

# Gaeilge



Dia Dhaoibh go léir agus fáilte chuig ár Leathanach Gaeilge.

The Roinn na Gaeilge consists of 7 teachers, Ms Ryan, Ms Finglas, Ms Nic Ruairí, Ms Darcy, Ms Tynan, Ms Belladant and Ms Hearne.

### **1st and 2nd Year:**

We are entering the 2nd year of the Junior Certificate new course with our current second years so bear with us! Daily, we are working on the key skills- being literate, communicating, managing oneself and working with others in our Rang Gaeilge. We have Higher and Ordinary level classes and encourage students to do Higher for as long they can.

**3rd Year:** we are undertaking an oral at Higher Level only which accounts for 40% of their grade. This will be the *final year* of this Assessment.

**TY:** . This year we are hoping to incorporate more culture into our Transition Year programme. We are planning on allocating one class per week to various cultural activities. These activities vary from Damhsa agus Amhránaíocht (Song and Dance) to Promotion of CLG (GAA). The TY programme is much more about Labhairt na Gaeilge (Spoken)

and *Cultúr na Gaeilge* rather than *Literary and Critical Analysis*. We have in class presentations and trips to the computer room more frequently in *TY Gaeilge*. We work at a common level which is inclusive to all students. We also head on our annual trip to *Coláiste Uisce* in *Mayo* during *May* for a week and all *SEN* students are most welcome!

**5th and 6th Year:** In 5th and 6th year we place a huge emphasis on the spoken *Gaeilge*. The oral is worth 40% and *Gaeilge* is the predominant language used in the *Seomra Ranga*. The classes are divided into *Ordinary* and *Higher* level. Students are encouraged to undertake the *Higher* level if possible and we endeavour to improve their literacy, aural and communicative skills over the two years. The senior students are encouraged to enjoy and appreciate *Gaeilge* in both the classroom and in their wider community.

The *Roinn na Gaeilge* has a lot going on annually:

***Seachtain na Gaeilge:***

Annually, the Department celebrate and promote the Irish language culture and heritage through a programme of events.

1st year participate in a *Treasure Hunt "Toraíocht Taisce"* around the school, searching for words as *Gaeilge*!

2nd Year participate in a *Poc Fada "Long Puck"* where they get the opportunity to exhibit their *hurling* and *camogie* skills.

4th Year: participate in a Comórtas Postáer/ Mímeanna / Memes where they get the chance to showcase their artistic and creative skills around the school.

5th Year : take part in an all inclusive Tráth na gCeist /Quiz in the canteen where they are with a chance to win a cash prize. (One student won a Kia Sportage one year....)

Every year, we host a Céilí Mór for the entire school in the evening. We practice damhsa / dancing non stop for the fortnight leading up to the big event and the Department encourages all students to get involved. Students who do not study Irish are invited to join the classes for this period.

#### **General Events :**

Classes also attend an Triail (a drama) usually in November and we invite Seó Bóthair in to encourage and inspire students to use the language in their regular lives and in their future.

The Department offer students the opportunity to earn a Fáinne by submitting themselves for interview trí mheán na Gaeilge.

#### **Exams:**

3rd and 6th Year Exam classes part-take in a Mock Orals with their teachers in class during the school year prior to the real Mock Exam in February. These Orals are held on a Saturday and qualified oral examiners are invited in to conduct these formal exams.

Listening and Written exams are held in a formal setting with the year group.



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