



COLÁISTE MUIRE, REALT NA MARA

*Excellence in Education
since 1947*

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MISSION STATEMENT



Coláiste Muire, Realt na Mara, Crosshaven is a Presentation secondary school which welcomes all students. It is dedicated to the full development of each individual in a caring Christian community where Gospel values are recognised and celebrated.

Our school community is one wherein:

- The role of staff, pupils, parents and board of management is recognized through good communication and consultation.
- The needs and welfare of pupils of all abilities are promoted.
- A feeling of self-worth is fostered to enable the student to achieve his/her full potential in all areas of school life.
- The talents of staff and students are recognized and affirmed.
- Continuous staff development is facilitated and encouraged.
- The religious, human and social values are fostered in an atmosphere of compassion and respect.
- An awareness of our heritage and culture is fostered.
- Inspired by these ideals we commit ourselves to the ongoing development of our school.



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



At Colaiste Muire, Crosshaven, we provide for the holistic development of all our students. Every individual student brings something unique to our school and we value and nurture this. We aim to bring out the best in every student and subsequently help them find their own niche in life.

Colaiste Muire has been in existence for almost 80 years and is renowned Nationally for academic excellence, innovation, competition and care. Great care is taken to ensure that every student achieves to his/her maximum potential. Over the years the achievements of our students in examinations have consistently exceeded National standards. All students in our care achieve to their maximum potential at all levels. On Average 25% of our LC students achieve over 500 points, 60% over 400 points and 80% over 300 points.

Our students also learn the joy, excitement and challenge of competition in a variety of areas at all levels. The success of our students in sports, young scientist, young enterprise, debating, scifest, drama and many more are a source of great pride to everyone associated with our school.

Our student body comprising of 460 students share a common appreciation for the value of good character, hard work, responsibility and leadership. They come from the surrounding communities of Crosshaven, Carrigaline, Ballygarvan, Minane Bridge, Rennies, Riverstick, Ringaskiddy, Shanbally and beyond.

Our highly skilled motivated staff bring with them a wide range of experience, talents and skills ensuring high quality provision of education to all our students. They all share a dedication to the mission of the school striving to ensure the holistic education of all.

I hope our prospectus gives you a flavour of what life is like in our school.

Ms A Doherty
Principal



WHAT MAKES COLÁISTE MUIRE SO UNIQUE?

Coláiste Muire is unique for a number of reasons:

- We are a presentation co-educational school nestled amongst the backdrop of the historical and picturesque Cork Harbour. Our unique location allows our pupils a fulfilling and secure environment to achieve the exceptional.
- Each year our students achieve academic excellence which has consistently exceeded national standards.
- Our curriculum is very broad offering an extensive range of subjects to cater for the varying needs of all pupils at both Junior and Senior Cycle.
- Our highly skilled and motivated staff bring with them a wide range of experience, talents and skills ensuring a high quality provision of education to all of our students. They all share a dedication to the mission of the school striving to ensure the holistic education of all.
- Through our unique pastoral care system we are committed to ensuring that your child is known and looked after. Great care is taken to ensure that every student achieves his/her maximum potential.
- We are a school that runs an excellent extra-curricular programme which provides a broad, healthy and creative development for all of our students. This has contributed to our schools continued success at national and international events and competitions including Young Economist of the Year and BT Young Scientist Awards.
- Coláiste Muire is one of only a handful of Cork schools which have been selected to participate in Creative Schools. This is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme to enable the creative potential of every child. This initiative will understand, develop and celebrate the arts and creativity in schools. Coláiste Muire has chosen to develop an exciting Creative School Plan, in consultation with students, parents, teachers and management, which will be implemented in the coming school year.
- Above all, Coláiste Muire is a school that is open, tolerant and where all are welcome. We strive to create an inclusive environment for our entire student community.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

CURRICULUM

Coláiste Muire maintains its formidable record for academic excellence. Our school aims to help all pupils achieve their full potential. Our teaching stimulates and challenges each student and this is supported by careful monitoring and continuous assessment. Our curriculum is balanced, broad and diverse.

SUBJECTS

Subjects taught in Coláiste Muire include:

Irish	Physical Education
English	Religion
Maths	French
Science	Music
Physics	Business studies
Chemistry	Economics
Biology	Technology
Applied Mathematics	LCVP
History	Art
Geography	Materials Technology (wood)
CSPE	Home Economics
SPHE	Technical Graphics



Well-being which includes modules in - Yoga and Mindfulness, Speech and Drama, Digital Literacy.



FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM

In first year, students follow a common curriculum where they experience all subjects. After Christmas they then make a more informed choice regarding optional subjects which they wish to continue with into junior cycle. Career Guidance Counsellors/Subject Teachers provide advice to students on their choices. Subjects studied:

English	Visual Art
Irish	Home Economics
French	Music
Maths	Religion
Science	Graphics
History	Wood Technology
Geography	Well-being
Business	

JUNIOR CYCLE

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION IN JUNIOR CYCLE?

- To help students become better learners and develop a love of learning
- Provide a solid foundation for further study
- To develop skills for learning and life
- To support learning through improved reporting to both students and parents

The new Junior Cycle features newly developed subjects, a focus on key skills, student well-being and new approaches to assessment and reporting.

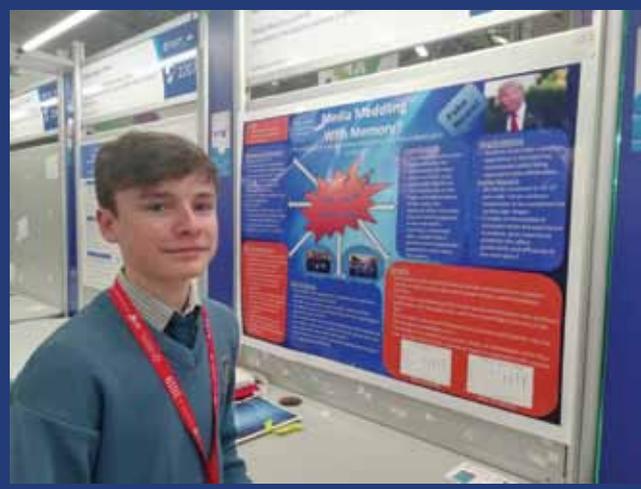


TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is a one year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle. It is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent, self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle. TY Students may participate in a wide variety of modules and extracurricular activities including First Aid, swimming, self defence, Young Social Innovators, safe drive, drama, public speaking, young enterprise, the school bank, trips to the Gaeltacht, outdoor education centres, cultural tours and the school musical.

SENIOR CYCLE

Senior Cycle in Coláiste Muire caters for students from 15 to 18 years. Students follow approved courses in the following subjects: Irish, English, Maths, French, Religious Education, PE, Careers, and choose three subjects from the wide variety of subjects available: Accounting, Art, Applied Maths, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Construction, Economics, French, Geography, History, Home Economics, Music, Physics, Technical Graphics.



SPORTS

Coláiste Muire has a wide and varied range of sports. An active lifestyle is encouraged in all areas of the curriculum and sports' teams compete at the highest level in a number of sports. The sports on offer to all students include soccer, basketball, gaelic football, hockey, camogie, hurling, athletics, golf, pitch and putt, show-jumping, rugby and sailing.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Coláiste Muire students participate in an abundance of extra-curricular activities. Coláiste Muire students have been very successful at the BT Young Scientist competition in recent years. The school drama is a high point of the school year. Green schools, Meitheal, Credit Union and Vex Robotics are other features of the extra-curricular programme. Our international tours including our annual ski trip and visits to places such as Rome, Poland and Amsterdam give our students wonderful memories and worthwhile experiences.



FACILITIES

- 2 Science Laboratories
- Library
- Wood Technology Room
- Art Room
- Demonstration Room
- Computer Room
- Music Room
- Assembly Hall
- Prayer Room
- Home Economics Room
- Social Studies Room
- Business Studies Room
- Full size P.E. Hall
- Outdoor courts
- Sports field
- Career Guidance Office
- Dining Hall



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Coláiste Muire is at the heart of the community and we continually look to strengthen links with the community. Our Parents' Association advises the Principal or Board of Management on matters relating to the school. Our Student Council has the responsibility for putting forward the views of students on a wide range of topics. Our Guidance team assist students to develop self-management skills which will lead to effective choices and decisions about their lives. Our Creative Schools' team puts the arts and creativity at the heart of children and young people's lives. Our facilities are also used by community groups for various activities.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Coláiste Muire has an active Parents' Association, who work with us to help meet the needs of the school. Meetings take place on a regular basis throughout the school year. In Coláiste Muire the Parents Association works with the Principal, Staff and Board of Management to build effective co-operation between home and school. The role of the Parents Association is to advise the Principal or Board of Management on matters relating to the school. New members are always welcome. The group can be contacted by email on: parentassociation.cmcrosshaven.com

GUIDANCE

Our guidance counsellors provide advice and support to students throughout their years at secondary school. This time in a young person's life can present many challenges. The transition to secondary school, choosing subjects, preparing for and coping with exams and making important decisions about the future can at times cause uncertainty and worry. Our guidance counsellors are here to provide information and equip students with the tools to make good decisions and reach their full potential. They also provide a safe space for students to talk if they are experiencing any difficulties and offer one to one counselling to help students address these issues. Our guidance counsellors provide a comprehensive guidance program which is both class based and on an individual basis. They are concerned with the personal, social, educational and vocational education and development of each student in our school.





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