

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Loughboy, Co. Kilkenny



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Type of School: Girls, day school

Number of Students: 749 Students

UNIFORM

Skirt	Tartan skirt (to cover knees)
Shirt	Plain white shirt
Tie	Green
Jumper	Navy with School Crest
Shoes	Black/navy and plain tights/socks, black or navy
Jacket	School jacket, navy reversible, fleece/waterproof with hood



Students wear a P.E. uniform for P.E

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

By promoting a positive and progressive ethos, Presentation school endeavours to cater for the needs of every pupil and to develop their talents. They are committed to providing a caring ethos in which understanding and mutual respect is fostered. The teachers are renowned for their commitment to working with and achieving the highest standards of success with students of every ability range.

They develop pupils' confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline by having high expectations, a strong code of discipline and high standards; where students take up these challenges with great enthusiasm. They are a modern, innovative educational establishment where they challenge all students to achieve their maximum potential.

The vital role of parents/guardians in education is recognised and acknowledged in the school. They encourage and welcome the active participation of parents and guardians in the education of their daughters. They look forward to working with and sharing this next vital journey in your daughter's life.

CURRICULUM

Junior cycle

Junior Cert students study 9 or 10 subjects for their exams. They can choose between Higher level, Ordinary Level and for some subjects Foundation Level.

The following seven subjects must be taken by all students:

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- C.S.P.E. (Civic, Social and Political Education)
- Business Studies is compulsory

All students are asked to take a modern language: French or Spanish.

A student may then take TWO of the following subjects:

1. Art: The course includes painting, sculpture, printing and drawing. It also includes crafts such as weaving, pottery, batik work and photography. The junior cert exam in art is practical not written.

2. Home Economics: The junior cert H.E course involves a lot of practical work and a practical exam at the end. It also involves food studies, consumer education, home management skills and textile skills.

3. Science: There are three main sections in the junior cert science course: PHYSICS: the study of heat, light, electricity, sound, etc. CHEMISTRY: the study of atoms, acids, the chemicals made up of water, salt etc. BIOLOGY: the study of plant and animal structures all body systems e.g. blood.

4. Music: The study of music at junior level involves learning to play a musical instrument, class singing, sight reading and taking part in a school choir. It also involves the study of the great classical composers. The music exam is written and aural.

5. Typing: The junior cert exam demands the following: to type accurately for ten minutes, type letters and type addresses on envelopes, type display notices, advertisements, menus etc., type information in table form, type in pre-set application forms etc.

All students must also take the following: Religious Education and S.P.H.E. (social, political and health education).

Transition Year

Transition year is a multidisciplinary programme that prepares our students for life. They learn new skills and gain in confidence to meet the challenges they will encounter in future life. With the help of teacher/student reviews and evaluation, we have changed and adapted this programme to meet the needs of our pupils.

Aim: To achieve the all-round development of the student.

Objectives: To enable students to develop into mature and independent adults
To equip students with the skills to discern and embrace a healthy lifestyle
To enable students to grow in confidence and maturity

The course is divided into three main areas:

- The Transition in-school programme
- The world of work (4 weeks work experience)
- Transition and the community

The Transition year programme builds on the solid base of the Junior Cert and provides a good base for the Leaving Cert. There is continuity in subjects such as Gaeilge, English, Maths and Languages while students also get an opportunity to assess their abilities and strengths in relation to a wide range of other subjects. This gives the students greater insights and should be beneficial when it comes to making a choice of subjects for the Leaving Cert.

The programme is varied, enriching, challenging and relevant. It is designed to provide students with an opportunity to develop their own individual talents and strengths.

Some parts of the programme include:

- A trip to Delphi, Co. Galway for four days. Students participate in many enjoyable activities including surfing, canoeing, hillwalking, bogwalks, zip-line, rock-climbing, volleyball and much more. Activities on Thursday afternoons include:

- The Watershed
- Water aerobics
- Pilates

Enjoyable activities in the classroom include:

- European cooking
- Set-dancing
- Media Studies
- European Studies
- Cultural Studies
- History
- Geography
- Debating
- Typing
- IT (Information Technology)

Students will also study the core subjects:

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- French
- Spanish
- Science
- Religion

There are numerous excursions throughout the year including visits to Waterford Crystal, the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin Zoo and of course our annual 3 day summer camping trip. There are also many excellent workshops, such as First Aid, Fire Safety and Skincare classes.

Senior cycle

Core Subjects

- Maths
- English
- Gaeilge
- French or Spanish

Optional (Students choose 3 from the following)

- History
- Geography
- Accounting
- Economic
- Enterprise Education
- Home Economics
- Business
- Art
- Music
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology

EXTRACURRICULAR

The school offers a wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Students are given opportunities and encouraged to participate in different aspects of school life.

All class groups are given the opportunity to go on educational trips in Ireland that are associated with different areas of study e.g. Geography field trips, History, Art, English, Irish, Media Studies, Music and Career Guidance. Second year and Transition year students are given the opportunity to go on educational trips abroad.

- Sport
- Young Scientist
- Gaisce
- Choir
- YSI
- School Magazine
- Seactain na Gaeilge
- Student Council
- F1 in schools
- Societies
- Green School
- Quizzes / Debates



Speakers are regularly invited to the school to present to students. A wide range of topics and issues are covered including curriculum based, current affairs, pastoral care and personal development. Students are involved in fundraising and charitable events.



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