
**Win one of THREE €100
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New Ross – courtesy of our
Parents' Council.**

If you have any book that you are not using that you would like to donate, and it is on the booklist for an alternative year, the Parents' Council will take it for redistribution to other families. Everyone who donates a book, which is currently on our booklists, will be entered for the draw.

These books should be placed in a bag with your name on it and left into the College Office before June 26th for redistribution in August.

Click below, on the relevant year group link, to download your son's booklist.

Booklists 2023/24



6th Year 23/24

5th Year 23/24

3rd Year 23/24

2nd Year 23/24

1st Year 23/24

1. Teachers will not collect any money for photocopying. A standard charge will apply at the beginning of the year as requested by our Parents' Council.
2. The Student Journal, which costs €10, is compulsory and can be purchased as part of our registration.
3. Subject departments have indicated additional costs for materials etc to be collected in September. These are shown on each booklist.
4. Further information will follow regarding registration for 2023/2024.

Breakdown of Fees for 2023/2024

The shaded area will highlight the fees for each year group. If you are not studying a particular subject in a year, you will not have fees for that subject where it is indicated.

Fee Name	Fee Amount	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	TY	5th Year	6th Year
Administration Fee 23/24 <i>which includes Insurance 24/7 365 days per year, Test papers, Standard Testing, VSware, Exam stationary, Postage, Phone & Text messaging.</i>	€50.00						
Homework Journal 23/24	€10.00						
PE Expenses 23/24	€20.00						
Photocopying 23/24	€20.00						
Family School Support Voluntary Contribution 23/24	€100.00						
Mock Fee 23/24 3rd & 6th years	€30.00						
DCG 5th yr 23/24	€50.00						
DCG 6th yr 23/24	€25.00						
Geography 5th yr field trip	€20.00						
Induction pack 23/24 1st years	€30.00						
Locker fee 23/24	€10.00						
RE Inspire book rental 23/24 1st years	€14.00						
Technical Graphics 1st yr 23/24	€45.00						
Technical Graphics 2nd yr 23/24	€6.00						
Technical Graphics 3rd yr 23/24	€10.00						
Technology 1st yr 23/24	€20.00						
Technology 2nd yr 23/24	€30.00						
Technology 3rd yr 23/24	€50.00						
Technology 5th yr 23/24	€50.00						
Technology 6th yr 23/24	€50.00						
Transition Year 23/24	€500.00						

Incoming 1st Years September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We enjoyed meeting Parents/Guardians in the College Church on Wednesday, June 12th. A copy of the slideshow used can be found below,

Slideshow from June 12th, 2024

Form to submit additional information

Information about Junior Cycle Subjects

This meeting was also an opportunity for us to share some practical information with you and for you to ask practical questions around the next couple of months as you support and prepare your son for this exciting transition into post primary school. I have tried to answer some of those more frequently asked questions below.

FAQ^s

Between now and first day of school.

Where do I get the school uniform?

The school uniform is available from any of the men's drapers in New Ross and in Wellingtonbridge.

The uniform consists of:

- Blue shirt
- Grey trousers
- Navy, crested school jumper
- No tie

There is no specific PE uniform.

What shoes are acceptable?

- Student must wear black or brown leather shoes.

- **Runners, even if fully black/brown, are not acceptable.**

How do I set up my VSWare Account?

You will receive a text message from the college with your username.

Follow the instructions found here.

What stationery do students need?

This will be included with our booklist and is provided free of charge through the '*DES School Book Scheme*'.

What books will he need?

Your son's booklist has been published on the website and can be downloaded here.

You will be able to collect all of your son's books and stationery on Sunday, August 25th 2024, here in the college following the beginning of school year mass.

Can a student change their language subject options now or during the first couple of weeks?

If you wish to change your preferred language option between Spanish and German, please contact us immediately. There may not be capacity to change this option, but we will do our best to accommodate your son. *Please note that those students who have chosen German as an option will be spread across two base classes and will come together for German class. This means that by studying German, he can still be in a base class with*

some friends who have chosen Spanish.

Is there a bus to the college?

Any queries should be made directly to the Bus Éireann School Transport Office on 018302222. There are several private operators who run buses to the college. You will need to make local inquiries in relation to the operators available to you.

When will students get their timetable?

Student's timetable will be available on VShare in late August. Their class tutor will explain this timetable to them on the first day. You can get further information on activating your VSHARE account by clicking [here](#).

Will students get a journal?

Yes. Students will be given a journal during induction on their first day here on August 27th.

What class will my child be in?

There are 5 first year classes: 1CN(A), 1DK(B), 1DY(C), 1JR(D) and 1MF(E). Boys are assigned to these classes randomly to form 5 groups of similar mixed ability profiles.

Will my child be in the same class as their friend / other students from their primary school?

Students are randomly assigned class groups base on forming similar mixed ability profiles in each class. Every effort

will be made to ensure that boys will have someone from their school, or familiar face, in their class group. However, we cannot guarantee that friends will be in the same group.

My son has a medical condition that needs to be managed by the school from his first day.

Please contact pj.walsh@goodcounselcollege.ie immediately.

My son will be accessing Ostia – our ASD Hub.

Please contact Aoife at the following email address immediately, if you have not already done so: aoife.kinsella@goodcounselcollege.ie

My son has Additional Educational Needs.

Please contact Brigid or Sheila, if you have not already done so, at the following email addresses immediately.

brigid.kennedy@goodcounselcollege.ie or sheila.doyle@goodcounselcollege.ie

Beginning of School Year – subject to DES guidance.

When does school start?

School starts for 1st years only on Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, **this day will finish at 1pm.** Your son will need to be collected as buses may not run at this time.

What time should students be here on the first day?

The day will start at 9.00 am, but we recommend students arriving around 8.30 am so that they can mingle and chat.

Can I come into the College with my child on the first day?

Many parents/guardians choose to drop their son to the school on the first day. The Principal, Deputy Principals, Year head, Prefects and Unitas Leaders will be there to greet everyone!

What does he need to bring on his first day?

A pen and a copy.

We will provide a snack and light lunch on the day. If he has specific dietary need, you should provide those.

Throughout the School Year.

What time does school start and finish?

The school day starts at 9.00 am. Students should arrive to school in good time to organise books etc and to be ready for class to begin at 9:00am. School will finish at 4 pm Monday to Thursday and at 1:20pm on Friday. In the first term, to October 1st Year students will finish at 3:55pm.

When are school holidays, parent teacher meetings and other school events?

A full calendar is published on the College website, and your son will have a copy of this in his student journal. You can

access the calendar here.

What time does the school building open?

The school building opens at 8:30am.

Who is my son's Yearhead?

Ms Shirley Dempsey is the 1st Year Yearhead and will support your son through to his Junior Cycle. Her email address is shirley.dempsey@goodcounselcollege.ie

Are students allowed to leave school during lunch or school day?

Students are not allowed to leave school during the day or at lunchtime. **If a student needs to leave the school, parents should complete the note on VS Ware, your son should sign out with the Principal or Deputy Principal. He must then be collected and signed out from the school office.** In particular, where students are unwell, they must be collected from the school.

Are there canteen facilities in the school?

There are canteen facilities in school. Students can also bring a packed lunch each day.

What time is lunch?

Morning break 10:20 – 10:40 am. Lunch 12.40 – 1:20 pm (except Friday)

We look forward to welcoming your son into the College. Keep an eye on our website and Twitter account for regular updates regarding the College. They are www.goodcounselcollege.ie and @GCC_NewRoss, respectively.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any query, no matter how big or small, and we will do our best to answer it.

We look forward to meeting your son, watching him grow and contributing to his new school community. In the meantime, enjoy the summer break, stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. J. O'Connell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'A.' and last name 'O'Connell' clearly distinguishable.

Flag Day 2023



The American bishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, 'Patience is not an absence of action; rather, it is "timing"'. After waiting for almost seven weeks, we finally got the "timing" right! The rain stopped, and the flag was raised on Wednesday, 3 May.

In preparation for Flag Day, 16 March, the committee added seven new flags and welcomed seven new nationalities to our school community. They included Italy, Romania, Latvia, Norway, Croatia, Estonia and Vietnam. John Delaney created a digital 'Welcome' poster, using the flags and languages that represent our students.

On 6 March, Patrick Doran, John Delaney, Conor Folan and Fr. David attended a special Flag Day ceremony in SETU Arena, Waterford, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the raising of the Tricolour at 33 The Mall Waterford. Patrick, John and Conor received our new flag from An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, TD.

Flag Day in the College started on Tuesday, 14 March, when John Delaney introduced the event, its significance and its meaning. Over the course of the next three days Dara Furlong (Ireland), Eimantas Cejauskas (Lithuania), Maurizio Toselli (Italy), Pavao Sinkec (Croatia), Amir Mohamed (Latvia), Francois Rooney (France) and Mohamad AlSari (Syria) introduced their flag, its history and meaning.

On Wednesday 15 March, every student from 1st Year to 4th Year received a special Irish tricolour pin.

On Thursday 16th, we had to cancel our flag raising ceremony due to rain. And so it remained until Wednesday 3 May, when Max Lizon and Francois Rooney finally raised the flag in front of gathering that included Mr. Mark O'Brien, Mr. Aidan O'Brien, Mr. PJ Walsh, members of staff, members of the Student Council, Unitas Leaders and Prefects.

Nicholas Stanczyk did a fine job in his role as master of ceremonies, reminding us of the meaning and significance of the occasion. Cormac Cooper led our musicians, Luke French, Tommy Murphy, Donnchadh Slater and Joe Murphy, in a haunting rendition of 'The Liltin' Banshee'. Cormac Cooper then sang Amhrán na bhFiann, while Max and Francois raised the Tricolour. Everyone present received a copy of the national

anthem, which included a brief history of same as well as the English translation.

Sean Harhen and Eoin MacDonald spoke about the origins of the Tricolour, Thomas Francis Meagher and his significance in Irish History. Robert Curran reminded those gathered 'that the Irish Tricolour remains a statement of intent ... holding aloft our aspiration to be a peaceful country, where people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, genders and sexual orientation, are understood, respected and included'.

Our musicians concluded proceeding with a traditional reel, 'The Trip to Cullenstown'.

A special thank you should go out to Fr. David and to Patrick J. O'Connor, Dara Furlong, Conor Folan and Kacper Wisniewski for doing such a splendid job recording the event.

Finally, the committee would like to thank the staff, the students and in particular, Mr Walker, for his hard work, organisation, and enthusiasm throughout.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.



1st Year Awards

Recently, our 1st Years gathered in the church to acknowledge the completion of their first exams in Good Counsel College. It was a milestone to be marked and reflected on. Tutors took the opportunity to recognise academic achievement and to complement the boys for the effort made by all.

Two boys in each class were presented with awards for their academic achievement. Congratulations to the following.

- **Joey Tobin, Liam Kenneally 1A,**
- **Ruairí O' Dwyer, Seán Furlong 1B,**
- **Lucas O'Leary, Barry Foley 1C,**
- **Seamus Rohan, Oisín Murphy 1D,**
- **Fabien Jacqueline, Oisín Roche 1E.**

We also took the opportunity to celebrate boys who stood out for other reasons. Tutors chose a student from each class they wanted to recognise for their positive contribution to their class. By all accounts, this was a difficult decision. The boys were selected for reasons such as their work ethic, positivity, kindness, and consideration, all of which underpin our values of Unity, Truth & Love. (Unitas, Veritas, Caritas) Congratulations to the boys who were presented with their "Spirit of the Class" award. The recipients were.

- **Jack McCormack 1A,**
- **Mikey White 1B,**
- **Thomas Reville 1C,**
- **Eimatas Cejauskas 1D,**
- **Jack Cullen 1E.**

Well done to each of our 1st Years, who have settled in so well and are already making such a positive contribution to

the college. This has been thanks to the great work being done by Ms Cushen as Year Head, the boys Class Tutors, Ms French (1A), Ms Stafford (1B), Mr Kehoe (1C), Mr Kehoe (1D) , Mr Coffey (1E), each of our UNITAS Leaders and your sons class teachers.

We hope the boys and parents/guardians enjoy the mid-term break and our 1st Years return ready to make a big effort for the final 13 weeks of this school year.



1A with Ms Pauline French



1E with Mr Hugh Coffey



1D with Mr Maurice Kehoe



1C with Mr Padraig Kehoe



1B with Ms Gillian Stafford

5th Year Subject Choice

CLOSING DATE FOR COMPLETION OF SUBJECT CHOICES – FEBRUARY 3rd @ 4pm.

- You must prioritise and chose your subjects, ranked from 1 to 6, using your VShare account.
 - If your son is exempt from Irish, do not chose Geography as an option in your priority. He will be scheduled to study Geography when Irish is on the timetable in 5th year.
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Information distributed at our meeting of current TY parents and parents of those 3rd Year students going directly to 5th Year.

Date: Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm

Venue: College Church

Senior Cycle Subject Choices Booklet

Process of choosing subjects slides.

VShare Subject Choices Help

Presentation from Ms Byrne

Link to Qualifax to investigate specific course requirements.

Link to Curriculum Online for Senior Cycle subject information

On Thursday, February 2nd at 7pm in the College Church, there will be an information evening for the parents/guardians of 3rd Year Students who intend applying for Transition Year.

2nd Year Subject Choice

Meeting of the parents/guardians of current 1st Year Students.

Date: Monday January 23rd, 2023

Venue: College Church

You can click on each of the links below to download information.

Ms Jane Byrne, Guidance Counsellor Presentation

Junior Cycle Subject Choices Booklet

Process of making choices using VShare.

VShare Video Help.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in the college should you have any queries around making choices.