



Coláiste Chríost Rí



GUIDE TO SCHOOL
LIFE

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Introduction

This booklet is designed to help you understand what happens in secondary and ease the transition from primary school.

We hope it will explain about Coláiste Chríost Rí and answer some of the questions you may have.

In sixth class you were the most mature students and probably knew most of the other students, whereas now in secondary school, you are going to be the youngest, not know everyone and meet some very tall students!

It is important to remember that all the other 1st Years will feel the same.

You will have the opportunity to make new friends. You will experience different subjects and how every student has different strengths and weaknesses. You will hear of hobbies and interests you may not know of.



About Our School



We start school at 8.30 and finish at 3.25 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday we start at 8.30 and finish at 12.45 - a half day! Every 40 minutes the bell goes to change class. Some classes may be a double class i.e. they last for 80 minutes. We need you in school every day to make sure you can get the best out of your experience in secondary school.



Generally the school day is broken into three parts. We have three classes in the morning, and then a 15 minute break. We then have 3 more classes followed by a 40 minute lunch break. Finally, we end with three classes in the afternoon. Usually you will move to a different classroom for each subject that you have. On the next page you will see a sample timetable.

Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 – 9:10	Irish Rm 10	French Rm 12	English Rm 37	Graphics Rm 33	Science Rm 23
9:10 – 9:50	P. E Gym	English Rm 37	Business Studies Rm 18	Graphics Rm 33	Science Rm 23
9:50 – 10:30	P.E Gym	Geography Rm 12	Business Studies Rm 18	French Rm12	Irish Rm 10
10:30-10:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:45 – 11:25	Business Studies Rm 18	Irish Rm 10	History Rm 9	Irish Rm 10	History Rm 9
11:25 – 12:05	History Rm 9	Maths Rm 20	Maths Rm 20	Maths Rm 20	SPHE Rm 28
12:05 – 12:45	French Rm 12	Religion Rm 22	Irish Rm 10	English Rm 37	Geography Rm 12
12:45 – 1:25	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
1:25 – 2:05	Maths Rm 20	Graphics Rm 33		Geography Rm 12	Maths Rm 20
2:05 – 2:45	English Rm 37	SPHE Rm 28		CSPE Rm 24	Religion Rm 3
2:45 – 3:25	Computing Rm 1	Science Rm 23		Life Skills Rm 12	English Rm 37

School Life

TIMETABLE

The timetable will let you know which teacher you have for each subject. In some classes you will have 2 teachers and in other classes there may be an SNA to give you a helping hand.

The timetable will let you know the room each class will take place in as some subjects have specific rooms e.g. science.

The timetable will help you get organised the night before, which books you need and if you need any specific equipment.

In primary school the equipment you need is kept in your classroom but in secondary school you will have to carry them around with you.

Remember you do not need to know the timetable off by heart; you need to know how to read it. Some students find it a little difficult figuring out where the different classrooms are so just ask a staff member if you're not sure where you're going!

You can colour code the subjects which can make it easier if you keep your books in similar colour folders. Some students find it useful to keep a copy of their timetable inside their locker door.

OPTION SUBJECTS

We offer the following option subjects at Junior Cycle: Art, Technical Graphics, Business Studies, Woodwork and Engineering. Students are asked to rank these in order of preference before they begin in first year and will then be allocated two optional subjects.

We try our best to match students with their preferences, while also taking their CAT IV scores and any other relevant information into account.

LUNCH TIMES

Most students bring a packed lunch with them to school. We do have a school canteen where hot food can be purchased for a small fee. There is a drinking fountain where water bottles can be refilled too.

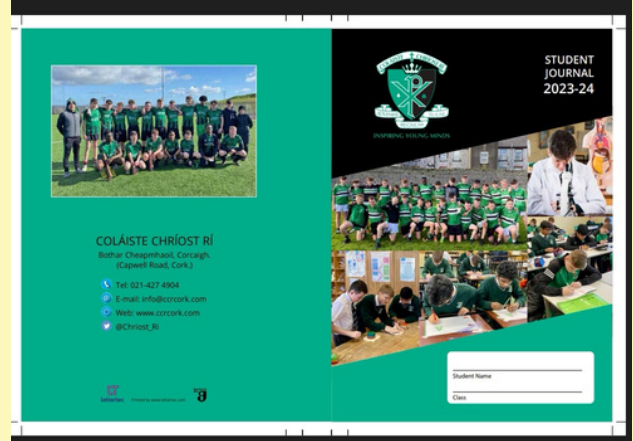
We also run a breakfast club in the mornings from 8 - 8.20. Students can come in and have tea/toast/cereal free of charge.

School Life

SCHOOL JOURNAL

Every student gets a school journal. It has a lot of useful information e.g. your timetable.

You will need your journal for every class. You must use the journal to record homework. Teachers use the journal to send a note home. Parents use the journal to write a note to the teacher



LOCKERS



Each student will get their own locker, some lockers already have a lock, while other lockers need a pad lock. You will get your locker during your first week in school.

Mr. B O Ceallachain is in charge of the lockers.

You can go to the locker before school, at break times and at the end of school. We do not go to the locker between classes.

HOMEWORK

Students need to write down their homework in their journal - some of your homework might be posted on your Microsoft Office Teams account.

There are many types of homework eg. Writing, sketching, learning, researching, listening, watching.

You may consider the homework easy but it is important to complete the work to reinforce your learning and it will help you to make sure you get very good results in assessments.

It is good practice to complete homework soon after coming home from school.

School Supports

SCHOOL SUPPORTS

Principal - Mr. Mac An Rí
Deputy Principal - Mr. Shorten
Year Head
Meitheal Team
Guidance Counsellors
Teachers
Special Needs Assistants
Special Education Team
School Secretary
Caretaker



YEAR HEAD

Each year group in Colaiste Christ Ri has a year head. Your Year Head will be Mr. Whyte. The year head will be in constant contact with you and your class. If you have any worries, concerns or problems you can speak with the Year Head or any of the School Support Staff.

Email : mdefaoite@ccrcork.com

Tel : 021 4274904

MEITHEAL TEAM

To support the First Years we have a Meitheal Team, co ordinated by Mr. Duggan. The Meitheal Team is made up of a group of 5th year students. The Meitheal Team will help you settle into school and organise fun activities during 1st year in order to help you get to know other students.

We have a great first week organised for you.

This will help you find out everything you need to know as a student in CCRi.



School Supports



Mr Burns - Summer Programme Coordinator and Teacher



Ms Hennessy - Student Recruitment Coordinator and Teacher



Ms Lynch - SEN Coordinator



Mr Hayes and Ms O' Shea - Guidance Counsellors



**Teresa - School Secretary
John - Caretaker**



Members of the SNA Department - Catherine, Susan, Nova and Dee

School Tours

We are delighted to be able to offer our students a wide range of immersive cultural experiences through our school tours. Each year there is a ski trip and a European tour that takes place. These tours usually take place in either the October or February midterm breaks. Skiing usually takes place in either Andorra or the Italian Alps and is a great chance to sample a wide variety of snow sports.

The European Tour is the highlight of many students time here in Chríost Rí. In past years students have spent time soaking up the sights in Amsterdam, Rome, Madrid, Munich and Barcelona.



Visiting La Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona



Getting ready to hit the slopes in Andorra!

Rules and Communication

SCHOOL RULES

Every school has rules to help the school to function and to make life easier and safer for everybody in the school. The rules are in the school journal. We like to acknowledge good behaviour and want to give every student a chance but if someone breaks the rules there will always be consequences. We use VShare to acknowledge student behaviours and use a system of green and red points. Students with exemplary behaviour are awarded at different times during the year.

VSHARE: PARENTS COMMUNICATION

First year students receive 1 class per week tuition in a computer lab, training for ICT in our school.

VShare is our communication between parents and staff. It is essential that all parents download the app to view live updates on their son. The Parent App is free to download and use. (Download VShare from your app store).

Each parent is given a Username from the school and you must create your own password.

Parents have access to the following:

Student attendance

View sons timetable

Track behaviour incidents.

View and download exam and CBA results

Parents can receive messages with notifications from staff and management.

Submit absent request forms directly to the school.

Pay and manage fees.

Rules and Communication

VSWARE: STUDENT COMMUNICATION

The VSware student app is also available to download.

This allows our students to view his:

Attendance

Timetable

Assessment

Receive messages with notification from staff and management about general information with in the school.

OFFICE 365

Office 365 is our platform for blended learning and has run very successful over the last number of years. In the first 2 weeks all first year students will be given a cccork school username to access all our Office 365 products. All staff have received their own dedicated cccork school username and our teachers will set up online classrooms using Microsoft Teams and students can access these from a computer, tablet or mobile.

In 'Teams' all students have an online class where teachers will post and share work that is completed in the class. During school closure, staff were able to schedule classes online in Teams and students could see their schedule timetable for the week.

PARENTS

You can help by:

Talking to your son, take an interest in what they are doing

Helping your son get organised for each day

Make sure they have a good breakfast and lunch

Allow plenty of time to get to school

Get your son to put their name on the uniform, PE Gear, books and copies

Provide a place for them to complete their homework

Get a spare locker key

Checking and signing the journal

Clubs

These are just a sample of some of the different clubs we have an offer in our school; there are many others including, Volleyball, Chess Club, Green Schools, Student Council, Music Club and Art Club. If you would like to start a new club just talk to a member of the student council or the school staff!

Basketball



Hurling and Football



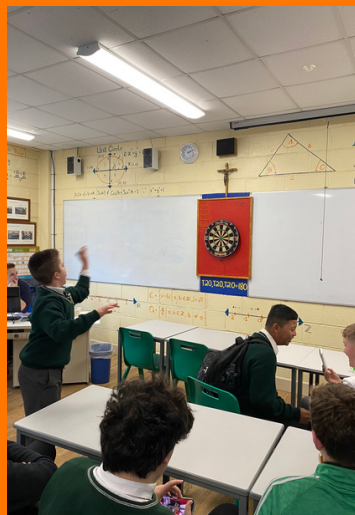
Soccer



Athletics



A Sample of Activities for First Years



Darts Club



**Bodhrán making in
Art Club**



Sports Day



**Visit from Cork
City FC players
(and past
pupils!)**



Green Schools



Bowling

A Sample of Activities for First Years



**Academic
Achievement
Awards**



**Playing Pool in the
Leisureplex**



Cinema Trip



Christmas Celebrations



Science Quiz



Chess Club

A Sample of Activities for First Years



Breakfast Club



Project Awards



GAA Awards



Seachtain na Gaeilge



MMA at SGB



Halloween Fancy Dress