

# Virginia College

Virginia College, Lake Road, Virginia Co. Cavan



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**WEBSITE:** <https://www.viriniacollege.ie/>

**TYPE OF SCHOOL:** Mixed school, Day pupils

**NO. OF STUDENTS:** 633 students

## UNIFORM

### Boys

- Trousers** Grey
- Shirt** Plain blue shirt
- Jumper** Navy with School Crest
- Shoes** Black/black laces, no runners



### Girls

- Skirt** Virginia College Tartan skirt
- Shirt** Plain blue shirt
- Jumper** Navy with School Crest
- Shoes** Black/black laces, no runners



## PE Uniform

All students must have the official P.E. uniform which is red school T shirt and black and red sweatshirt both with logo and plain black school tracksuit bottoms.



## Virginia College school jacket



## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Virginia College was founded in 1962. The school has grown rapidly over the years and has a present enrolment of 633 students.

The aim of Virginia College is to prepare our students for work, further education and life. The motto of the school is “Tús Feasa Fiafraí”, meaning knowledge begins with questions. We expect and encourage the highest academic standards as well as placing a strong emphasis on developing the whole person.

The development of the whole person – academic, spiritual, cultural, physical and creative – is a priority in our education process. This is also reflected in the many extra-curricular activities in the school.

## **DAILY LIFE**

At Virginia College, the daily schedule begins each day at 9.00am. Classes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday finish at 4 p.m. (9 classes per day). Classes on Wednesday finish at 1.35 p.m. (6 classes).

## **FACILITIES**

- Modern Design and Communication Graphics room.
- Two fully equipped Junior Certificate metalwork rooms.
- Senior Engineering and Constructions Room.
- Technology room.
- Cutting edge Information Technology facilities including three computer suites.
- Modern full size sports hall.
- Newly refurbished science rooms.
- Recently refurbished canteen serving hot and cold foods.
- Pupil lockers.
- Enclosed hard court area.
- Full size pitch.
- Tiered demonstration room.
- Library facilities.
- Data projector facilities in each room.
- Four hand ball courts.
- Fully equipped gym.
- Laser cutting, plasma cutting and 3D printing facilities.

# CURRICULUM

## Junior Cycle

The following are the subjects which are offered in the Junior Cycle:

- Irish
- Mathematics
- English
- History
- Geography
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Business
- French
- Home Economics
- Biology
- Agricultural Science
- Design and Communications Graphics
- Music
- Art
- Religion
- Construction Studies
- Spanish

## Transition Year

The Transition Year (TY) is a one-year programme that forms the first year of a three-year senior cycle in many schools. It is designed to act as a bridge between the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate programmes. It is available to all second level schools and currently approximately 75% of schools offer the programme. Transition Year is optional for students in most schools.

Transition Year offers learners an opportunity to mature and develop without the pressure of an examination. It also provides an opportunity for learners to reflect on, and develop an appreciation of, the value of learning in preparing them for the ever-changing demands of the adult world of work, further and higher education and relationships.

## Programme Structure

Each school designs its own Transition Year programme, within set guidelines, to suit the needs and interests of its students. In establishing its own distinctive programme content, the school takes into account the possibilities offered by local community interests.

## **Assessment**

There is no state examination at the end of Transition Year. Assessment is usually carried out on an ongoing basis and can include school-based assessment of projects or portfolios, oral, aural, practical and written activities. Evaluation of activities such as work experience or community service will often involve the providers or hosts of such activities. Some modules may have their own assessment arrangements. Since 2000, the Department of Education and Science has issued an official Transition Year certificate to participants, in addition to schools providing their own school-based certification.

## **Senior Cycle**

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

- Irish
- Mathematics
- English
- French
- Spanish
- History
- Geography
- Engineering
- Accounting
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Technology
- Business Studies
- Agricultural Science
- Religion
- Home Economics
- Art
- Music
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry

## EXTRACURRICULAR

- Academic
- Drama
- Music
- Gaisce
- School Tour
- Gaelic Football
- Soccer
- Hurling
- Camogie
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Unihoc
- Cross-Country



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