

## Welcome



Welcome and Introduction



Transfer Programme - This presentation is another step in a process to help your child with the transition to Secondary Education



Other steps include - Contact with Primary Schools, Primary School Passports, Summer Camp, Student Induction Programme, Entrance Assessment.

# In this meeting we will provide you with information on....

- Grange CC background
- Daily life in Grange CC
- Practical information
- Communication
- Support systems
- Subject selection for 1st Year
- Entrance Assessment



## Grange CC - background

Junior Cycle Ethos Expectations Senior Cycle Gareth Suite

## Daily Life...



Timetable



Break time



Lunchtime



Canteen



Base classrooms



Calendar

## Extra-Curricular Activities

- Basketball
- Hurling
- Gaelic Football
- 🖊 Volleyball
- Soccer
- Hiking

- Boxing
- Gymnastics
- Coding Club
- Music Club
- Choir
- Art Club

- Enterprise
- Active flag committee
- Amber flag committee
- Green schools committee
- Student Council



## Practical Information

- Uniform
- Book Rental
- Lockers
- Payment (MIT) cashless school
- No voluntary subscription
- 24hr Personal Insurance



## Communication is key...

- VSware (Behaviour, Attendance, Mail, Reports)
- Email
- Phone
- Text
- Journal
- Reports
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Website
- Social Media



## Support Staff

- Class Tutor
- Year Head
- Guidance Counsellor
- Chaplain
- Home School Community Liaison Coordinator
- Special Education Needs Coordinator
- ASD Class Coordinator (Gareth Suite)
- School Completion Coordinator
- Care Team
- Student Support Team

# What is Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)?

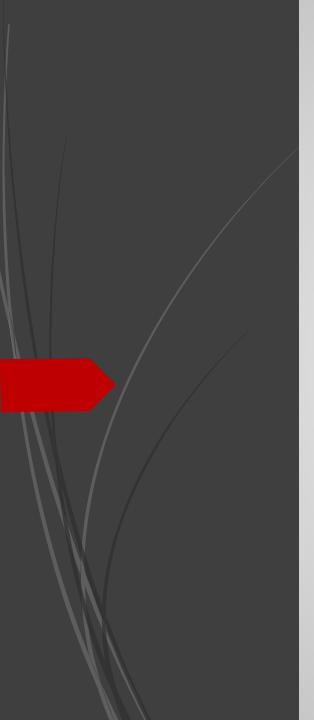
A HSCL Coordinator seeks to build and support the partnership that exists between Parents, School and Community in order to maximise the benefits of education for your child.

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## HSCL Activities Include

- Home Support
- Courses for our Parents

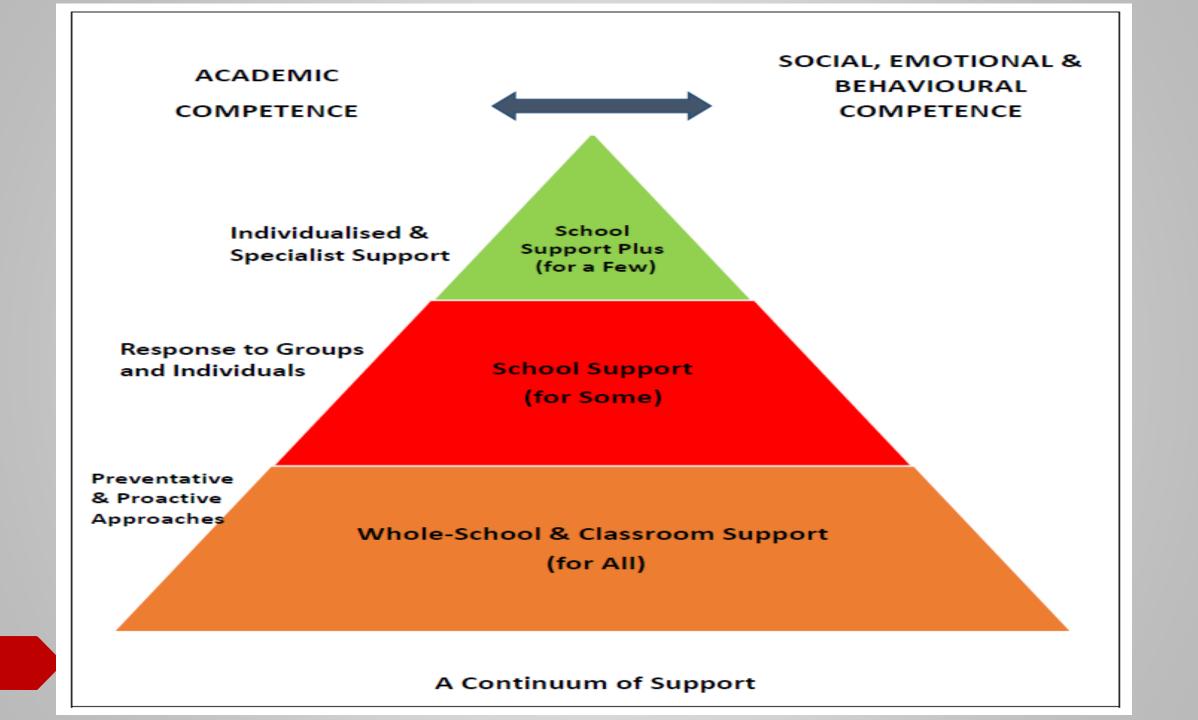
Community Links



## AEN/SEN Support

Contact details: Mary Matthews

Email: SEN@gccollege.ie



## AEN/SEN Support

- Team Teaching (in class support)
- Learning support class (withdrawal from Irish)
- Specific or Targeted programmes/intervention

Contact details: Mary Matthews

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## Guidance Counsellor

Our role is to assist students in making informed choices about their lives in relation to personal, educational and career decisions.

Contact details:

Philip O'Brien and Helena Rix

Email: guidance@gccollege.ie



## 1st Year Subjects

#### Core Subjects:

Gaeilge, English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, CSPE (Civic, Social and Political Education), PE (Physical Education), SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education), Religious Education/IMBV (Identity, Multi-Belief and Values Education), Coding.

#### Optional Subjects:

Students study two optional subjects from this list: Visual Art, Business Studies, Home Economics, Graphics, Technology, Engineering, Music, Wood Technology.

#### **Modern Foreign Languages:**

Students study one language: Spanish, French or German.

## Optional Subject Choice



- For detailed information on Junior Cycle subjects (including syllabus and examples of student work): <a href="https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/">https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/</a>
- A flyer with an overview for parents about Junior Cycle: <a href="https://www.jct.ie/perch/resources/publications/jc-info-parents-post-primary-2019.pdf">https://www.jct.ie/perch/resources/publications/jc-info-parents-post-primary-2019.pdf</a>
- A more student-friendly description of Junior Cycle subjects for research: <a href="https://careersportal.ie/school/subject\_explorer\_jc.php">https://careersportal.ie/school/subject\_explorer\_jc.php</a>

## **VSware Instructions**

#### Parents are asked to:

- Create a password on VSware using the username you receive (this should be completed by parents only).
- Log in, go to Student Options and enter your four preferred subject choices in order of preference.
- Enter your language preferences (French, Spanish or German) - put your preferred language in order of preference.
- ► You will receive a letter in May with the two option subjects and the language that your child has been allocated.
- Note: We aim to give you your top preferences but there are no guarantees.

## Entrance Assessment

- Saturday 27th January 9.00am -12.00pm
- Registration from 8.45am
- CAT4 Assessment Information video on website
- Snack and drink will be provided for break time
- All materials provided
- Students do not need to wear their uniform
- Mobile phones to be left at home
- Collection arrangements are at parents' discretion

## Next steps..

#### February 2024

- > Set up your VSware account
- Input your subject options using the Options tab
- Fill in the following forms which you will receive through the VSware Mail tab
- Book Rental Form
- Policies Permission Form

#### Summer 2024

#### May 2024

- Option Subjects assigned
- Booklist sent out

#### August 2024

- Summer camp
- Start date and return to school information will be sent to you

### Relevant email addresses

- grangeccadmin@ddletb.ie Main Office/Mary Crawte (Secretary)
- <u>hscl@gccollege.ie</u> Roisin Donnelly (HSCL)
- <u>guidance@gccollege.ie</u> Philip O'Brien and Helena Rix (Guidance Counsellors)
- <u>SEN@gccollege.ie</u> Mary Matthews (1st Year AEN/SEN Coordinator)
- <u>Chaplain@gccollege.ie</u> Laura McCarthy (Chaplain)
- <u>EAL@gccollege.ie</u> Denise Byrne (EAL Coordinator)



## Questions?



Understand it's a lot of information to digest



Take your time



Read through what we have given out



Contact us if you have any difficulties