

# PROSPECTUS



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## Welcome

On behalf of the school community we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child as you embark on their journey through second level education. Coláiste Iascaigh is a co-educational, multi-denominational school under the patronage of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB. Since its establishment in 1948 the school has provided a wide range of educational opportunities in the local community. We strive to create a school ethos that is caring and nurturing, placing the student at the centre of teaching and learning at all times. Our low pupil – teacher ratio ensures students get personalised attention in small classes allowing them to prosper as learners.

The school is modern and equipped to a very high standard. In 2020 a new school extension was added to cater for increased enrolment, comprising of a new Science Laboratory and additional classrooms. We offer an extensive curriculum at Junior and Senior cycle, with subjects such as Engineering offered exclusively at our school.

Students and staff have embraced Information, Communication Technology (ICT) in every subject. We acknowledge the importance of “anytime, anywhere” learning and the opportunities for self-directed and more personalised learning. Our students have access to a hi-tec computer lab as well as 5 additional laptop trollies supporting the use of ICT in classes.

We pride ourselves in providing a curriculum which includes a wide range of learning opportunities for our students, developing their talents both academically and in the extra-curricular fields.

There is a strong and supportive Pastoral Care team in the school to support your child throughout their time here in Coláiste Iascaigh. A comprehensive induction programme to ease and support the transition from Primary to Post Primary.

We present this prospectus with a sense of pride in the values we represent, and confidence in the service that we provide. We hope that it will help you in the important decision that you and your child have to make.

You are very welcome to contact the school if you wish to discuss anything further.

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## Our Mission Statement

Coláiste Iascaigh is committed to providing an environment where each student is cherished equally and is nurtured to a personal, intellectual and moral maturity.

## Our School's Ethos is underpinned by the core values of

- Excellence in Education
- Care
- Equality
- Community and
- Respect



## Coláiste Iascaigh A pillar of school excellence



90%+ of students  
progress to  
further education



83% of Leaving Certificate  
Results are in  
Higher Level subjects



Characteristic spirit  
of respect  
and inclusiveness

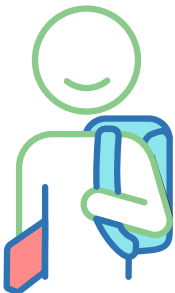


Smaller class sizes,  
individualised and  
supportive learning



Strong emphasis on student  
wellbeing

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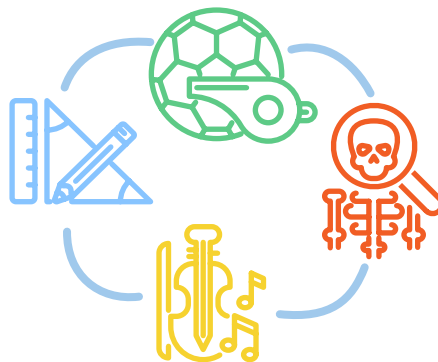
Safe, friendly and happy  
learning environment



Strong emphasis  
on extra-curricular activities



Personal development  
Initiatives and Opportunities  
including fully subsidised travel  
opportunities as an Erasmus+  
accredited school, student  
mentoring, green schools, student  
council



Wide variety  
of subjects offered  
(incl. Engineering)



Strong student supports  
(School Meals, Supervised evening  
study, school app)





## Curriculum

Coláiste Iascaigh offers five programmes: Junior Cycle, Transition Year, Established Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied.

### Junior Cycle

English	Wood Technology	Science	ICT
Irish	Graphics	French	Wellbeing / Careers
Maths	Visual Art	Business Studies	S.P.H.E.
History	Engineering	C.S.P.E.	Music*
Geography	Home Economics	Physical Education	*facilitated after school

### Leaving Certificate

English	Business	Engineering
Irish	Geography	Design and Communication Graphics
Maths	Art	R.S.E.
French	Home Economics	Career Guidance
Biology	Construction Studies	Computer Studies
Music*	Agricultural Science	Chemistry
Physics	Accounting	History

Subjects offered based on student surveys.

### Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

The LCVP Programme is designed to provide a strong vocational dimension to the Leaving Certificate. Students who chose this option study an additional subject called Link Modules. Students complete a detailed portfolio of work and work experience module also. Points are awarded for this subject and can be used to calculate CAO points for admission to third level courses.



### Leaving Certificate Applied

LCA is a two year programme available to students who wish to follow a more practical or vocational oriented programme. This programme recognises the talents of students and provides them with the opportunity to develop personal responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge. Students spend one day each week on work experience and must complete a minimum of four different work placements over the two years. This supports students career decision making process. Students must maintain 90% attendance during the two years.

### Subjects (Modules)

English and Communication	Maths Applications	Social Education	Graphics and Construction
Art Craft and Design	Introduction to ICT	Vocational Preparation and Guidance	Arts Education
French	Leisure and Recreation	Irish	Horticulture
Hotel Catering and Tourism	Engineering	Technology	Work Experience

## Transition Year:

Students selecting to enrol in Transition Year embark on a one year educational programme immediately following their Junior Cycle. Transition Year offers students a unique opportunity to explore subject options prior to Senior Cycle and investigate career choices through work experience placement. In addition, throughout this year there will be an emphasis on personal development, social awareness and increased social competence. The programme includes the following subjects:

### Our Transition Year Curriculum

English	Science in Action	Enterprise
Irish	Social Education	Physical Education
Maths	Technology	Horticulture
French	Skills for Life	Work Experience
Skills for life	Road safety matters module	GAA future leaders module
ICDL	Career Guidance	Wellbeing
Home Economics	Art, Craft and Design	Performing arts

## School Facilities

- New school extension which includes: fully equipped science laboratory, preparation room, three additional modern classrooms and canteen area
- State of the Art practical classrooms which are superbly equipped
- Excellent ICT equipment including 1 high spec computer suite and 5 laptop trolleys each with 30 laptops
- Career Guidance office
- Indoor PE Hall
- Outdoor classroom and Polytunnel
- Sensory student area
- Outdoor sports training grounds
- Supervised evening study
- Projectors and integrated sound system in all classrooms







## General Information

### School Day

The School Day in Coláiste Iascaigh operates from 8.55am – 3.50pm Monday to Thursday and 8.55am – 1.20pm on a Friday. Students meet their tutor daily at 8.55am. Attendance is taken at this time and tutors check in with their group also.

### School Uniform

All students in Coláiste Iascaigh must present in full school uniform daily.

#### Girls:

- navy jumper with school crest,
- white polo shirt,
- navy trousers or Coláiste Iascaigh school skirt,
- navy crested school jacket or gilet options,
- black/navy leather shoes.
- PE uniform may be worn on the day students are timetabled for PE.

#### Boys:

- navy jumper with school crest,
- white polo shirt,
- grey trousers,
- navy crested school jacket or gilet option,
- black leather shoes.
- PE uniform may be worn on the day students are timetabled for PE.



School Uniform



PE Uniform

### Standardised testing

All students will complete standardised assessments prior to starting. This will support student learning and help us identify any additional supports your child may need.

### Homework

Homework is an essential component of the learning process. It is important that Parents/Guardians take an active part in the homework process. Students record homework in their journal during each class. The recording of homework assists student's organisation of their homework routine. Parents are asked to check the journal each evening and sign it weekly. Year Heads will also check student journals.

### Code of Behaviour

The Code of Behaviour is regularly reviewed. This structured system promotes a safe, fair and firm learning environment which supports students in reaching their full potential. We emphasise mutual respect within the school community. Bullying is dealt with promptly in accordance with our Anti-Bullying Policy. All school policies are available to parents on request and also is accessible on our school website.







## Coláiste Iascaigh Creating a Caring Community

In Coláiste Iascaigh we place a strong emphasis on the health and wellbeing of our students supporting the belief that happy students learn better. Our school offers care and support to all students through the Pastoral Care Team. This team includes the Guidance Counsellor, Year Heads, Wellbeing Coordinator; School Completion Officer; Home Youth Liaison Officer; Home School Community Liaison Coordinator and Senior School Management.

Each morning students meet with their class tutor, this gives students the opportunity to talk with a teacher in a friendly and supportive environment. We also have a Junior and Senior Year Head who supports students in settling in and managing all areas of school life. The Year Head will monitor the pastoral and behavioural needs of the students.

Each first year is assigned a senior mentor who will help them settle into the school. Being assigned an older mentor helps students feel more comfortable and confident in the school. First Year students also receive an additional five minutes for break and lunch, giving them additional time to organise themselves.

All students completing the Junior Cycle are timetabled for 400 Wellbeing hours across the three years.

## Learning Support and Educational Needs

There is a well established Special Education Needs Department in Coláiste Iascaigh. The SEN Co-ordinator in collaboration with class teachers support students with special educational needs to reach their full potential. Students may receive individual, group or whole class support. Some students may qualify for the services of an SNA. The provision of the services of an SNA is at the discretion of the NCSE.

## Partnership with Parents

Recognising you the parents/guardians as primary educators, we value the importance of strong and supportive relationships between home and school. We are fortunate to have an active and enthusiastic Parents Association who engage with school management enhancing the educational provision for all children. The committee work tirelessly on behalf of the school.





## Educational Supports in Coláiste Iascaigh

### Book Rental

Available to all students. Students are given a full set of textbooks on loan. There is an annual fee which is subsidised by a Department of Education and Science Grant. Books are regularly updated ensuring student access to recently published books. Students are also provided with a school locker and padlock.

### Access Programme

Together with ATU, Sligo students attending Coláiste Iascaigh receive study skills sessions, college visits and revision courses.

### Student Awards and Scholarships

Examination results in Coláiste Iascaigh are consistently above average. This is attributed to the high quality of teaching and learning as well as a strong supportive relationship between home and school. Former students are currently studying a wide variety of degrees including Engineering, Physiotherapy, Accounting, Education, Music, Athletic Therapy and Science. Students have received scholarships both sporting and academic from UCD and NUIM. Our school has been awarded annual scholarship(s) from The Ireland Funds No Mind Left Behind Initiative.

### Education Monitoring

Cognitive Ability Testing is carried out yearly in conjunction with Reading Ability Tests. Students may receive additional learning support in order to maximise all potential.

### Gaeltacht Scholarships

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB and Galway and Roscommon ETB provide multiple Gaeltacht Scholarships to students in our school each year.

### School Awards

Students receive awards for numerous reasons which normally occur at the end of each academic year.

### Supervised Study

Students may complete afterschool supervised study four evenings per week. This is at a reduced cost as it is subsidised by the school.

### Lockers

Each student in our school is provided with their own locker and padlock at the start of each year.

### Apprenticeships

Coláiste Iascaigh has forged strong links with companies offering apprenticeship opportunities to our students. Former students have secured apprenticeships with the ESB, electricians, plumbers and joiners.



## Wellbeing Supports in Coláiste Iascaigh

### Home School Community Liaison Coordinator

The HSCL Coordinator meets with parents of all first year students during term one. The HSCL encourages cooperation and collaboration between home, school and any relevant professional and community agencies. The HSCL also organises courses for parents to support their childrens learning.

### Student Council

The student council is an integral part of Coláiste Iascaigh. The student council includes representatives from all year groups. The work collectively to fundraise, contribute to school policy, promote school improvement and represent the student voice. The student council also report to the Board of Management Annually.

### School Completion

The School Completion Officer mentors students who are experiencing challenges in school while supporting the student in reaching their true academic potential. The school completion officer also completes an induction programme with the first year group supporting the transition from Primary to Post Primary.

### Mentoring

Trained Transition Year students are assigned as mentors to new incoming First Year students who act as a support to them in settling into Post Primary.

### Guidance

The school has a guidance counsellor who teaches all year groups. There are four elements covered within the guidance program including personal, social, vocational and educational. This supports students holistic development.

### School Meals

All students receive a Healthy snack at Break time and a choice 3 Dinner options (including a vegetarian/vegan option) with a drink at lunch-time

All free of charge

In total there is a choice of 35 meal options on a rotating menu.

The student council take feedback from the student population and have their say in the meal options provided in each rotation.







## Technology in Education

Students and staff have embraced ICT in every subject. We acknowledge the importance of “anytime, anywhere” learning and the opportunities for self-directed and more personalised learning. Our Wi-Fi infrastructure has been extensively updated to allow instant access in all areas of the school. The classrooms in Coláiste Iascaigh have high quality wireless data projectors, visualisers and integrated sound systems to allow for seamless integration with our teacher’s devices during a lesson.

We have 2 dedicated computers suites and offer Digital Media Literacy as a Short Course at Junior Cycle; our students have ICT classes at Senior Cycle. Our teachers have access to 5 mobile laptop trolleys allowing any classroom to convert to a computer room when needed.

All students in Coláiste Iascaigh are provided with access to the full suite of Microsoft packages through Office 365. In 1st year they are issued with a unique email address which allows them to download the Microsoft suite of packages to five different personal devices. One of the main benefits of Office 365, is that it is a cloud-based package, thus allowing them to access their work on any device they login to.

## School App

We have our own personalised Coláiste Iascaigh App which can be accessed free of charge from the App Store or Google Play Store. This App is an invaluable method of instant communication keeping parents and students up to date with news, notices and reports on all our activities. It provides parents with a means to submit necessary notes to the school regarding absences, late arrivals, permission to leave early and return after absence forms which are then monitored by Year Heads. It also allows parents to digitally sign policies, submit medical and picture permission forms. A digital sign in/out tablet is located at reception to make the process work.





## Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

All students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. These activities help students develop positive relationships with their teachers and peers as well as make them feel a sense of belonging to the school community. The activities include both sport and community based projects. Participating in such activities help improve student confidence and positive self image. A range of activities are provided and offered both during and after school.

These include:

- ✓ Gaelic Football
- ✓ Hurling
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Girls Active
- ✓ School Tours and Trips (home and abroad)
- ✓ School Talent Shows
- ✓ Stand Up Paddle-boarding and Surfing
- ✓ Enterprise
- ✓ Gaisce
- ✓ Tidy Towns
- ✓ Local Markets
- ✓ Make a Book
- ✓ Essay Competitions
- ✓ Healthy Schools Project
- ✓ Art Competitions
- ✓ Green Schools
- ✓ Cycling classes
- ✓ Rowing classes and competitions
- ✓ Annual Class excursions



## Accredited Erasmus+ school

As an Erasmus accredited school our students have opportunities to travel outside of Ireland and twin with other schools. These trips are designed to be of maximum educational benefit to our students. Our school avails of EU grants designed to cover the costs of travel and subsistence for our students. Erasmus opens exciting possibilities for our students and broadens their minds.

## Personal Accident Insurance

As part of the administration costs each year the school organises personal accident cover for students.





## Student Testimonials

"The teachers at Coláiste Iascaigh genuinely cared about my growth, making it feel like a second home. The sports programs were fantastic, allowing us to thrive in various activities. I made lifelong friends, and I would choose Coláiste Iascaigh again in a heartbeat."

Amy Harte



"Coláiste Iascaigh has a welcoming atmosphere that eased my transition from primary to secondary school. The supportive staff helped friendships flourish while providing an excellent education. I always felt valued during my time there."

Michaela Munnelly

"I appreciated the strong emphasis on student voice at Coláiste Iascaigh. Teachers listened to our needs and created a respectful atmosphere where I felt heard. It was a great place for both academic and personal growth."

Aisling McGuire

"I'm glad I chose Coláiste Iascaigh. The smaller class sizes helped teachers know us personally, ensuring we never felt lost. This close bond made preparing for the Leaving Certificate much easier, and I'll always cherish my memories here."

Christopher Lavelle



## Parent Testimonials

*"From our first visit, Coláiste Iascaigh felt like the right fit for our family. The school fosters a safe and friendly environment, with excellent subject choices and student support."*

*"Our four boys enjoy school, and the mutual respect between staff and students is clear."*

Anna Marie Rogers

(Parent of 4 students in Coláiste Iascaigh)



*"After seeing the school's positive ethos, I knew it was the right fit. Strong student support and dedicated teachers helped my son settle in and thrive at Coláiste Iascaigh."*

*"My son enjoyed sampling subjects and the variety of extracurricular activities"*

*"Teachers in Coláiste Iascaigh give more time to the students and are more in tune with the kids and their needs."*

Rohna Battle

(Parent of Junior Cycle Student)

*"We were drawn to Coláiste Iascaigh for its small class sizes and dedicated teachers. I felt welcomed from the start, and the atmosphere is supportive."*

*"The focus on personal growth ensures students develop important life skills, making it a great learning environment."*

Claire McGuire

(Parent of past and present students)



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