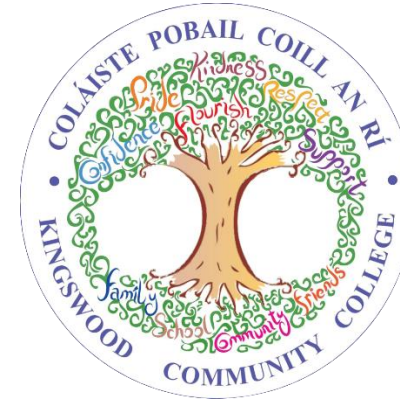


6TH YEAR PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



Thursday 10th September 2026

Oide Emma O'Beirne— Deputy Principal to Senior Students

Year Head to 6th Years

Oide Maeve— Guidance Counsellor

ATTENDANCE

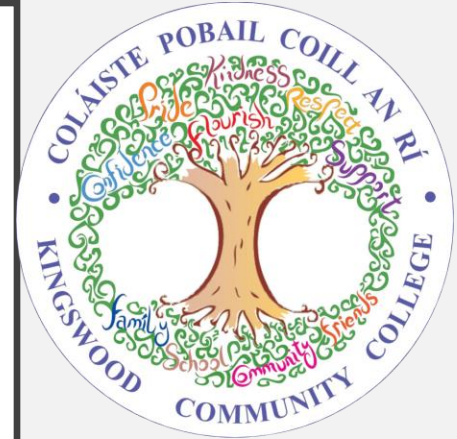
OIDE ELISH WALSH – elishwalsh@kingswoodcc.ie

If a student is not in, they cannot learn.

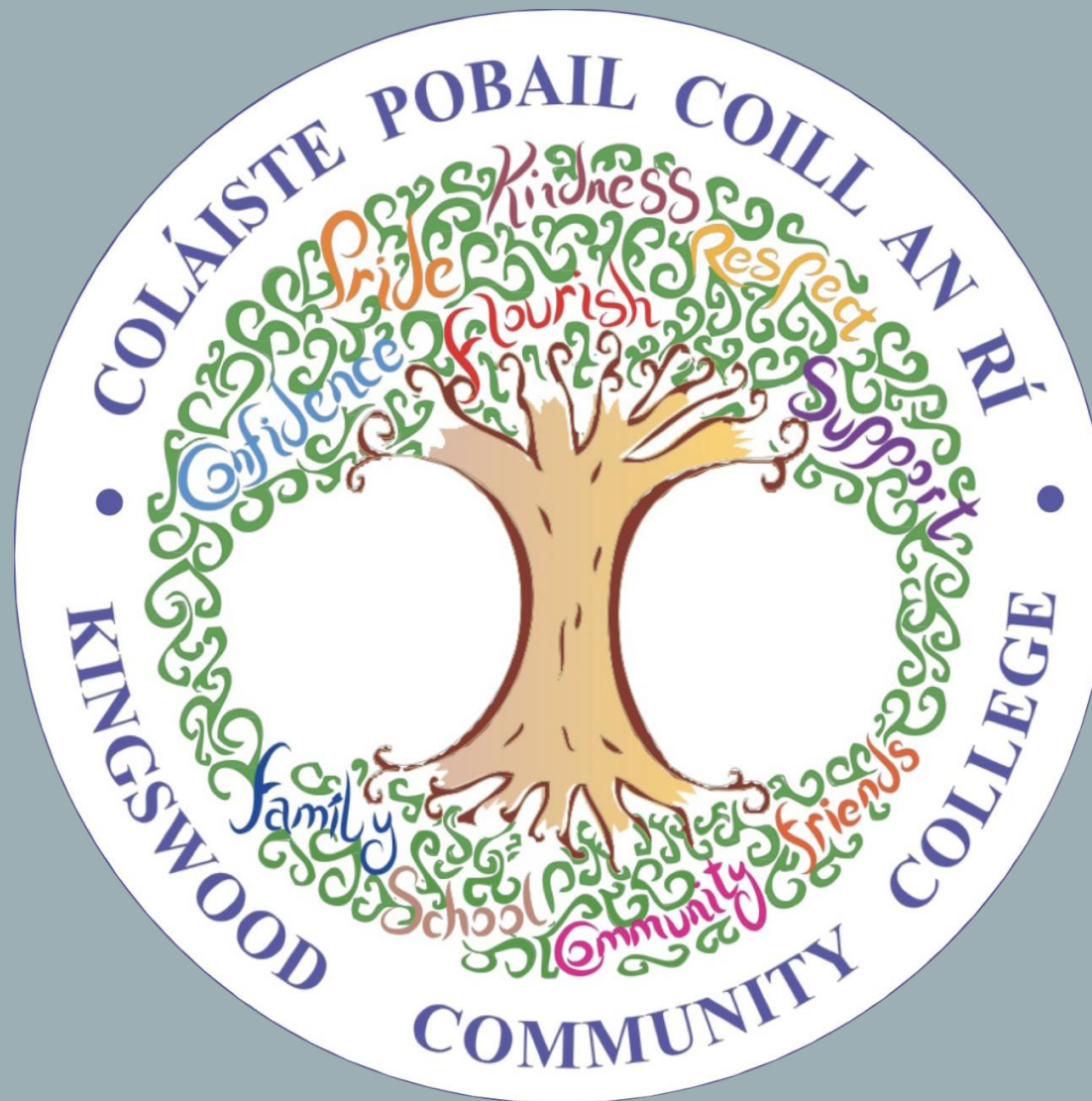
- Please use TYRO app or contact office when a student is absent, for any reason.
- Certs and/or appointment cards can be provided.
- 10, 15 and 20 day letters will be sent out to inform guardians.

If a senior cycle student misses 10 days this is the equivalent of
: 60 classes
: 132 English classes a year

If a senior cycle student misses 20 days this is the equivalent of
: 120 classes
: 132 English classes a year



6TH YEAR
GUIDANCE
OIDE MAEVE



KEY INFORMATION 2026 - 2027



IRISH

Although studied by the majority of students, the uptake of higher-level Irish is significantly lower than other subjects. If you would like to apply to study Primary School Teaching in Ireland, Higher Level Irish is a requirement.

ENGLISH

This is a good higher-level subject for the average student, provided they are prepared to read extensively. Strong written expression is required to achieve a good result.

MATHS

It is a relatively straightforward subject for those who are good at maths, but tends to be perceived as time-consuming. If you choose to study higher level maths it is worth noting that you will be rewarded an extra 25 points provided you achieve a H1 - H6 grade. Maths is not a requirement for every course and the number of courses now accepting foundation level maths has increased.

Think
before you
drop a
level.

STUDY SKILLS TO START YOU OFF

First things first – Do up a plan

Use your time wisely

Get Organised

Learn how to read!

Listen and take notes effectively

Hand in neat work as homework and assignments.

Ask questions from your teachers and your peers.

Help other people

Anticipate exam questions

UPCOMING TRIPS AND SPEAKERS

- **September 17th** Worldskills Event RDS. Bus arranged.
- *Higher Options will not be attended by the Year Group**
- **November 3rd** – Open Day in TU Dublin Tallaght. All 6th years attend.
- **Each Wednesday**, where possible there will be an assembly with a speaker from the following institutions and areas : Ulster University, UCD, NUI Maynooth, TU Dublin, Tallaght Training Centre, Loughlinstown Training Centre, Ballyfermot College of Further Ed, Inchicore, Greenhills College Of Further Ed,
- **9th and 10th December 2026** Study Skills Session – (Two Groups morning and evening)
- **March/April** - Trip to colleges of further Ed for some
- **March** – Try a Trade trip to Irish Rail open for some

TIME SPENT
ON
HOMEWORK/
STUDY

- 2 hours per night for study (Part time work?)
- Set a regular time to study/revise/homework - start early (finish early)
- Encourage them to revise the subject they find the hardest first when energy levels are at the highest, that way they'll get the hardest bits out of the way first.
- Quiet place with few distractions
- 20 minute blocks of revision. Flashcards!
- Still make time for extra curricular, part time work and sports

HEAR/DARE – This is a process. Please bear with us. We will be in touch. Gather data.

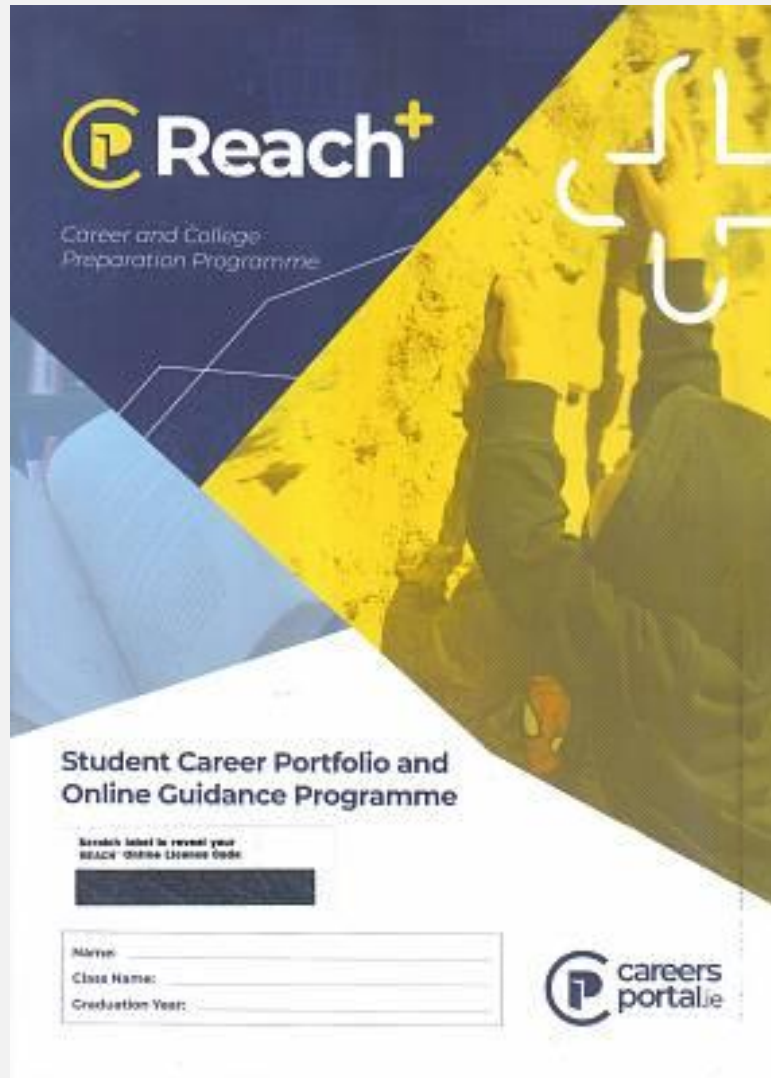
SUSI Grant – April you will create an account

Scholarships – Start researching these now in your RSE/Guidance class

CAO – Start looking up courses (Focus on this will be in semester 1)

Apprenticeships – Focus on this in semester 2 and 3. Start networking

PLC courses - Focus on this in semester 2 and 3.



STUDENTS WILL INVESTIGATE

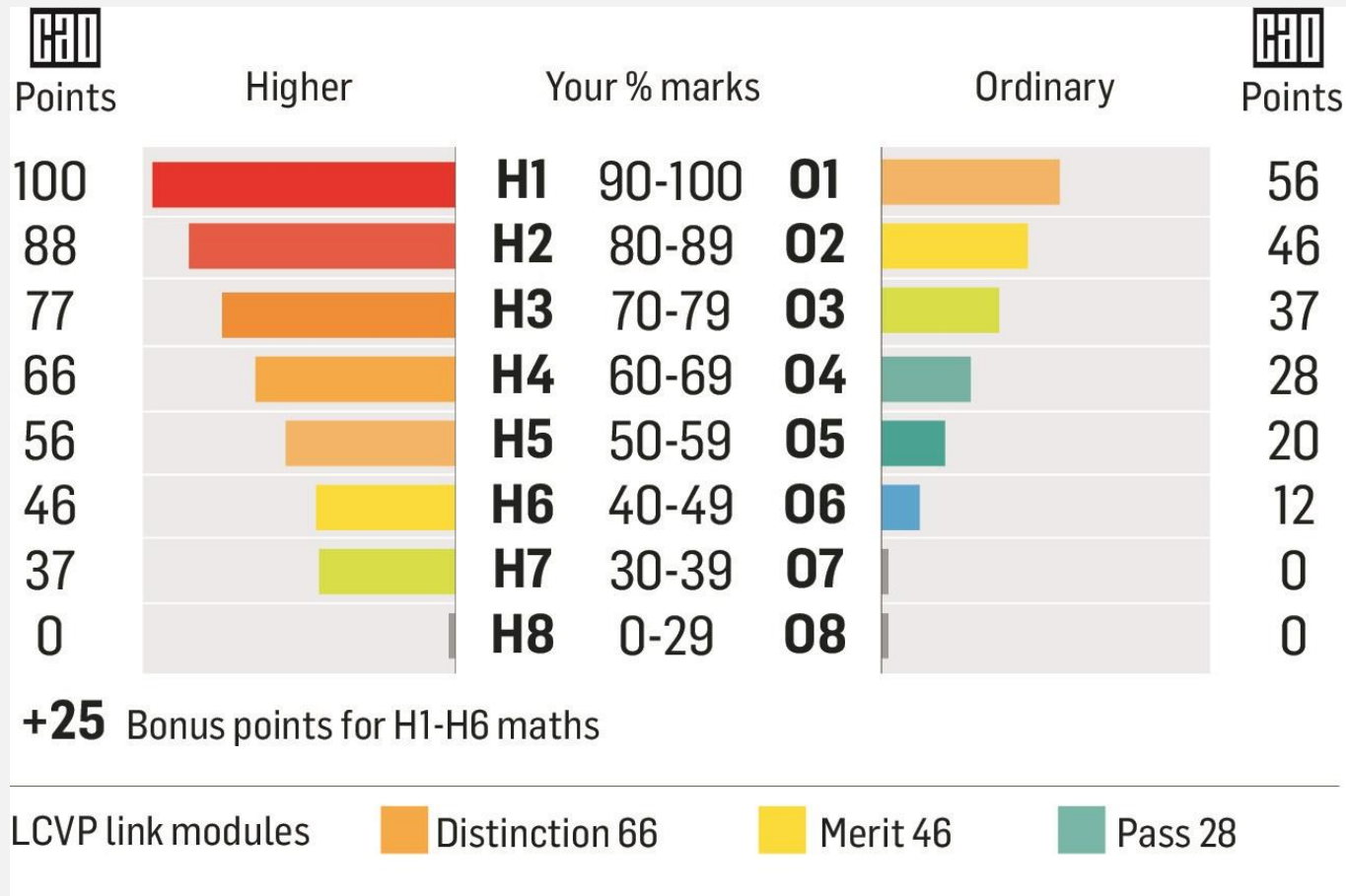
UNIVERSITIES
PLCS
APPRENTICESHIPS

RANGE OF APPS TO HELP THEM
CHOOSE A CAREER PATH THAT
SUITS THEM



CAO AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TARGETS
AND
GOALS





KEY DATES 2026 - 2027

- **CAO Opens** – 5th November 2026
- **CAO Closes** – 1st February 2027 (You must declare intent to apply for HEAR and DARE by this date)
- **Complete Online Forms (HEAR/DARE)** - 1st March 2027 Final submission of online HEAR and DARE Section A
- **Physical Document Post** – Must arrive in CAO on or before 10th March 2027
- **Outcome notification for HEAR and DARE** – Late June 2027
- **Leaving Certificate Written Exams** – June 9th 2027

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2023 CAO Application (September/October 2023 entry)

Before Applying:

1. If you previously started your 2023 CAO application and have received a 2023 application number, proceed instead to the ["My Application"](#) facility where you may view/edit your application.
2. Read the [2023 CAO Handbook](#)
3. Read the [Course Changes](#) to view important changes to courses.

You may wish to use the [interactive demo facility](#).

Instructions

- In any one year, you may NOT present more than one application. If you think you may have already submitted an online application or you have already received a 2023 CAO application number, please proceed instead to the ["My Application"](#) facility. **There will be no refunds given to applicants who make more than one application.**
- The fee for an online application is currently €45.
There is an online discounted fee of €30 if you apply before 20th January (17:00).
For further information on fees and closing dates, please view the [fees table](#).
- Applicants making an on-line application may pay the application fee using a Credit or Debit Card (Visa or MasterCard). Alternatively, applicants may pay the application fee in advance at a bank within the Republic of Ireland using an Application Fee Payment Form. If you have not received an Application Fee Payment Form, it may be obtained by contacting CAO.
- Applicants must **not** make more than one application (either on-line or paper). An extra €10 penalty charge will be levied if an applicant submits more than one application (either on-line or paper).
- Mature applicants (those 23 years of age on or before the 1st of January 2023) and applicants who have qualifications other than the 1985-2023 Irish Leaving Cert and/or 2002-2023 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 must complete the relevant sections of the application form and **post supporting documents to the CAO without delay**. Please read [here](#) for further instructions.
N.B. All documents must be clearly marked with your name and CAO Application Number.
- **Residence outside the EU (Past or Present):** If you have at any time resided, or are at present resident, outside the EU, then you may be required to apply direct to some HEIs. It is important that such applicants read the appropriate section of the 2023 CAO Handbook.

Click on 'Proceed with Application' below to start your application.

[Proceed with Application »](#)

When you apply for the first time, this is the page you will be looking at (after clicking on the green tab that says Apply)

Apply

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The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.



Supporting Documents

Instructions and answers to FAQs


[Applicants](#)
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2023 My Application Log-in

Please enter your details below:

CAO Application No.

8-digit CAO Number

[Help?](#)

Date of Birth

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Account Password

Enter Password

[Forgotten Your Password?](#)

Log In »

If you wish to apply to CAO and have yet to receive a 2023 CAO application number, click on the button "Apply" from the menu to start your application.

Once you have an account you can access it by logging in through the red tab that says My Application

HEAR

HEAR applicants

It is your responsibility to check if your child is eligible to apply for the HEAR scheme.

Thresholds –

Fewer than 4 dependent children : €46,790

4 to 7 dependent children : €51,325

College Siblings? Add €4785 to the income limit for every additional family member currently enrolled in college (can include parent)

Definition of a dependent – Anyone under 16 or those over 16 in full time education or unfit for work (medically cert)

DARE

DARE applicants

The school will assist your application for the DARE scheme. Start gathering any information from consultants, psychiatrists, specialists etc.

ADHD/ADD - Must be diagnosed and signed off by Consultant Psychiatrist or Psychologist

ASD (including Aspergers) - Must be signed off by Consultant Psychiatrist, Paediatrician or Psychologist

Mental Health Condition - Must be signed off by Consultant Psychiatrist registered to Medical Council of Ireland. Report must be less than 3 years old.

Specific Learning Difficulties – Must submit a full valid Psycho-Educational Assessment Report completed by an educational psychologist

Physical Disabilities/Significant ongoing illnesses – Verified by appropriate consultant of specialist

THESE?

Hear – how to apply?

Register with CAO and select YES to the HEAR application question

Complete the online HEAR APPLICATION FORM by 1st March 2027

Gather and print out a checklist of necessary financial documents (eg revenue statement of Liability or social welfare statements)

Post physical copies of these docs by 10th March to CAO office.

DARE – This is for school leavers whose disability or ongoing illness has negatively impacted their second level education

There are eligibility criteria. Your application must show Evidence of Disability and an Educational Impact Statement.

Register with CAO and select YES to the Supplementary Information Form by March 1st 2027

Start gathering all evidence from consultants, doctors, hospitals etc.

The AEN and Guidance Dept will fill out Section B and Section C along with you. They will print these off and you will sign along with parent.

Post physical copies of Section B and C to the CAO to arrive by 10th March 2027

WHAT DO I GET FROM HEAR OR DARE?

Many universities such as Trinity College Dublin or TU Dublin offer a reduction of 10 or 15% off the baseline course cut off. For example if a course requires 400 points, a 12.5% reduction means you could potentially secure a place for 350 points.

Other institutions enforce flat point caps. For example, DCU allows maximum reduction of 75 points, but notes that most accepted students typically fall within 5 to 30 points of the final cut off.

Note – You must still pass the minimum entry requirements!

If a course has 100 places, they might reserve 5 places for DARE students and 5 for HEAR. The points reduction all depends on demand.

APPRENTICESHIPS



Apprenticeships are a major alternative pathway to the CAO or instead of the CAO. They combine paid employment with college or training.



There are over 80 apprenticeship programmes across sectors including electrical, engineering, construction, ICT, cybersecurity, finance, healthcare, hospitality and digital marketing.



They typically last 2-4 years and lead to nationally qualified qualifications from NFQ levels 5-10



Apprentices earn a salary under a formal employment contract with a Solas approved employer.



Students apply for an employer not through the CAO. Vacancies are advertised throughout the year on [apprenticeship.ie](https://www.apprenticeship.ie) or through local contacts.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Guidance Counsellor's role is to support students to the best of the school's ability.

If students wish to make an appointment, please message on schoology. If parents want to alert the GC to an issue, please email or contact your Year head first who will engage with the Guidance Counsellor

There are external supports you can avail of also in the form of Jigsaw, Spunout.ie and Pieta House. If in doubt, please see your GP.



6th Year Key Dates

COURSEWORK, PROJECTS, PRACTICALS AND EXAMINATIONS | 2026/27



SENIOR CYCLE REDEVELOPMENT

TRANCHE 1 SUBJECTS

11 DEC 2026	Physics in Practice Investigation
26 FEB 2027	Biology in Practice Investigation
12 MAR 2027	Business Investigative Study
12 MAR 2027	Climate Action and Sustainable Development Action Project
23 APR 2027	Chemistry in Practice Investigation

AAC / COURSEWORK COMPLETION

Complete and submit work according to the official subject brief and your teacher's instructions.

OTHER SUBJECTS

COURSEWORK AND PRACTICAL DATES

2 NOV 2026	Home Economics Food Studies Coursework
18 DEC 2026	Physical Education PAP Report
15 JAN 2027	DCG Practical Coursework
5 MAR 2027	Engineering Project Component
19 MAR 2027	PE Performance Assessment
19 MAR 2027	Technology Practical Coursework
16 APR 2027	Geographical Investigation Report
16 APR 2027	Home Economics Textile Studies Coursework*
16 APR 2027	Art Practical Coursework
20 APR 2027	Art Practical Examination
22 APR 2027	Art Practical Examination
4-7 MAY 2027	Engineering Studies Practical

* Textile Studies applies only to students completing that option.

KEY EVENTS 2026 – 2027



- **Parent/Student/Teacher meetings** - Tuesday 6th October 2026 3.30pm to 6pm
- **Mid term Break** – October 26th-30th 2026
- **Semester 1 Assessments** – 12th-20th November 2026
- **LCA Work experience** 7th-22nd December 2026
- **Mock examinations** – LCE- 2nd-12th February 2027/LCA 9th-12th February 2027
- **Oral Examinations** will take place during first week of the Easter Holidays (Starting Saturday 20th March)
- **6th Year Graduation** – 20th May 2027 (TBC)
- **Leaving Cert State Examinations** - Commence 9th June 2027

KEY EVENTS 2026 – 2027



- **6th Year Ecology trip** - 30th Sept Price TBC Compulsory attendance
- **DCG Project deadline** - January 15th 2027
- **Technology Project deadline** - March 19th 2027
- **Mid May Practical Cookery Exam for Hotel, Catering & Tourism** worth 50%. Date TBC by the SEC
- **6th year geographical investigation** will take place Thursday 24 September.
- **6th year Politics and Society trip** to Belfast 1st October - €60 due 24th September pay online. Full school tracksuit needed and money for lunch.
- **Music practical examinations for 2027** are provisionally scheduled by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) to take place from Monday, 5 April to Friday, 16 April 2027.
- **Fees** were reintroduced for the 2025/2026 academic year and we're €116 and will continue to be in place this year. Those with medical cards have exemption. Deadline TBC
- Any students wishing to **sit an exam in the native language** should speak to Oide Róisín

LEAVING CERT ART – KEY INFORMATION



Project Work:

- Runs late November – early April (approx. 12 weeks).
- Worth 50% of overall grade.
- Attendance is crucial – must be done in class only.



Exam Component:

- 5-hour exam in May (date TBC).
- Worth 20%.
- By May, 70% of Art grade is already completed.



Art History:

- One-day trip between October–December (date TBC).
- Supports Art History paper (30% of grade, completed in June).

LCA SESSION DATES & CREDITS

- **LCA Session Dates & Credits:**
- We are still awaiting the official 2026/27 dates from the SEC. For planning purposes
- **Session 1 and Session 3** are expected to conclude towards the end of January.
- **Session 2 and Session 4** are expected to conclude towards the end of May.
- Mid May Practical Cookery Exam for Hotel, Catering & Tourism worth 50%. Date TBC by the SEC

LCA Work experience 7th-22nd December 2026 – Garda Vetting

RACE – REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS



All students who received accommodations at Junior Cycle will automatically be completing a Reactivation Application during the first term.

This does not apply to students who had an emergency application submitted ie. students who had last minute changes to their circumstances eg broken limbs, illness, etc.

This reactivation will be completed on behalf of students and sent home for parent/guardian signature. An email will be sent to you on the day this takes place. All reactivation and new applications are expected to be due immediately after the October midterm

RACE – REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS



If you are unsure about accommodations or are concerned that your child requires additional accommodations, please contact Josephine or Shona

josephineclarke@kingswoodcc.ie

shonaburke@kingswoodcc.ie

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Senior Cycle **Red line** sanction

There will be **zero tolerance** of disruption of classes by students in 6th year at our college. Any reasonable request from a member of staff should be carried out promptly, politely and courteously.

The following steps will apply if students do not meet the required high standard of behaviour expected.

Any student removed from a lesson due to significant disruption will be sent to the Year Head, Deputy Principals or Principal. A member of the leadership team will contact home and notify parents that their child will be asked to study independently from home for the remainder of the school day.

HOMEWORK & STUDY

Homework is work that needs to be done immediately based on the current topic being taught – learning homework/written homework



Vs



Study is working on previous topics that have been taught in the past

There is still time to sign up for

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A STRUCTURED APPROACH TO THEIR STUDIES. STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK REGULARLY AND THOROUGHLY OBTAIN HIGHER GRADES IN EXAMINATIONS.



€80 per student per semester.
For siblings, there will be a €10 discount
per family, per semester.

Contact Oide Saidbh
for more information



MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: 3.00- 5:00 PM
TUESDAY: 3.05-5.05PM
FRIDAY: 2.20-4.20PM

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

saidbhfjordan@kingswoodcc.ie

or

info@kingswoodcc.ie

Maths Clinic!

Senior Cycle Maths
Clinic lunchtime.
Speak to your maths
teacher.



Communications Policy 2026

A quick parent/guardian guide to respectful, clear and student-centred communication

The aim is simple: school and homework together so every student is supported to succeed.



CONTACT & MEETINGS

Keep details up to date. Arrange meetings in advance through the office or by email.



STUDENT JOURNAL

Use the journal for brief day-to-day notes. Complex issues are best handled by email or a meeting.



ABSENCES & LATES

Report absences through TYRO. Students arriving late must sign/scan in at the office.



SIGNING OUT

Early departures need advance permission, office sign-out and collection by a parent/guardian or authorised adult.



RESPONSE TIMES

Staff respond during school working hours. After-hours messages are answered within three working days.



RESPECTFUL TONE

All communication should be calm, respectful and focused on the student's wellbeing and progress.

A hand holding a red ribbon, with a white speech bubble graphic containing two dots, positioned near the top left. The background is a blurred green field.

**"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT
YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE
IT."**

Abraham Lincoln

ANY QUESTIONS???

We would like to put some thought in to answers to your questions and ensure we have the right information for you. Therefore, If you have a query, please e-mail it to info@kingswoodcc.ie before 14th September @11am.

Subject bar- Questions from Information evening

I will send an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) e mail with answers to all parents/guardians on Thursday 17th September 2026.

Slides will also be on our school website.