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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Dear Parents and Students,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Ennis Community College. We are proud to be a school that fosters a culture of respect, inclusivity, and excellence, where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential, both academically and personally.

I would like to extend a special invitation to our upcoming Open Night. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discover what makes Ennis Community College a vibrant and dynamic place of learning. You'll have the chance to meet our dedicated teaching staff, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, and learn about the wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities we offer.

We believe that every student deserves the best educational experience, and we strive to create a supportive and stimulating environment where young people can grow, succeed, and thrive. Our commitment to academic excellence, combined with our strong pastoral care, ensures that each student is nurtured and supported throughout their educational journey.

I encourage you to join us for this special evening to experience firsthand the warm, welcoming community that makes our school so unique. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our vision for your child's future at Ennis Community College.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact our school office on 065 - 6829432 or email info@enniscc.ie

Warm regards,

James O'Shaughnessy

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Principal

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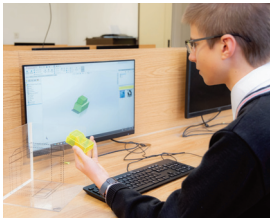
Founded in 1938, Ennis Community College has a proud tradition of providing quality education to the people of Ennis and the surrounding areas. Initially established as a vocational school, it focused on practical skills in trades and crafts. Over the years, the college evolved to meet the changing educational needs of the community, expanding its curriculum to include a wide range of academic and technical subjects.



Throughout the years the college has introduced modern facilities and embraced new technologies, becoming a leading provider of second-level education in County Clare. Today, Ennis Community College continues its commitment to fostering a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, offering a diverse range of programs designed to prepare students for both higher education and the workforce.



With a strong focus on student development, the college remains a cornerstone of the community, nurturing generations of learners to achieve their full potential.





MANAGEMENT TEAM



Mr. James O'Shaughnessy
Principal



Ms. Yvonne Walsh
Deputy Principal



Mr. Niall Murphy
Deputy Principal

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STAFF



At Ennis Community College, we aim to develop well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of life beyond school. We are dedicated to:

Academic Excellence: Promoting high standards of learning in a broad and balanced curriculum.

Holistic Development: Supporting the physical, emotional, and social well-being of every student.

Inclusive Education: Ensuring that every student feels valued and supported, regardless of their background or abilities.









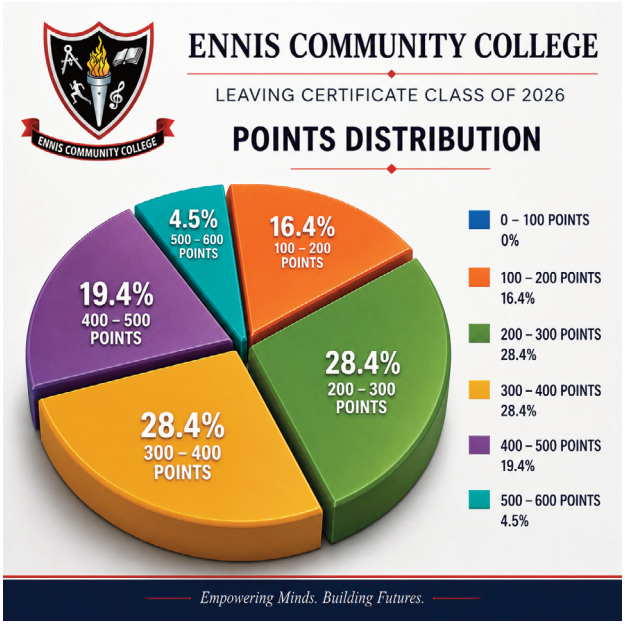






ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Ennis Community College has achieved notable academic success, with an average of 98% of its students progressing to third-level education. This impressive rate highlights the school's effective support and guidance systems, ensuring that nearly all students secure places in colleges and universities after completing their studies at the college. 2025 saw over 97% of our students advance to third level education and further education courses.



FACILITIES

Our modern campus is equipped with a wide range of facilities designed to enhance the learning experience, including:

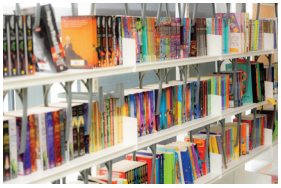




- All classrooms have IT Facilities
- 3 Computer Rooms
- Engineering Room
- Technology Room
- 2 Woodwork Rooms
- Design and Communications Lab
- 2 Home Economics Rooms
- 3 Fully-equipped Science Labs
- Playing Field for Football, Hurling & Camogie
- Fully-furnished gym and fitness suite with the latest equipment
- Outdoor basketball & tennis court
- Large indoor sports hall
- Seated canteen serving hot food and subsidised meals
- Showers and changing facilities
- General-purpose hall
- 2 Music Rooms
- School Library
- Student lockers
- Social Area
- 2 Art Rooms



















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OUR CURRICULUM & PROGRAMMES

Ennis Community College offers a diverse and comprehensive range of programmes designed to cater to the interests and abilities of all students.

ENGINEERING *and* POLITICS & SOCIETY

We are the only school in Ennis to offer **Engineering** at both Junior and Senior Levels. We are also the only school to offer **Politics & Society** as a Leaving Certificate subject.

JUNIOR CYCLE (1ST TO 3RD YEAR)

All Students in First Year will follow a broad-based curriculum that includes **core subjects** such as:

- Maths
- English
- Irish
- History
- Geography
- Science
- ICT
- PE
- CSPE
- SPHE
- Wellbeing

Students will select **3 Optional subjects** that include:

- Home Economics
- Music
- Art, Craft & Design
- Technology
- Business Studies
- French
- Technical Graphics
- Engineering
- Materials Technology Wood
- Spanish

TASTER PROGRAMME

All Students starting in first year get the opportunity to sample all the Option subjects as part of our taster programme, after a 5 week programme students will select their options for Junior Cycle.











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TRANSITION YEAR AT ENNIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

An unforgettable year of growth, creativity and opportunity

At Ennis Community College, our Transition Year (TY) programme offers students a unique bridge between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle. Designed in line with NCCA guidelines, TY provides a year of exploration - academic, creative and personal - allowing students to discover their strengths, build confidence and develop essential life skills before beginning their Leaving Certificate journey.

The Benefits of the TY Programme

Transition Year gives students the freedom to learn beyond the traditional classroom and to develop as independent, well-rounded young adults. During TY, students:

- Build essential life skills in communication, teamwork, problem-solving and leadership.
- Gain career insights through work experience placements and industry-focused projects.
- Enhance personal development by fostering resilience, independence and social awareness.
- Prepare for future studies by exploring subject choices and career pathways in a supportive environment.

TY at Ennis Community College isn't just a year in school - it's a year of transformation, equipping students with the skills, confidence and maturity to excel in senior cycle and beyond.

Extracurricular Activities & Cultural Experiences

Our TY students enjoy a vibrant calendar of experiences designed to broaden their horizons and inspire lifelong memories.

A highlight of the year is the American Exchange Programme with our partner school in America. Students have the opportunity to travel to the United States for two weeks, living with a host family and experiencing American education and culture first-hand.

They join in unique celebrations such as Veterans Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving, and enjoy trips to major cities including New York and Boston.

Each March, we proudly welcome our American visitors to Ennis, where they immerse themselves in Irish culture and school life, experiencing the excitement of St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Beyond the exchange, TY students participate in a wide variety of activities, including:

- Visiting the National Ploughing Championships, exploring Irish agriculture and enterprise.
- Taking part in foreign tours that combine cultural and educational exploration.
- Experiencing outdoor adventure and water sport centres, developing teamwork and confidence.
- Enjoying hiking trips, promoting wellbeing, fitness and a love of Ireland's natural landscapes.

Creativity and Innovation

TY at Ennis Community College encourages students to express themselves and develop new talents through:

- Media Studies
- Photography & Videography
- School Musical Production
- ICT and Digital Skills Development

These creative opportunities allow students to explore modern technologies,

storytelling and performance while building confidence and technical expertise.

Core Elements of the TY Programme

Our TY curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire students through a dynamic mix of academic, practical and creative learning.

All students will complete a taster programme of every Leaving Certificate subject, giving them an informed choice when selecting their Senior Cycle options. These subjects include:

- Engineering, DCG and Construction Studies
- Biology, Physics and Chemistry
- Art and Music
- Technology
- Geography, History and Politics
- Business and Economics

In addition, students will complete a range of specialist modules and certified courses, such as:

- Advanced First Aid certification
- Barista training
- Culinary skills workshops
- Introduction to Irish Sign Language
- Driver Theory preparation
- 3D Laser Printing and Design
- GAA Future Leaders Programme
- BT Young Scientist participation
- …and much more.

A Year to Remember. Transition Year at Ennis Community College is a journey of discovery, creativity and challenge. It is a time to explore passions, build friendships and gain the confidence and skills that will last a lifetime. Invest in your future - embrace the adventure of Transition Year with us.










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SENIOR CYCLE (5TH AND 6TH YEAR)

The Senior Cycle prepares students for the Leaving Certificate, offering a wide range of subjects including:

Core Subjects

- English
- Irish
- LCVP
- SPHE
- Maths
- Career Guidance
- Physical Education

Language Options

- French
- Spanish

Optional Subjects

(Students will study 3 of the following subjects one from each of 3 Option Lines)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Leaving Certificate PE
- Business
- Economics
- History
- Geography
- Home Economics
- Music
- Art
- French
- Spanish
- Construction Studies
- Politics & Society
- Engineering
- Technology
- Design & Communication Graphics









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JCSP - JUNIOR CERTIFICATE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP) is a targeted initiative designed to support students who may find the traditional Junior Certificate curriculum challenging. Its primary aim is to promote active learning, engagement, and retention in education by offering a flexible, student-centred approach to learning. Through a blend of hands-on activities, individualised support, and practical learning strategies, JCSP helps students build essential skills in literacy, numeracy, and personal development. The programme also fosters confidence and motivation, ensuring students achieve their potential and are well-prepared for further education or vocational pathways.

LCA - LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is a distinct two-year educational programme in Ireland designed to prepare students for life, further education, and the world of work. Unlike the traditional Leaving Certificate, the LCA focuses on practical learning and the development of life skills through a mix of coursework, project work, and exams. It is particularly suited for students who prefer hands-on learning and aims to build personal, social, and vocational skills. The programme covers a range of subjects, including vocational specialisms, general education, and work experience, offering students a broad and flexible learning experience. Upon completion, students receive a Leaving Certificate, which can be used to access further education, apprenticeships, or employment opportunities.

LCVP - LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is an innovative programme designed for senior cycle students, combining academic study with practical career skills. It places a strong emphasis on self-directed learning, teamwork, and enterprise, preparing students for both further education and the world of work.

LCVP students take traditional Leaving Certificate subjects alongside two Link Modules-Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education. These modules focus on developing key skills such as problem-solving, communication, and teamwork, while providing practical work experience and opportunities to engage with local businesses. The programme is ideal for students who want to enhance their career prospects and gain valuable insights into the working world.

Successful completion of the LCVP also awards students with additional CAO points, giving them an extra advantage when applying for higher education.











EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Class Captains
- Student Council
- Student Mentoring for incoming first years and senior cycle students
- Culture Day
- School Show
- Student awards night
- Anti Bullying & Stand up Awareness Week
- Christmas Dinners provided to every student
- Parents classes
- Wellbeing Week,
- Seachtain na Gaeilge,
- Maths & Numeracy week,
- Safer Internet Day,
- Health and Safety Week,
- Creative Schools Week And many other awareness weeks.

- Hurling
- Gaelic Football
- Camogie
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball

- School Choir
- Trad Band
- School Musical

- Science Club
- Debating
- Chess
- Green School
- Young Social Innovators
- Enterprise
- Table Quizzes

- Foreign Trips
- Cultural Exchanges

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STUDENT SUPPORTS



At Ennis Community College, we pride ourselves on our comprehensive student support system, which includes:

- Breakfast Club
- Lunch Club
- Class Tutor
- Student Captains
- Student Council
- Learning Support
- Student Mentoring Programme
- Student Support Team
- Special Educational Needs Team
- School Completion Programme
- Home School Community Liaison
- Guidance Team
- Year Heads
- First Year & Transition Taster Programme
- Third Year Transition to Senior Cycle Programme
- Sixth Year Transition Programme to 3rd level and the world of work.
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Parent Information Evening
- Parent Coffee Mornings
- Evening Study
- After school Senior Study Monday - Thursday for 2 hours each afternoon.
- After school homework club and study for 2nd and 3rd years for 1.5 hours from Monday - Thursday
- After school homework club and study for 30 minutes to 1 hours from Monday - Thursday











PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

PARENTS COUNCIL

We believe that parents play a crucial role in the success of their children's education. We encourage strong collaboration between home and school through regular parent-teacher meetings, progress reports, and involvement in school events and committees.

PASTORAL CARE

- Friendship Week (Anti-Bullying)
- Curriculum based wellbeing programme
- Wellbeing Week
- Stand Up Awareness Week (LGBT support)
- Other 'Drives of the Week' focussed on different themes
- Safer Internet Day
- Empowerment Workshops
- Participation in Third Level and Industry Open Days
- Parents Events organised by the Home-School Liaison Office
- Information Evening for Senior Cycle options
- Young Social Innovators project
- Going Well to the Burren GAA Programme
- Book Rental Scheme
- Homework Club
- Talks on Health and Life skills
- Breakfast Club
- Mental Health sessions with professional speakers

FIRST YEAR MENTORING PROGRAMME

Working with the staff, Transition Year students are recruited as mentors for the incoming first year students, working collaboratively to ensure the transition from primary to secondary level is achieved as smoothly as possible. Our Pastoral Care Team is available to deal with any concerns or anxieties which may arise during this time. It is our concern that all our pupils should feel respected and should develop a tolerance and respect for the values and the beliefs of others in the school community. Therefore, all staff extend their interest in pupils beyond the confines of the classroom and formal instruction. The school has adopted a Dignity Charter and offers a bespoke Transition and Wellbeing Programme to all students.

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ADMISSIONS

THE UNIFIED ADMISSIONS PROCESS

A Unified Admissions Process (UAP) for admissions to first year was introduced by the post-primary schools in Ennis in 2022. This collaborative unified process, serving the needs of the Ennis community and its environment, will also operate for admissions to first year for the school year.

ADMISSIONS TO OTHER YEAR GROUPS

Ennis Community College welcomes students from all backgrounds. Admission is based on our inclusive enrollment policy. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange a visit and discuss the enrollment process.

Further details and applications forms are available from our website and the school office.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ennis Community College, where your educational journey begins!











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