

**COMÓRTAS NA n-EOLAITHE ÓGA 2017 / YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2017**



**CLÁR TAOBH - CURACLAIM / 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.

**CULTÚRTHA AGUS SÓISIALTA / CULTURAL AND SOCIAL**

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

**CUMANN AGUS COISTÍ / CLUB AND COMMITTEES**

- Student Council
- Díospóireachtaí Gaeilge
- Public Speaking and Debating (CCDC)
- Book Club
- Peer Leadership

**COMÓRTAIS NÁISIÚNTA 7 ÁITIÚLA / NATIONAL & LOCAL COMPETITION**

- Young Scientist Exhibition
- Literary Competitions
- SciFest
- Oireachtas
- Choral Festival
- Feiseanna etc.
- Art Competitions - Local & National

**SPÓRT / SPORT**

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



■ Grúpa trad "Leoithne" ar stáitse an Cheolárais Náisiúnta.



■ Fearaimid fáilte is fiche roimh an gCéad Bhliain a thosaigh i mbliana.

**GAECHOLÁISTE CHOILM OFFERS**

- Timpeallacht a chothaíonn labhairt na Gaeilge mar ghnáth-theanga caidrimh, agus suim sa chultúr / An environment which fosters the speaking of Irish as the every day language and interest in the culture.
- Curaclam cuimsitheach a fhreastlaíonn do riachtanaisí daltaí / A comprehensive curriculum which answers the needs of students.
- Cothú agus tacú ann le luachanna creidimh na ndaltaí / Supports and nurtures the development of the religious value of its students.
- Foireann teagaise a bhfuil proifisiúntacht, díogras agus cumas múinteoireachta trí mheán na Gaeilge thar na bearta acu / A teaching staff that is second to none with respect to professionalism, enthusiasm and ability to teach through Irish.
- Tacaíocht iontach ó thuismitheoirí agus ón bpobal / The wholehearted support of parents and the community.
- Scoil Mheasaithe, comhoideachais le clárú breis is 370 dalta / A mixed, co-educational school with an enrolment of over 370 students.

**RANNPHARTÍOCHT SA SPÓRT**



■ SPORTING SUCCESSES OF COLÁISTE / GAECHOLÁISTE CHOILM

**Prospectus 2018-2019**



"There has always been a warm sense of belonging here at Gaelcholáiste 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. Gaelcholáiste Choilm has offered us endless opportunities to nurture our skills and talents." - **A Past Pupil**

"Aithreair saol gach duine a théann tríd an scoil, i slí ar leith. Músclaítear iad bíodh tríd cabhair na múinteoirí nó cairde, trí teanga nó scileanna a fhoghlaim nó bhféidir suim gan aithne a dhúiseacht in ábhar nua. Cuirtear tús mhaith le turas fada ar bothar na foghlamtha, saolta agus acadúil i nGaelcholáiste Choilm." - **Iar-Dhalta**

"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 Gaelcholáiste Choilm already does on daily basis. The inexhaustible variety of life in Gaelcholáiste Choilm, combined with the infectious enthusiasm and positivity towards education, is a constant inspiration." - **A Teacher**





## A Thuistí,

At present, many of you will be considering your child's Post Primary Education. We at Gaelcholáiste Choilm would like you to give consideration to the following points:



### STAIR NA SCOILE / BACKGROUND

Bunaíodh Gaelcholáiste Choilm i 1991 le hoideachas Lán-Ghaelach a chur ar fáil i mBaile an Chollaigh agus do mhuintir thiar theas na Cathrach. Freastlaíonn Gaelcholáiste Choilm ar dhaltáí a fuair a gcuid oideachais trí Ghaeilge ag an mbunléibhéal agus ar dhaltáí nach bhfuair a gcuid oideachais trí Ghaeilge ach atá báúil léi.

Gaelcholáiste Choilm was established in 1991 to provide Irish medium education in Ballincollig and the western suburbs of Cork city. It serves students who have received their primary education through Irish as well as those who have attended Primary School through English but have a "grá" for the language.

### 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](http://www.colaistechoilm.ie)

### AN SAOL ACADÚIL / ACADEMIC LIFE

Tá curaclaim na scoile dírithe ar neamhspléachas aighe na spreagadh sna daltaí, iad a ghríosadh chun foghlama agus dúil sa léann a mhúscailt iontu. Baintear amach torthaí acadúla den chéad scoth a bhuíochas d'obair na múinteoirí agus na ndaltaí araon agus téann ceatadán ard 95% de mhic léinn an choláiste chun cinn chuig oideachas trí léibhéal.

The aims of the Curriculum are to encourage independent thinking amongst students, to inspire and motivate students to learn. Thanks to the work and dedication of both students and teachers, excellent academic results are achieved and a large percentage of students continue on to Third Level Education. In the most recent statistics, the school has a transfer ratio of 95% to third level. Gaelcholáiste Choilm is a top feeder school to UCC and to CIT.



■ Bronnadh scoláireachtaí chuig UCC ar dhaltáí na hArdteiste 2016.

### CURAM TREADAIGH / PASTORAL CARE

"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.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING

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

Gaelcholáiste 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. All students have access to higher subject levels.

### 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.

### NA HÁBHAIR / SUBJECTS

#### JUNIOR CYCLE FRAMEWORK

**Core Subjects:** Gaeilge, Béarla, Mata, Stair, Tíreolas, French, Religious Education.

**Option Subjects:** Science, Business Studies, Art, Craft and Design, Home Economics, Tech Graphics, Materials Technology/Wood, Music.

All students take the core subjects and choose an additional three 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.

#### SENIOR CYCLE

**Core Subjects:** Gaeilge, English, Maths, RE, PE, Computer Studies, Careers.

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

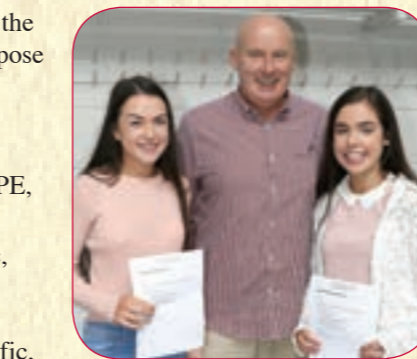
All students take the core subjects and choose an additional 4 subjects.

### AN IDIRBHLIAIN / TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is optional and is availed of by upwards of 95% of pupils. It offers a broad educational experience with a view to the attainment of increased maturity before proceeding to further study.



■ Scoláirí TY ag glacadh páirte i seo-dhráma na scoile 2016-2017 "The Pirate Queen".



■ Daithí Ó Gallchóir i dteanta Sarah Vaughan agus Seona Ni Chadhla ag céiliúradh torthaí Ardeiste den scoth.

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 Gaelcholáiste Choilm has been an outstanding success from the outset.

### AIDHMEANNA AN GHAELCHOLÁISTE / AIMS

1. Is í príomhaidhm an Ghaelcholáiste ná Oideachas Lán-Ghaelach a chur ar fáil do bhuachaillí agus cailíní i mBaile an Chollaigh agus do mhuintir Thiar Theas na Cathrach.
2. Daltaí a spreagadh diriú ar bhuaic a gcumas a bhaint amach i ngach gné dá saol. Inspire students to achieve their full potential in every aspect of life.
3. Grá don teanga a mhúscailt sna scoláirí. To inspire a love of the Irish language amongst the pupils.
4. Atmosféar na críochnúlachta i bhfoghlaim a chruthú; ag mealladh na ndaltaí an barr a bheith leo.

### BUNTAISTÍ AN OIDEACHAIS TRÍ GHAELIGE

- Spreagann an t-Oideachas trí Ghaeilge an cumas intleachta agus cruthaitheacha. Education through a second language encourages intellectual creativity.
- Sársaighdeán Gaeilge. An excellent standard of Irish.
- Marcanna breise sa Teastas Soisearach agus san Ardeiste.
- An extra percentage of marks in State Exams for answering subject through Irish.

### MEASÚNÚ / ASSESSMENT SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS

The child's progress is regularly assessed by means of various tests, and the results are recorded. School reports are issued to parents at a Parent / Teacher meeting. The school and parents value other aspects of progress as well e.g. extra curricular involvement and personal development. This school will continue to assist all children reach their full potential in co-operation with their parents.

### 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](http://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.

■ Daltáí na h-Idirbhliana sa Fhrainc.

