



RESPECT · COMMUNITY · SUCCESS

Ramsgrange Community School

Welcome Prospectus

A warm welcome to incoming NEW students and their families.

RCS — Where Every Student Belongs

We are delighted to welcome you to Ramsgrange Community School. Our school is a warm, inclusive community where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential — academically, personally and socially. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Ms. Tracey Edwards, Principal · Ms. Sinéad Kehoe & Ms. Bridget Cadogan, Deputy Principals

Who We Are



Ramsgrange Community School has served south-west County Wexford since 1977, when Shielbaggan Vocational School and St Louis Secondary School amalgamated. Today we are a thriving, co-educational, multi-denominational school with over 620 students. Our ethos centres on respect for oneself and for others, and love of our Irish and European cultural heritage. We are proud of our academic tradition, sporting achievements, and the community spirit that makes RCS such a special place.

The school is managed by a Board of Management with representatives from the St Louis Sisters, the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board, parents and teachers.

"The principal and other leaders effectively foster a culture in which learning flourishes... student care and welfare is given a very high priority by all staff."

— Dept of Education Whole School Inspection, 2019

As a DEIS school (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools), we receive additional resources and dedicated staff to benefit every student.



Restorative practice is at the heart of how we manage relationships in RCS. All staff are trained in this approach, which means that when things go wrong, the focus is on understanding, repairing and learning — not simply punishing. We believe this creates a school where students feel safe, heard and supported to do better.

What DEIS Means for Your Family

As a DEIS school we receive significant additional support from the Department of Education, giving your child access to services not available in every school.

Free Breakfast Club

Tea, toast and cereal every morning 8:10–8:40am — free for all students.

Full-Time Guidance Counsellor

Provides career guidance, personal counselling and aptitude testing for all students.

Home School Liaison (HSCL)

Ms. Mary Cullinane builds strong links between families and school, with a dedicated parents' room always open.

Subsidised Healthy Meals

Each student receives a €2.50 daily subsidy on school meals provided by the School Food Company.

School Chaplain

Offers pastoral and spiritual support to students and the whole school community.

School Completion Programme

A dedicated induction programme for 1st Years and an on-site project worker for ongoing support.

Supporting Every Student

Happy, confident students learn best. Our pastoral care system wraps every student in a network of caring adults and peer supports from day one.

Class Tutor

Your child's first point of contact — fosters a positive, supportive atmosphere every day.

Meitheal Leaders

Trained 6th year 'buddies' assigned to every 1st year to help them settle in quickly.

Check & Connect

Selected students are linked with a staff mentor who provides regular check-ins, guidance, and support, to help the student settle well and thrive.

Year Head

Provides pastoral support throughout the year, working alongside tutors and teachers.

Student Council

Students have a genuine voice in how the school is run through an active student council.

Student Prefects

Senior students who take on leadership roles, support school events, act as positive role models, and help build a welcoming, respectful school community.

Guidance Counsellor

Individual consultations on career paths, study skills and personal wellbeing.

AEN & Learning Support

A specialist team supports students with additional needs through team-teaching and small group work.

Learning Hub

A supportive space where students can work together, share study techniques, and develop effective learning skills. Guided by student 'Learning Leaders,' it builds confidence and improves learning.

The Hive

A supportive learning space open at lunchtimes three days a week, supervised by a teacher. It provides a calm, structured environment where students can complete homework, develop study skills, and receive additional guidance.

Afterschool Homework Club

Provides students with the opportunity to review & practice material covered in class. It encourages students to take responsibility for their learning, supporting them in completing homework and developing independence.

Supervised Study

Is available four evenings per week for students who benefit from a structured, quiet environment after school, helping them to focus and maintain consistent study habits.

Junior Cycle (1st – 3rd Year)

First Year begins your child's Junior Cycle — three rewarding years leading to the Junior Certificate. All incoming students follow a taster programme in first term to explore subject options before making their final choices.

Subjects available include English, Irish, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Home Economics, Art, Music, Metalwork, Woodwork, Graphics, Computers, French/German, CSPE, SPHE, PE, RE and a range of short courses.



Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)

The JCSP is a national programme that provides personalised support within the mainstream school for students who may need extra assistance. With a focus on literacy, numeracy and personal development, every student is supported to achieve their best in Junior Cycle.

Senior Cycle (4th – 6th Year)

At RCS we offer a full range of senior cycle programmes to suit every student's ambition, learning style and future plans. Our senior cycle aims to educate the whole person — preparing students for further education, work and adult life.

Transition Year (TY)

TY is a unique one-year programme that promotes the personal, social, vocational and educational development of students, preparing them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society.

TY bridges Junior and Senior Cycle, developing critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.

Activities include:

- Work experience
- First Aid
- An Gaisce — President's Award
- Sustainability & enterprise projects
- Educational trips & outdoor pursuits

Leaving Certificate (LC)

The Leaving Certificate is a two-year programme in 5th and 6th year and is the main route to third-level education, recognised by colleges and employers throughout Ireland and internationally. The LCW (formally LCVP) is also an option.

Subjects available at RCS:

- English, Irish, Mathematics
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science
- Business, Accounting
- History, Geography
- Art, Home Economics, Music, French/German
- Construction Studies, Engineering & DCG
- LCPE, Computer Science
- Drama & Film Studies

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

The LCA is a two-year, practically focused Leaving Certificate for students who wish to follow a vocational pathway.

It is structured around Vocational Preparation, Vocational Education and General Education, with continuous assessment throughout.

Modules include:

Hotel, Catering & Tourism, Active Leisure, Childcare, Engineering and Social Education.

LCA is accredited by the State Examinations Commission — students receive a full Leaving Certificate on completion.

Your journey through RCS: Junior Cycle → Transition Year (Optional) → Senior Cycle → Leaving Certificate / LCA

Excellent Facilities

We are proud of the high-quality learning environments available across our campus. Demonstrations take place in all rooms on Open Night.

Gym Hall & Weights Room Horticulture Tunnels	Two Equipped Science Labs	Two Computer Rooms RP Garden
DCG Room & Computer Suite	Woodwork Room	Metalwork Room
Two Art, Craft & Design Rooms	Home Economics Room	Demonstration Room
School Library	School Canteen	Drama & Theatre Stage
HSCL Parents' Cabin	SCP Cabin	Learning Hub / The Hive
		
Student enjoying some library time	Gym Hall/Weights Room Upstairs	Student working at Wood turning
		
Spacious Central Area	Fully Equipped Home Economics Room	Art Students drawing Real Life Birds of Prey

A Proud Sporting Tradition

RCS has won multiple Leinster Championships in hurling, camogie, ladies' football and men's football. Many past pupils have gone on to represent Wexford at senior intercounty level.



RCS Hurling Team



RCS Equestrian



RCS Camogie Team



RCS
Athletics



RCS Basketball
Team

**Hurling | Camogie | Ladies Football | Men's Football | Basketball |
Athletics | Soccer | Rugby | Badminton | Equestrian**

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

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Chess	Farmers Club	Coding & “Capture the Flag”
Art Club	Film & Movies	International Club
Craft	Enterprise/Mini Company	Music & Choir
Irish Dancing	Gaisce Award	John Paul II Award
Green Schools	National & International Trips	Young Scientists & Sci Fest
		
		

Beyond the Classroom

Teachers give up their free time so every student can find something they love — from enterprise competitions to outdoor pursuits, art and music to debating.



Young Social Innovators

Aoibhinn gets to speak at European Parliament



Rotary Leadership Winner



Horticulture & Bio-diversity



Trip to Lake Garda 2026



Young Environmentalists Award Finalists 2026

**Choir | Public Speaking | European Project | Outdoor Pursuits
| Drama | Student Newspaper | Green Schools| Young Social
Innovators| Horticulture & Biodiversity | Leadership
Competitions**

Enrolling for September

Enrolment is completed online. Visit our website to begin your application. Enrolment opens 1st October for incoming first year student.

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Apply Online

Complete the online application form at www.ramsgrangecommunityschool.ie. Applications open 1st October for incoming first year.

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Entrance Assessment — February

CAT IV assessments take place in February to help us plan the best supports for your child from day one in September.

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NCCA Passport from Primary School

Our HSCL co-ordinator visits all feeder primary schools in March/April to collect transfer forms and NCCA Educational Passports.

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Easter Camp

An additional transition stage where all incoming students are invited to take part in a fun, activity-filled day. This provides an opportunity to become familiar with the school, its layout, and to feel comfortable in their new environment.

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Welcome to RCS!

Your child will be greeted by their Meitheal buddy, class tutor and year head. A full induction programme eases the transition to post-primary school.

Our Recent Inspection Reports

Mathematics 2024 | Computer Science 2026

Ramsgrange Community School's most recent Department of Education inspection reports in Mathematics (2024) and Computer Science (2026) highlight the high quality of teaching and learning in both subjects.

Computer Science & Digital Learning	Mathematics
Findings from the most recent inspection highlight: - Highly effective teaching and learning, with engaging and purposeful lessons - A strong emphasis on coding, programming, and digital skills - Excellent use of technology to enhance learning experiences - A wide range of opportunities, including Junior Cycle digital learning and Transition Year initiatives - A positive, collaborative, and well-planned learning environment <i>Students are equipped with the skills and confidence needed to thrive in a modern, digital world.</i>	Findings from the most recent inspection highlight: - Good-quality teaching and strong student engagement - A well-organised and supportive learning environment - A clear focus on building confidence and problem-solving skills - Ongoing development of teaching and learning practices <i>Students are supported to reach their full potential through structured teaching and encouragement.</i>

Across both reports, the school is recognised for:		
◆ A positive and inclusive classroom atmosphere	◆ Dedicated and supportive teachers	◆ A strong commitment to continuous improvement and student success

Get In Touch

We would love to hear from you. Our office team is here to help with any questions.

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