

Coláiste Dún lascaigh



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, an exceptional school with a distinctive rural culture where each and every student entrusted in our care is encouraged to reach their full potential in an inclusive and highly driven centre of learning.

We encourage, challenge and develop each and every student throughout their journey of Secondary school life. At our school a dedicated staff work collaboratively to teach and promote a broad cohesive and varied curriculum that supports our students learning and progression to cater for the vast array of choices and career paths into their future. From careers in Medicine and Dentistry to Agricultural Science and Teaching careers, academic excellence is a primary and pivotal commitment in CDI, built through the core values of care, respect, and equality for each and every student.

Every student enters the doors of CDI with opportunities to reach any path they excel to achieve. We, as a staff are committed to encourage and guide them on that journey.

In Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, we take great pride in being able to offer our first year students a wide variety of subject choices for Junior Cycle. Class sizes are also very attractive to facilitate an excellent learning environment. Support and guidance is always at hand within the school structures to aid and ensure as smooth a transition as possible from Primary to Secondary school. Choice isn't solely limited to our Junior Cycle curriculum. A wonderful variety of activities, curriculum and challenges await students in TY.

Fifth year students also have the benefit of a wide curriculum for Senior Cycle where 90% get their first choice subjects offered for their Leaving Certificate. This is a valuable asset for all students to ensure equality of choice.

Our school boasts an extensive range of extra-curricular activities, offered to students to provide ample opportunities to develop many new skills and friendships within their interests and hobbies. These are all essential for the development of the whole person.

After over 25 years of Educational excellence and success, our past pupils can be found in many parts of the world where they work in broad and varied employments.

I am very proud to be the Principal of Colaiste Dun Iascaigh and I am looking forward to leading the school into further progressive years. A fabulous new two storey extension has been granted that will see new classrooms, specialist rooms and facilities established to facilitate our 850 student capacity. Choosing a post primary school is a significant step for all families, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh can offer your child academic excellence, many extra-curricular activities and much more on their journey through the school.

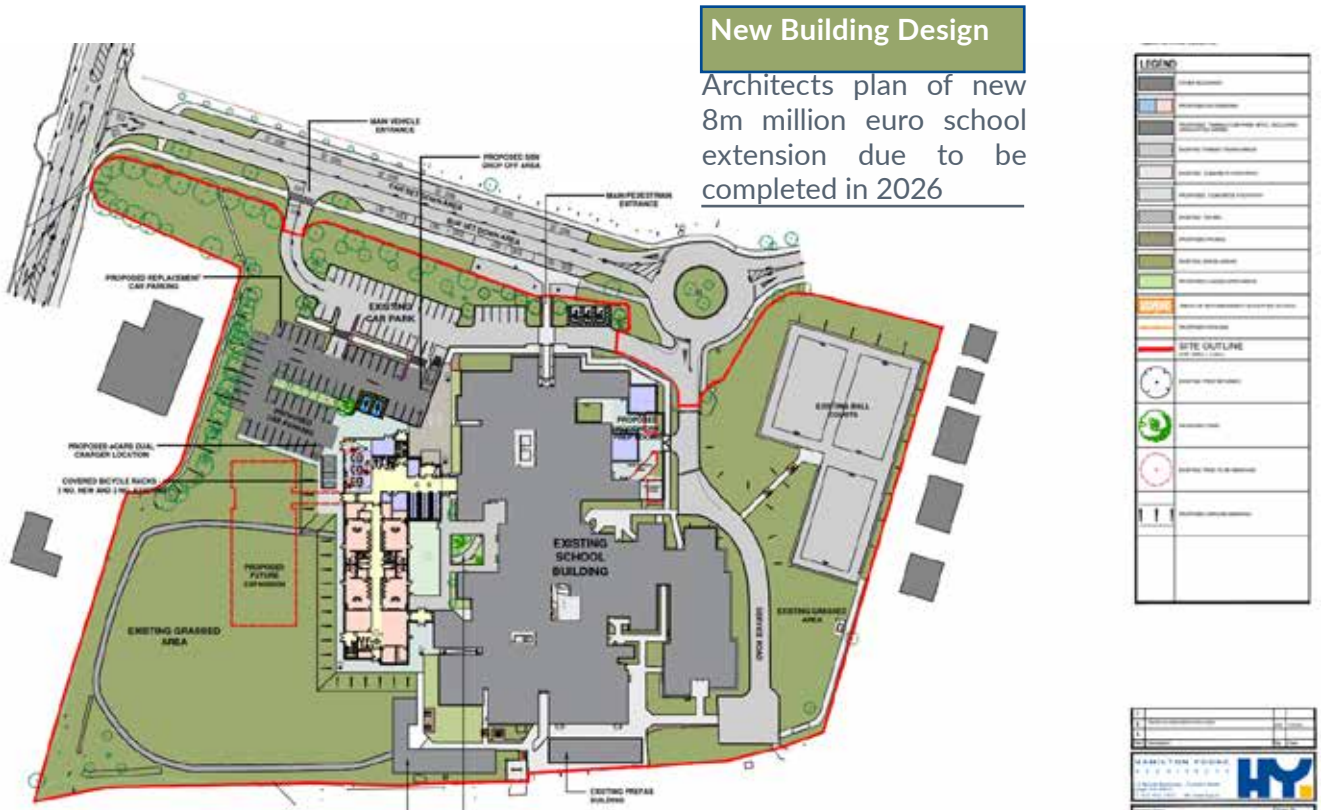


Peter Creedon

School Principal of Coláiste
Dún Iascaigh

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**Focused &
Individualised
Supports**

Targetted Supports

**Targetted Supports for students with specific
needs to retain engagement in their learning**

Universal Supports

**Shared expectations for all learners at the Coláiste, with clear
responsibilities for all students to empower their learning and
wellbeing, supported by academic tracking and monitoring.**



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Pastoral Care: Our Pastoral Care Team consists of; The Principal, Deputy Principal, Guidance Counsellors, Chaplain, Home School Liaison, Year Heads, Class Connect Teachers and our Additional Educational Needs Team.

Transition to 1st Year

Our Principal, Mr Peter Creedon and one of our school counsellors visit local primary schools in the autumn prior to the School Open night. During these visits we speak to the 6th class students about our school and what we can offer students who come to us. We answer questions and give general advice about subject choice explaining that at the Open Night students and their parents/guardians will learn much more about the subjects.

Those intending to enroll will be invited to an Information Night dedicated to sharing information about subjects and programmes.

As a follow up we go to schools to meet 6th class for two sessions of about 80 minutes, between March and May. The content of our sessions are; preparation for secondary school; system changes; subject choice; making friends; timetables; study skills and managing homework.

On the first day of school students are shown around by student mentors. These students co-ordinate activities designed to help students to get to know each other and how to navigate the school.

Our First Year, Year Head, Mr. Ryan is the 'go to person' for First Years and he is always willing to help students with any queries.



'Learning together to achieve
and succeed'



'With our future ahead of us
and our ancestors beside us.
There's nothing we can't do!'

School Life & School Day

School begins at 8.50 a.m. and ends at 15.45 each day except for Wednesdays when we finish at 13.15. We have 6x 1 hour classes every day, except Wednesday.



Student Council Mentors



Parent and Student Induction Day



Leading Learners



An Cuan Teachers



Fostering positive relationships, through 'Points' discipline system



Diverse subject options
Polish, PE, Technology



Working with local and national bodies to advance- our students



Parent's Council Chairperson
Marie O'Brien



Green Schools



School Musical and Trad Sessions



Student Voice



ons, including
ogy, Engineering



Environmentally Conscientious



Working together in a co-
educational learning environment



Assessment, academic monitoring
and mentoring



Awards Night



Junior Durr

Follow the link on
this QR code and our
principal Mr. Creedon
will show you how to
navigate our school and
school day



Student Trajectories & Progression

75% of students go on to further or higher education in fields such as Medicine, Engineering, Business and Humanities.

15% pursue apprenticeships and traineeships. 2% annually travel abroad to study in the world's top 100 universities.

Many illustrious figures have walked these halls.... from worlds of media, entertainment, politics, education, academia and industry. Come here to go far!

What do you want to be in the future?

LISTEN
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PUPIL
A QUIRKE
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Opinion Business Sport Life Style Entertainment Travel
s magic moment secures glory for DCU
- O'Connor Cup Final



Hear about Aisling's Journey
from Cahir to Geelong



PAST PUPIL
Linda Williams
B.Sc. NUI
Maynooth
M.Sc Royal
College of
Surgeons
Linda completed
her PhD on
Analysis of the
Effects of HSF1
Inhibition in
Colon Cancer



Alumni- Former CDI Graduates

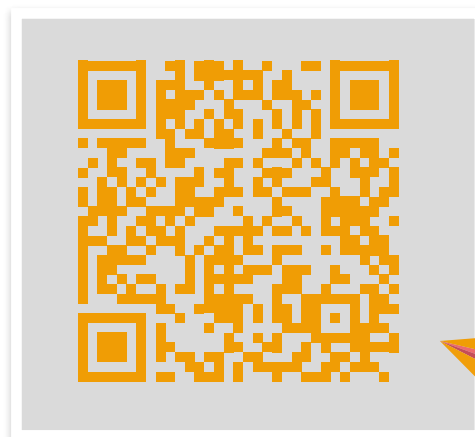
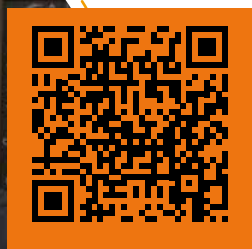
Here in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh we are privileged to count elite athletes, rugby players, actors, comedians, nano scientists and Fulbright scholars among our illustrious graduates.

From Premier league strength and conditioning coaches to doctors, pharmacists and ...of course teachers, many have been inspired by the passion and expertise of our teachers.

Our musicals, sports fields, classrooms, workshops and labs have launched the careers of inventors, entrepreneurs and academics. Read and watch some of our Alumni stories below-



PAST PUPIL Daithí Ó Domhnail as Rois na Rún



Head
ach



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Sinead Tobin
Currently
undertaking her
PHD in the use
of quantum dots
for ultrasonic
transducers

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Programme
Manager STFC



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Sheena Kennedy
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UCC B. Pharm
2006 - 2010



Tommy
O'Donnell,
Munster
Rugby player

Learn about Maurice and his classmates
achievements since graduating



PAST PUPIL Dr. Maurice Casey- past pupil, Fulbright Scholar & Historian at Queen's University Belfast, with Liam Ahearne B.O.M. & Principal Peter Creedon



PAST PUPIL
Brendan Roche
B.Sc Chemistry UCD

Brendan Roche will complete
Ph.D. in UCD in Organic Science
with full funding from the Science
Foundation of Ireland



PAST PUPIL Cian Conlan-Smith, (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master's Degree, Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering) Unveiling 'the Geec' (Galway energy-efficient car) at NUI Galway

Progressive Faculty, Teaching & Learning

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh aims to equip all learners with the skills needed to succeed in a world of change. We aim to encourage all our students to achieve their potential through a culture of high achievement for everyone. Learning is at the centre of all that we do, and we aim to encourage a culture of learning that is not based solely on the acquisition of knowledge but on the development of the skills, attributes and values needed to encourage life-long learning.

Science: Coláiste Dún Iascaigh students have been Sci-Fest Regional Winners and BT Young Scientist finalists. Teachers

Practical Subjects: Our members include The President of The Techno Teachers Association, Chief Advising Examiner

Humanities: Our department includes Chief Advising Examiners, former politicians and teachers with international

Modern Foreign Languages: Our Department includes former translators, current Department of Education

Wellbeing: Our school offers excellent SPHE and CSPE programmes as well as being a pilot school for the new Leaving Certificate

Student led learning and Extracurricular Activities: Our students benefit from entrance scholarships and bursaries for their sporting

Art Music & Performance



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh student Georina received top prize in Ireland in the All Ireland Certificate of Excellence

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changing world.
high expectations
commitment



Leah Brannigan JP. McManus All Ireland Scholarship Recipient

German Embassy
Scholarship
Recipient
Max Zimman



Winner of 2016 Hennessy Portrait Prize announced

have served as Leaving and Junior Certificate Examiners
miners and teachers who came from industry

experience
Examiners.
Certificate Physical Education (LCPE) exam subject
s, performance and volunteering achievements

Bord Gais Theatre Awards, ETB Talent Competition

and Debating



lascaigh
rge Forbes
grade
Leaving
Engineering

Aoife Fahy science prize
winner in the MSD
Bright Ideas Jnr. Category



Junk Kouture Finalists



MIC Bursary Winner Róisín Howard



Tipperary An Garda Síochána Youth Awards

Model EU
Debating



His Excellency Mr Costas A. Papademas, Cypriot
Ambassador and Barbara Nolan, Head of the
European Commission with CDI students.



Construction workers given
A grade by Cahir students

Quality Teaching & Learning

The Teaching & learning Steering Committee work on informing and sharing with staff effective teaching strategies, expertise and best practice to improve the student experience and to create a positive climate in the classroom.



Develop metacognition and self-regulation approaches to help students think about their learning
Teach Meets, Pop-Up Workshops, Collaborative Practice, National and International Best practice Approaches



Today's learners,
tomorrow's
teachers

The Learning Zone:

TY students apply to become Leading Learners who coach small groups of First Year Students and guide them to develop study strategies and exam techniques. They also organise activities such as cooking, crafts and games.



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Junior Cycle Curriculum

CORE SUBJECTS:

English, Irish, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, Religious Education, Social, Personal & Health Education, Civic, Social, & Political Education, History, Geography.



Open our Guide

OPTION SUBJECTS: Art, Business Studies, French, German, Spanish, Polish, Technical Graphics, Woodwork, Metalwork, Technology, Music, Home Economics.





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Senior Cycle Curriculum

OPTION SUBJECTS:

Engineering
Construction
D.C.G.
Art
Music
Ag. Science
History
Geography
French
Spanish
German
Polish
Business
Physics
Home Economics
Chemistry
Biology
Technology
Accounting
L.C.V.P.
*New Subject P.E.
Politics
Applied Maths

NON EXAM SUBJECTS;
Religion, Career
Guidance





We offer 4 Science subjects, 7 practical subjects and subjects like Politics and PE as exam subjects. This benefits students such as Margaret (pictured to the left) to progress to her chosen field of Medicine

We offer a choice of 23 subjects!

Students can sit more subjects at Higher Level leading to more CAO points.

In 2023 5 students got over 600 points. Over 55% of our students achieved over 400 points.

Transition year

Our Transition Year offers students an opportunity to engage in independent and self-directed learning. General technical, academic and work-related skills are nurtured. Students acquire social and communication skills, building their self-confidence, while preparing academically for 5th Year.





Scan QR code
(TY video)



School Facilities



Library



Gym



Kitchens



New 8 million euro building



Floor plan of the new building



Art Rooms



Music Room



Practical Rooms



Canteen



Laboratories



Computer Rooms



Polytunnel & School Garden



First Year Locker Space



Pitches



New Multi- Use Pitch Development

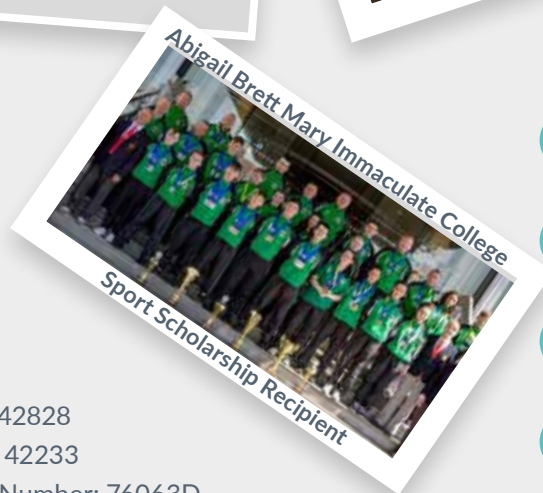


Learning together to achieve and succeed"



"As a mother, I have always wished for her happiness and success, but I have also understood the importance of embracing the journey, rather than just focusing on the destination. The Coláiste has been a vital part of this journey-shaping her mind, nurturing her talents, and fostering friendships that will last a lifetime."

Mairéad Casey, parent of 2023 Graduate and Student of The Year, Tia Casey Simpson.



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Watch the Coláiste girls starring in a T.V. advertisement>>>

