

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students participate in a very wide range of extra-curricular activities. The level of involvement and excellence never fails to impress. Thanks to the generosity of teachers and the support of parents and school management great opportunities for personal development are provided throughout the year.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Gaelic Football
- Soccer
- Hurling
- Camogie
- Hockey
- Table-Tennis
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Horse Riding
- Golf
- Pitch & Putt
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Rugby
- Hill-Walking
- Ultimate Frisbee

- Art Competitions - Local & National
- Oireachtas
- Choral Festival
- Feiseanna etc.

MUSIC, ART & DRAMA

- Gaeltacht Weekends
- Senior & Junior Choir
- School Musical
- Concert Band
- Drama Club
- Traditional Group
- Art Trips & Exhibitions
- Drama Exchange

STUDENT CLUBS & COMMITTEES

- Student Council
- Debating Club
- Book Club
- Díospóireachtaí Gaeilge
- German Debating
- Peer Leadership

NATIONAL & LOCAL COMPETITIONS

- Young Scientist Exhibition
- Literary Competitions
- SciFest



■ LEFT: Fifth Year student Con Moran who was awarded 2nd Place in the Senior Biological Category in the 2017 BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition at the RDS.



■ BELOW: Coláiste / Gaelcholáiste Choilm students pictured at the RDS with their projects for the 2017 BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition.



From its inception in 1987, the vision of Coláiste Choilm was to create the context in which the miracle of growth can happen for each person in the school. Coláiste Choilm has realised this vision on all levels - in terms of the academic achievements of our students, the holistic environment created in the school and the quality of teaching and learning in our classrooms.

The Sporting Life of COLÁISTE CHOILM



■ SPORTING SUCCESSES OF COLÁISTE / GAECHOLÁISTE CHOILM

Prospectus 2018-2019



"There has always been a warm sense of belonging here at Coláiste Choilm. We have been shown an understanding and kindness that we will never forget. We have all felt completely accepted and welcomed by both peers and teachers. This comfort has allowed us to be ourselves and I think the importance of that freedom should not be underestimated. Coláiste Choilm has offered us endless opportunities to nurture our skills and talents." - **A Past Pupil**

"Our daughter started in Coláiste Choilm as a somewhat shy first year and finished this year a mature, confident and well educated young woman, full of zest for life. Coláiste Choilm played a huge part in her personal and emotional development and in reaching her academic potential." - **A Parent**

"The warm atmosphere, students desire to learn and perform to their maximum is evident both in the classroom and in the exciting world of the schools extra-curricular activities. The new Junior Cycle strives to place students at the centre of the education experience - this is essentially what Coláiste Choilm already does on daily basis. The inexhaustible variety of life in Coláiste Choilm, combined with the infectious enthusiasm and positivity towards education, is a constant inspiration." - **A Teacher**



Dear Parents,

As you consider your child's Post-Primary Education, we offer you a summary of the relevant information on Coláiste Choilm. Established in 1987, the school provides for boys and girls living in the catchment area.



ENROLMENT

Coláiste Choilm has a current enrolment of 990. Gaelcholáiste Choilm, which has its own building, has an enrolment of 350.

CRITERIA FOR ENROLMENT

Students are accommodated in First Year in accordance with our Admissions policy. This is available on the school website www.colaistechoilm.ie

TIMETABLE OF TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Tues, September 26th, 2017:** Open Night for prospective students and their parents.
- Tues, October 3rd, 2017:** Closing date for receipt of application.
- Tues, October 10th, 2017:** Closing date for acceptance of place offer.
- Sat, January 27th, 2018:** Assessment of enrolled students & introduction to school.
- Wed, January 31st, 2018:** Meeting with parents of incoming First Years - option subjects selection, book lists, uniform etc.

CURRICULUM

In Coláiste Choilm we provide a comprehensive range of subjects to all levels. The range of optional subjects in both the junior cycle and senior cycle is based on student preferences. In mid-August each year we celebrate the academic achievements of all students as the vast majority move on to third level education. In the most recent statistics, the school has a transfer ratio of 95% to third level. Coláiste Choilm is a top feeder school to UCC and to CIT.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

"Teaching and Learning is of the highest quality" - Whole School Evaluation Report 2014

Coláiste Choilm has no selective entry policy and hence caters for a wide range of abilities and backgrounds. The curriculum is designed to ensure that the academic progress of every student is nurtured.

Classes are organised on a mixed ability basis within two bands in Junior Cycle. All students have access to higher subject levels.



■ Five Coláiste Choilm students were recipients of UCC Quercus Entrance Scholarships in 2016. Thomas Sheerin, Harriet Kennedy, David Sheahan, Sinéad Buckley and Aoife Condon proudly show their awards with Professor John O'Halloran, Vice President UCC, and Mícléile Sliney, principal Coláiste Choilm.

CONTACT PERSONS	PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	STAFF OFFICER
	Ms. Michelle Sliney	Ms. Cáit Breathnach	Ms. Maria O'Sullivan	Mr. Daithí Ó Gallchóir	Ms. Ber Kenefick

KEY FINDINGS OF WHOLE SCHOOL EVALUATION 2014

- The school, comprising Gaelcholáiste Choilm and Coláiste Choilm, embodies a rich, unique and integrated model of educational provision.
- The two parts of the school combine to provide a broad and balanced curriculum.
- The teaching and learning observed was of the highest quality.
- The support systems for students are of the highest quality.
- A highly motivated, able and dedicated staff has embraced change with optimism.
- The questionnaire responses of students and parents showed consistently high ratings for the school and its operation.

JUNIOR CYCLE FRAMEWORK

Core Subjects: Gaeilge, English, Maths, History, Geography, German, Religious Education.

Option Subjects: Science, French, Business Studies, Art Craft & Design, Home Economics, Technical Graphics, Materials Technology / Wood, Metalwork, Music. Students choose 3 option subjects.

Wellbeing: PE, SPHE, CSPE, IT (including Digital Citizenship)
Student Wellbeing is at the heart of the vision of Coláiste Choilm. Student Wellbeing is present when students realise their abilities, take care of their physical wellbeing, can cope with the normal stresses of life, and have a sense of purpose and belonging to a wider community.



■ The Trad Group 'Leoithe' who were awarded 3rd Prize in the Siansa Gael Linn National Final.

SENIOR CYCLE

Core Subjects: Gaeilge, English, Maths, RE, PE, Careers.

Option Subjects: French, German, Art, Music, Engineering, Construction Studies, Design & Communication Graphics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Social & Scientific (Home Ec.), History, Geography, Business Organisation, Accounting.

All students take the core subjects and choose an additional four option subjects.

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is optional and is availed of by upwards of 90% of pupils. It offers a broad educational experience with a view to the attainment of increased maturity before proceeding to further study.



■ A scene from the 2016-2017 Transition Year production of "The Pirate Queen".

Work experience is a central part of the programme as are the many extra-curricular activities and outings in which the students participate. This year provides a bridge to help students make the transition from a highly structured environment to one where they take greater responsibility for their own learning and decision making. The Transition Year programme within Coláiste Choilm has been an outstanding success from the outset.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a well established Senior Cycle programme. It is designed to prepare students for adult and working life. The programme focuses on the talents of each student and helps students apply what they learn to the real world. This course is characterised by educational experiences of an active, practical and student-centred nature.

PASTORAL CARE STRUCTURE

"The whole school support systems available to students are excellent"
- Whole School Evaluation Report 2014

Our students are at the centre of our community. Student support and guidance is structured through the well-defined pastoral structure of year heads and class tutors, and through the student support team that comprises of mentors, of the chaplaincy, the learning support department and the guidance department.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

- Students living three miles or more from the school are entitled to avail of the official bus transport scheme. Application forms, for same, are available from www.buseireann.ie
- Transport is available from the West Village.



PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS & REPORTS



The progress of each student is regularly assessed and recorded. Formal Parent / Teacher meetings provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet once a year. Other opportunities are provided on request.

PARENT NEWSLETTER

A Parent Newsletter is circulated to students every school term, giving details of student contributions and achievements and highlighting forthcoming events and important information.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.colaistechoilm.ie

The school website provides up-to-date information. The Parent Association is also a very valuable means of communication between school and home.



■ Transition Year students on the 2017 French Exchange.