



**Coláiste
Dún Iascaigh
Cahir**



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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for accepting a place for your son/daughter in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh for the next academic year 2026/2027. I hope they are enjoying their final year in primary school before they begin their post primary school journey. To help in this transition the following steps have been put in place over the next few months to support a smooth transition into first year.

January: Primary School Visits During January

Ms. Burke (ASD lead), Ms. Trehy (AEN Coordinator) and Ms. Tarrant (Deputy Principal) will be meeting with all primary schools. The purpose of these visits is to gather information that will support the transition of your child into the Coláiste. I would like to thank all our feeder primary school for facilitating this.

Jan 29th: School Information Night

An important School Information Night for parents/guardians and our incoming first years will be held on the January 29th in the school. The sitting should last approximately 1 hour. Your son/daughter is also invited to attend. You will get information on:

- The Junior Cycle curriculum and CBA's (class based assessments)
- Subject choice
- Information on extra curricular activities
- Day to day school schedule
- School policies
- Transition steps and Induction week
- Student supports
- Vsware student management system
- and any other questions you may have for us

An electronic form (link on a text message) will issue to you prior to this meeting which will give you an opportunity to ask any questions which you would like covered at the meeting.

10th -13th Feb: CAT (Cognitive Ability Testing) in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

The next step of the transition process happens between the 10th and 13th of February when all of our incoming first years will come to the Coláiste for CAT testing. It will give the incoming first years another opportunity to visit the school. A report of the results will be posted to parents/guardians following the testing. This report can aid with subject selection.

9th – 12th March: One to One meetings:

During the week commencing the 9th of March there will be one to one meetings with parent/ guardians and your son/daughter in the school. These meetings are informal which we have found very beneficial over the

previous years. Again, it's all part of helping your son/daughter to settle into the school, get a feel for the environment, get to meet some people from the school and is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Shortly before this meeting, a form will be issued to your phone where a series of questions are asked. These questions will vary from interests/ hobbies, whether they have siblings in the school, any medical issues we need to know and a series of other questions that is necessary for us at this particular stage. Your co-operation in completing this form would be very much appreciated.

12th March - 27th March: A Subject Option Form

An electronic form will be issued on March 12th with a deadline of March 27th that will allow parents / guardians to complete your son/daughters subject choice.

May: Additional visits to the school

Additional visits for some incoming first years will take place during the month of May.

June: Information letter / Educational Passports

A letter will be issued to all parents outlining start dates for the 2026/2027 academic year, school calendar 2026/2027 and relevant information. Educational passports will also be transferred from the primary school to the Coláiste outlining extra information regarding your son/daughter.

I have attached links below to our most recent newsletters and social media links which will give you and your son/daughter further information about our school.

Newsletter

- [Autumn 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [Summer 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [Spring 2025 Newsletter](#)

Social Media links

- [Link to X](#)
- [Link to Facebook](#)

Finally, I want to express my thanks in advance for your co-operation in the transition process from 6th class to 1st year. Please feel free to contact us in the Coláiste if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you all for the information night on January 29th.

Wishing you and your family a safe, joyful, and restful Christmas period.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,



Principal