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MALLOW, CO. CORK



PROSPECTUS

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A Selection of our Leaving Cert. Students 2026



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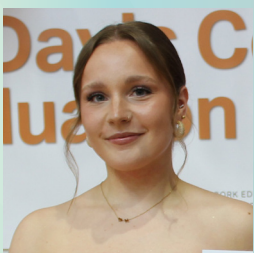
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BA Degree, UCC



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Introduction from Principal of Davis College

On behalf of the entire school community I am delighted to welcome you to Davis College. I invite you to take some time to familiarise yourself with information about our school.

To begin with let me outline what Davis College is all about:

Our name and mission statement is inspired by Mallow native and Irish patriot Thomas Davis who held the value of education in high esteem. We have adopted his view on education as our mission statement.

‘Educate that you may be free’

We strive to put this mission statement into action every day by creating a school where we inspire students to fulfil their potential, to be happy, ambitious, independent, caring, confident and respectful individuals, free to pursue their dreams in life.

As a constituent College of Cork Education and Training Board our mission statement is rooted in a common ethos across ETB schools as illustrated below.



Stephen Gilbert,
Principal



Micheál Lawlor,
Deputy Principal



Karen Kennedy,
Deputy Principal



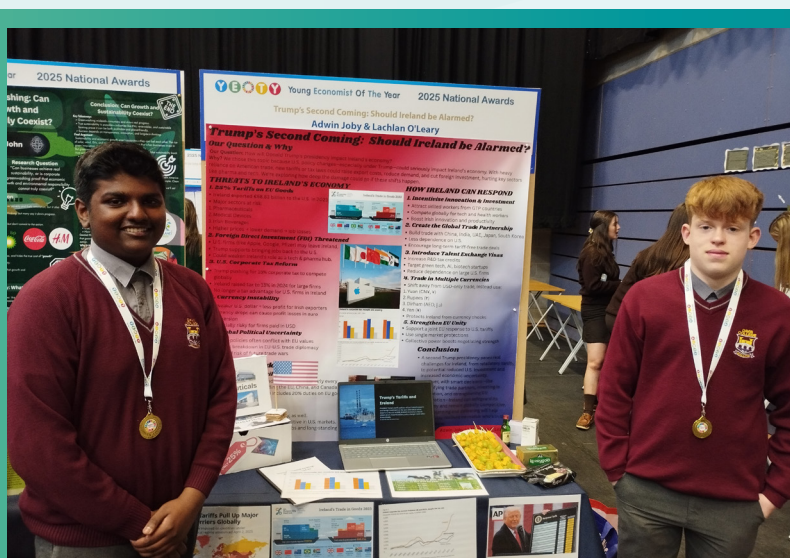
Jose Horta,
Deputy Principal



Why Choose Davis College?

In Davis College we instil in students values such as self-esteem, self-worth, respect for others and the environment, a strong work ethic, self-discipline and an appreciation of the richness of life. In other words, we strive to develop the whole person and we do so in a safe, orderly, caring and supportive environment where students can fulfil their potential in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

- Excellent examination results in state exams
- Outstanding facilities
- High standards of excellence across a range of academic, sporting and educational activities
- Gaelcholáiste Dáibhis offers the opportunity to be educated through Irish in a range of subjects
- Coeducational school where boys and girls work together instilling a confidence in both genders and creating a springboard for future success in third level and beyond
- Ideally located away from the town centre
- Buddy system to assist students in settling into the school
- External Catering Company providing breakfast and lunches
- Free Book Scheme for all year groups
- After school study
- Majority of students travelling by bus are transported directly to the school and back home, avoiding the town
- Excellent structures within the school to ensure quality care for all students, which include:
 - Pastoral Care Structure-Class Tutors, Year Heads
 - Pastoral Care team – weekly meeting
 - Guidance Counsellors
 - Home School Community Liaison teacher
 - AEN Coordinator
 - School Completion Programme



College Facilities

Davis College officially open the doors of its new €9.7m extension in September 2020. The extension represents many years of hard work and planning and is more than double the size of the existing building. It is a welcome addition to the school bringing additional open spaces, wide corridors and a plentiful supply of classroom space. This space has facilitated the development of a more comfortable school experience for all staff and students. As well as providing eighteen general classrooms and an ASD classroom there are also a host of subject specific rooms, including:

- A new Construction room bringing the total number of Construction rooms in the school to three
- An Engineering room which is doubling our Engineering class capacity.
- Two Art rooms
- A second fully equipped Home Economics room
- Three new Science Laboratories bringing the total number of Science Labs in Davis College to five
- A fully equipped Computer Suite to join our existing suite in the original building
- Two fully equipped DCG rooms
- A Music room which will relieve pressure on our existing Music room



Gaelcholáiste Dáibhís

Gaelcholaiste Dáibhís is a significant part of our school community. To date we have over 100 students who have commenced their education through Irish with 95% of all Gaelcholáiste students studying all subjects at Higher Level.

In response to changing needs we have modified the structure of the Gaelcholáiste and students no longer study all subjects through Irish. Instead they study their core subjects and their non-exam subjects through the medium of Irish. Optional subjects are studied through English. This means students get to mix more with their peers. At the same time, they benefit from greater exposure to the Irish language which is very beneficial at Leaving Cert. level where the oral component is worth 40% of the overall grade.

Tuition through Irish

Irish
English
Maths
CSPE
SPHE
PE
Digital Media (Computers)
Religion
Pastoral Care

Tuition through English

Science - Compulsory
History - Compulsory
Woodwork
Metalwork
Geography
Music
Technical Graphics
German
French
Art
Home Economics

Gaelcholáiste Dáibhís - Advantages

- Over 30% of class time delivered through Irish
- Mixing with all other 1st year students for optional subjects
- Irish music and culture encouraged
- Head start on the Leaving Certificate Oral Irish exam worth 40%
- Very high academic standards
- Benefit from all the activities on offer in the school



Promoting Academic Excellence

Davis College has a fantastic track record for high academic achievements. We regularly have students achieving 625 points in Leaving Certificate and Distinctions in LCA. We also recognise that each student has different talents, skills and strengths and we are strongly committed to ensuring that each student fulfils their academic potential irrespective of their ability.

Supervised Study Programme

After school supervised study is provided on four afternoons a week as well as during school holidays.

Teacher Expectations

Teachers in Davis College expect students to always strive to meet the highest standards of effort and commitment with progression to Higher Education being a fundamental expectation for most.

Homework

Homework reinforces learning from the school day and prepares students for further learning. Each student is provided with a homework journal.

Extra Tuition

Thanks to our close links with UCC we are in a position to offer additional tuition to students free of charge. This is enormously beneficial to students.

Digital Learning

Here in Davis College we recognise the benefit of online learning and use Google G Suite.

Regular Assessment & Feedback

We engage in positive and regular feedback that affirms success and encourages improvement. These include:

- Regular class tests conducted by subject teachers
- Formal assessments in Autumn, Spring and Summer with reports issued to parents
- Pre Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations
- Formal parent teacher meetings
- Access to Year Heads for updates on student progress
- Monitoring of student grades to ensure students are achieving their potential

Athena Tracker

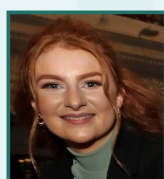
The school uses the Athena Tracker which identifies a student's potential based on their various abilities. Having identified their potential across subject areas, we can compare this to their performances in exams and immediately see if they are reaching their potential or not. This informs our actions going forward for each student.



Scholarship Winner
Domas Kalesnykas
2023



Scholarship Winner
Ailbhe Moloney
2023



Scholarship Winner
Elizabeth Kent
2022



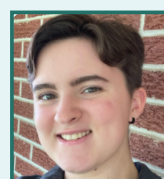
Scholarship Winner
Maire Brennan
2022



Scholarship Winner
Robert Dunne
7 H1s Leaving Cert.
2021



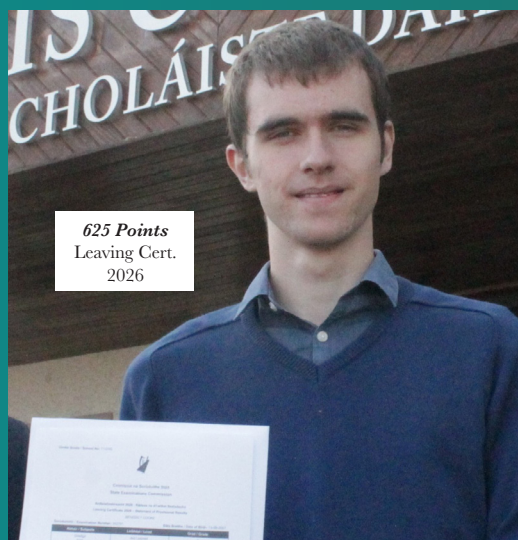
Scholarship Winner
Sean Browne
7 H1s Leaving Cert.
2021



Scholarship Winner
Hannah Staley
7 H1s Leaving Cert.
2024



Scholarship Winner
Nora McGlynn
7 H1s Leaving Cert.
2025



Co-curricular Activities

Teachers are extremely aware of the value of co-curricular activities in Davis College. As well as contributing significantly to the personal, emotional and physical development of students, such activities compliment the learning taking place in classrooms. They can also be the spark that ignites an interest in a particular career/third level course.

- Robotics
- School Show
- ETwinning
- Model United Club & Conference
- School Tours
- Choir & traditional music group
- Creative School project
- Student Council
- Enterprise competitions
- Young Scientist
- Green Schools Committee
- Dairygold Business Link
- Horse Riding Club
- Young Social Innovators



Model United Nations

Davis College has become the foremost school in the country in this project, which is popular in academic schools across Europe. It involves simulating the work of the actual United Nations by allowing students adopt the roles of participants at UN gatherings. In doing so they debate global issues in accordance with UN procedures. This involves developing excellent knowledge of key global issues, speech writing, public speaking, debating, negotiating as well as many more skills.

Davis College organises the biggest Model United Nations Conference in Ireland with over 600 delegates from schools across Ireland and Europe attending in 2025. The conference is student led with Davis College students assuming key roles of the UN. Many of our students participate as delegates but many also contribute to the day to day organisation and running of the conference. It truly is a learning experience like no other.

‘MUN is about challenging yourself and stepping out of your comfort zone. It is a place where the leaders of tomorrow are given the opportunity to become the leaders of today.’

- Tara Kancherla

‘MUN is a life-changing experience. It broadened my perspective of the world and gave me the opportunity to learn more about current affairs and create solutions to global issues.’

- Barromie Fullah

‘I wouldn’t be doing something that I’ve discovered I love with my whole heart and soul if it wasn’t for DCMUN’

- MUN participant

‘The education of so many students has been enriched by the introduction of MUN to Ireland’

- MUN teacher



Physical Education & Sport

Physical education encourages physical activity for life and is a key element in the development of skills such as cooperation and teamwork. It also contributes to self-confidence as well as reducing stress and anxiety. Our facilities are outstanding:

- Full size indoor hall
- Gymnasium with weights and aerobic equipment
- PE Suite – used for activities such as dance, aerobics yoga etc.
- Outdoor court areas
- Outdoor grass area

To supplement the PE curriculum Davis College offers a range of additional sporting activities for both boys and girls. These include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaelic Football & Hurling• Ladies Football• Soccer• Rugby• Orienteering• Athletics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball• Badminton• Martial Arts• Volleyball• Golf• Hill walking |
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Student Wellbeing

Davis College strives to create a safe, respectful and caring school community where the needs of each student are catered for. It is essential all students feel they are valued members of that community, one where they can develop their talents and pursue their goals as they grow into young adults. Key structures are present to ensure this.

Class Tutor

The Tutor is the first point of contact for students and is timetabled to meet their class once a week. Tutors develop a relationship with their class group and support them throughout their time in the College.

Year Head

A Year Head has overall responsibility for a year group. They have a varied role which includes pastoral care, discipline, monitoring student progress etc. They liaise closely with all the other Wellbeing structures and personnel in the building.

Career Guidance & Counselling

Three full time Guidance Counsellors are available in the College. Student needs are exceptionally well met in relation to accessing information on progression to third level education. In addition Guidance Counsellors are on hand to meet with students on an individual basis as required.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

The College has a dedicated HSCL Coordinator who supports students and parents helping to ensure effective communications with the College leading to an enhanced learning experience for students.

Additional Educational Needs Coordinator (AEN)

A dedicated AEN Coordinator supported by an AEN team identify students in need of support to ensure their educational potential is realised

School Completion Programme (SCP)

SCP Provides additional practical supports for students to encourage their participation in education. These include Breakfast Club, lunchtime activities, homework clubs, study classes and holiday time activities such as outdoor pursuits.

Physical Education

The College offers a comprehensive PE curriculum and extra-curricular sporting opportunities

Wellbeing

A wellbeing Coordinator has been appointed in the school to ensure that a coordinated approach to wellbeing is in place.

Attainment Coordinators

At both Junior and Senior Cycle two coordinators work with students in groups and on an individual basis where they monitor student progress and give advice on all matters related to study and study skills.



Programmes and Curriculum

Davis College offers a full range of educational programmes across the school. At Junior Cycle we have Junior Certificate and the Junior Cert Schools Programme. This is followed by Transition Year and at Senior Cycle we offer the traditional Leaving Certificate, the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.

Davis College offers a very wide range of subject options to students in both junior and senior cycle. All subjects are offered to higher level and students are encouraged to take this level in as many subjects as possible.

Junior Cycle

Compulsory Subjects

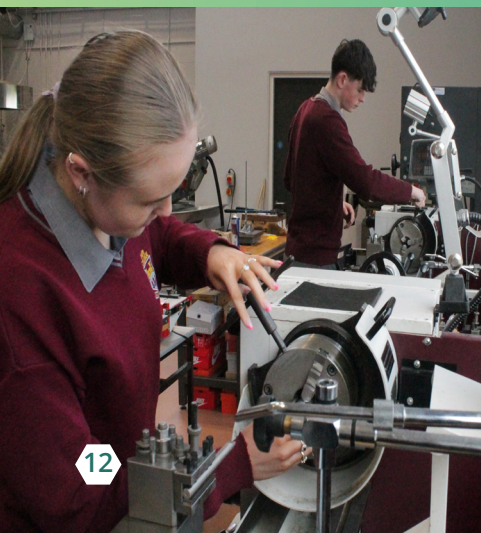
- Irish
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Wellbeing (PE, CSPE.SPHE)
- Digital Media (Computers)
- Religion

Optional Subjects

- Geography
- French
- German
- Art
- Music
- Home Economics
- Woodwork
- Metalwork
- Technical Graphics
- Business Studies

Senior Cycle

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- French
- German
- Art
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Engineering
- Business Studies
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Home Economics
- LCVP
- Agricultural Science
- Music
- Accounting
- Economics
- Applied Maths
- PE
- Computer Studies
- Politics and Society



Transition Year

All students in Davis College complete Transition Year. The benefits of an extra year in school are enormous and participation in Transition Year significantly increases attainment levels in Leaving Certificate exams. We also ensure students continue to work in subject with exams at Christmas and Summer. In addition, Transition Year offers

- Time to develop increased maturity
- Opportunities to explore different subject areas
- Key preparations for Leaving Certificate courses in all subjects
- Improvement of skills in practical subject areas
- An opportunity to explore career options and avail of Work Experience
- Development of skills that are essential in later life, such as teamwork, critical thinking, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Experiences of subject not associated with school life e.g. Self Defence, Mini Company etc.

Activities in Transition Year include but are not limited to

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Company • Self Defence • Road Safety • Robotics • ETwinning • Forensic Workshop • Model United Nations Conference • School Show | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Studies • Future Leaders Programme • Outdoor pursuits • School Tour • MUN Porto trip • Young Economist of the Year • UNESCO Environmental Award • Creative Schools Project • Environmental Studies |
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Practical Information

School Day

Classes begin at 9.00am and finish at 3.40pm on Mondays and Tuesday with a 3.00pm finish on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

School Uniform

Maroon Crested Jumper

Grey Shirt

Grey Trousers/Skirt

Black footwear

Davis College also has a PE Uniform which consists of a sweatshirt, t-shirt and a track suit pants (Skinny or woven). These can be purchased as a set or individually and can be worn on the day a student has PE.

School Books

The College operates the government free book scheme at Junior Cycle. At Senior Cycle we have a book rental scheme where all books are supplied for a fee each year.

Lockers

All students are provided with a locker for their books

School Transport

Students who qualify for the school bus service are dropped to the school each morning and collected each afternoon. The bus service is operated by Bus Eireann and parents apply online for their annual ticket.

School Catering Service

We are delighted to have a school catering company to provide food in the school. A range of food items are on offer including sandwiches, scones, salads, wraps, fruit and water. Prior to classes, all students can avail of complimentary breakfast and also a mid-morning lunch is provided free of charge. At lunchtime, a range of hot food options are available and are reasonably priced. The school operates a healthy eating policy and fried foods, chocolate, high sugar drinks etc. are not stocked by the catering service.

Student Voice

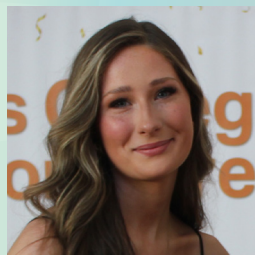
In Davis College we have an active and vibrant student representative body. The Council meet regularly as a group and also have scheduled meetings with senior management of the school. The Student Council is made up of class representatives and is led by Head Students who apply for, and are interviewed for the positions. The Council is instrumental in bringing issues of concern to the attention of the Principal as well as contributing positively to the overall operation of the school.



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Abbie Gyves
Bachelor of Education in Graphics, Engineering & Technology, University of Limerick



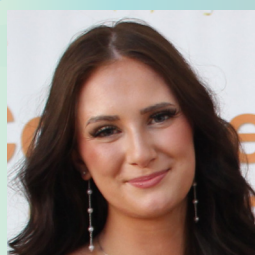
Abbie Tuohy
BA in Early Years and Childhood Studies, UCC



Adam Graham
Batchelor of Arts Degree, UCC



Alex Gresa
B.Sc. in Electronic Engineering, MTU



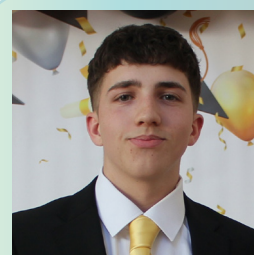
Alysha Cummins
BSc. in General Nursing, MTU



Ben O'Shea
B. BUS in Business Information Systems, MTU



Clodagh Willis
BA in Social Care Work, MTU



Conor Barry
B.Eng in Engineering, MTU



Conor Quinn
Batchelor of Business Degree, University of Limerick



Daire McCarthy
B.Eng in Engineering, MTU



Daniel Moloney
Batchelor of Business Degree, University of Limerick



Danielle Buckley
Batchelor of Education Gaeilge, UCC



Darragh O' Connor
Apprenticeship, Blackwater Engineering, Mallow



Donogh Sexton
BE in Engineering, UCC



Emily Ramsamy Guerin
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Eoghan Forde
Apprenticeship, Blackwater Engineering, Mallow



Holly Murphy
B.Sc in Applied Bioscience, MTU



Hope Okeigbeme
Batchelor of Law Degree, UCC



Jack O'Sullivan
B.Sc in Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, UCC



James Gill
B. Eng. In Electrical Engineering, MTU



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