

Blackwater Community School

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TYPE OF SCHOOL: Co-educational

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 768 Students

UNIFORM

Jumper	Black w/ a silver stripe & school crest
Shirt	Light grey
Tie	Grey with silver and blue stripe
Trousers	Grey
Skirt	Grey
Shoes	Black - height limit 5cm.
Tights	Black opaque

PE uniform and runners



BRIEF STATEMENT

All of us at Blackwater Community School are committed to Quality Education. Our mission aims are to foster the Christian values of truth, honesty and integrity, to enable students to develop their academic, physical, emotional and spiritual potential to the fullest extent. All in a safe environment where students and staff feel cherished, secure and happy, to give students access to a broad and balanced education, to equip students with a strong sense of self-belief and self-motivation, to create a caring, co-operative and friendly community in an atmosphere of mutual respect, to enhance student's sense of their role within the local and wider community and finally to provide a welcoming atmosphere for parents and the wider community.

FACILITIES

Blackwater Community School has excellent facilities which include:

- General Classrooms
- 2 Art Rooms
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Canteen
- 3 Science Laboratories
- 4 Computer Rooms
- 2 Metalwork Rooms
- Meditation Room
- Technical Graphics Room
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Science Demonstration Room
- 2 Woodwork Rooms
- 2 Home Economics Rooms
- Technology Room
- Music Room
- Library
- Gymnasium / Weights Room
- Sportsfield
- Floodlit Astro turf Pitch
- Sports Hall

Recent additions to our school include a new pitch with an elaborate drainage system, an olympic standard sports hall, a gymnasium, a floodlit astroturf pitch, a professionally designed meditation room, a new library and an excellent canteen facility as well as a planned new build additional campus in the next two years.

CURRICULUM

Junior Cycle

Blackwater Community School offers a wide range of subjects for both Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. In First Year, students are offered a broad Curriculum facilitating the transition from Primary to Post Primary school.

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- French
- German
- Science
- Religion
- Home Economics
- Art
- Metalwork
- Woodwork
- Technical Graphics
- Music
- Physical Education
- ICT
- SPHE
- CSPE

Students are surveyed at the end of 1st Year and their subject preferences are fed into the Option Program. It designs the option bands to suit the highest percentage of students. Option bands are different each year as we aim to facilitate the maximum of students in the study of the subjects of their choice.

Junior Certificate students study 11 subjects for examination and they also study S.P.H.E., P.E., and I.T. bringing the total number of subject studied by Junior Certs to 14.

Transition Year

We offer a Transition Year (4th Year) at the end of Junior Cycle. The aim of this year is to provide the skills and support necessary to discover individual talents, aptitudes and abilities. The emphasis is on the intellectual, social and personal development of students and the result is an ability to cope better with their own development and the demands of the coming Senior Cycle. The programme varies in order to cater for the students of that particular year.

- Irish
- English
- French
- Mathematics
- P.E.
- Religious Education

- Geography
- History
- Science

Around this are built various modules and a cross-curricular approach is used whenever possible, among the subjects offered in TY are:

- Accounting
- Art
- Computes
- Cookery
- Dance
- German
- Health Promotion
- Irish Conversation
- Mini-Companies
- Personal Development
- Public Speaking
- Road Safety Technology & Typing

Students spend two weeks on Work Experience, which is an integral part of the Fourth Year programme.

Senior Cycle

- Irish
- English
- Engineering Technology
- Maths
- Biology
- Applied Maths
- Accounting
- History
- Business
- Geography
- Social & Scientific
- French
- Music
- Physics
- Religion
- Chemistry
- Physical Education
- Music
- Career Guidance
- Agricultural Science
- Design & Communication Graphics
- German
- Architectural Technology
- Art

EXTRACURRICULAR

We believe that extra-curricular activities are important in the holistic education of each student, such as the development of self-confidence, self-esteem and school spirit therefore we view extra-curricular activities as an integral part of education in our school rather than something 'extra' and each area of extra-curricular activities has to be developed separately to ensure this overall objective.

Sports

- Athletics
- Ladies Football

- Badminton
- Camogie
- Gaelic Football
- Orienteering
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Hurling
- Mini-Marathon
- Soccer
- Outdoor educational activities
- Show Jumping
- Sports Day

Science: In keeping with our mission statement of commitment to quality education in the Sciences from first to sixth year, the Science Department constantly endeavours to engage BCS students in a wide range of Science related extracurricular activities. As such, we have been actively involved in:

- The BT Young Scientists' and Technology Exhibition
- SciFest
- Science quizzes
- The ECOUNESCO competition
- The 'One Good Idea' competition
- Science trips
- Science week
- Science publications

Artifice: Artifice is an innovative education project devised by Lismore Castle Arts in collaboration with schools throughout Co. Waterford. As part of Artifice 2016 six schools have been specially selected to produce a wealth of vibrant and imaginative works to be exhibited at Lismore Castle Arts.

Choir

The BCS Choir attend and perform at many school events during the year. They have performed at the Awards Night, the Open Night and various school masses and events.

The choir practice two evenings a week after school.



BCS Factor: Each year, the students of Transition Year with the assistance and cooperation of staff organise and host an inter-school talent competition. This has become known as the "BCS Factor". The event has been hosted in the school for

seven years now and has become a highlight of the school calendar for students and staff alike. The competition is adjudicated by independent judges with substantial prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed contestants. The demand from our own students and indeed those from other schools to perform is growing annually. Some years even the teachers get in on the act!!



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