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Coláiste Muire Máthair



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Stepping
Stones to
Success:
A Guide
for
Parent(s)/Guardians
of Incoming
**First
Years**

Information

A Warm Welcome to the CMM Community!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

The transition from primary to post-primary school is a significant milestone, and we at Coláiste Muire Máthair (CMM) are delighted to welcome you and your child to our vibrant and supportive school community. We understand that you may have questions and perhaps some anxieties about this new chapter, and this brochure aims to provide you with essential information to help make the transition as smooth and positive as possible.

At CMM, we are committed to providing a holistic education that nurtures the academic, social, emotional and spiritual growth of each student. We pride ourselves on our caring ethos, our dedicated and experienced staff and our strong partnership with parents.

What Makes CMM Special?

A Tradition of Excellence: With a long-standing history in Galway, CMM has a proven track record of academic achievement and student success.

Student-Centered Approach: We place the individual needs of each student at the heart of all we do.

Dedicated and Experienced Teachers: Our passionate teachers are committed to providing engaging and challenging learning experiences.

A Wide Range of Subjects and Extracurricular Activities: We offer a broad curriculum and a diverse range of activities to cater to all interests and talents.

Strong Pastoral Care System: We provide a comprehensive support network to ensure the wellbeing of every student.

Active Parent Involvement: We value the partnership with parents and encourage open communication and collaboration.

Navigating First Year: Key Information for Parents

Induction Programme: We run a comprehensive induction programme before the start of the school year to help incoming first years familiarise themselves with the school, meet their classmates and connect with key staff members. Details of this programme will be communicated to you in due course.

The Curriculum: First-year students typically study a core group of subjects including Irish, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and Religious Education, as well as a selection of optional subjects.

Timetable and Organisation: Students will receive a personal timetable outlining their classes and teachers. We encourage you to help your child develop good organisational skills from the outset.

Communication: We utilise a variety of communication methods to keep you informed, including Compass, school newsletters, our website ([cmmg.ie]), email and parent-teacher meetings. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details.

School App All students & Parents get access to Compass App

- View Timetable, Attendance, Reports & school notifications
- Submit Absence Explanations
- Process Payments
- account with all of its online applications.
- **Microsoft 365 School**

All students receive an email address and password. With this, they can access their own personal office 365

Pastoral Care Team: Our dedicated pastoral care team, including year heads, guidance counsellors and SEN coordinator are available to support your child's wellbeing and address any concerns.

Extracurricular Activities: We offer a wide range of extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs and committees, which provide students with opportunities to develop their interests, make friends and enhance their school experience. A list of activities will be available at the start of the school year.

Homework and Study: Regular homework and study are **essential** for academic progress. We encourage you to provide a supportive home environment for your child's studies.

Supporting Your Child's Transition

Encourage Open Communication: Encourage your child to talk to you about their experiences and any concerns they may have.

Stay Connected with the School: Regularly check our website and respond to school communications.

Support Good Habits: Help your child establish good routines for sleep, homework and organisation.

Trust the Process: The first few weeks and months can be an adjustment period. Be patient and supportive as your child settles into secondary school life.

We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

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