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Longford and Westmeath
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LANESBORO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Bríomhar | Ilchineálach | Nuálach
Dynamic | Diverse | Innovative

MISSION STATEMENT

Lanesboro Community College is committed to providing superior services and academic programmes that challenge the mind and body, instilling the joy of lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.



We recognise every member of our school community as a unique individual, each with the potential to grow academically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially and it is our aim to provide an environment conducive to this development at all times.

Ar aghaidh le cheile.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Lanesboro Community College

I am extremely proud to welcome you to our school, Lanesboro Community College within Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board. This prospectus gives you a flavour of what makes Lanesboro Community College such a vibrant, dynamic and special place to learn. At Lanesboro Community College we provide a supportive and inclusive environment. We focus on a holistic approach to support all our students. We strive to create an environment where we all give our best, in order to achieve the best possible outcomes.

We believe every child is a unique individual and that with encouragement fair structures, policies and procedures and high quality Pastoral Care we can provide the best opportunities for all students to achieve their full potential.

The philosophy of the college is one of inclusiveness in which the college supports the principles of partnership, equality of access and participation in the school. Parental involvement in all aspects of our development is an essential and much appreciated part of our college life. All partners are focused on our success and on providing a high quality education for the youth of the community which we serve. We are ably supported at all times by staff, Parents Council, Student Council and our Board of Management and the wider Community of Lanesboro and Longford.

I am confident that Lanesboro Community College's calm and friendly working atmosphere, combined with our strong focus on academic achievement, the arts and sports will provide young people with a great place to learn and succeed.

I invite you to peruse our Prospectus and look forward to welcoming all prospective students and their families to our upcoming Open Day where you will have the chance to view our superb facilities and engage with staff and students.

Ar aghaidh le chéile,



SCHOOL SUPPORTS

- Career Guidance & Counselling
- School Chaplain
- Home School Community Liaison Teacher
- School Completion Programme Project Worker
- Student Support Team
- Learning Support
- Peer Mentoring
- Parent Teacher Meetings



Above: Student Mentor Team



HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON

A vital link between school and home, the HSCL coordinator runs a parents' room in the school where parents can drop-in at any time. Any arising issues can be discussed in confidence in a supporting environment.

A transfer programme for incoming first year students eases the transition from Primary to Post-Primary school. Information evenings are also organised for parents. Parents are invited to attend maths classes enabling them to help and support their child with maths homework. A shared reading programme is in place during the first term to enhance students' literacy skills, making textbooks more accessible to all students. Home visits can be organised, and parents are encouraged to be involved in school life. The coordinator also provides a link between the Parents' Council and the Students' Council.



CURRICULUM

Lanesboro Community College follows the curriculum as directed by the Department of Education.

JUNIOR CYCLE - 3 Year Programme

Subjects taken by the Junior Cycle students include both core subjects and optional subjects. The core subjects are English, Irish, Mathematics, Science, French or German and History. Wellbeing is an important part of the new Junior Cycle Programme and includes Physical Education, CSPE, SPHE and Guidance. Students also study Religion. Students are given the opportunity to sample all optional subjects six weeks before deciding which subjects, they wish to continue to study. The optional

subjects include Music, Geography, Business Studies, Wood Technology, Engineering, Art, Home Economics and Graphics.

JCSP- This subject compliments the Junior Cycle and students broaden their horizons with projects such as a reading challenge, make-a- book project and many other initiatives throughout the year.

Wellbeing:- The promotion of Wellbeing is central to our mission in our school to enable students to achieve their full potential and contribute to society in a meaningful way. The school plays a vital role in the promotion of Wellbeing through a range of activities to support and enhance the mental, emotional, social and spiritual development of all young people including co-curricular and extra-curricular activities..



JUNIOR CYCLE - 3 YEARS		
WELLBEING		
C.S.P.E - SHORT COURSE	CAREER GUIDANCE	PE SHORT COURSE
RELIGION	S.P.H.E - SHORT COURSE	CODING/DIGITAL LITERACY
CHAPLAINCY		
CORE		
ENGLISH	IRISH	MATHS
SCIENCE	HISTORY	FRENCH OR GERMAN
OPTIONAL		
ART	BUSINESS STUDIES	ENGINEERING
GEOGRAPHY	GRAPHICS	HOME ECONOMICS
MUSIC	WOOD TECHNOLOGY	



TRANSITION YEAR

Transition year is a one year programme that provides an opportunity for students to develop skills that enhances the transition between junior cycle and senior cycle. In Transition year students develop their skills and talents and the year allows for independent, interdisciplinary, self-directed learning. This year gives the students the time to

mature with an emphasis on social awareness and increased social competence. In addition students have the opportunity to participate in work experience and a number of additional programmes which enhances their experience of adult and working life Driving experience and Outdoor Pursuits.

TRANSITION YEAR

SUBJECTS

ENGLISH	IRISH	MATHS	FRENCH OR GERMAN
BUSINESS STUDIES	GEOGRAPHY	BIOLOGY	CHEMISTRY
PHYSICS	APPLIED MATHS	ACCOUNTANCY	MUSIC
ART	HISTORY	HOME ECONOMICS	PE
ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION	RELIGION	CAREERS

MODULES

CHINESE STUDIES	WOODCRAFT & FURNITURE	COOKERY LIFE SKILLS	COACHING SKILLS
OUTDOOR PURSUITS	SOCIAL EDUCATION	ENGINEERING SCIENCE	PROJECT SCIENCE

ACTIVITIES/ TRIPS

- Tae Kwon Do
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Pier Jumping
- Jiving
- Orienteering
- Public Speaking
- Debating
- Driving Lessons
- Swimming
- Team Building Activities
- Photography
- Bay Sports Experience
- Mock Interviews
- Work Experience
- Yoga And Meditation
- Field Trips
- Drumming Around The World Workshops
- Canal Cycles
- Dundrum On Ice
- Trips To:
 - Criminal Courts
 - BT Young Scientist
 - Croke Park
 - Butlers Chocolate Factory
 - Trips abroad and locally

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

The Leaving Certificate Programme is a 2-year programme and subjects taken by students include both core subjects and optional subjects. The core subjects are English, Irish, Mathematics and French or German. The non-exam subjects include Religion, Physical Education, Guidance and SPHE. Students select 3 optional subjects from the following: Biology, Music, Geography, Physics, Accounting, Business, Chemistry, Construction, Art, Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics and Home Economics. LCVP runs alongside the traditional Leaving Certificate programme choices. Student's study two modules - Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work - over the two years. LCVP points are accepted for entry into all third level programmes.

SENIOR CYCLE - 3 YEARS

CORE

ENGLISH	IRISH	MATHS
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OPTIONAL

ACCOUNTING	ART	BIOLOGY	BUSINESS STUDIES	CHEMISTRY
CONSTRUCTION	DCG	ENGINEERING	GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY
HOME ECONOMICS	LINK MODULES	MUSIC	PHYSICS	APPLIED MATHS
FRENCH	GERMAN	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE		

OTHER SUBJECTS

RSE/SPHE	CAREER GUIDANCE	RELIGION	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
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ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

We have also introduced Co-teaching practices where two teachers work together to plan and implement a programme suitable for students in need of additional support and guidance. Our SET Co-ordinator and SET team also provide Additional Educational Needs Programmes for gifted and talented students.

CO - CURRICULAR EDUCATION

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION:

The school has made this an annual event in its calendar. Students choose a project and, if it is accepted, bring it to the RDS in January. The school has been highly successful, with many of our projects bringing home prizes.

SCIENCE WEEK:

During National Science Week each year many of our students get to experience the magic of Science through a series of Workshops and fun experiments.

SCIFEST:

An annual national science festival. Our projects over the past decade have been of the highest standard with many prize winning entries.

MATHS WEEK:

Local primary school children are invited to join our students for fun maths activities.

CONCERN DEBATING:

Our involvement here gives students the opportunity to research and debate issues that affect those living in the developing world.

STEM Passport for Inclusion Programme:

Every year our Transition Year students participate in the above programme in conjunction with Maynooth University. The Programme allows students to hold online meetings with their course mentors where they will learn about life working in the areas of Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics.

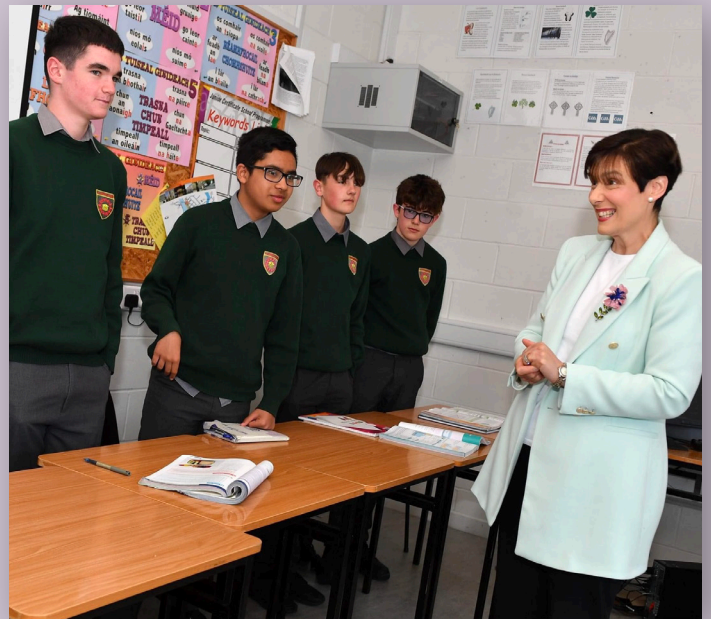
Austrian Essay Competition

Wellbeing week

Seachtain Na Gailge

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- CHESS
- GAELIC FOOTBALL
- ATHLETICS
- TEAM BUILDING
- FRENCH THEATRE
- CODER DOJO
- GIRLS SOCCER
- DEBATING
- ART CLUB
- COUCH TO 5K
- LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY CLUBS
- PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL BLITZ CO-ORDINATED BY TRANSITION YEARS PROVIDES A VITAL LINK IN WITH BALLYBORO FOOTBALL CLUB AND LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.



SPORT

Sport plays a very important role in the school and a wide range of sports is available. The most popular sport in the school is Gaelic football, with both boys' and girls' teams in regular training and competition. Soccer, athletics, badminton, volleyball, basketball, hurling, hockey, table tennis and pool are also available. Our P.E. Teacher also incorporates dance and mime into the P.E. timetable.

QUIZZES

Very kindly sponsored by the local Lanesboro/Ballyleague Credit Union.

SCHOOL TOURS

Biennial trips to the continent are arranged and trips to the theatre, to exhibitions and other educational events are regularly arranged by individual teachers for their classes.

SCHOOL SHOWS

Drama, music, song and dance.

ROCK 'N ROLL CLUB

The music department has several bands that specialise in popular music and rock 'n roll. Drumming is a big hit and the music classroom is a very popular place indeed!

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Students must complete four challenges over the course of a year, including an adventure activity. The students all love this.

DAIL NA N-ÓG

Young people from all over the region share a platform on which to air their views.

THE BUZZ MAGAZINE

The school produces its own in-house newsletter, created and published entirely by students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our school community benefits richly from our diverse cohort of students from many different countries eg. Spain, France and Germany. We are especially proud to welcome our lovely group of Ukrainian students who are joining us this year.

SCHOOL EXTENSION

A new building extension has been approved and is in the planning stages at the moment. This new building will provide state of the art facilities for all students. It will include, one general classroom, a Graphics room, a Multimedia room, textile room and two Special Education classrooms.

BITCI & ABBOTT DIAGNOSTICS

Our 2nd year students participate in the World of Work Program with our partner Abbott Diagnostics, Longford. The pupils taking part in the initiative will take part in visits to the Abbott Pharmaceuticals site in Longford, meet staff, attend workshops on soft skills such as presentation skills, and be introduced to a workplace where employees will showcase what they do.

ASTRO TURF PITCH

It is planned in conjunction with the local soccer club, Ballyboro FC., to host an annual blitz with our local primary schools on our new astro turf pitch. Our school now enjoys the benefits of a superb state of the art facility. This pitch will host many tournaments in conjunction with our local Primary schools and other local bodies for many years to come.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT & ENTERPRISE

Students have the opportunity to become involved in projects and activities throughout their time in the school. This develops interpersonal and organisational skills.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

JUNIOR CYCLE SCHOOLBOOKS SCHEME

A book rental scheme is in place.

SCHOOL MEALS

The school offers a breakfast club and a lunch of a hot meal and fruit free of charge each day.

LOCKERS

All students supplied with a locker for a minimal fee.

LAPTOP ACCESS

A laptop trolley and WiFi means computer and internet access for all.

HOMEWORK CLUB

We offer a homework club to junior students.

CREDIT UNION

The school operates a sub-branch of Lanesboro/Ballyleague Credit Union.

LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The school grants annual scholarships to the Gaeltacht and to language Summer schools for French and German.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Represents students, highlights student concerns and works to improve facilities for students.

PARENTS' COUNCIL

Represents parents, involves parents as true partners in education and has strong links with the Student.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TRIPS

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