

# *First Year Information Evening*



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*Coláiste Chill Mhantáin*

*22nd January 2026*

# Information Evening 2026

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- Welcome
  - Mr Padraig Donoghue - Principal
  - Ms Caitriona Smith – Deputy Principal
  - Ms Ann Chambers– Pastoral Care System
  - Mr Sean Mackey – AEN Coordinator
- Assessment Morning/Day 2026
- Junior Certificate Award
- First Year Curriculum & Subject Options
- Wriggle Information 1:1 Digital Programme
- Finance



# Overview of Information Pack

- **Student Pack**
- Subject Options Form
- Return envelope to Ms Caitriona Smith
- Closing date for returns – 11th February 2026
- School Expenses Information
- School Uniform Information with Pictures



# Pastoral Care Team

Class teacher and Year Head

AEN Team

Guidance Counsellors & Counsellor

Senior Mentors



# Pastoral Care Team:

## Year Head Role

- Encourages students in all teaching and learning related matters
- Monitors student relationships – teachers & other students
- Initial point of contact for parents
- Is available to meet parents given prior notice
- Liaise with subject teachers and designated Deputy Principal



# Extra Curricular Activities

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# Junior Cycle – Key Skills



# Subject Options

for

# Junior Cycle



The following are the subjects which your son/daughter will be studying in the Junior Cycle Award

**NCCA Core Subjects**

Irish, English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, Wellbeing, History.

**Wellbeing (Core)**

Physical Education, SPHE, CSPE, Tutor-time

**Optional**

French, German, Spanish,  
Visual Art, Business, Geography,  
Home Economics,  
Wood Technology, Engineering, Music,  
Graphics.





**Where to find information about  
these subjects**

**Visit the Coláiste Chill Mhantáin School Website**

**<http://www.colaistechillmhantain.ie>**



[Admissions Policy 2025-26](#)[Admissions Notice 2025-26](#)[Application Form for Admission 2025-26](#)[Junior Certificate Subject Information](#)[Virtual Tour of CCM](#)[E-Books - A Guide for downloading onto iPad](#)[Wriggle Store 2024 - iPad Purchase](#)

Quick links

Click on

Go down to



## Junior Certificate Subject Information



Please click on the link below which will bring you to information in relation to each subject that CCM offers to Junior Certificate students.

You will arrive at our First Year Options Form where subject links, once clicked, will bring you to further information on all subjects.

[First Year Option Form](#)



When you click on this link, you will see a copy of  
the Subject Choice Options Form

Subject	Preference 1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Description of Subject listed – Click on each link
Visual Art		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/4skw7t9k">http://tinyurl.com/4skw7t9k</a>
Business		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/mr42ruzn">http://tinyurl.com/mr42ruzn</a>
Home Economics (P)		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/ys2v6c8s">http://tinyurl.com/ys2v6c8s</a>
Wood Technology (P)		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/ycyvpcwv">http://tinyurl.com/ycyvpcwv</a>
Engineering (P)		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/287pjstb">http://tinyurl.com/287pjstb</a>
Music		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/3tha7dar">http://tinyurl.com/3tha7dar</a>
Graphics		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/258k2c3p">http://tinyurl.com/258k2c3p</a>
Spanish		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/mr4aruda">http://tinyurl.com/mr4aruda</a>
French		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/yew5629z">http://tinyurl.com/yew5629z</a>
German		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/3ncv2rvn">http://tinyurl.com/3ncv2rvn</a>
Geography		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/yhk76wbh">http://tinyurl.com/yhk76wbh</a>

Student Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

With live links to detailed information about  
the optional subjects.

When you are filling in the Subject Choice Form:

**It is ESSENTIAL THAT SUBJECTS ARE ENTERED IN  
ORDER OF PREFERENCE, with NO 1 being the subject  
that you MOST WANT  
See example below:**

**1**

**Music**

**2**

**Engineering**

# Considerations

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- Avoid following choices in friendships groups
- Make informed choices regarding subjects
- Consider a language option (French/German/Spanish) – Third Year courses
- Research each subject using links provided.





## Important

Please take note of the information on the next slide, regarding the Foreign Language Entry Requirement for entry to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level in Ireland

## Foreign Language Entry Requirement for 3rd Level

While we appreciate commencing a foreign language is a great opportunity in secondary school, it is important to note that it is not compulsory in CCM - however we would like to highlight that access to 162 of the 1769 - 3rd level courses - currently available in Ireland, is not possible without students presenting a foreign language as a minimum entry requirement.

## NOTE:

Students who have an exemption from Irish are not required to study a foreign language, and are not required to present a foreign language as part of the 3rd level college minimum entry requirements.

Should you have any questions related to choosing 'Subject  
Options' for first year,

all such queries can be answered by our

Schools Guidance Counsellor

[IreneDoyle@kwetb.ie](mailto:IreneDoyle@kwetb.ie)





### Subject Options First Year 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The following are the subjects which your son/daughter will be studying in the Junior Cycle Award  
(Click on the following link to gain an insight into the Junior Cycle: <http://tinyurl.com/4b9xzd2>)

1. **NCCA Core Subjects** Irish, English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, Wellbeing, Life Skills, History.
2. **Wellbeing Core** Physical Education, SPHE, CSPE, Tutor-time
3. **Optional** French, German, Spanish, Visual Art, Business, Geography, Home Economics, Wood Technology, Engineering, Music, Graphics
4. **Subject Options**
  - Students are requested to choose 7 subjects in order of preference but will only be studying 3 of these subjects *eg: Music 1, Engineering 2, Wood Technology 3, Visual Art 4, Business 5.*
  - It may be of interest to you that access to many Third Level courses in Ireland, is not possible without students presenting a foreign language as a minimum entry requirement. A list of these courses can be found on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/bddvraph>
  - While we advise students to choose a foreign language it is not compulsory.
  - Students who have an exemption from Irish are not required to study a foreign language and are not required to present a foreign language as part of the Third Level College minimum entry requirements.
  - Please note that only two practical subjects can be picked when completing your subject option form – the practical subjects in this grouping are Home Economics, Wood Technology, Engineering – so a maximum of 2 of these subjects.

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Wood Technology (P)		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/ycvypcww">http://tinyurl.com/ycvypcww</a>
Engineering (P)		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/287pistb">http://tinyurl.com/287pistb</a>
Music		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/3tha7dar">http://tinyurl.com/3tha7dar</a>
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Please complete and return this form in the sealed envelope by  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (the day of the assessment afternoon)**

**Please complete and return the**

**Subject Choice form**

**in the sealed envelope by**

**Wednesday 11th February 2026**

**Assessment Day**





- [Admissions Notice 2024-25](#)
- [Admissions Policy 2024-25](#)
- [Application Form for Admission 2024-25](#)
- [Code of Behaviour](#)
- [Junior Cycle Subject Information](#)
- [Virtual Tour of CCM](#)
- [E-Books - A Guide for downloading onto iPad](#)



Mr Séan Mackey - AEN Coordinator

# Continuum of Support

- Subject teacher/In class support
- Withdrawal from Irish or RE if no exemption and they have diagnosis/need
- Team Teaching
- Short term intervention



Paperwork-  
Educational  
reports

Assessments

Irish Exemptions

SNA access

Informed subject  
choice

# Entrance Assessment Day 2026

The assessment day for incoming first year students is due to take place **11th February 2-4.30pm**



- The assessment will start at 2pm sharp and will be finished between 4:30-4:45pm
- This is not an exam so you should not worry about it or revise for it!
- This is the type of assessment that you cannot prepare for in advance; this assessment helps us to place students in a mixed ability class setting and informs us of the supports they may or may not need when they commence in our school.
- The night before the assessment it is important that students try to get a good sleep.
- It is very important that the students have a good lunch the day of the assessment as this will aid with their concentration.
- Please bring a drink and a snack for the break.



# Digital Learning - iPad

Instructions for Wriggle Store:

1. Parents will log on to [www.wriggle.ie](http://www.wriggle.ie)



# Wriggle Information: How do I order Ipad and Books?

- Admissions tab on website - iPad Information Pack 2026
- Wriggle will issue the school with an opening date for their online store.
- You go online and put in the CCM code- this will take you to the CCM 1<sup>st</sup>Yr online store.
- You first select the iPad you would like to buy
- You then select the insurance/no insurance option
- You then select payment type and the process is complete.
- Wriggle facilitate a payment plan with flexi-fi that you can apply for approval with should you wish to pay for the iPad in instalments.

# iPad Information 2026 - Wriggle



Dear parents/guardians,

It was great to see so many at the First Year information night; a positive start to a positive journey. Please see the attached link to support the flow of information in relation to the purchase of a student device (iPad) and we advise and encourage the purchase of a Keyboard (this will act as a case and provide a better experience for the student in the classroom & at home)

To support with the purchase of your digital devices I want to advise you that The Wriggle Store will open on 19 March 2026 and remain open until 17 June 2026. You can access all details in relation to this process by clicking on the link below.

The Coláiste Chill Mhantáin login code is **79646566**.

Should you experience any problems with this process please contact the school.

This year in summary we advise the following;

- 256GB iPad - we are assured this will last the duration of secondary school once managed appropriately.
- Keyboard
- Pen - this can be very useful as we interact with ebooks and worksheets.
- Services & Support (mandatory)
- Jamf Safe Internet - (mandatory) this is new and is a world wide blanket ban of sites that are not linked to the education experience of school.

[iPad Information Pack 2026 - Wriggle.pdf](#)

Please take note that CCM, through a grant, will be providing all students with ebooks and stationary for the academic year.

# School expenses



- Free books/classroom resources confirmed for Junior cert students - Sept 2025
- The remaining school expenses are listed in your packs.
- School Uniform Available from:  
Stan O'Reillys, Main Street, Wicklow Town  
Connolly's Menswear, Main street, Wicklow Town  
Floods, Main Street, Wicklow Town  
The Shoe Box, 8 Main Street, Wicklow
- PE Uniform - Masitia

# Classroom Resources Supplied & ebooks

Item
A4 Hard cover copybooks
A4 Maths Copy
A4 Science Copy
A4 Plastic Folder
A4 Zip carry case
Maths Formulae
Maths set
Scientific calculator (Casio FX-83gtcw)
Total

# Uniform Available from:

- Stan O'Reilly's, Main Street, Wicklow Town
- Connolly's Menswear, Main street, Wicklow Town
- Floods, Main Street, Wicklow Town
- The Shoe Box, 8 Main Street, Wicklow

## Acceptable Footwear Styles





# PE Uniform



**COLÁISTE CHILL MHANTÁIN  
ONLINE STORE**

Available at [masita.ie](http://masita.ie)

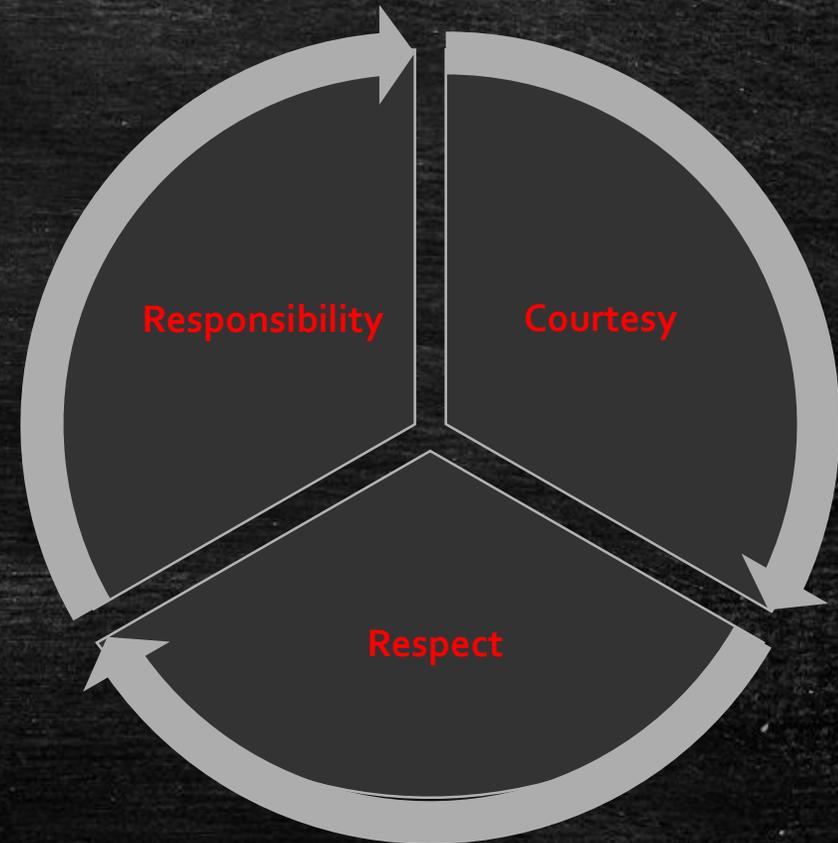


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## “Creating the small school within the school”

- The Tutor Class Mentor Programme
- Year Head
- Guidance
- Student Support Programme (Interventions)
- Additional Needs Co-Ordinator
- Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)
- School Completion Programme
- Deputy Principal
- Principal

# School Ethos



## Contact us:

- Any concerns or queries, please contact school admin at 0404-61863 or the following email addresses: [admin.ccm@kwetb.ie](mailto:admin.ccm@kwetb.ie)
- Principal: [Padraigdonoghue@kwetb.ie](mailto:Padraigdonoghue@kwetb.ie)
- Deputy Principal: [Lauracasey@kwetb.ie](mailto:Lauracasey@kwetb.ie)
- Deputy Principal: [Boscoguinan@kwetb.ie](mailto:Boscoguinan@kwetb.ie)
- Deputy Principal: [Caitrionasmith@kwetb.ie](mailto:Caitrionasmith@kwetb.ie)
- AEN Coordinator: [Seanmackey@kwetb.ie](mailto:Seanmackey@kwetb.ie)
- Thank you!

