

Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn



Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn is an Irish-language, post-primary co-educational school within the CTI school cluster. It was established in 2004 to provide the option of second level education through Irish for the children of the Clonmel area. The school is named in honour of Seathrún Céitinn and the values which he embodied – a love of learning and of Gaelic Ireland. The Gaelcholáiste Crest, shows the seated figure of a monk copying a manuscript, enclosed within the gaelic letter G.

Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn is now recognised in the town of Clonmel and its environs as allowing students pursue an education through the medium of Irish and the enriching exposure to Irish culture is now seen as an ever more popular option for those entering second level.



Many of our students come from the Gaelscoileanna in Clonmel and Carrick on Suir, but an increasing number of students come from English-language primary schools in the area. We are both happy and proud that our students have achieved excellent results over the years in the Leaving Certificate. Here in Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn we pride ourselves on a year on year rate of over 90% of our students progressing to third level education.

Success for our students is facilitated through the school by a partnership approach encompassing both parents and students making informed decisions in collaboration with the school guidance counsellor and teaching staff members.



The enclosed pages are to give our incoming students, and your son or daughter a flavour of what they will encounter in the weeks and months ahead as they become members of the GC club! I hope it will assist them in their transition from Primary to Post Primary Education.



Dialann Scoile—School Diary



At the beginning of each school year, each student is provided with a school diary. This diary is used for;

- ⇒ Recording homework
- ⇒ Correspondence between home and school including notes re absences
- ⇒ Leaving the classroom for any reason
- ⇒ Setting targets by setting realistic and achievable goals in each subject
- ⇒ Recording Other Areas of Learning that will be used to generate a JCPA at the end of Junior Cycle



Éide scoile—School Uniform

- ◇ Crested school jacket
- ◇ Green school jumper
- ◇ White shirt
- ◇ School tie
- ◇ Black school trousers for both boys and girls
- ◇ Black, knee-length school skirt
- ◇ Black shoes



- ◇ The full uniform is available from Uniform World, Árd Gaoithe Business Park, Clonmel.
- ◇ It is important that the full uniform is worn every day. It is at the discretion of the school to ask a student to return home if full uniform is not worn.
- ◇ Full uniform or PE uniform, as appropriate, will be required for school trips or outings
- ◇ If there is a genuine reason as to full uniform not being worn, contact should be made with the school as early as possible in the morning either by telephone or by written note.

Corp oideachas—PE Uniform

- ◇ School top with crest—available from Kieran Bergin Sports
- ◇ School t-shirt—available from Kieran Bergin Sports
- ◇ School tracksuit trousers with crest—available from Uniform World



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Subjects



Croí-ábhair—Core subjects

The core subjects are the subjects that every student in GC Bliain 1 will study for their Junior Cycle. These subjects currently are;

- ♦ Gaeilge
- ♦ Béarla—English
- ♦ Mata—Mathematics
- ♦ MFL—Modern Foreign Language
- ♦ Stair—History
- ♦ Eolaíocht—Science
- ♦ Cúrsaí Folláire—Wellbeing (more information below)



Ábhair roghnaitheach—Optional subjects

- ♦ Adhmadóireacht (Woodwork)
- ♦ Innealtóireacht (Engineering)
- ♦ Ceol (Music)
- ♦ Ealaín (Visual Art)
- ♦ Gnó (Business Studies)
- ♦ Eacnamaíocht Bhaile (Home Economics)
- ♦ Graifíc Theicniúil (Technical Graphics)
- ♦ Tír Eolaíocht (Geography)



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Folláine—Wellbeing

The Wellbeing course was introduced through the Framework for Junior Cycle, published in 2015.

Every Junior cycle student in every school studies Wellbeing.

Wellbeing is composed of three component parts;

- CSPE—Civic, Social & Political Education
- SPHE—Social, Physical & Health Education
- PE—Physical Education

There is no exam in Wellbeing. However, every student will complete one Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) in each of the 3 components during 2nd and 3rd year.



Clár an Lae Daily timetable



Am sosa—Breaktimes

The school building opens every morning at 7.45 am with supervision from 8am.

School begins each morning at 8.45. There is a first bell at 8.40 to make sure that students are ready for their first class. Classes run for 58 minutes.

Break time is 15 minutes between 10.41 and 10.56. At this time students are not allowed to leave the school building

Lunch time is 40 minutes between 12.52 and 13.32. Junior-school students (1st-3rd years) are not allowed to leave the school building during lunchtime

Canteen facilities are available to all students during both breaks. Students are requested to maintain their allocated spaces neat and tidy after each break

Supervision is in place throughout the school during breaktime and lunchtime.

Dáil na Scoile—Student Council

A student council is elected each year where two students from each class represent their class at council meetings.

The student council ensures that Student Voice is active and respected in Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn.

The student council are often asked to organise charitable fundraisers or to gather the opinions of the entire student body on topics that may affect them.

Staidéar maorsaithe—After school study

Supervised after school study is available to all students Monday—Thursday once classes have finished

There is cost involved but we aim to keep these costs to a minimum for all students. Places are generally allocated on a first come first served basis.



Clár ama—Timetable



- * Our timetable consists of 29 classes of 58 minutes per week—6 per day on Monday to Thursday and 5 on Friday. The times of each class are given below.
- As you can see below, there is an extended break on Fridays to facilitate an earlier finish. Students have a 20 minute break on Fridays, followed by 3 classes allowing school to finish at 13:55.
- * The number represents the classroom in which the class will take place. Rooms beginning with 1xx are on the ground floor and rooms beginning with 2xx are on the second floor.

	Luan	Máirt	Céadaoin	Déardaoin		Aoine
Rang 1 8:45–9:43			Eolaíocht 114		Rang 1 8:45–9:43	
Rang 2 9:43–10:41	Gaeilge 118				Rang 2 9:43–10:41	Gnó 118
10:41–10:56	Sos	Sos	Sos	Sos	10:41–11:01	Sos
Rang 3 10:56–11:54		Béarla 118			Rang 3 11:01–11:59	
Rang 4 11:54–12:52					Rang 4 11:59–12:57	
12:52–13:32	Lón	Lón	Lón	Lón	Rang 5 12:57–13:55	Ceol 217
Rang 5 13:32–14:30		Ádhmadóireacht 110				Críoch an lae
Rang 6 14:30–15:28			MFL 209			



Obair bhaile—Homework



Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn follows the Homework Policy of CTI.

The aim of homework is to reinforce any new material that has been covered in each class every day

Homework can take many forms and should not be considered as written work

- Written work
- Oral work
- Reading
- Creating study aids e.g. mindmaps
- Using iPad/laptop apps e.g. Kahoot
- Research
- Creating short animations or iMovies



The amount of homework in different subjects will vary but it is important to remember that homework has a purpose.

With 6 classes per day, and depending on the combination of subjects on that day, a 1st year student should be doing approximately 1 hour of homework per night.

As the year progresses, this time may increase as students face term examinations at Christmas and Summer

I dteagmháil leis an scoil—Contacting the school

The school phone number is **052-6126269**.

The school email contact is **GCC@cti-clonmel.ie**

It is important to make contact directly with our secretary Orla. The Múinteoir i bhFeighil may be in class and so may not be able to receive messages until later in the day.

We will follow up with return phone calls / emails at the earliest possible time.



Imeachtaí seach-churaclaim

Extra curricular activites



In Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn we encourage all students to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

These play an important part in promoting personal development, co-operation and team spirit.

The range of activities provided can change from year to year but include such as;

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| ♦ Turasanna Oideachais | Educational Trips |
| ♦ Turasanna Scoile | School Tours |
| ♦ Celchoirm na Nollaig | Christmas Concert |
| ♦ Cór | Choir |
| ♦ Ranganna breise Gaeilge | Extra Irish classes |
| ♦ Cluichí : Games : | |
| Cispheil | Basketball |
| Sacar | Soccer |
| Cluichí Gaelacha | Gaelic Games |
| Lúthchleasa | Athletics |
| ♦ Comortais Competitions ; | |
| Club Seodra | Jewellery club |
| Siamsa | Talent Competition |
| Aithris Filíochta | Poetry Recitation |
| Díospóireacht | Debating |
| Labhairt go Poiblí | Public Speaking |
| Gaisce | President's Award |
| Obair Charthannachta | Charity Work |
| Dáil na Scoile | Student Council |
| Comhairle na nÓg | National Youth Council |
| Aistritheoirí Gaeilge | Irish Translations club |
| Club Grianghrafadóireachta | Photography club |



Idirbhliain—Transition Year



In Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn, Transition Year is a compulsory year. This year plays a vital role in the educational success of our students.

They follow a stimulating and challenging programme of educational activities and project work for the year. Our emphasis during the year is on holistic growth – the growth of the whole person. We also focus on encouraging students to take greater responsibility for their own learning.

Students are given the opportunity to sample new subjects, and work experience and assignments enable them develop a whole range of new practical and personal skills. The value of Transition Year can be seen in the increased maturity, competence and self-confidence of the students.

Participating in our Transition Year Programme is an excellent opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the richness of spoken Irish in its natural context. Thus, it is an ideal preparation for Senior Cycle.

We welcome students from other schools to experience the Transition Year Programme we offer. A separate brochure is available with details of the Transition Year Programme

TY has many advantages to students who participate in the programme;

- ⇒ TY students do better by an average of 26 points than those who do not follow the programme in Senior cycle
- ⇒ Repeat students only gain by an average of 5 points above those who do TY
- ⇒ TY students are more likely to be educationally adventurous. They are more likely to retain subjects at Higher Level, to move from Ordinary to Higher level and from Foundation to Ordinary level. They are more likely to take up subjects which they had not taken before (NCCA Final Report)
- ⇒ “Students who do Transition Year, which encourages students to organise themselves for projects, seem to cope better with college” Irish Times—Time to get real about dropouts.

ESRI Report 2014

