



**Welcome to
Franciscan College Gormanston
Open Evening
17th September 2026**

***“Proud of our Past...
Confident for our Future”***





- ▶ **A Small School with a Big Heart**
- ▶ Close-knit, supportive community where every student is known by name
- ▶ Co-educational day school serving our local community
- ▶ Strong Franciscan values: respect, dignity, inclusion
- ▶ Personal attention and tailored support for every learner

"WE ASK OUR STUDENTS TO BRING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES TO SCHOOL EACH DAY."



Our Vision – A Bright Future Ahead

We are:

- Building confident, curious young people
- Fostering respectful, inclusive relationships
- Preparing students for success in a changing world
- Investing in a transformational future

*“A school where
relationships and people
matter most”*

PROJECT BOYNE

Construction **BEGINS**
OCTOBER 2026

- Designed for 1000 pupils
- State of the Art Classrooms
- Cutting Edge Science Labs
- Specialist labs (DCG, Art, Music, Construction & Technology, Home Economics, Multimedia, Engineering)
- SEN suite – 6 special classes
- Spacious gym and sports facilities
- Modern library
- Beautiful outdoor spaces



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & YOUTH

Minister for Education – Hildegarde Naughton



PRESS RELEASE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026

- *“Preparations for a construction start are at an advanced stage at Franciscan College Gormanston. The NDFA, contractor and DEY are working closely to finalise the necessary arrangements, including required contract documents, with a view to commencing construction in the near future. While it is not possible to give a definitive timeframe at this point, all parties are fully committed to construction starting as soon as possible”*
- 10 working days to CONTRACT signed.....



A Journey of Transformation...

Strong educational foundation already established

New school is an exciting expansion NOT a change of identity

The continuity of our education continues –

Core values: RESPECT, INCLUSION, KINDNESS

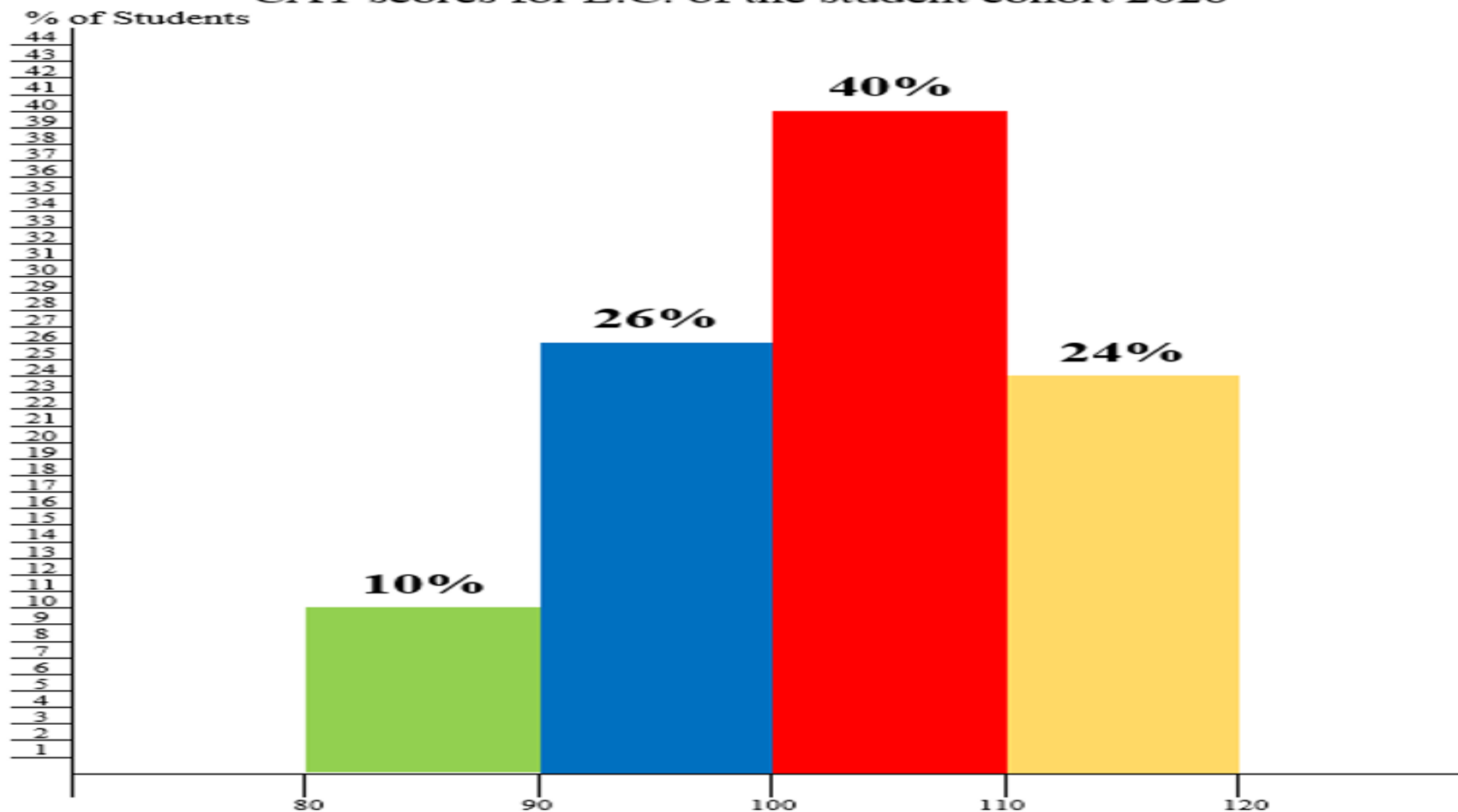
Shared belief: HIGH STANDARDS, SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, GROW IN CONFIDENCE, REACH POTENTIAL

“A school community that cares for our students and cares about our students”



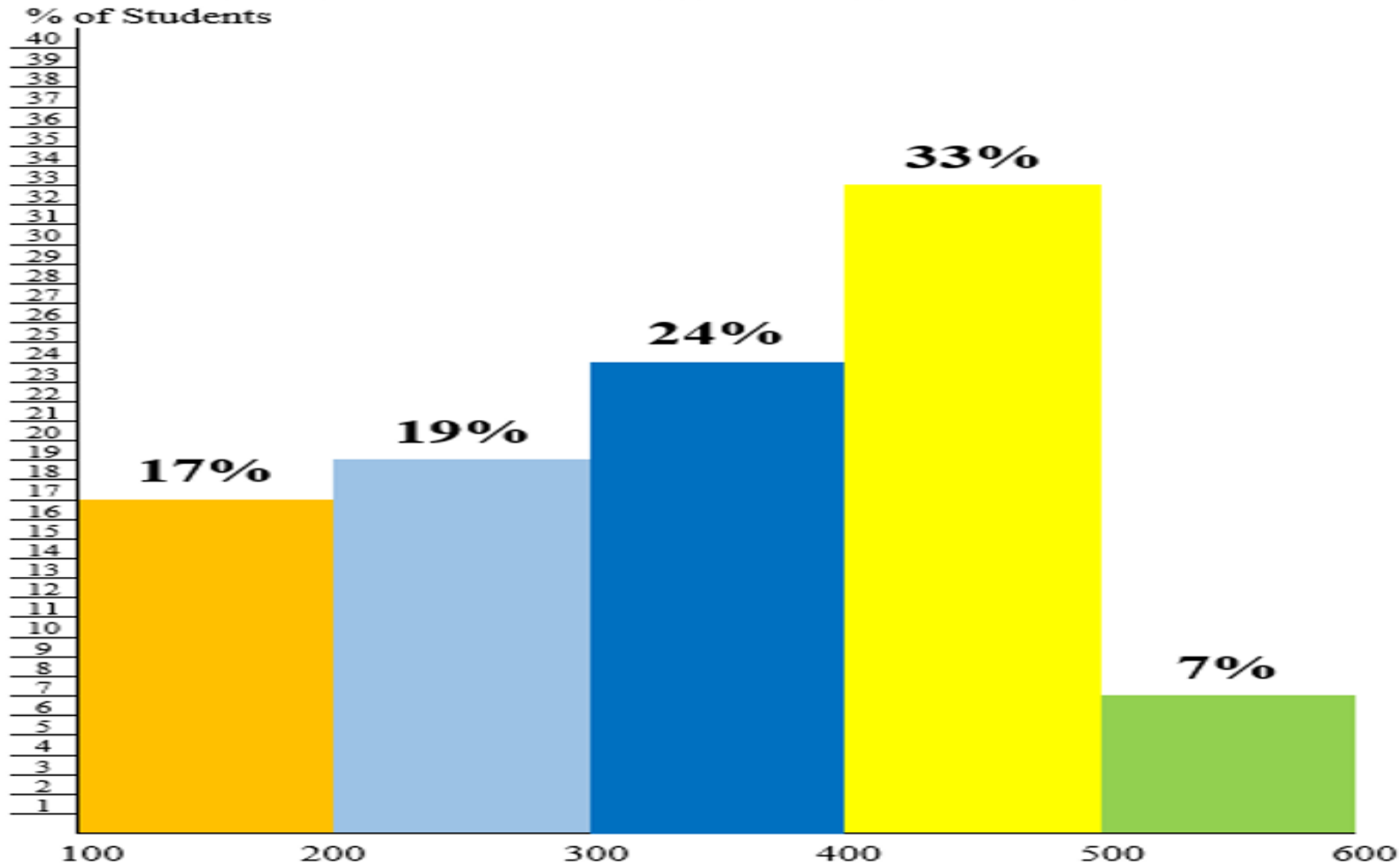
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CAT scores for L.C. of the student cohort 2026



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CAO Points scores for L.C. of the student cohort 2026



STRONG ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

LC 2025
CAO points

37% of students achieved 400+

LC 2026
CAO points

35% of students achieved 400+

National average: 25%

Consistently exceeding expectations

Our commitment:

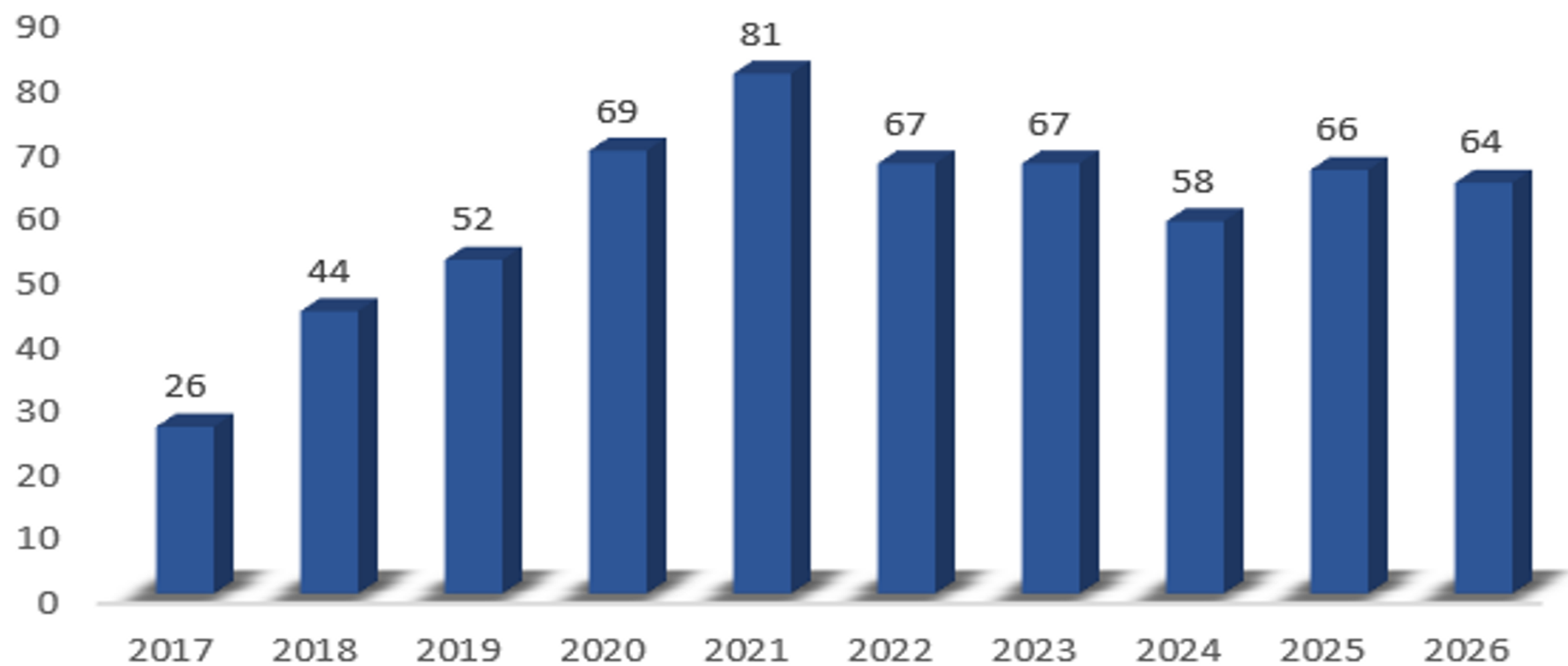
- High-quality teaching & learning
- Helpful feedback & support
- Encouraging students to work hard and ask questions
- Access to Studyclix for all students

• **Progression:**

- High progression rates to colleges of further & higher education
- Successful transitions to the world of work

- *“Students are encouraged to be the best that they can be”*

% of Students obtaining 300 points plus



Student Wellbeing

– At the heart of everything we do...

- Dedicated Year Heads journey from 1st yr to 6th yr
 - Fortnightly Student Care Team Meetings
 - Strong pastoral care
 - Active Student Voice
 - “One Good Adult”
 - Bi Cinealta policy
- Student Survey 2026:
 - 94% feel staff and students speak respectfully to each other
 - 88% receive helpful feedback on their learning
 - 85% confirm teachers know them well and care about their progress

Junior Cycle 2027

Core Exam Subjects for Junior Cycle

Irish unless exempt, English ,Maths, History, RE, Science, Geography, Business Studies **

** Geography or Business in 2nd and 3rd year.

Subject Options for Junior Cycle

German, Spanish, French (Subject Sampling, then choose 1)

Technical Graphics, Art, Music (Subject sampling throughout the year. Start of 2nd year choose 1)

Wellbeing Subjects with some classroom-based assessments in Junior Cycle

PE (Physical Education), SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education), CSPE (Civic, Social Political Education) , Wellbeing Classes (Study skills, Literacy, ICT).

INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our Inclusive Approach:

- Comprehensive Special Educational Needs (SEN) support
- Three special classes (Teach Francis)
- Fully staffed
- Student Support Team (SET) using Continuum of Support framework
- Personalised learning plans
- Greatest support for students with greatest needs

We value:

- Diversity & dignity
- Respectful communication
- Fairness & inclusion
- High standards for all

"We create an environment where students are happy, grow in self-confidence, and work to their potential."

School Programmes and Supports

Programmes

- Junior Cycle including L2LP
- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Leaving Certificate Established

Supported by

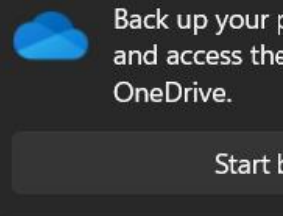
- Excellent teaching and learning staff team
- Year Head pastoral team
- Additional educational needs team
- Guidance team
- School Care team

In addition to

- School library, canteen, sports and clubs, extra-curricular activities and school tours.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Sport: GAA, Girls GAA, Soccer, Rugby, Basketball
- Clubs: Walking, Book Club, Chess Club, Sewing Club, Music Club
- Student Voice: Student council, Green schools, Leadership opportunities, Charity committee, 6th year prefect group
- Tours: Curriculum focused trips and end of year trips



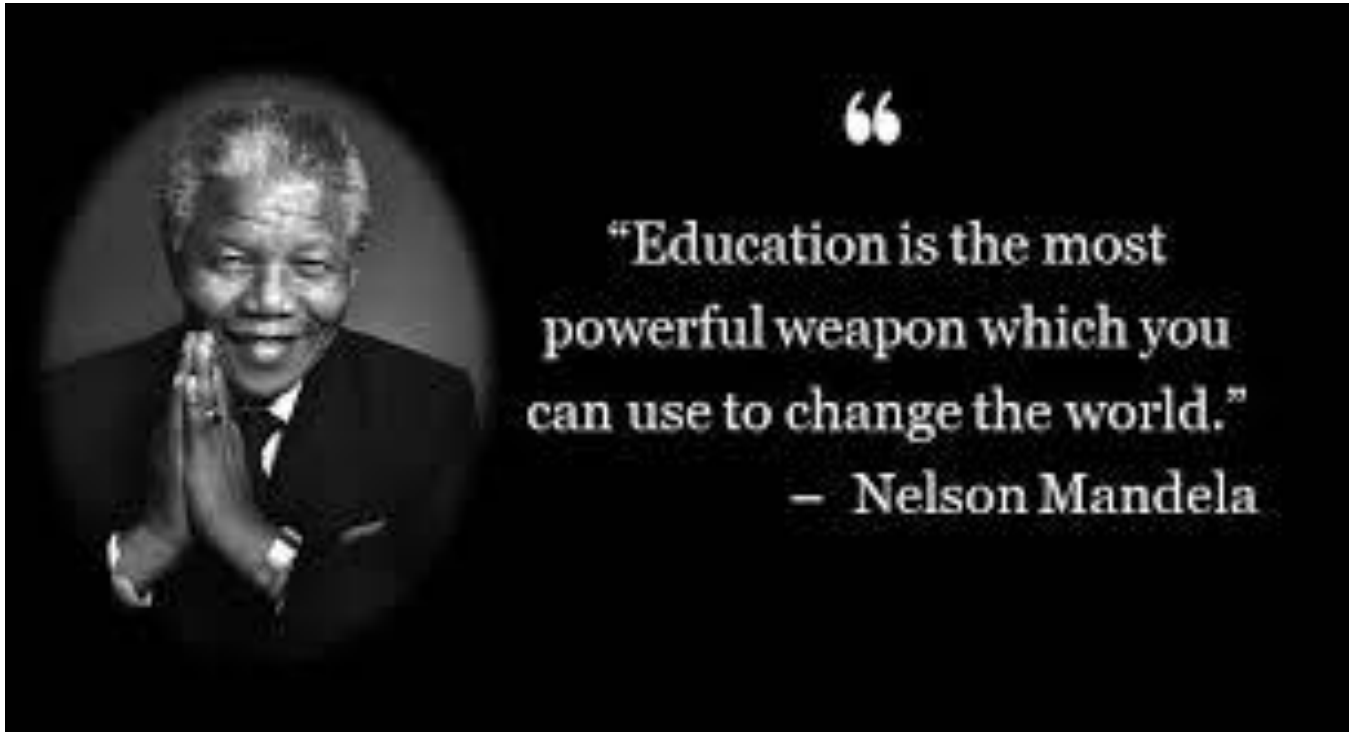
Join Our Community - Shape Your Future

- ✓ *Exciting new school build – modern, state-of-the-art facilities CONSTRUCTION OCTOBER 2026*
- ✓ *Student wellbeing first – dedicated pastoral care, Year Heads, Student Care Team*
- ✓ *Small school, personal attention – every student known, valued, supported*
- ✓ *Strong academic results – 35% achieving 400+ CAO points (vs 25% nationally)*
- ✓ *Inclusive & respectful – comprehensive SEN support, celebrating diversity*
- ✓ *Vibrant school life – sports, clubs, charity work, student leadership*
- ✓ *Welcoming, ambitious community – preparing confident, curious, capable young people*



RESILIENCE – INDICATOR OF
WELLBEING

*"Falling down is part of life.
Getting back up is living"*



Gormanston College

- This is not about the next five or six years....this is about preparing for life.
- We are a school and we are a community. A community where every child matters.