5TH YEAR PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Oide Emma O'Beirne– Deputy Principal to Senior Students

Oide Anthony Rochford - Year Head to 5th Years

Oide Elish Walsh – Attendance Officer

Oide Kieran Mullen – Home School Liaison Officer

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

The **Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)** works to strengthen the partnership between **home, school and the wider community** to support students in achieving their full potential.

- The HSCL **supports parents and guardians** in becoming actively involved in their child's education and school life.
- They act as a **link between home and school**, helping families access information, supports and services where needed.
- The HSCL may organise **parent courses, workshops, information sessions and community activities** throughout the year.
- They work closely with students, families and school staff to promote **attendance, engagement, wellbeing and positive educational outcomes**.

ATTENDANCE

OIDE ELISH WALSH – elishwalsh@kingswoodcc.ie

- Please communicate with the school (Tyro)

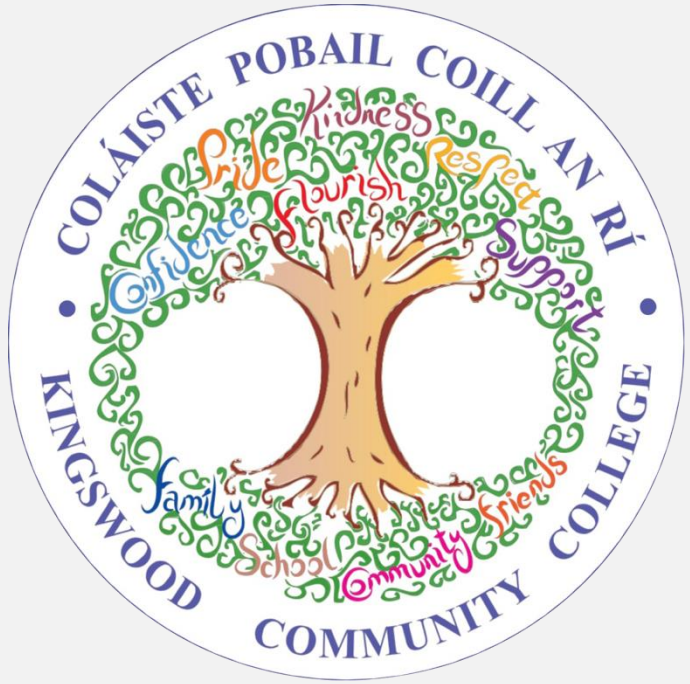
- ANSEO Year 2 – celebrating attendance

If a senior cycle student misses 10 days
: 60 classes
: 132 English classes a year

If a senior cycle student misses 20 days
: 120 classes
: 132 English classes a year

- Prioritising attendance supports students beyond school

If a student is not in, they cannot learn.



KEY EVENTS 2026 - 2027



- **Semester 1 Assessments-** 12th - 20th November
- **Parent/Student/Teacher meetings-** Thursday 10th December (15:30 to 18:00)
- **Leaving Certificate Applied Work Experience** – 7th to 22nd December
- **Ski Trip**– 31st Jan - 5th Feb
- **Poland Trip**– 1st Feb - 5th Feb
- **Semester 2 Review and Report** – 22nd to 26th February
- **Semester 3 Assessments** - 27th May – 4th June

** Please be aware of other dates on the calendar school closures etc.

UPCOMING TRIPS AND SPEAKERS

Upcoming Trips and Speakers

- October date TBC - Engineering trip to CRH
- Jan/Feb (Date TBC) Speaker Colin Behan from Loughlinstown Training Centre (DDLETB) will speak to students about apprenticeships
- January 30th – 5th Year trip to UCD
- March – Try a Trade trip to Irish Rail open to all interested students.

KEY INFORMATION 2026 - 2027



Maths level splits have happened based on test averages.

Irish level splits will be happening mid September.

Home Economics Journal and coursework - Accounts for 20% of the overall grade. This work will always be completed in the last two weeks of every term. Attendance is very important.

English – Classes will be split into Higher and Ordinary level over the coming weeks.

** Please bare with as we work through the Admin changes.

SUBJECT LEVELS



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

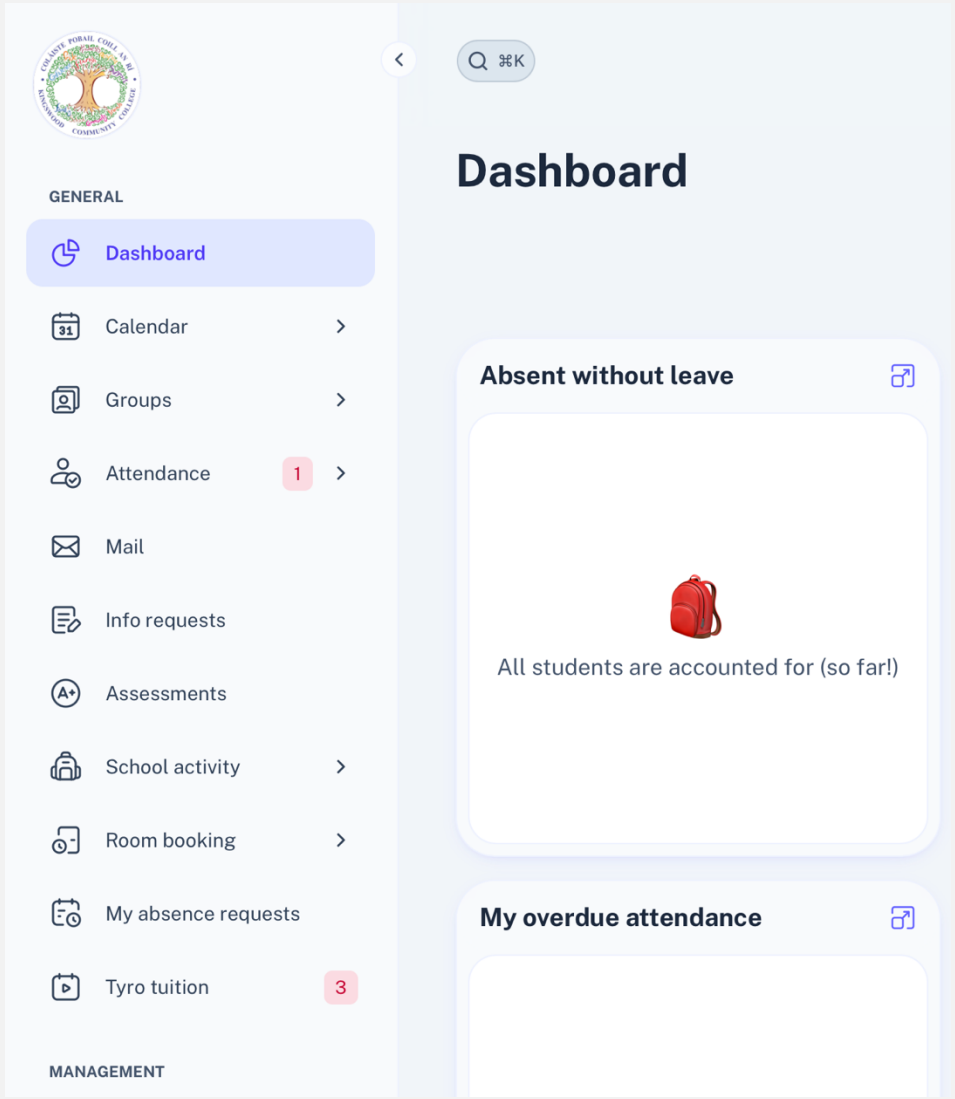
This is a good higher-level subject for the average student, provided they are prepared to read extensively. Strong written expression is required to achieve a good result.

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.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOME



- Tyro is the new portal being used for monitoring data on a student. Parents and Guardians can monitor behaviour, attendance and assessments throughout the term.

- Staff also have work email addresses and can be emailed with queries. Please allow time for a response, due to full teaching schedules.

- **All correspondence will be going through the Tyro App.**

UNIFORM INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT

School Uniform Details	
Trouser Uniform	**Skirt Uniform**
Black Trousers	College Skirt from School Wearhouse
College Crested Jumper (Blue-Junior, Grey-Senior)	College Crested Jumper (Blue-Junior, Grey-Senior)
White Shirt and College Tie	White Blouse
Black Socks	Black Socks
Black Polish-able Shoes (please see note below) *	**Black Polish-able Shoes** (please see note below) *
College Jacket only – Jackets other than school crested jackets will be confiscated	College Jacket only – Jackets other than school crested jackets will be confiscated







EQUIPMENT FOR ALL SUBJECTS (STATIONARY, DCG, MATHS SETS, CALCULATOR, EXAM PAPERS, TEXT BOOKS)

CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS



We expect all students to act in a responsible manner, treat everyone with respect and do the right things at the right times.

Senior Cycle Red line sanction

There will be zero tolerance of disruption of classes by students in 5th year at KCC. 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 standard of behaviour expected.

Red line (Vsware) – Any student removed from a lesson due to significant disruption will be sent to a member of Senior Leadership Team (SLT). 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 – TWO KEYS TO SUCCESS

KCC offer students a study hub after school. This facilitates 2 hours of homework whilst incorporating study.

Homework is work that needs to be completed immediately based on the **current topic** being taught.



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Study is working on **previous topics** that have been taught previously.

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

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., Little & Often, Flashcards!
- Still make time for extra curricular, part time work and sports. It is the students **RESPONSIBILITY** to catch up on work / homework missed due to extra curricular.

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENAGERS

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw

LCA PROGRAMME

- Importance of attendance.
- Keeping on top of tasks and key assignments.
- Work experience placements.
- Date of work experience; 7th December-22nd December 2026

What are AACs?

Additional Assessment Components

AACs are assessment components in the Leaving Certificate that give you ways to demonstrate your learning beyond a traditional written exam.

PART OF YOUR RESULT

An AAC is not an optional extra. It forms part of the overall assessment for the subject.

NOT JUST A WRITTEN EXAM

AACs can assess skills such as practical work, research, communication, creativity, problem-solving and applying knowledge.

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC

What you have to do depends on the subject. AACs are designed around that subject's learning outcomes.

40%+

In the newly revised Senior Cycle subjects, the AAC is worth at least 40% of the available marks.

The AAC is externally assessed by the State Examinations Commission (SEC).

Subjects currently affected: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business, Climate Action, Engineering, Construction, Geography, LCVP and PE

What could an AAC look like?

It depends on the subject — there is no single AAC format.

PROJECT / INVESTIGATION

You may research a question, carry out an investigation, develop a project and communicate what you have learned.

PRACTICAL / PERFORMANCE

Some subjects can assess what you can do in practice — for example creating, performing, designing, making or applying skills.

ORAL / PORTFOLIO / COURSEWORK

Depending on the subject, an AAC may involve speaking, presenting, compiling work, writing, digital submission or other evidence of learning.

For 5th Year students

AAC work is designed to be integrated into teaching and learning across the course — so your day-to-day effort matters.

Think: learn → practice → develop → complete → submit / perform → be assessed.

LIFE COMMUNITY AND WORK (LCW) FORMERLY LCVP

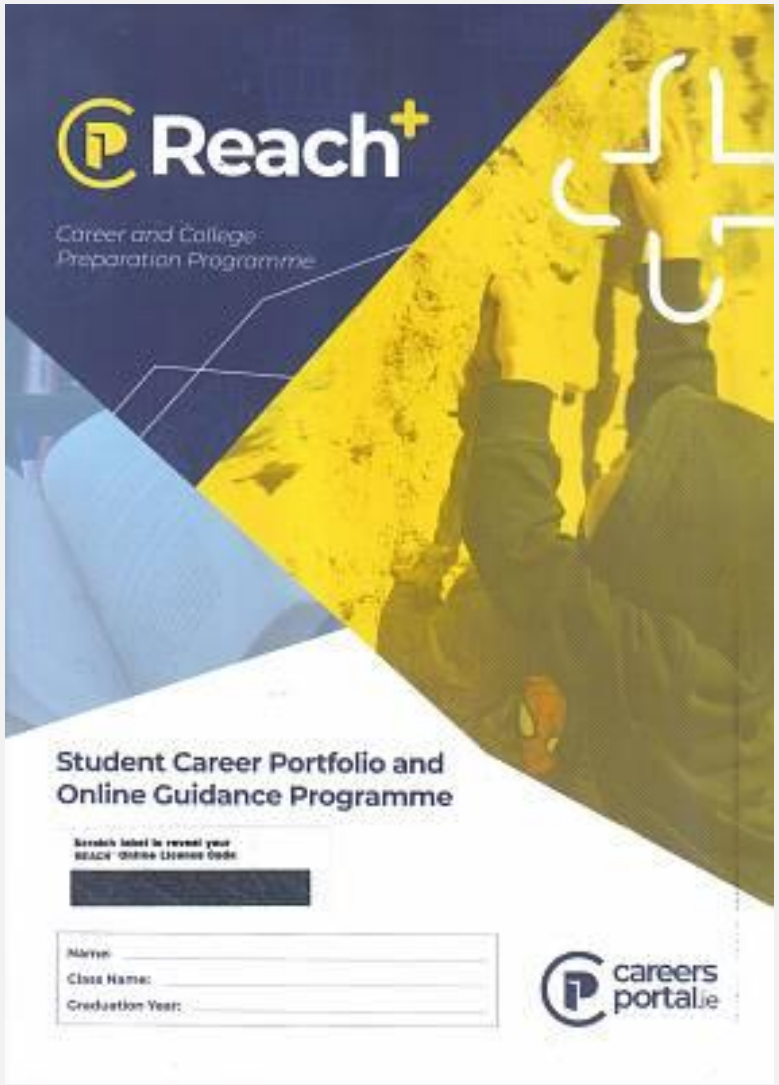
This is an extra subject, chosen in addition to the 7 subjects undertaken by all students.

Summary
LCW teaches the skills and knowledge needed to understand how business works.

What kind of Student would the Link Modules suit

- This is a practical subject/programme that suits practical students.
- It is a real preparation for the world of work.
- The bulk of marks go for the portfolio which is done over the 2-years
- Links with other option subjects which can enhance performance in those subjects.
- Promotes skills and qualities of self-reliance, innovation and enterprise

Course Overview
Students taking the Link Modules over the course of the two years in addition to their usual Leaving Certificate Examination will follow two modules.

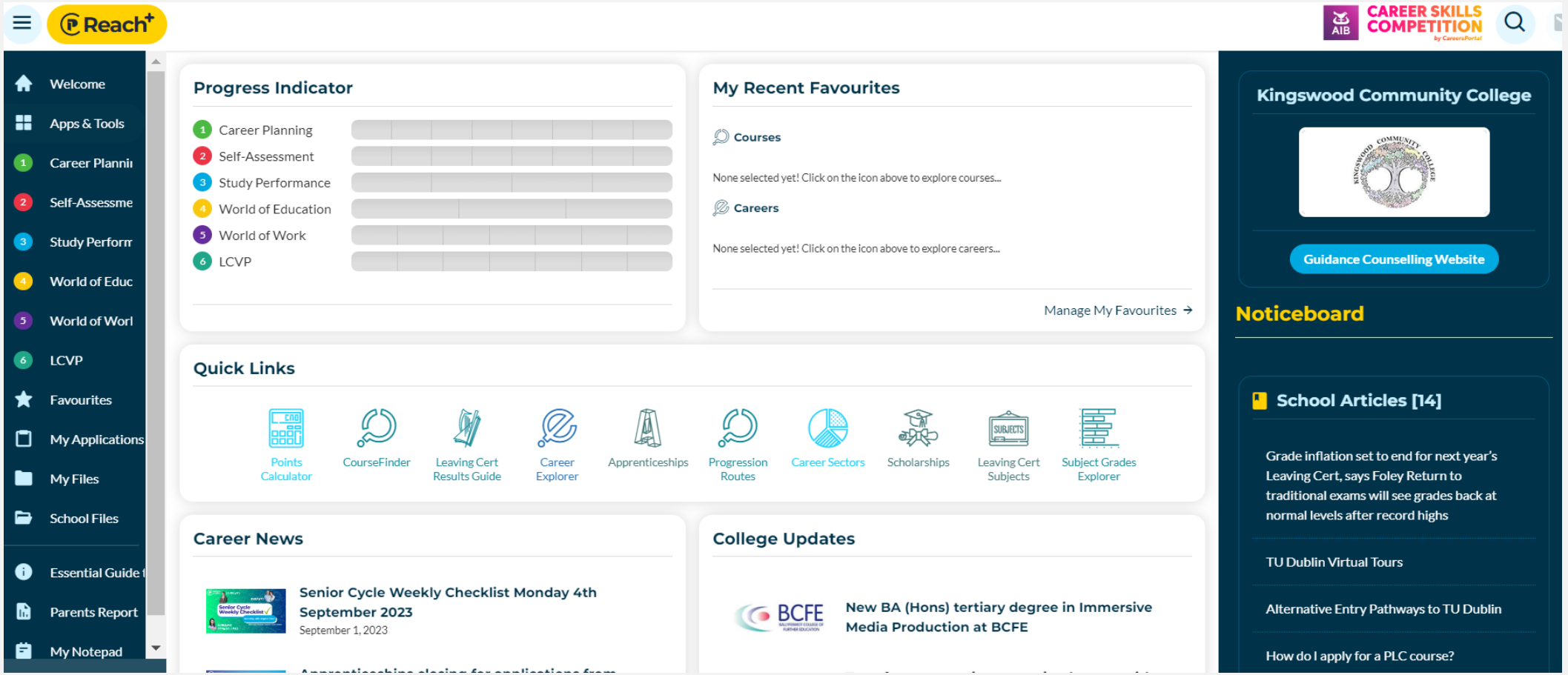


STUDENTS WILL INVESTIGATE

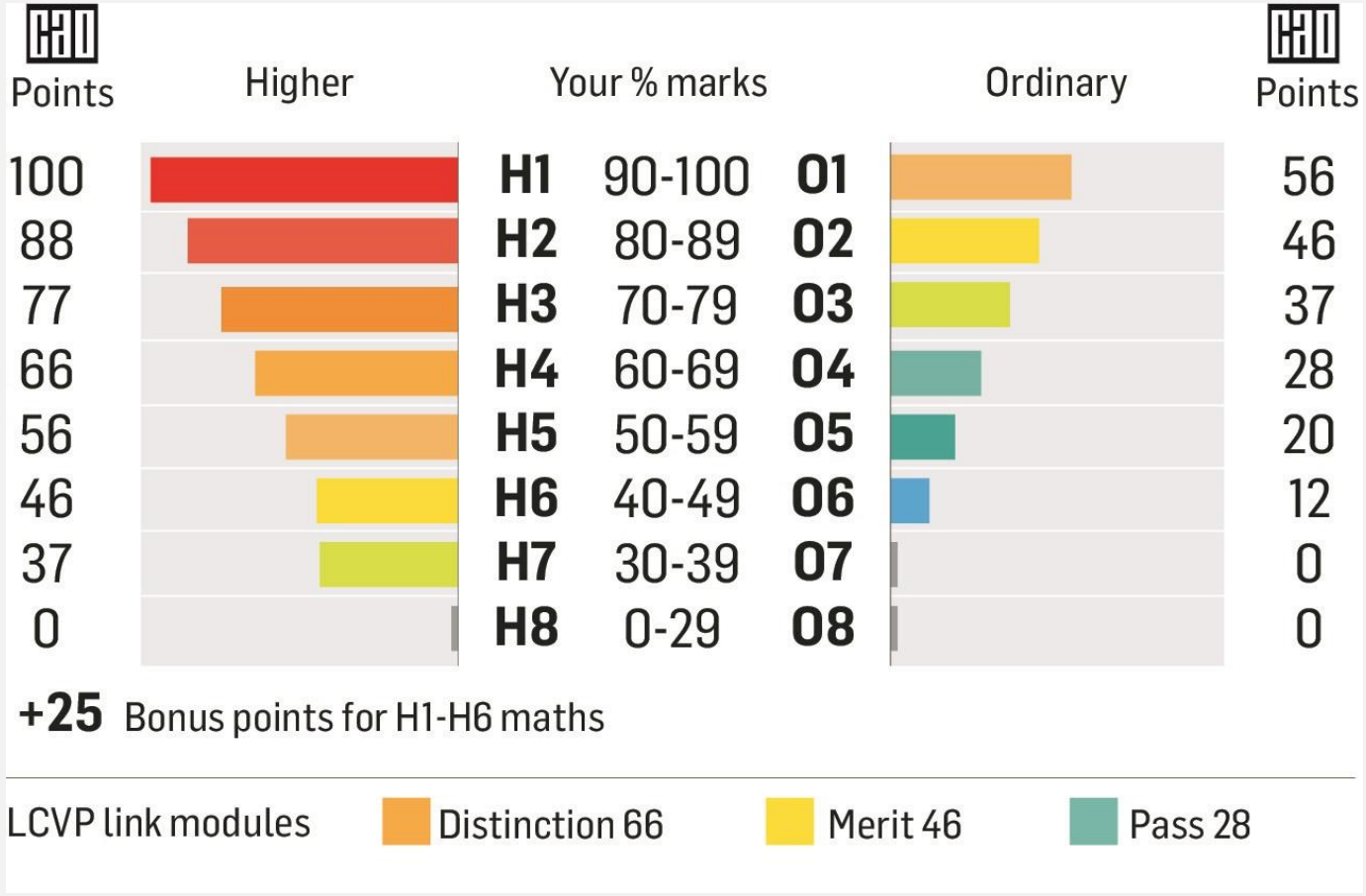
UNIVERSITIES
PLCS (COLLEGES OF FURTHER ED)
APPRENTICESHIPS

RANGE OF APPS TO HELP THEM CHOOSE A CAREER PATH THAT SUITS THEM
PAYMENT FOR THIS CAN BE PAID ON THE MIT SYSTEM

Reach Plus Programme



TARGETS AND GOALS



If third level is your goal, it is important to look at the points you might be awarded in your subject and align them with the courses you are thinking of embarking on.

Levels are also important and might be a minimum requirement for courses. Put some thought in before dropping levels.

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 wish to talk to the guidance counsellor, please email directly lindahall@kingswoodcc.ie or message Year Head, Oide Anthony.

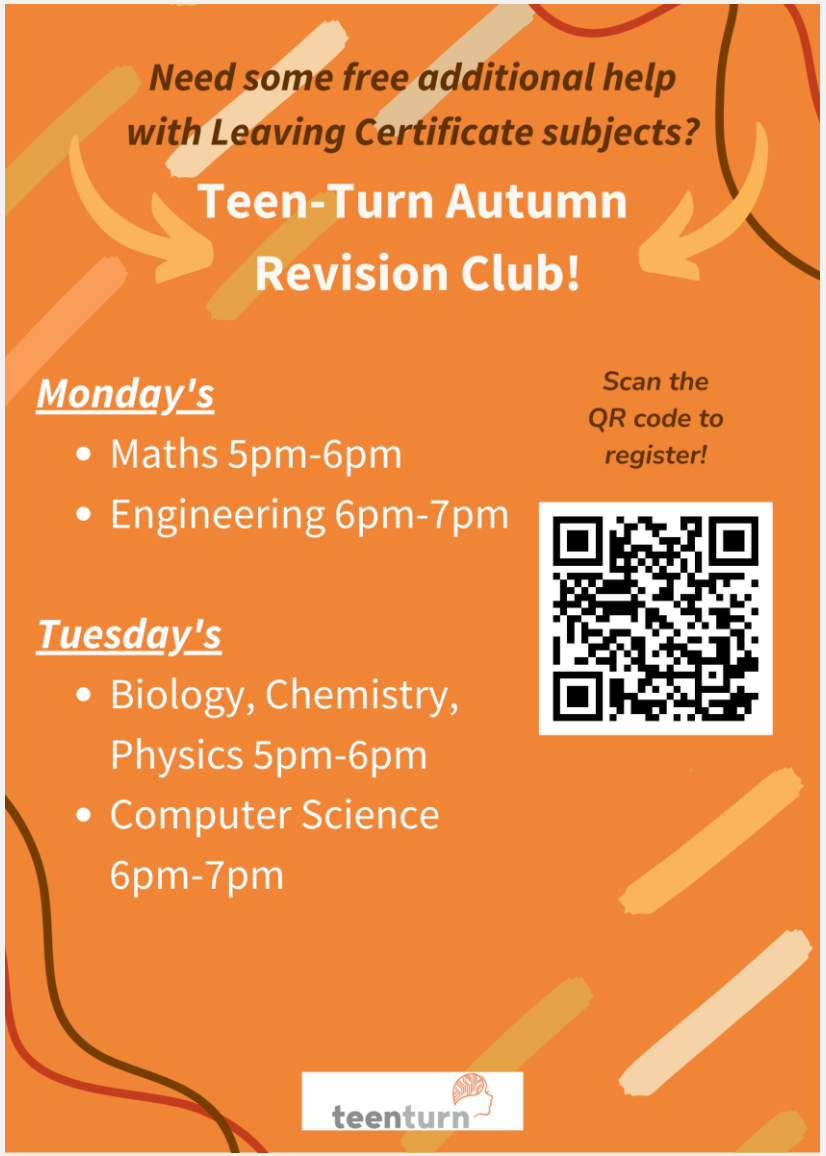
There are external supports you can avail of also in the form of Jigsaw, Spunout.ie and Pieta House.
If in doubt, please see your GP.



CREATIVE THERAPY

- Liz Doyle has joined the school and will be rolling out *Creative Therapy* this year under the guidance of the Student Care Team. Referrals will come from within the school and the parent will be involved in the initial process of setting this up.
- We see this as a positive intervention and support for students who might struggle to express themselves through words initially.





EXTERNAL SUPPORT

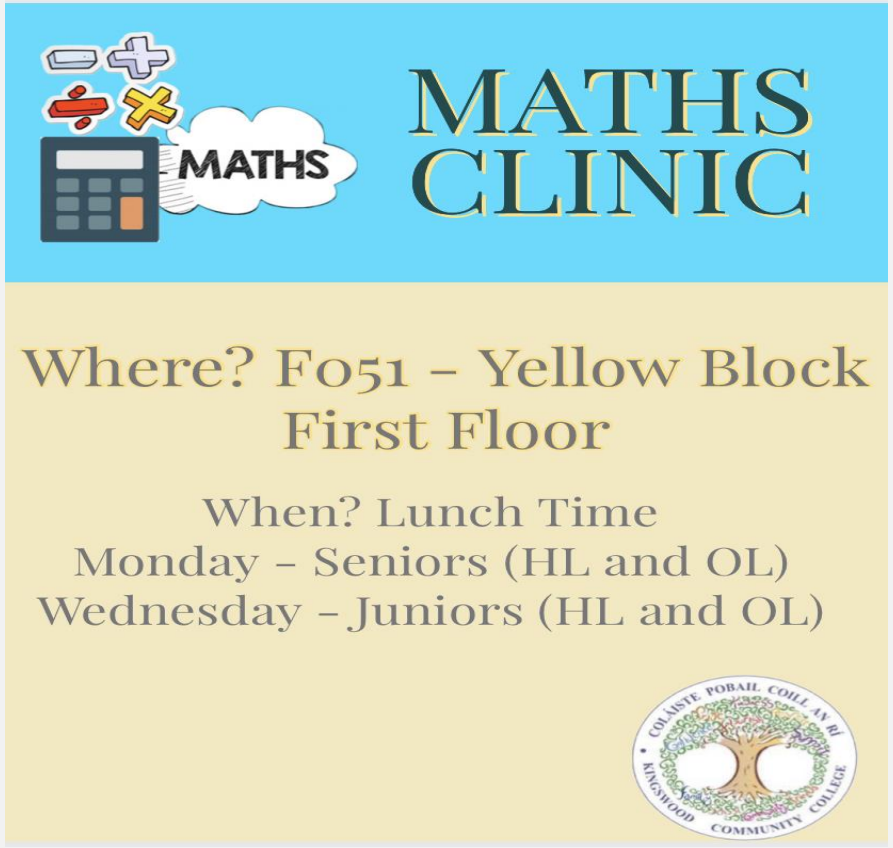
St Kevins Family Resource Centre in Kilnamanagh offer Parents Plus classes, yoga classes for adults, Rainbows Bereavement services.
See https://stkevinsfrc.ie/support/parent-plus/

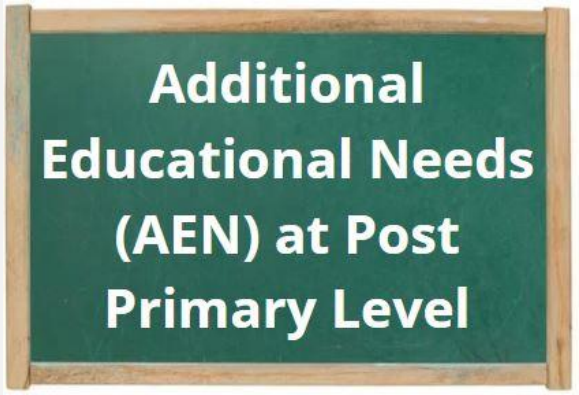
Feel free to reach out to Oide Linda Hall or YH Anthony who will put you in touch with St. Kevins.

St. Kevin's Family Resource Centre

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS IN SCHOOL

Maths clinic for Senior Students is on Monday for Higher Level and Ordinary Level.





Additional Education Needs Anchor will be Josephine Clarke – Supporting students across the year group with their learning and implement interventions/ learning strategies as needed.
If you would like to contact Josephine, please feel free to send an email through the info@kingswoodcc.ie account with your questions and Josephine will get back to you.

REASONS TO GET INVOLVED AS A SENIOR PREFECT/LEADER

- Contribution to school community.
- Being a senior prefect gives you experience in leadership and organisation
- The position usually sets your job application apart from the rest and should be included on CV.

WHAT IS A SENIOR LEADER?

The role of a Senior leader is not limited to one thing and will include:

- Assisting teaching staff,
- Being present during lunchtimes in Junior area
- Organising activities and events throughout the school year
- Developing leadership capacity, skills and agency in students.

**If interested please get in touch with your tutors

ANY QUESTIONS???

- If you have a query, please e-mail it to anthonyrochford@kingswoodcc.ie
- Subject bar - Questions from Information evening
- Slides will also be on our school website.

- **Thank you for your time and attendance**