

First Year 2021 Parent Information Evening



19/03/2021



Who are we?



- **Principal** – Ms. Chrissie Kelly
- **Deputy Principal** – Ms. Sheila O'Connell
- **Year Head** – Ms. Elaine Dennehy

Subjects



Core	Options	Wellbeing Suite
Irish	Business Studies	P.E.
Maths	French	CSPE
English	German	SPHE
Geography	Home Economics	Wellbeing
Religious Education	Science	
History	Short Course	
	Tech Graphics	
	Art	





Subject Taster Programme

- We divide our academic year into three eleven week Learning Cycles.
- Learning Cycle 1: students study first four options
- Learning Cycle 2: students study second four options
- Learning Cycle 3: Students pick their preferred four options to study for Junior Cycle.
- Students will receive a term report at the end of each Learning Cycle.

Our School Day



- First bell rings at 8:55 – classes start at 9:00
- Monday & Tuesday – finish at 3:50 (9 Classes)
- Wed, Thur. & Friday – finish at 3:35 (8 Classes)
- Lunch every day 1:15 – 2:00

Uniform



- Checked pleated skirt*
 - Pin-stripe navy trousers*
 - Navy Jumper with school crest*
 - Plain white shirt
 - Navy/plain tights, plain black/navy shoes - no runners or logos.
 - School Jacket -
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- * These items are specific to our school and are available from Shindig (online) and Dan Fitzgerald's

PE Uniform



- All students must have the official P.E. uniform which is:
 - School crested tracksuit pants *
 - School half-zip* – optional
 - White polo shirt
 - Support runners
 - Sports socks
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- * These items are specific to our school and are available from Shindig (online) and Dan Fitzgerald's



Lockers

- Locker keys are issued by the school
- Rental of lockers is included in school admin fee



Microsoft365/VSware



- Online Learning Platform is Microsoft365.
 - Individual accounts will be created for each student.
 - Details will be given to students on the first day of school.
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- Our Management and Information System is VSware
 - Parent accounts are created where parents can access student timetables, attendance, term reports and behaviour tabs.
 - Details will be given to students on the first day of school.

Transition Year - Optional



- 3rd year students are encouraged complete this optional year.
- It is designed to give students a year to mature, learn new skills and gain both work and life experience.
- Studies show that students who do transition year can get up to 40-45 more CAO points on average than those who do not and are also more likely to go on to third level education.
- It enables students to taste all the leaving cert subjects which allows them to make a more informed decision when choosing LC subjects.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Every opportunity to participate in all types of extra-curricular activities.
- Develops wide range of interpersonal skills
- Enables students to explore and bring to full potential, their many talents.

- Basketball
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Gaelic Football
- Spikeball
- Athletics
- Choir
- Debating
- Crafts



Pastoral Care System



- Mentoring Programme
- Subject Teacher
- Class teacher
- Year Head
- Pastoral Care Team & Student Support Team
- Guidance and counselling
- Deputy Principal
- Principal
- Referral to outside agencies e.g. HSE, Jigsaw, NEPS, CAMHS, KACS, Tusla etc



Guidance



- 2 fully qualified guidance counsellors
- 3 aspects of guidance:
 - - educational guidance
 - - vocational guidance
 - - personal guidance
- See students when referred through SST

Transition to Secondary



- Longer day – fatigue
- Up to 9 teachers per day
- New subjects
- Personal organisation – locker, timetable, practical's etc.,
- New friends
- On request students may visit the school during summer

Transition and Transfer Induction Program

Tús Maith Program - Full Week



Focused on:

- **friendship formation,**
 - **confidence building,**
 - **becoming part of a new school community** - orientation for students to the expectations and operation of Presentation Tralee.
 - **general orientation challenges** of coping with the new timetable, new subjects, new teachers, longer day and the layout of a new school.
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- It aims to support the social, emotional and personal aspects of the transition from primary school to secondary school.
 - Students are **closely monitored** and **individually surveyed** at many intervals throughout the first week, fortnight, month and term. This provides us with a **real insight** into their transition into the school. **Individualised support** is then provided, and **contact made with parents** where necessary. Parents will also be surveyed at intervals throughout the year to ensure all students receive the support that they need to **flourish and be happy** and **fulfill their potential** in Presentation, Tralee

Feedback Tús Maith 2020



- 100% of students loved their first week in Presentation.
- 100% believed they will be very happy in this school.
- 93% felt clear about what is expected of them Presentation.
- 91% know where and who to go to if they need help in Presentation.

Other Supports for Our 1st Years



- Usually have a standard assessment tests in February followed by a presentation for parents.
- On-going pastoral care
- 5th Year student mentors
- Individual meeting with Guidance counsellor
- Learning support for students with Special Educational Needs

Communication



- Please arrange to meet with us in June of 2021 in relation to any issues or concerns regarding your daughter
- Educational reports must be provided to the school as soon as possible.
- Parents wishing to meet with the DP or Principal should telephone the school office to make an appointment
- €60 admin fee to office – arrangements to pay by instalments can be made by contacting the office.





Exam Success

- We in Pres Tralee have a long and rich tradition of academic excellence, where our students consistently attain an impressive level of results.
- In 2019, only five students in Kerry achieved 625 points. Two of those students were from Pres Tralee.
- 6% of our students received over 600 points in 2019. The national average was 2%.
- We far exceed the national averages for students who score more than 400 points, more than 500 points, and more than 600 points.

Thank You



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Thank You

