

Naas Community College

Open Night

24th September 2026

Welcome

- Ciarán Keegan, Principal
- Evie Cooke, TJ Maguire & Sarah Phipps, Deputy Principals
- There are currently 970 students and 78 teachers at NCC.

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Plan for this evening

- Tours will be led by our prefect and student teams
- Please remain with your tour group. These groups will be gathered at the back of the GP area after this presentation
- If you wish to see our Hazel class, please do so before joining a tour group
- If you have any specific questions, Ms Phipps and Mr Keegan will be at the front of the GP area

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Our School Building & Facilities

Mission Statement

- There is a lot of talk about our school building but a school is about more than bricks and mortar. We hope you will get an indication of the good things already in place here:

- We value: ***Community***, ***Creativity***, *resilience*, flexibility, *respect*, acceptance of difference, *environmental awareness*, ***Collaboration***, ***Critical Thinking*** and independence.

- And finally; ***Courage***. We want students who are brave enough to take a risk, to challenge themselves.

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Student Attainment at NCC

Leaving Cert Results 2026

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Points	NCC	National Average	Notes
0-200	4%	10.8%	Students brought up
201-300	22%	15.4%	
301-400	33%	25.6%	7 students were 389-400. One grade higher makes percentages in line with National Averages at the next category
401-500	21%	27.9%	
501-600	14%	17.2%	
601-625	4%	3.1%	Above National Average

Student Attainment and Progression

- Leaving Cert students should be pushed to achieve the best results they are capable of achieving so that they can make the correct **choices** for themselves
- In 2025, 93% of our students got a Level 8 offer in the CAO, but only 79% took those offers. The others went to high quality apprenticeships and employment.
- Transfer rate to University in Ireland is 70%. The EU average is 50%
- Not all students should go to university, they should be supported in doing what is best for them.
- That is what we aim to do

Our Teaching Philosophy

- Maximum of 30 students in a class, usually 24-28.
- Top quality teaching using modern **student centered methodologies.**
- VLE (**Virtual Learning Environment**) and **textbooks** along with teacher generated content.
- 58 minute classes.
- One on One Devices
- Focus on **skills development** as well as academic success
- Technology should enhance not replace. One methodology alone is never enough.
- We use technology widely and effectively but not exclusively.

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Subjects

Core

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- History
- Science
- Geography
- European Language (French, German or Spanish)

Optional

Students pick 2 exam subjects from the following suite:

- Wood Technology
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Visual Art
- Music
- Business
- Classics
- Applied Technology

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Well being Subjects

- PE - Physical Education
- CSPE - Civic, Social and Political Education
- SPHE - Social, Personal and Health Education

Short Courses

Students will pick one short course before starting in 1st year

- Philosophy
- Coding
- Choir
- Climate and Sustainability

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Hazel Classes

- Provision for four Autism classes (Hazel), a multi-sensory area, a garden and OT space.
- Hazel 4 opened in August 2026
- Education Support Area: with two entrances.
- Please note: We have no available places this year

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What is on offer at this school?









Wide range of Extra Curricular Activities:

- Green Schools
- Choir
- Musical
- Debating Club
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Athletics Team
- Equestrian Team
- Team Sports: football, hurling, camogie, soccer, rugby, basketball.
- and many more!



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Events in the school

- European Languages Day
- Culture Day
- Parents Coffee Mornings
- Information evenings
- Parents Association
- Maths Week
- Stand Up Week
- Wellbeing Week
- Science Week
- Healthy Living Week
- Erasmus+ with schools in European countries

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Other Activities

- **Overseas trip:** Takes place in TY.
- There will be **subject department specific trips** which will be open to all year groups. (Classical Studies to Rome)
- **Cultural Trips:** Famine Museum, National Heritage Park, Dáil Eireann, Young Scientist and many others.
- Our school dog
- Check the School Twitter and Instagram accounts and the Website for a flavour of the wide range of events
- @naascc and www.naascc.ie

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Important Dates

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- The **CAT 4 Assessment** will take place on Saturday the 23rd of January 2027 at 9:30am.
- The CAT 4 Assessment assesses verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and spatial ability and helps inform teaching strategies to cater for your child

- All parents will be invited to an **information evening** on Wednesday the 27th of January 2027

- A **webinar** with parents of incoming students with **additional needs** will be held in March 2027.

Key Information

- There will be **162 places** offered for the 2027/2028 Academic Year.
- The online application form will be available **online** on our website naascc.ie from October 1st 2026 at 9am.
- Closing date for applications is **Thursday 21st of October 5pm**.
- Parents/Guardians will be informed of the outcome of their application by the **10th November 2026**
- You must accept your place by the **24th of November 2026**

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Key Information

- Our Admissions Policy is on the school website here
- Our Admissions Notice outlines how those places were allocated last year. Admissions Notice
- It is very likely that we will receive many more applications than places available.
- Candidates in Category 1 will all get a place.
- As was the case in previous years there will be a lottery held for the remaining places. Applications from Category 2 will be drawn first, then Category 3, and so on.
- This lottery will be witnessed by an independent observer to ensure total transparency and fairness.
- The Waiting List will be drawn up from that lottery.

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Conclusion

- **Thank you** for your interest in this school and thank you for reading this presentation.
- We hope that you will have all your questions answered by this and the resources you see on the other pages.
- If you have a particular query, please contact the school by emailing:
- info@naascc.ie
- Admission queries are to be sent to info@naascc.ie

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