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Prospectus

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Introduction

Ennis Community College operates under the auspices of the Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board. The college was founded in 1938 and caters for both boys and girls, offering a full programme of secondary education for Junior and Senior Cycle. Ennis Community College has a long and proud history of providing an inclusive and co-educational experience for all its students.

Ennis Community College is co-located with Gaelcholáiste an Chláir, Clare's only Irish-medium secondary school. Separate prospectuses are available for each school and further information can be found online.

Curriculum

Junior Cycle

Students follow a set curriculum which leads to the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement at the end of three years.

Junior Cycle Subjects

Core Subjects: Maths, English, Irish, History, Geography, Science, PE, Guidance, CSPE, Wellbeing, Lifeskills, SPHE

Option Subjects: Students choose from the following subjects: French, Visual Art, Home Economics, Engineering, Wood Technology, Music, Business Studies or Graphics [* Ennis Community College is the only school in Ennis offering Engineering]

All students have an opportunity to sample each of the option subjects for a few weeks at the start of first year, before making their choices.

Junior Certificate Schools Programme

This programme supports and supplements the Junior Cycle programme by offering students the option of continuous assessment in a wide range of curricular and non-curricular areas.

Senior Cycle

Senior Cycle is a two-year programme (or three years for those choosing Transition Year) following the Junior Cycle. Students may choose either mainstream Leaving Certificate or Leaving Certificate Applied.

Leaving Certificate Subjects

Maths, English, Irish, French, History, Geography, Business, Home Economics [Scientific & Social], Art, Biology, Chemistry, Design & Communication Graphics [DCG], Physics, Music, Construction Studies, Engineering, Technology, LCVP* [*Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. LCVP aims to help students develop their social, job-related and technical skills. It combines the virtues of academic study with an added focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community.] Students also take classes in Wellbeing, PE, Guidance and RSE



Leaving Certificate Applied

This programme is a distinct, self-contained, two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. Subjects include Maths, Irish, English & Communication, Leisure & Recreation, French, Graphics and Construction Studies, Hotel Catering and Tourism, Work Experience and Vocational Preparation and Guidance.



Programmes & Supports

- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Study Skills Programme
- Book Rental Scheme
- Homework Club and Supervised Evening Study
- Summer Camp
- Student Award Scheme
- Parents' Council
- Students' Council
- Visits to universities & other third-level institutions
- School Guidance and Counselling service
- Home-School Liaison Officer
- School Completion Programme
- Pathways 3rd-Level Assistance Programme
- School Graduation Ceremonies
- Guest Speakers
- Student Enterprise Awards
- Collaboration with local business
- Clare Sports Partnership
- Solidworks CAD certified training course for graphics and construction students
- Leaving Cert Practical Experiment sessions for Biology Chemistry and Physics at UL

Facilities

Our new school building was completed in 2022, and boasts state-of-the-art educational and recreational facilities.

- All classrooms have IT Facilities, Broadband and Overhead Projectors
- Computer Rooms
- Metalwork & Woodwork and Technology Rooms
- Design and Communications Lab
- Home Economics Rooms
- Fully-equipped Science Labs
- Music Rooms
- College Library with Internet access



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- Seated canteen serving hot free and subsidised meals
- Student lockers
- Playing Field for Football, Hurling & Camogie
- Large indoor sports hall
- Outdoor basketball & tennis court
- Fully-furnished gym and fitness suite with the latest equipment
- Showers and changing facilities
- General-purpose hall
- Social Area
- Art Rooms
- Offices and meeting spaces

Extra Curricular Activity

Ennis Community College offers a wide range of activities and all students are encouraged to involve themselves as fully as possible in the life of the school. First years remain on the school grounds during lunch break. This is to facilitate students in establishing long-lasting friendships by involvement in sporting and extracurricular activities.

Students participate in the following sports and activities:

Swimming, Basketball, Hurling, Chess, Volleyball, Tennis, Athletics, Cross Country Running, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Rugby, Soccer, Badminton, Gymnastics, Dance, Orienteering, Yoga & Pilates, Ping-pong, Hip-hop, Surfing, Kayaking, Abseiling, Rafting, Hiking

Our Annual Sports' Day is focused on participation and is a highlight of the school year.

School Tours, Educational and Team-Building Excursions, Young Scientist Competition, Young Environmentalist Competition, College Newsletter, Choir, Charitable Fundraising, Quizzes, Public Speaking, Arts and Crafts, Set Dancing, Christmas Concert, Cinema & Theatre Trips, Drama and Creative Arts, Computers and Coding Club, Céilí Band, Céilí Dancing, Club Gaeilge, Maths Week, French Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, College Awareness Week.



The school strives to create an atmosphere of excellence in learning by challenging pupils to reach their full potential.

Specific Education Needs

The provisions of a broad-based and varied curriculum affords students the opportunity to develop their unique talents and skills across a range of programmes. This is complemented by the wide range of extracurricular activities on offer, and our highly developed Resource Department caters for students with individual educational needs. The College also has an EAL Department, catering for students for whom English is not their first language.

Pastoral Care

- Friendship Week (Anti-Bullying)
- Curriculum based wellbeing programme
- Wellbeing Week
- Stand Up Awareness Week (LGBT support)
- Other 'Drives of the Week' focussed on different themes
- Safer Internet Day
- Empowerment Workshops
- Participation in Third Level and Industry Open Days
- Parents Events organised by the Home-School Liaison Office
- Information Evening for Senior Cycle options
- Young Social Innovators project
- Going Well to the Burren GAA Programme
- Book Rental Scheme
- Homework Club
- Talks on Health and Life skills
- Breakfast Club
- Mental Health sessions with professional speakers

First Year Mentoring Programme

Working with the staff, Transition Year students are recruited as mentors for the incoming first year students, working collaboratively to ensure the transition from primary to secondary level is achieved as smoothly as possible. Our Pastoral Care Team is available to deal with any concerns or anxieties which may arise during this time.

It is our concern that all our pupils should feel respected and should develop a tolerance and respect for the values and the beliefs of others in the school community. Therefore, all staff extend their interest in pupils beyond the confines of the classroom and formal instruction. The school has adopted a Dignity Charter and offers a bespoke Transition and Wellbeing Programme to all students.

Transition Year

The Transition year programme gives students an opportunity to develop a wider set of skills with a more holistic approach to learning. The year focuses on practical skills such as presentations, participation and group work, while allowing students to grow in areas they show a particular talent or interest in.

This school based curriculum consists of the core subjects such as Irish, English, Maths and French. Students are also given the opportunity to try many of the optional subjects offered to them for the Leaving Certificate. By the end of the school year, students will have attained several certificates in areas such as: Gaisce [The President's Award], YSI [Young Social Innovators] Life-Saving, First Aid and learned new skills such as banking, music generation, Baking, barista and culinary skills. There are numerous opportunities for field trips such as Delphi, The Ploughing Championships, Ice Skating, Visits to the Hunt Museum and our Annual Christmas Fundraiser. They will also have been involved in several fundraising events which include partnerships with Saint Vincent De Paul, the Simon Community and other charitable organisations.

Work experience is also part of the programme and students have also enjoyed success in national competitions such as Junk Kouture, One Good Idea, Young Social Innovators, Young Scientist, Fresh Film and Feile na hInse.

Guidance Counsellor

Each student can meet with the Guidance Counsellor both formally and informally throughout their years in the college. Personal, Social, Educational & Vocational Guidance is provided.

Year Head

Each year group has a Year Head who has overall responsibility for the year group. The Year Head liaises with the students, tutors and parents, monitors student progress and deals with individual issues as they arise.

Class Tutor

On entering the college each class is assigned a Class Tutor. The tutor gets to know each student, meeting formally with the class on a daily basis. Tutors assist students with queries and monitor their progress.



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Further details and applications forms are available from our website and the school office.

