



Oaklands Community College

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



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Welcome

Welcome to Oaklands Community College. We are proud to introduce our school to you and we hope this prospectus will give you an insight in to the excellent all-round educational experience that we offer.

Oaklands Community College is a co-educational, multi-denominational, multi-cultural post primary school. We are committed to developing a culture of achievement where we nurture the full academic and personal development of all our students in a safe and challenging learning environment. Our school *'offers a broad curriculum, seeking to maximise its capacity to provide subject and programme choice for pupils. Student welfare needs are at the heart of the school'*.

DES – Department Inspection Report.

Our college is a dynamic and vibrant centre of teaching and learning. *'There is an exceptional culture of learning in the school, evidenced by the emphasis on school improvement and the focus on pedagogy. Attainable and measurable improvement targets are brought together and translated in to classroom teaching for the purpose of enhancing learner outcomes'*. **DES – Department Inspection Report.**

We have a very inclusive approach to education providing all our students with the opportunity to study academic and practical subjects, participate in a range of extracurricular activities as well as taking programmes in Health and Physical Education. In partnership with our Board of Management, Parents' Association and Student Council we devised comprehensive policies and procedures which deal with discipline, bullying and other issues affecting the welfare of student.

We realise that the choice of second-level school for your son/daughter is a very important decision that can have far reaching implications. Therefore we would invite you to view our on line presentations on our School Website. At our Open Night you will have the opportunity to visit our school, meet members of our staff and discuss your son/daughter's needs. Looking forward to meeting with you.

Brian Kehoe
Principal

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, a scone and a piece of fruit. Morning breakfast is available free of charge for students who wish to avail of it.

Student Support Scheme

An annual charge applies to all students attending our school. The charge includes the Book Rental scheme, photocopying, examination answer booklets, 24 hour student insurance cover, School Journal and first year note copies for each subject.

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.



Educational Programmes

The Junior Cycle Programme

Junior Cycle Subjects

- Gaelge
- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Science
- French/Spanish
- CSPE
- SPHE
- Physical Education

Optional Subjects – Students Select three of the Following:

- Geography
- Business
- Wood Technology
- J.C. Engineering
- 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
- Art
- Coding
- Home Economics
- Construction Studies
- Spanish
- DCG
- Guidance

TY Modules.

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

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 Studies, Art, History, Geography, Agricultural Science, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Politics & Society, Polish.

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

We

- Assess the potential of every learner on entry to the school by means of CAT 4, GRT & Maths Competency Test.
- Provide regular study skills classes for all students.
- Set challenging targets for student achievement. Monitor regularly the progress of students to ensure that they make the most of their ability.
- Send Christmas & End of Year Reports as well as Progress Tests for First Years in March.
- Provide free Evening Study from 4pm – 5.30 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Make available Gaeltacht & Euro Language Scholarships Plans
- Individual plans, coaching and initiatives for high achieving students

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.

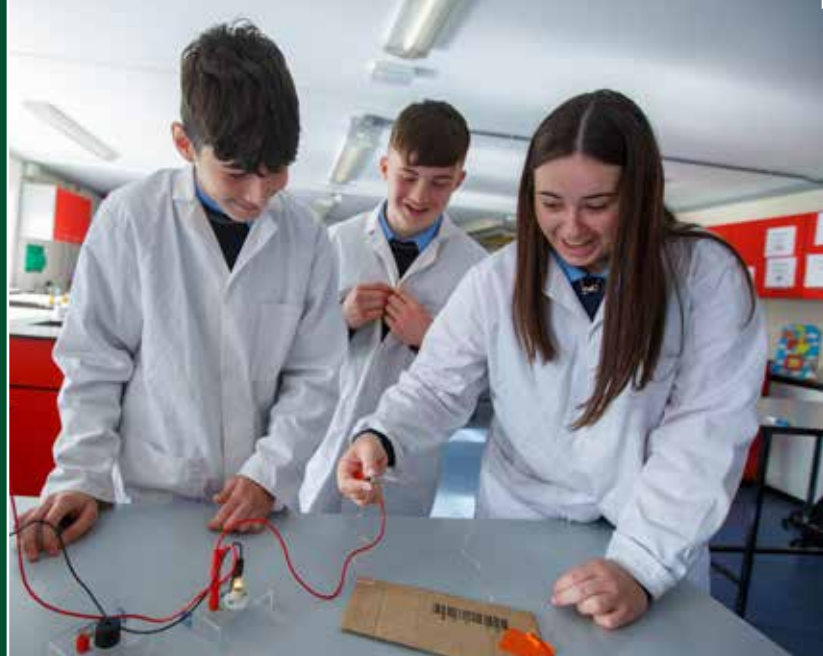
Extra-Curricular Programme

A wide range of clubs and lunch time activities have 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, Movie Club, Coding and Robotics Club, Ukulele Club, Lego Club, Gaelge Club, Board Game Clubs, Walking Club, Badminton, Clay Modelling and Textile Upcycling.

Trips

- First Year Induction Trip.
- TY European Cultural Trip.
- Biology, History & Geography Field Trips.
- 3rd Level Colleges & Higher Options.
- 2nd Year French Trip
- Various School Excursions





Co-Curricular

'Health & Happiness Week', 'Careers Fair', Study Skills Week, Scifest, Science Week, Maths Week, School Bank, LCVF Work Experience, Seachtain na Gaeilge, French Day, First Year Induction Programme, Mentors, Prefects.

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
- Referral to school psychotherapist.

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 Assessment.
- Informal Information and Reports from Primary School.
- Assessment of students' Needs.
- SNA Provision.
- Individual Education Plans – Coffee Mornings to discuss same.
- Individual Tuition/Small Groups/Team Teaching.
- 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.
- Parents are kept informed on 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.
- Parents' views and opinions are sought on various aspects of school life.
- Parents are kept informed by distributing key policy documents.
- Regular Night Classes sponsored by school / 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).
- Weekly Wellbeing Class for 1st year Students.
- CSPE (Civic Social and Political Education Programme) contributes and complements the Pastoral Care Programme with its emphasis on Human Rights and Responsibilities.
- Morning Tutor Time.
- 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.
- Referrals to school Psychotherapist.
- 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 Behaviour Management Plan 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.



General Information

School Day:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.57 am – 3.50 pm
Wednesday 8.57 am – 1.15 pm.

Administration Office

Mon – Thurs: 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
Friday: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.

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