



Oaklands Community College

'A caring school community
- developing a culture of achievement in a safe
and challenging learning environment'.



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General Information

School Day:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.55 am – 3.55 pm
Wednesday 8.50 am – 1.10 pm.

Administration Office

Mon – Thurs: 8.00 am – 5.00 pm
Friday: 8.00 am – 4.30 pm.

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Enrolment

Application forms are available at reception and on the school website.

Canteen Facilities

Students may bring a packed lunch or purchase a variety of tasty hot and cold lunches in the school canteen at subsidised prices. At morning break all students receive a free roll, bottle of water and a piece of fruit.

Student Support Scheme

An annual charge applies to all students attending our school. This charge covers the Book Rental scheme, photocopying, locker rental, examination booklets and 24 hour student insurance cover.

School Journal

Each student is expected to have their journal with them at all times. It is the main form of communication between home and school. It contains the required forms for parents / guardians to write notes to the school explaining absences and early exit from school.

Lockers

Lockers are included in the Student Support Scheme. Lockers are provided for students. Lockers should only be opened before roll call, during break/lunch times and at the end of the day.

Educational Programmes

The Junior Cycle Programme

Junior Cycle Subjects

- Gaeilge
- English
- Mathematics
- Geography
- Science
- French
- CSPE
- SPHE
- Physical Education

Optional Subjects – Students Select three of the Following:

- History
- Business
- Materials Technology (Wood)
- Materials Technology (Metal)
- Art
- Music
- Home Economics
- Technical Graphics

Transition Year

This is an optional one year programme which comes immediately after the completion of the Junior Certificate. It offers students a rich and stimulating array of opportunities for experiential learning.

Core Subjects: Irish, English, Maths, PE.

Sampling Subjects

- Physics, Biology, Chemistry
- Drama
- Geography
- Multimedia
- Construction
- DCG

TY Modules.

- Mental Health Matters
- Mini Company
- Hospitality
- Psychology
- Driving Module
- Rookie Lifeguard
- First Aid
- Leadership Coaching

Other Activities

- Work Experience
- Outdoor Pursuits.
- Foreign Trip
- Drama / Musical
- Guest speakers.
- Gaisce Presidents Award.

Senior Cycle Programmes

Leaving Certificate (Traditional)

- Three Core Subjects: Irish, English, Maths,
- 4 Option Subjects: French, Business, Accounting, Economics, Applied Maths, Music, Home Economics, Design Communication & Graphics, Engineering, Construction, Art, History, Geography, Agricultural Science, Chemistry, Physics, Biology.

LCA – Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.

- It is a two year Leaving Certificate Programme.
- It is available to students who wish to follow a practical or vocational oriented programme.
- It is a practical programme that makes use of active and student centred learning methodologies.
- It includes 7 Student Tasks.
- The students' work is assessed over 2 years of the programme and they gain credits as they go along.
- Forms of assessment include practicals, interviews and terminal written papers.

Promoting /Tracking Student Progress

- Assess the potential of every learner on entry to the school by means of CAT 4 and GRT.
- Provide regular study skills classes for all students.
- Set challenging targets for student achievement.
- Regular monitoring of the progress of students to ensure that they make the most of their ability.
- Progress Reports in October and March as well Christmas and End of Year Reports for 1st and 2nd Year Students.
- Evening Study Three Evenings per Week.
- Gaeltacht / Euro language Scholarships.

Teaching & Learning

- Ongoing promotion of best practice in planning and implementation of effective learning.
- Engaging all pupils through challenging learning activities.
- Enabling students to develop the skills and attitudes to be successful learners.
- Ensuring that students know how to succeed.
- Developing their ability to engage in self and peer evaluation of their learning.
- Promoting positive responses to feedback.

Extra-Curricular Programme

A wide range of clubs has been developed over the years to cater for the needs of all our students.

- Gaelic Football.
- Soccer
- Equestrian
- Ladies Football
- Basketball
- Athletics
- Golf
- Chess
- Drama Club
- Debating
- Green Schools
- Reading Club
- Glee Club
- Movie Club

Trips

- First Year Induction Trip.
- 5th Year French Trip.
- TY European Cultural Trip.
- Biology, History & Geography Field Trips.
- 3rd Level Colleges & Higher Options.





Co-Curricular

'Health & Happiness Week', 'Careers Fair', Scifest, Science Week, Maths Week, School Bank, LCVP Work Experience, Seachtain na Gaeilge, French Day.

Student Voice

- The Student Council plays an active role in the school community.
- It offers huge benefits to students, building their self-confidence and independence.
- It gives students a voice and a chance to take ownership of their school and gives students a forum to have their suggestions and opinions heard.
- All students are represented equally.
- They ascertain students' views on a range of issues.

Guidance

Our school has two Guidance Counsellors who offer a full range of interventions and activities, which assist students to make choices about their lives. These choices are focused on three key areas:

- Personal
- Educational
- Career

At the end of the school year students will have experienced:

- Guidance in educational and personal learning management.
- Vocational exploration and information.
- Individual counselling available to students on request or on referral.
- Parents will have the opportunity to meet Guidance Counsellors at Information Evenings, at organised Guidance Meetings or on request.

The Learning Support Department

The Learning Support Department is committed to providing a comprehensive and effective learning support service for students. This will enable students who have SEN to access their curricula and achieve their potential.

We enable all students to participate fully in learning by providing a curriculum that responds to individual needs and development of each student.

Learning support and resource classes are available to students who need extra help and tuition. Interventions include:

- Student Entrance Test.
- Informal Information and Reports from Primary School.
- Assessment of students' Needs.
- SNA Provision.
- Individual Education Plans.
- Individual Tuition.
- Close Liaison with Parents.
- Contact with External Agencies.
- Examination Accommodations/Exemptions.
- Differentiated Teaching.
- Referrals.





Parental Involvement

We see parents / guardians as the key partners in the education of their child and strive to maximise the potential of their support for their son / daughter and for the school in general.

- Dedicated and committed Parents' Association.
- Information Nights for Year Groups.
- Information Talks on Study skills, Mental Health, Student Motivation and SEN.
- Keep parents informed of all matters relating to the progress and well-being of their son / daughter.
- Parent Teachers Meetings for each Year Group and twice per year for Examination Classes.
- Open Night for Incoming First Years and Individual student / parent visits on request.
- Seek parents' views and opinions on various aspects of school life.
- Keep parents informed by distributing key policy documents.
- Regular Night Classes sponsored by LOETB.

Promoting Health & Well Being

- The school actively promotes healthy lifestyle choices.
- We have a team of well-trained and experienced staff who provide pupils with a range of opportunities to engage in Health Education Programmes RSE / Anti Bullying.
- Topics appropriate to the age and development of students are dealt with through the Social, Personal and Health Education Programme (SPHE).
- CSPE (Civic Social and Political Education Programme) contributes and complements the Pastoral Care Programme with its emphasis on Human Rights and Responsibilities.
- Dedicated Health and Happiness week.

Student Support / Pastoral Care Support

- Every class group in the school is assigned a Tutor who meets with the class at the beginning of each school day.
- The Year Head monitors the overall well-being and academic progress of each student and liaises with parents / guardians.
- Trained Guidance Counsellors are available to students who may need additional support in challenging circumstances.
- Learning Support & Resource Teaching.
- RSE / Mental Health Talks.
- Anti – Bullying Programme.
- Academic Tracking.
- First Year Induction Programme.
- Home School & Community Liaison Officer.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

The emphasis is on promoting positive behaviour which allows students to learn and succeed in a safe and secure environment. All members of the school community are expected to relate to each other in a respectful and polite manner. The Code of Behaviour ensures the highest standards of positive behaviour, ensuring that each student is happy and responsible in their time in our school. Teachers set high standards, making their expectations clear and students are encouraged to be courteous and respectful of the rights of others.

We insist on respect for school property and the property of others and we actively work to ensure that bullying of any sort is dealt with as soon as possible.



