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By now you know that life in Coláiste Chríost Rí is full and challenging. As a community of eight hundred people, we have to work together for over thirty hours each week. Every day there is play, of course, but hard work and responsible behaviour too.

Fundamentals

Three fundamental principles underpin the school rules and regulations in our Code of Behaviour. The first principle is that every member of our school community - whether parent, pupil or teacher must be afforded the utmost courtesy and respect. A second essential is the right of all students and staff to work in an educational environment free from disruption. And a third and obvious requirement, is the need for routine Rules to help create, foster and maintain the school community spirit.

Self discipline

In our community, each student inherits a tradition of which he should be proud. A student is made aware of how his behaviour reflects upon himself, his family and his school. A Class Teacher has a special responsibility for each class in Coláiste Chríost Rí and is an important figure in terms of your son's pastoral support. Subject Teachers encourage by word and example the realisation that effective discipline is self-imposed. Parents, in accepting a place for their son, subscribe to our Code of Behaviour; helping us, in whatever the circumstances, to maintain a boy's self-esteem and sense of belonging to our community. In this way, pupils are taught to accept responsibility for their own behaviour; self-discipline as an objective can be realised.

Discipline Management

The management of discipline problems by the school and by a boy's family is set out in our Discipline Management. If a pupil receives a sanction, its purpose is not punitive. It is corrective. In helping him, we don't disable him. Correction is simply a way of signalling that school and family expect him to be more mature and responsible.



'My son William followed me into the Coláiste. During his years there, I saw again the same Christian ethos, the same work ethic, the same respect for the individual, the same even-handed discipline, the same enthusiasm and sense of fun that were the hallmarks of my own days in Chríost Rí.'

Ray Cummins
Former Cork G.A.A. star

WELCOME

Welcome

Dia's Muire daoibh agus céad fáilte rómhaibh go Coláiste Chríost Rí!

Post Primary

You've probably often heard about Coláiste Chríost Rí! Even now, you may be saying with some pride - I'm going to Coláiste Chríost Rí. Maybe you and your parents already think that after your time in Primary School, Coláiste Chríost Rí is now the best Post-Primary School for you.

Belonging

In a school, belonging is important. And be-friending. In our school, befriending is something we try to make ourselves good at. School like home is not just a place; it's a family, a community of people - of parents, pupils and teachers. And belonging for us means that as a community, we are a group of people befriending and helping each other.

The Coláiste

To fit in, you must know about 'the way we do things around here.' And why! This Prospectus is to help you and your parents get to know about Coláiste Chríost Rí its roots, its vision, and its curriculum.

Questions and Answers

As you read, you will find a lot of answers to your questions and a little about what belonging to Coláiste Chríost Rí has meant for past-pupils before you. You will see how proud they are to have been pupils in Coláiste Chríost Rí. You too will be proud to belong to this school, this group of people - parents, pupils and teachers -this community called Coláiste Chríost Rí.

Beidh céad míle fáilte rómhat i gColáiste Chríost Rí.



'It is with enormous pride that I reflect on my happy years in Coláiste Chríost Rí. My parents, bless them, recognised and valued its ethos. I dearly want to say' míle buíochas' to the Presentation Brothers and teachers of my era in Coláiste Chríost Rí.'

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Enrolment

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Coláiste Chríost Rí is an inclusive Voluntary Secondary School for boys, and offers places on the basis of a wide range of criteria (see Entrance Policy). We opt for a teaching strategy based on a mix of ability-grouped classes, banding and setting of classes, and differentiated teaching. We evaluate the ability of all prospective students.

Having read the **Prospectus** please consider the following before completing the enclosed colour-coded APPLICATION FORM.

Ethos

Coláiste Chríost Rí is a caring, Christian community which places a high priority on the well-being of every pupil. Teachers, co-operating with and taking the place of parents, have positive views of the pupils entrusted to them.

Will your son be happy in Coláiste Chríost Rí?

Work

Coláiste Chríost Rí is a caring, Christian community with a tradition of academic excellence achieved through hard work. The work ethic here is high, the school environment resolutely industrious, and teaching / learning wholly focussed.

Will your son achieve his full potential with us?

Play

Coláiste Chríost Rí is a caring, Christian community which encourages pupils to participate in its many educational and recreational activities. We educate head, heart and hand. We educate for life and for living.

Will participation in our activities be good for your boy?

If you wish to enroll your son in Coláiste Chríost Rí, please complete the enclosed Application Form. Kindly send it to us with the other items outlined on the checklist. We will let you know within one week of the application deadline, if numbers allow us to offer your son a place. We do not charge School Fees (Coláiste Chríost Rí is in the Free Education Scheme), but, because of inadequate funding, we must ask parents to help us meet school debts.

Guidance Counsellors will meet your boy before he begins his education here, and will administer a series of standardised tests to help identify his strengths and weaknesses. This will help us to provide better for his individual educational needs. Later, the Principal will send you a Book List and some other useful information. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us, and we will do our best to help you.

Slán leat go fóill.



'It is thanks to the dedication and vision of the Brothers and teachers at Coláiste Chríost Rí that I have been able to pursue my medical work with a sound social background and a solid academic framework.'

George F Kaar
Consultant Neurosurgeon,
Cork University Hospital

VISION

Vision

Where there is no vision, people perish (Prv 30:8).

The fabric of our vision is a simple but singular weave of two strands - Christian and cultural.

Ethos

Coláiste Chríost Rí is an all-boys school committed to Catholic education. Rooted in faith, we cherish Gospel values. Coláiste Chríost Rí is committed to Irish education. Rooted in homeland, we cherish Gaelic culture and tradition. And within this ethos we pursue academic and sporting excellence. Our vision is Christian and Gaelic. We welcome all faiths.

Curriculum

In this Christian community, every person is valued equally and given a sense of belonging. We are committed to the all-round development of all our students. Our Curriculum - we do not speak of extra-curricular or co-curricular activities - is the aggregate of all the learning experiences in our school community. Our Curriculum socialises our students into the norms, values, belief-systems and way of life in Coláiste Chríost Rí.

Aims

The aim of a curriculum like ours, is not merely the transmission of skills and information, but rather the engaging of our students in a process of critical thinking and holistic learning, leading to the transformation of the learner. Ours is the view that the mind is 'a fire to be kindled' rather than 'a vessel to be filled.'

Mission Statement

There are two kinds of education: education for life and education for living. We do both.

Our Mission Statement puts it succinctly:

Coláiste Chríost Rí is an evolving inclusive Christian community committed to Catholic education in the Presentation Brothers' tradition; we pursue academic and sporting excellence within a unique Gaelic culture and tradition. Our Curriculum maintains a creative balance between preparation for the workplace and development of the person.



'Coláiste Chríost Rí is and always has been a happy learning community where the needs and potential of the student are always to the fore. My time in Chríost Rí was a particularly happy one and in terms of its academic, sporting, and care ethos it has few peers.'

Micheál Martin
Former Government Minister

Information

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Uniform: Plain dark-grey trousers
School pull-over and tie
Leather Shoes
School Jacket
White or grey shirt

Information: For additional information about Coláiste Chríost Rí and various other aspects of its school-life, the following Brochures and Information Leaflets are available at the Office.

- *Class and Homework Guide*
- *Code of Behaviour*
- *Discipline Management*
- *Transition Year Option*
- *Leaving Cert. Subject Choices*
- *Our publication Rí Eolas is also available from the school.*

Timetable: Classes begin: 8.30 a.m.

Mid-morning Break: 10.30 a.m. (Juniors - 15 minutes)
. 11.10 a.m. (Seniors - 15 minutes)
Lunch: 12.45 p.m. to 1.25 p.m.

Classes resume: 1.25 p.m.

Classes end: 3.25 p.m.

Activities: After class

Half-day: Wednesday

On his first day, a boy is welcomed to Coláiste Chríost Rí by his Form Teacher, Subject Teachers and the Principal. Rules, especially those relating to his safety and security, are highlighted. The Timetable is explained. He is shown classrooms, specialist rooms and facilities generally. His anxiety about new faces and places is allayed. He is made to feel at home.



Coláiste Chríost Rí gave me a great education. More importantly, however, it instilled in me the value of discipline. I have always felt that this one attribute gave me the stamina to attain a Masters in Business Administration and a World Record in track. For this, I will always be grateful.'

Marcus O'Sullivan
World Athletics Champion

Caring

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Caring means taking care. And in Coláiste Chríost Rí taking care is essentially a person-centred process. The Pastoral Team taking care of each student includes Subject Teachers, Class Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Chaplain, Deputy Principal and Principal. There is also a mentoring system where senior students take care of new entrants.

Guidance & Counselling

A comprehensive Guidance & Counselling Programme focuses on: study skills, examination technique, subject choices, career classes, interview drills and skills, and personal counselling. In Individual Guidance sessions, pupils are made aware of their particular strengths and given an understanding of the career options open to them. Each student is alerted to the choices facing him at various points and helped with his decision-making.

A personal counselling service is also available to help students deal with difficulties they are experiencing.

Parents

Parents, too, play their part. We have a close relation with parents and regard our work as an extension of theirs. Our objectives cannot be attained without parents. We keep a boy's family fully informed of his application and achievements. Reports are supplied at Christmas, Summer and mid-term. Parents may arrange to call at any time, and Parent-Teacher Meetings are regularly organised. Our publication Rí Eolas jogs the memories of parents about how action-packed and fun-filled school days are! An energetic Parents' Council organises many helpful Coláiste Chríost Rí events and evenings.

Facilities

In a modern school, caring for students commits us to update our facilities constantly; we must cater for contemporary teaching demands. However, we have learned long since that the technology hasn't been invented that can replace enthusiastic and creative teaching at the whiteboard - teaching enlivened, of course, with multimedia, models and visuals. You might say that in our pedagogy we defer to Bill Gates: 'Technology is just the tool. For getting kids working, for motivating them, it is the teacher that is most important'.

Teachers

We teachers would not be qualified to teach others, if we ourselves were not learners. Through courses, in-service, lectures, and staff development days we keep ourselves informed, professionally. In Coláiste Chríost Rí, recent infrastructural investment in ICT technology, for example, has propelled staff into becoming as computer literate as our students! Uploading, downloading and streaming have become an integral part of teaching.



'Coláiste Chríost Rí is continuing among other things what it has always done so well - including an interest in learning and in the mental tools with which to continually pursue it throughout life.'

John Travers
Former Chief Executive
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Roots

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Founded in 1960, Coláiste Chríost Rí is a young school. And still vigorous. In fact in 2010, the President of Ireland, Dr. Mary McAleese visited our school to acknowledge the contribution it has made to education and to the state. This was on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary. But our roots go further back than 1960.

Blessed Edmund

In a Waterford city stable, the opening of a school in 1802 was a quiet but historic event. But it was noisy! An ill-assorted gaggle of pupils- some with their pipes and tobacco -crowded into the cramped classrooms. Blessed Edmund Rice's Brothers had opened their first school.

The Presentation Way

Demand for the Brothers' kind of education grew, and in 1811 , they came to Cork. Over a century later, Sean O'Faolain describes his education by the Brothers in the *Lancs*. He was educated, he says, in a crazy building - originally a factory, or a barracks, or a poorhouse -packed with pupils from the leaning lanes of Cork, Featherbed, Cut-throat, and Three Hatchet. And under the Presentation Brothers, the boys did literally toe the line: 'every second boy was barefooted, with the mud of the streets drying between his frozen toes.' But, says O'Faoláin, 'the charm of that school was that we all worked together as in a family. 'And work the Brothers and teachers did - 'grinding the three Rs into us, unforgettably - Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic.'

Turner's Cross

In 1938, five Presentation Brothers, two teachers and one cleaner-lady opened a school in Turner's Cross. They called it Scoil Chríost Rí. This Primary School offered Secondary education to older boys. In 1957, the Secondary students moved to separate but cramped accommodation, first in Kinsale Road, then in Sawmill Street, before finally settling in the then spacious, brand-new building in Capwell Road. Coláiste Chríost Rí opened its doors for the first time in 1960.

Full-grown

In 1981, we came of age. We were twenty-one! Quietly crossing the threshold into adulthood, we took our place among other esteemed Cork schools. Now, the infant college of the 1960s and the youthful school of the 1980s has become a mature, full-grown establishment ready for the challenges of future.

We already rank among our past students Ministers of government, international sports stars and world record holders, leading medical consultants and surgeons, heads of international businesses and television personalities, to name but a few.



'I spent some of my fondest memories in the school multi-gym. I owe a lot to teachers like Brother Colm, Brother Sweeney and Kevin Cummins who helped to launch my sports career.'

Robert Heffernan
Olympic Athlete