

BALLA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Balla, Co. Mayo



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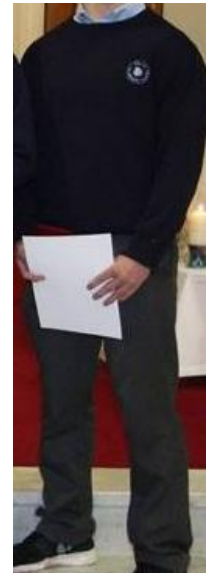
TYPE OF SCHOOL: Mixed school, Day pupils

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 282 students

UNIFORM

Boys

Trousers	Grey
Shirt	Blue
Jumper	Navy with School Crest
Shoes	Black



Girls

Trousers	Grey Trousers or Skirt
Shirt	Blue
Jumper	Navy with School Crest
Shoes	Black



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Our mission statement permeates throughout every aspect of school life. Each person in our school is recognised as an individual, with their own characteristics, talents and needs. We have a caring and committed staff, who place great emphasis on the holistic development of students, as well as encouraging all students to achieve their academic potential. The role of parents/guardians is considered to be of great significance to us. Creating an environment where school and home, work together to create the truly unique individual your son or daughter is capable of becoming, is the central aim for all of us. The school community recognises and is grateful for the support from Board of Management, Parents Association and Student Council, in maintaining the unique atmosphere where our sons and daughters can work together in harmony and happiness.

CURRICULUM

Junior Cycle

Core Subjects

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- Science

Optional Subjects

All incoming first year students have the opportunity to complete a 2/3 week taster programme in each optional subject before they make a final choice for their Junior Cycle.

- French
- German
- Business Studies
- Music
- Home Economics
- Art
- Materials Technology (Wood)
- Technical Graphics

Wellbeing Subjects

- Physical Education
- Games
- Religion
- Digital Media
- Choir
- Guidance
- SPHE
- CSPE

Transition Year

This is the year after Junior Certificate, during which a student can take the opportunity to develop personally, develop skills and take a year out from the pressures of examinations and consider what path they wish to follow in the future.

Advantages: Students' development is encouraged through sport, the arts, social action, work experience, critical thinking, various skills and teamwork. Core subjects are essential elements of the Transition Year. Research has shown that those students who participate fully in Transition Year generally perform better in the Leaving Certificate and have less difficulty with the independent learning style required in third level institutions.

Senior Cycle

Core Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths

Optional Examination Subjects (Students choose four)

- History
- Geography
- French
- German
- Physics & Chemistry
- Biology
- Construction Studies
- Agricultural Science
- Business
- Accounting
- Music
- Home Economics
- Art
- Design & Communication Graphics

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

LCVP students must take a minimum of five Leaving Certificate subjects at Higher, Ordinary or Foundation level including Irish. Their subjects must be selected from the list of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings. They must study the two link modules, Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education. Students are required to follow a recognised course in a Modern European Language (other than Irish & English).

Leaving Certificate Applied Programme

Leaving Certificate Applied is an alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate. It is a two year programme designed to suit students who find academic work difficult. Students who wish to pursue courses in some third level colleges can do so by completing a further year in a Post-Leaving Certificate course. LCA does not suit students who wish to go directly to University.

EXTRACURRICULAR

- GAA
- Volleyball
- Choir
- Public Speaking
- Table Tennis
- Poetry Group
- Drama
- Music
- Art Room



Please feel free to refer to the school website for further information on the school.