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1st Year 2024 Parent Information Meeting

Grange Community College
7pm Tuesday 23rd January 2024



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

Ethos

Expectations

Junior Cycle

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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...

- VShare (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.
- ▶ Contact details:
 - Róisín Donnelly
 - Contact Number: 085 8797991
 - Email: hscl@gccollege.ie

HSCCL Activities Include

- ▶ Home Support
- ▶ Courses for our Parents
- ▶ Community Links

AEN/SEN Support

Contact details:
Mary Matthews

Email: SEN@gccollege.ie



**ACADEMIC
COMPETENCE**

**SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL &
BEHAVIOURAL
COMPETENCE**



**Individualised &
Specialist Support**

**School
Support Plus
(for a Few)**

**Response to Groups
and Individuals**

**School Support
(for Some)**

**Preventative
& Proactive
Approaches**

**Whole-School & Classroom Support
(for All)**

A Continuum of Support



AEN/SEN Support

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

Contact details:
Mary Matthews

Email: SEN@gccollege.ie



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

Do's

- Interest
- Ability
- Future

Don'ts

- Friends
- Gender
- Easy

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

VShare Instructions

Parents are asked to:

- Create a password on VShare 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)
- ▶ hscl@gccollege.ie - Roisin Donnelly (HSCL)
- ▶ guidance@gccollege.ie - Philip O'Brien and Helena Rix (Guidance Counsellors)
- ▶ SEN@gccollege.ie - Mary Matthews (1st Year AEN/SEN Coordinator)
- ▶ Chaplain@gccollege.ie - Laura McCarthy (Chaplain)
- ▶ EAL@gccollege.ie 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