees, whichever is applicable, is provided. Application for children starting in September of a school year should be sent in on or before the 30th April of that year as there is no guarantee that applications received after this time will be processed by the September. Applications should be forwarded to Schools Division, Remote Area Boarding Grant, Department of Education & Skills, Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

Enrolment & Contact

Thank you for reading our prospectus and we hope you have found it both informative and helpful. Why not pay us a visit and see first-hand what life in Coláiste Íde is like. We hold two sets of open days each year, two days at the beginning of October and one day in early March.

We welcome parents and students at any time of the year by prior appointment. Visiting Coláiste Íde whilst our students are in residence is very helpful as it gives a clear idea of what daily life is like and our staff and students are always available to answer questions and help in any way we can.

We can be contacted through this website or alternatively by email to info@colaisteide.com or by telephone +353 66 915 1211.





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