



## Guiding Students from their First Day through to Graduation

### First Year

We understand that moving on from primary school to second-level school is a big step for many students so we have set up a number of systems to make the transition as easy as possible. These include:

- Principal and Career Guidance Counsellor visit local primary schools
- Open Day/Enrolment
- A Welcome Evening for both parents and students
- Moving On day in June
- A special day for only First Years in August

First Year students take all subjects offered until October. Their progress and aptitudes are monitored then to help them to select the right course level and to choose two options and their subjects for the Junior Certificate.

### Preparing for Senior Level

In third year, students are given aptitude tests. The Guidance Counsellor meets each student with their parents to advise them on appropriate choice of subjects and courses for the Leaving Certificate, with proper regard to future career options.

### After Graduation

Final year students must make many important decisions. We provide advice and information on - further and higher education options; completing CAO and UCAS forms; obtaining grants and scholarships, and securing apprenticeships.

### Recognising Achievement

We mark the completion of second-level schooling with a graduation ceremony where every student's contribution is equally recognised. A prominent guest speaker addresses the ceremony and students are given a personalised memento of their time at school. On the following day we hold a prize giving ceremony for students from other year groups to acknowledge achievements and contributions made to school life over the year.



## Sporting and Cultural Activities

Along with academic learning, we encourage students to develop individual talents and interests. A wide range of sporting and cultural interests are provided:

Teams participate in school competitions in -

- Gaelic Football
- Soccer
- Athletics
- Young Scientist
- Campcraft
- Art
- Camogie
- Choirs/ Music
- Surfing
- Canoeing and Kayaking

Students have the opportunity to participate in -

- Literacy Corner - Research/Reading
- Swimming
- Young Entrepreneur Promotions
- Chess and Draughts Club
- School Musical Productions
- Drama
- School Tours
- Creative Writing
- Indoor Soccer
- Fund Raising Activities for Charity

- Hillwalking & Orienteering
- Basketball
- Debating/ Public Speaking
- Badminton

- Environmental Club
- Fís Club
- Computer Club: Scratch, Kudo, Alice

## Courses on offer

- Junior Certificate
- Transition Year Programme (TYP)
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
- Leaving Certificate Applied Programme (LCAP)
- School of Music

## Subjects on offer

### Junior Certificate core subjects

Business Studies  
CSPE  
English  
French  
Geography  
German  
History  
Irish  
Mathematics  
Religious Education  
Science  
SPHE

### option subjects (choose two)

Art  
Home Economics  
Materials Technology :  
-Metal  
Materials Technology:  
-Wood  
Music  
Technical Graphics

### Transition Year core subjects

English  
Gael Chultaúr/ Gaelbheo  
French Language and Culture  
German Language and Culture  
Mathematics  
21st Century Science: (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science)  
Work Experience and Guidance  
Art

Catering for Diversity  
Young Social Imovators  
Health Fitness and Lifestyle through Activities  
Fit for Life  
IT Skills/ECDL  
Social Studies: (History, Geography, and Political Studies)  
Engineering/ Graphics: Models and Projects  
Business/ Accounting

### Leaving Certificate Applied core subjects

Vocational Preparation and Guidance  
English and Communication  
Mathematical Applications  
Communicative Irish  
Modern Language  
Social Education  
Visual Art  
Engineering  
Information and Communication Technology  
Graphics and Construction Studies  
Drama  
Active Leisure Studies  
Leisure and Recreation - including: Physical Education  
Introduction to Information and Communication Technology

### Leaving Certificate core subjects

English  
Irish  
Mathematics  
*option subjects (choose 4)*  
Accounting  
Agricultural Science  
Art  
Biology  
Business  
Chemistry  
Construction Studies  
Design and Communication Graphics  
Engineering  
French  
Geography  
German  
History  
Home Economics  
Music  
Physics

### Senior students also study:

- Careers Education
- Computers with broadband Internet access
- Religious Education Programme

## Creative



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## Welcome

### Primary Schools

Ballinamoney N.S., Bailieborough.

Cabra Central N.S., Kingscourt.

Corlea N.S., Kingscourt.

East Knockbride N.S., Bailieborough.

Killinkere N.S., Virginia.

Laragh N.S., Muff.

Maio N.S., Tierworker, Kells.

St. Anne's N.S., Bailieborough.

St. Brigid's N.S., Tunnyduff.

St. Felim's N.S., Bailieborough.

St. Joseph's N.S., Kingscourt.

St. Killian's N.S., Crossreagh, Mullagh.

St. Mary's N.S., Moynalty.

St. Michael's N.S., Clifferna, Stradone.

St. Patrick's N.S., Shercock.

The Model N.S., Bailieborough.



School choice for your son or daughter is a crucial decision. We as principal and deputy principal are confident that Bailieborough Community School provides a holistic education of the highest quality across the spiritual, pastoral, academic, cultural, physical, psychological and social arenas.

Bailieborough Community School is an inclusive second level school for both boys and girls serving the towns of Bailieborough, Kingscourt, Shercock and surrounding rural areas. The school caters for over 585 students.

We place great emphasis on excellent teaching and learning. We expect every student to do their best. Staff members are dedicated professionals who strive to achieve high standards in their work. We work in tandem with parents and legal guardians and aim to assist them in their role as primary educators. We place great emphasis on students' welfare. We strive to provide an enjoyable and personal school experience with a rich range of opportunities. This results in a vibrant spirit of community permeating all activities.

Our Christian ethos enables us and our students in our commitment to respect ourselves and each other, to think independently, to take responsibility for ourselves and our actions and to tolerate and value diversity.

Parents are always welcome. They are hugely supportive of the school and we maintain regular contact, providing reports of progress and school developments.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any enquiries.

**Martha Lievens**  
Principal

**Fergal Kenny**  
Deputy Principal

## A Happy and Personal School Experience

### Our Past

Bailieborough Community School opened in September 1981. The new school brought together Bailieborough Vocational School and Lourdesville Secondary School run by the Presentation Sisters.

### Code of Behaviour

Respect is the principle at the heart of our school. Students sign and agree to act within a comprehensive Code of Behaviour designed to ensure that all students' second-level school experience is positive and happy. The Code sets out rights and responsibilities and outlines a system to ensure good discipline.

### Parents and The School

We work closely with parents and value their involvement. Regular contact with parents is maintained in a number of ways:

- Parents' Association
- Principal/Deputy Principal/Year Leaders meet parents on request
- Career Guidance Counsellor meets parents on request
- Progress reports are issued twice yearly
- Student/Parent/Teacher meetings are held annually for each Year group
- Regular newsletter to each family
- Updates on the school's website
- Various evening meetings for parents
- Student Journal for notes to Year Leaders, Tutors and Class Teachers
- Parents are invited to make an appointment to meet the Principal and/or any teacher if they wish to discuss any matter concerning their child's education.
- Parents are kept informed of the various stages of their child's education through information evenings

## Caring for All Students

Community Schools are co-ed and inter-denominational. We welcome all in the area who wish to enrol. All abilities and the various individual needs are catered for subject to the provision of resources from the Department of Education and Science.

In Bailieborough Community School, the Principal and Deputy Principal work in collaboration with all staff members to implement the Code of Behaviour which ensures that learning prevails and that individual needs are accommodated. Year Leaders, Tutors and Specialist Teachers have particular responsibility for the welfare and development of each student.

### Year Leader

The Year Leader is in daily contact with students in a particular Year group. The Year Leader monitors attendance, punctuality, uniform and general behaviour as well as liaising with Class Teachers, Tutors and Parents when necessary.

### Class Tutor

The Tutor takes a special interest in a particular class and meets that class regularly. The Tutor gets to know the students in that class well and through a caring relationship supports the Year Leader in monitoring progress and dealing with any personal problems.

### Specialists

The individual needs of students are catered for in our school by various specialist teachers who, as well as teaching, fulfil a role designed to meet specific needs, ie:

- Careers Guidance Counsellor
- Chaplain
- Learning Support Teachers
- Resource Teacher

All these teachers are happy to meet with parents.

### Additional Student Support Services

- Supervised Study (as required)
- Personal Safety Committee
- Cool School Social Skills Programme
- Student Council

Students have a voice in school affairs. Each Year Group is represented on the Student Council by four members elected by their peers. Council members are given extra responsibility and represent the school on occasion.



# Happy



## Fáilte/Willkommen/Bienvenue

# Caring

