

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 a highly skilful EAL Department, catering for students for whom English is not their first language.

Pastoral Care

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 recently adopted a Dignity Charter.

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.

Orbital Programme

This learning-based programme is modelled around the principle that, through participation, understanding is gained. ORBITAL is an acronym for Outside Resources Brought Into Teaching And Learning. Second year students are brought on an educational trip every third week throughout the year. The programme is completely curriculum-based and every trip is linked directly to the syllabus requirements of the subjects. It incorporates three learning styles: Visual, Auditory and Kinaesthetic. Through this, our local environment becomes a living textbook.

Trips have included: visits to archaeological digs, cheese-making farms, Cliffs of Moher, UL, rock climbing, Bunratty Castle, seashores, The Burren, Irish Seed Savers, Museums, Ardnacrusha power station and more.

At the end of the school year, students and staff collaborate to create a display of the ORBITAL work for parents and their fellow students.

School Development Project

The school is engaged in a major expansion and development project. This will see a significant enhancement of facilities at our Harmony Row campus, to support high-quality, modern learning and teaching. The project will see the addition of a new three-storey stand-alone building comprising:

- 12 new classrooms
- a new science lab
- a new art room
- a new home economics room
- a new technology room
- a full-size sports hall and fitness suite with changing facilities
- a large general-purpose hall
- multiple new offices and meeting spaces
- a new library



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Ennis Community College Prospectus

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 of its students. Staff and senior students at the college work 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.

Ennis Community College is co-located with Ennis College of Further Education which provides a range of certified training courses for adult learners, and with Gaelcholáiste an Chláir, Clare's only Irish-medium secondary school. Separate prospectuses are available for these institutions 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, French, History, Geography, Science, Information Technology, Religious Education, PE, Career Guidance, CSPE, SPHE, Wellbeing

Option Subjects: Students choose from the following subjects: Art, Home Economics, Metalwork*, Woodwork, Music, Business Studies or Technical Drawing

(* Ennis Community College is the only school in Ennis offering Metalwork)

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



Junior Certificate Schools Programme

This programme supports and supplements the Junior Certificate 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 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, Accounting, 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 Religion, PE, IT, Guidance and Social Personal & Health Education (SPHE).

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, Religion, Work Experience and Vocational Preparation and Guidance.



Programmes & Supports

- Parent Teacher Meetings
- ORBITAL programme
- Study Skills Programme
- Special Needs Education
- Book Rental Scheme
- Homework Club
- Summer Camp
- Student Award Scheme
- An active Parents' Council
- An active Students' Council
- Green Schools Committee
- Visits to Universities & other third level institutions
- Extensive links with local business and industry
- School Guidance and Counselling service
- Home-School Liaison Officer
- School Completion Programme
- Supervised Evening Study
- Pathways 3rd Level Assistance Programme



Facilities

- Computer Labs with high speed broadband access
- All classrooms have IT Facilities & Broadband
- Metalwork Room & Woodwork Rooms
- Design and Communications Lab
- Home Economics Rooms
- Three fully-equipped Science Labs
- Two Music Rooms
- College Library with internet access
- Seated canteen serving hot subsidised meals
- Lockers for all students
- Playing Field for Football, Hurling & Camogie
- Gymnasium
- Basketball & Tennis Court
- Trips to Swimming Pool and other sports facilities



Sport & 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.

Extra Curricular Activities

School Tours, Young Scientist Competition, Young Environmentalist Competition, Student Exchange, Educational tours, School retreats, College Newsletter, Choir, Charitable Fundraising, Quizzes, Drama, Public Speaking, Film Club, Arts and Crafts, Set Dancing, Christmas Concert, Friendship Week, Maths Week, French week, Cinema & Theatre Trips, Drama and Creative Arts, Computers and Coding Club, Sci-Fest, Céilí Band, Club Gaeilge

Sporting Activities

Swimming, Basketball, Hurling, Chess, Volleyball, Tennis, Athletics, Cross Country Running, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Annual Sports Day, Gymnastics, Dance, Orienteering, Yoga & Pilates, Ping-pong, Hip-hop, Basketball

At Ennis Community College we are committed to providing an environment where each student is cherished equally and is nurtured to a personal, intellectual and moral maturity.

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