# **Columba College**

## Killucan, Co. Westmeath



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**WEBSITE**: <u>www.columbacollege.ie</u>

TYPE OF SCHOOL: Mixed school, Day pupils

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 185 students

#### **UNIFORM**

**Trousers** Grey

Shirt Blue

Jumper Navy with School Crest

Shoes Black



## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Columba College, as a Post Primary School, aims to provide a learning environment which will allow all students to achieve their full potential and enable them to develop into caring and responsible adults/citizens capable of contributing to and fulfilling their roles in the Community/Society.

## JUNIOR CYCLE CURRICULUM

The following are the core subjects which are examined in the Junior Certificate:

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- History

- Geography
- Science
- Civic, Social & Political Education
- French/German

#### **OPTIONS SUBJECTS**

In addition, students select two subjects from the following:

- Business Studies
- Materials Technology (Wood)
- Materials Technology (Metal)
- Technical Graphics
- Art

- Design and Communication Graphics
- Home Economic

## **SENIOR CYCLE CURRICULUM**

The following are the subjects which are examined in the Leaving Certificate:

- Irish
- English
- French
- Maths
- Biology
- History
- Geography
- Construction

- Art
- Engineering
- Home Economics
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Religion

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Homework Club has been running in Columba College for the last number of years in conjunction with the School Completion Programme. It is provided after school from 4:15pm to 5:45pm over three evenings a week. This service gives pupils the unique opportunity to stay back after school and complete their homework with a qualified teacher present to help them if needs be.
- Student Exchange Programmes We are proud to invite students from far abroad to avail of this service.
- European Studies Programme is a post primary curriculum based programme linking schools in Ireland with schools throughout Europe. The Programme aims to develop mutual understanding and appreciation of the cultures of others through sustained collaborative projects. The programme is linked to CSPE and ICUP. Columba College has received two awards for continuous participation since 2007. Columba College is partnered with schools in Belfast, Cork, Denmark, Armagh and Romania.
- Badminton: Coaching for girls takes place every Tuesday after school from 4pm 5pm. Coaching for boys takes place after school Thursday 4pm 5pm and Friday 1.30pm 2.30pm respectively. All students are welcome to participate especially those who have not played before as coaching is available for all levels of experience.
- Drama was the most recent addition to are extra-curricular activities. Over the past year pupils from all year groups came together and performed a number of short plays and scenes. This took dedication and commitment and the whole performance was a success. We hope that our Drama Club will extend each year and build upon the hard work of our pupils last year.
- Choir: It is an extracurricular activity that is offered during the school day.
  Each year the school makes a number of trips to sing within the local community. The school choir visits nursing homes, which is most definitely

a highlight for many pupils. Have a look below at what we are currently learning!

• Gasice Programme: the President's Award is the most Prestigious award in Ireland for young people aged between 15 & 25 years of age. The award is a self-directed personal development programme. It challenges pupils to set and pursue personal goals in four different areas, Community Involvement, Personal Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventure Journey.

#### Active Week

 Some of the other activities we offer here in school are Camoige, Hurling, Football, Athletics, Table Tennis, Horse Riding, Rugby and Soccer.



