



CABINTEELY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Care, Courage, Support



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Cabinteely Community School is a kind, caring and vibrant learning community which supports the wellbeing and the academic, spiritual and creative growth of every student.

We welcome students of all ethnicities, abilities, genders and faith traditions, as equal members of our community.

We identify with our Ursuline founders and their love of education.

OUR CORE VALUES

Our core values guide our policies, our procedures and how we work with our staff and students. These core values are;

CARE

We all need to belong and be cared for in a safe environment in order to learn.

COURAGE

We show courage by making the right choices and committing to learning.

SUPPORT

We will be the best we can be by working hard and working together.



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*ou will accomplish more
by kind words*

St Angela Merici



*Never stop learning
Because life never stops teaching*

JUNIOR CYCLE PROSPECTUS
CABINTEELY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Welcome
to our
Prospectus



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Deciding on the best school for your child is one of a parent or guardian's most important decisions. You need to feel comfortable about entrusting your child to our school. We work hard to demonstrate that we will care for your child and will challenge your child to be the best that they can be. As a community school, we are committed to working with parents/guardians and the wider community to ensure that our students feel like they belong and are part of a community that cares about them. Here we would like to give you a snapshot of life in Cabinteely Community School to help you make that decision. The first thing to know is that our Core Values are really important to us and we base everything we do on these beliefs. These values are CARE, COURAGE and SUPPORT.

CARE

We work hard to show our students that we care. We do this by providing supports at every step.

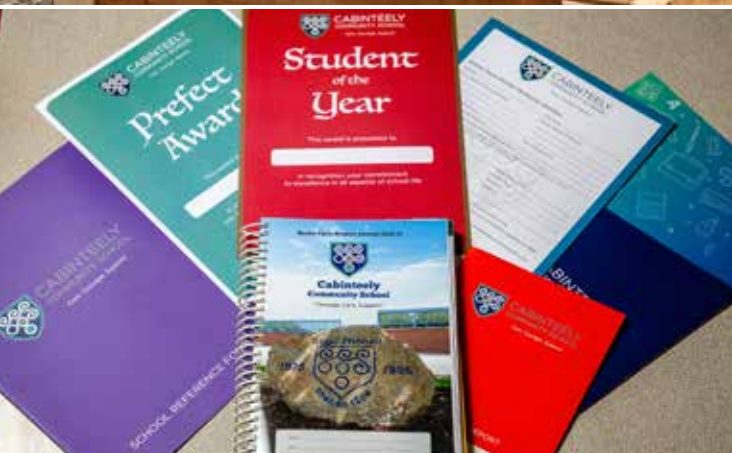
Class Teachers (CTs) are in place to look after each class. They meet students every morning in tutorial and also teach SPHE, CSPE and their own subject to their class. They provide support and advice.

Year Heads are in place to challenge students to do their best academically and socially.

Our Care Team meet every week to focus on students' mental health and wellbeing. The Care Team has two Guidance Counsellors, a Chaplain, a Home School Liaison Teacher, a Behaviour for Learning Teacher, a Special Needs Coordinator as well as the principal and deputy principal.

We have a Meitheal Programme in which every student nominates one adult in the school to be their special contact in good times and bad.

Our 2nd Year Junior Mentors help 1st years with friendly advice about finding their way around school and how to get help if needed. Our Transition Year Senior Mentors help organise activities for younger students. Our 6th Year prefects help to run the school and are excellent role models for all of our students.



COURAGE

We offer a full schedule of core subjects, option subjects and short courses. We work hard to ensure that students choose subjects in which they will excel and enjoy. We assess students using the digital CAT test before 1st year begins and later in 3rd year to provide information on the things students are good at. We track students' progress throughout the three semesters each year. We set house exams and classroom based assessments at the end of Semesters 1 and 3. Throughout Semester 2 students undergo continuous assessment which gives students a chance to show learning through speeches, presentations, artistic displays, digital media and in many other ways.

SUPPORT

We have a very innovative and proactive Special Needs Department which is structured to ensure that highly skilled teachers are assigned to work with students across every year group who are exceptionally able or who need extra support in one or all subjects. The SEN Dept liaises with all staff to share necessary information to support the best quality teaching for all students.

We have extra staff on hand to support students wellbeing and across all aspects of their development. These include the Home School Community Liaison Teacher, two Guidance Counsellors, a Chaplain, a Behaviour for Learning Teacher and we also have the services of the School Completion Programme. We recently opened the Merici Centre for students with Autism and operate a full time Nurture Classroom for students who have experienced interruptions to their learning of some sort or another (see page 36/7).

We ask all students to get involved in activities outside of classes so they can get to know teachers and other students outside of the classroom setting. These activities vary every year and include all kinds of sport, music, fun, computer gaming, board games and art/craft. Club, cookery, craft, chess, draughts, debating and many more.



*T*hings
to know
About
Cabinteely
Community
School



We have 530 students, 50 teachers and 13 SNAs.



We have a cat called Shadow.



*5 technology rooms and 2 artrooms.
We have three secretaries and a caretaker.*



*We have chickens, a polytunnel,
a butterfly garden and a vegetable garden.*





A PE Hall with fully equipped gym

*F*acilities *in* Cabinteely CS



Four computer rooms, Five Science labs, two Home Economics rooms, A library and Nurture Classroom



*One small and One full size astropitch,
One full size pitch, three basketball / tennis courts*

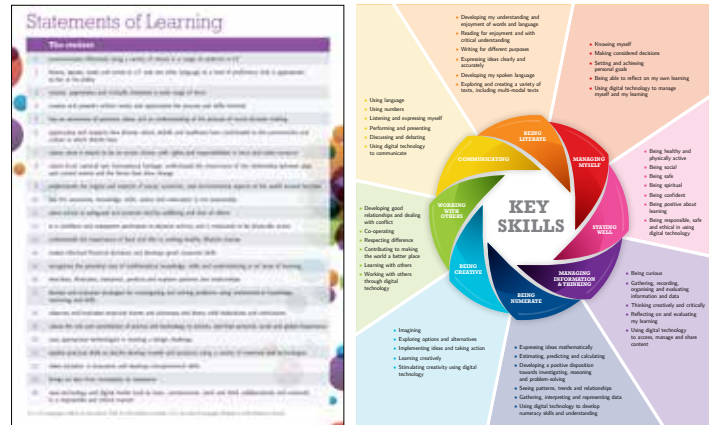




Introduction to Junior Cycle

The Junior Cycle Framework contains 24 statements of learning and eight principles which schools use to plan the programme for Junior Cycle.

The framework aims to develop eight key skills in students.



Students study a mix of subjects and short courses as well trying out other learning experiences. Almost all junior cycle students take courses leading to the Junior Certificate, the State examination taken at the end of the third year of junior cycle, when students are 15 years of age.

ASSESSMENT

Subjects are studied at either Ordinary or Higher Level. Three subjects, Irish, English and Mathematics, can also be studied at Foundation Level. During second and third year, students complete a number of Classroom-Based Assessments.



Junior Cycle Subjects

CORE SUBJECTS

In CCS all students study seven core subjects which are examined in the Junior Certificate state exam:

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Geography
- Religion
- History
- Modern Foreign Language – Spanish, French or Italian

OPTION SUBJECTS

Students choose two options subjects from the following list;

- Visual Art
- Music
- Home Economics
- Applied Technology
- Engineering
- Wood Technology
- Graphics
- Business
- Science

SHORT COURSES

Students also do two short courses. These vary from year to year. They are assessed through Classroom based assessments.

They include;

- Digital Media Literacy
- Coding
- Philosophy
- Artistic Performance

OTHER SUBJECTS

The junior cycle also includes a number of subjects that are not formally assessed through state exams. Non-examination subjects at junior cycle include;

- Physical Education (PE)
- Social Political and Health Education (SPHE)
- Civic Social and Political Education (CSPE)

Wellbeing – the CCS Way

Wellbeing in junior cycle is about young people feeling confident, happy, healthy and connected. We create an environment where wellbeing is priority by creating a caring culture in our school, by ensuring our teaching and learning is top quality, by building high trust relationships between staff and students and by developing policies and procedures which support the health and wellbeing of the whole school community.



*C*ore Subjects At Cabinteely CS

- *English*
- *Irish*
- *Maths*
- *Geography*
- *Religion*
- *History*
- *Modern Foreign Language –
Spanish, French or Italian*



English

English in junior cycle aims to develop students' knowledge of language and literature, to consolidate and deepen their literacy skills and make them more self-aware as learners.

Junior Cycle English focuses on the development of language and literacy in and through the three strands: Oral Language, Reading, and Writing. The learning outcomes for each strand are:

- Communicating as a listener, speaker, reader, writer
- Exploring and using language
- Understanding the content and structure of language



Gaeilge

Junior Cycle Irish builds upon the language developed during primary education. The learner's vocabulary is both reinforced and enriched at this stage and the language skills (listening, speaking, reading, spoken interaction and writing) are further developed.

Students who were exempt from the study of Irish in primary school must provide a copy of their exemption certificate on admission to re-implement the exemption.



Maths

Junior Cycle Maths provides students with access to important mathematical ideas to develop the mathematical knowledge and skills that they will draw on in their personal and work lives.

The specification for junior cycle mathematics focuses on developing students' ability to think logically, strategically, critically, and creatively through the unifying strand and the four contextual strands: Number; Geometry and trigonometry; Algebra and functions; and Statistics and probability.



Religious Education

Junior Cycle Religious Education focuses on developing knowledge, understanding, skills, attitudes and values to enable young people to come to an understanding of religion and its relevance to life, relationships, society and the wider world. The course is built around three interconnecting strands: Expressing Beliefs, Exploring Questions and Living our Values.

Religious Education encourages students to reflect, question, critique, interpret, imagine and find insight for their lives. The students' own experience and continuing search for meaning is encouraged and supported.



History

The study of History is about exploring human experience over time and how that experience has shaped the world we live in today. Studying history develops our historical consciousness, enabling us to orient ourselves in time and to place our experiences in a broader framework of human experience.

The History course has three interconnected strands: Strand 1: The nature of history; Strand 2: The history of Ireland; Strand 3: The history of Europe and the wider world.



Geography

Geography is the study of the Earth's landscapes, peoples, places, and environments. Studying geography enhances students' ability to engage with issues such as sustainable development, economic systems, hazard management and climate change.

The Geography course has three interconnected strands: Exploring the physical world; Exploring how we interact with the physical world; and Exploring people, place, and change, with one overarching concept entitled Geoliteracy.



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

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There are three integrated strands of MFL for Spanish, French and Italian. Students study the five language skills of listening, reading, spoken production, spoken interaction and writing.

Junior Cycle Modern Foreign Languages is organised around three integrated strands

1. Communicative competence
2. Language awareness
3. Socio-cultural knowledge and intercultural awareness.



*O*ption Subjects At Cabinteely CS

- *Visual Art*
- *Music*
- *Home Economics*
- *Applied Technology*
- *Engineering*
- *Wood Technology*
- *Graphics*
- *Business*
- *Science*



Engineering

Engineering focuses on goal-oriented problem solving for the manufacture of products, with emphasis on efficiency, accuracy, precision and a high quality finish. This project-based approach to junior cycle Engineering requires students to develop a knowledge of materials and processes. Students get the opportunity to behave as engineers, and develop an engineering mindset.

There are three interconnected contextual strands: Processes and principles, Design application and Mechatronics.

In the Junior Cycle, students have access to four technology subjects:



Wood Technology

In Wood Technology, students explore the natural and made world through the medium of design, seeking out opportunities to creatively and innovatively apply the material/resource in making and shaping their environment. Wood Technology focuses on developing students' understanding of, and skills in, the applications and impact of using wood as a resource. This is achieved through three interconnected contextual strands: Principles and practices, Design thinking and Wood science and materials.



Graphics

Graphics underpins all of the technology subjects and is transferable across a wide range of subjects such as mathematics, science and art. Throughout the course, students explore the geometric world to gain an appreciation of the importance of graphics in the world around them. They develop cognitive and practical skills both physically and through the use of computer-aided design.

Accurate technical drawings are essential in the design and manufacture of components and artefacts.

Engineering, Wood Technology, Graphics and Applied Technology



Applied Technology

Applied Technology focuses on developing students' understanding of, and skills in, the application and impact of technologies in the world around them. This is achieved through three inter-connected contextual strands: Principles and practices, Energy and control and Technology and society.



Visual Art

Visual Art is a subject that promotes teaching and learning through art, craft and design. Visual Art also recognises and rewards a number of different forms of intelligence, including emotional intelligence; it develops personal qualities of expression and empathy.

Students are enabled to progressively improve their skills as an artist/craftsperson/designer in a space that is safe for them to explore ideas and diverse processes both creatively and imaginatively. This can be achieved through the interconnected strands of art, craft and design.



Music

With music, students can immerse themselves intellectually, emotionally, physically and kinaesthetically in the learning experience. Junior Cycle Music focuses on giving students the opportunity to develop their musical knowledge, skills and cultural awareness through the practical and cognitive engagement with music.

This can be achieved through the three interconnected strands: Procedural knowledge, Innovate and ideate and Culture and context.



Business Studies

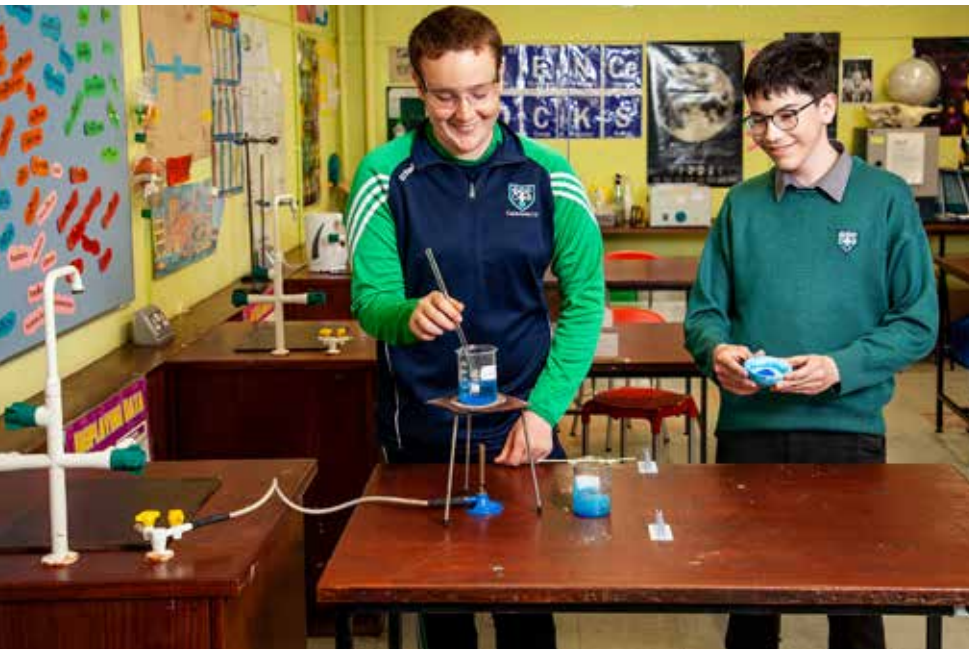
Business Studies at Junior Cycle focuses on improving students' understanding of the business environment and on developing skills for life, work and further study through the three inter-connected strands: Personal Finance, Enterprise and Our Economy.

It aims to stimulate students' interest in the business environment and how they interact with it.



Home Economics

Junior Cycle Home Economics develops the knowledge, understanding, skills and values necessary to achieve optimal, healthy and sustainable living for every person as an individual, and as a member of families and society. It is studied through three interconnected strands: Food, Health and Culinary Skills; Responsible Family Living; and, Textiles and Craft.



Science

The junior cycle science course focuses on the development of students' knowledge of and about science through the unifying strand, Nature of science, and the four contextual strands: Physical world, Chemical world, Biological world, and Earth and space.

“There is a new focus given the subject which aims to promote greater engagement and thinking about how science works; carrying out investigations, communicating in science and the role and contribution of science and scientists to society”.



*S*hort Courses At Cabinteely CS

- *Digital Media Literacy*
- *Coding*
- *Philosophy*
- *Artistic Performance*
- *Physical Education (PE)*
- *Social Political and Health Education (SPHE)*
- *Civic Social and Political Education (CSPE)*



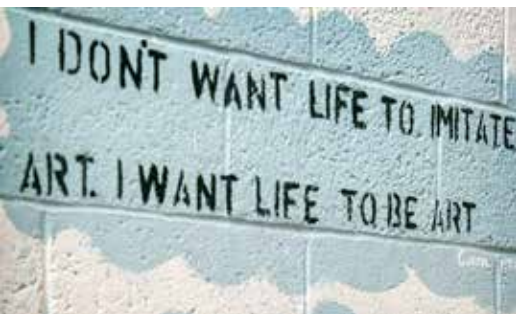
Digital Media Literacy (DML)

Creating and sharing media in a digital environment has become an increasingly important feature of how young people communicate and engage with each other and with the wider world. Through studying this digital media literacy short course, students learn to use digital technology to engage in self-directed enquiry, to discriminate between multiple sources of information and to participate safely and effectively online environment.



Coding

Understanding how computer hardware and software operate and relate to everyday life is an important area of learning for students. Problem solving and computational thinking skills are developed in this course as students create software projects using their own ideas and imagination. The course offers insight into possible future studies in computer science and software engineering.



Philosophy

This introduction to philosophy aims to engage students in philosophical enquiry and dialogue about life's big questions and to develop critical, creative, collaborative, caring thinkers.

There is a strong focus on students doing philosophy as well as learning about some of the big thinkers, past and present, who have grappled with life's big questions.



Artistic Performance

This short course in artistic performance aims to engage students in artistic practices with others, by offering a structure that can be used to facilitate collaborative and individual imaginative and creative initiatives, leading to a group performance. The course is structured around three strands: Experiencing the arts, Planning and preparing and Participation and performance.



Social Personal Health Education (SPHE)

This short course in the school's Wellbeing programme in junior cycle, students have a dedicated space and time to learn about themselves, caring for themselves and others and making informed decisions for their health and wellbeing. There are four strands, each one focusing on learning in different but related areas of SPHE: Who am I?, Minding myself and others, Team up, and My mental health.



Civic Social Political Education (CSPE)

This short course is built around three strands; rights and responsibilities, global citizenship and exploring democracy. There is a strong focus on student action aimed at giving students an experience of active citizenship. CSPE is an important part of a wellbeing programme within junior cycle as it enables students to feel connected to and take responsibility for the wellbeing of others. It also develops students' confidence, agency and engagement which are important characteristics of student wellbeing.



Physical Education

There are four strands, each one focusing on learning in different physical activity areas: Physical activity for health and wellbeing, Games, Individual and team challenges, Dance and Gymnastics. This short course in PE contributes to the Wellbeing programme by providing learning experiences which support students in being better able and more motivated to include regular physical activity in their lives, thereby contributing to their overall wellbeing.



E *xtra* *Supports* *At* *Cabinteely* *CS*

- *Merici Centre*
- *Nurture Classroom*
- *Friendship Room*
- *Guidance Counsellors*
- *Chaplain*
- *Home School Community Liaison Teacher*
- *Behaviour for Learning Teacher*



Merici Centre

In our Merici Centre, we support students with Autism. Based in a temporary building, we will soon move into our purpose built centre. Our students in the Merici Centre are dual enrolled in the year group appropriate to their age and there is a high level of interaction amongst the students.

Nurture Classroom

The Nurture Classroom is a programme which allows us the chance to approach school at a different pace. The Nurture group provides a balance of nurture and structure to a small group of students at different times throughout the school year.

Friendship Room

The Friendship Room is a comfortable space with couches and tables where students can come and play board games or interact with students in their year group or read quietly at lunchtimes. Each year group has a day in the week to come and spend time in the Friendship Room to make new friends or meet existing pals.





Guidance Counsellors

CCS have two Guidance Counsellors who provide an area for students to visit to discuss future plans to share worries or concerns about school life in a confidential environment. The Guidance Counsellors host a Careers Fair each year and have a wealth of information and links to companies and colleges in the area where our students may wish to study, to gain work experience or to find employment.

Behaviour for Learning

Our Behaviour for Learning Teacher works with individual or small groups of students who may find the school day difficult. The teacher assesses students' progress and in tandem with the Special Needs Coordinator, works to find suitable programmes for the students to support them to manage school and social interactions better.

HSCL

The Home School Community Liaison Teacher creates links between the home and the school by visiting families and providing practical supports and liaising with community groups to give extra support to parents, guardians or students who need it. The HSCL teacher organises trips for parents to various places of interest in Dublin and hosts coffee mornings for parents/guardians of students in each year group.



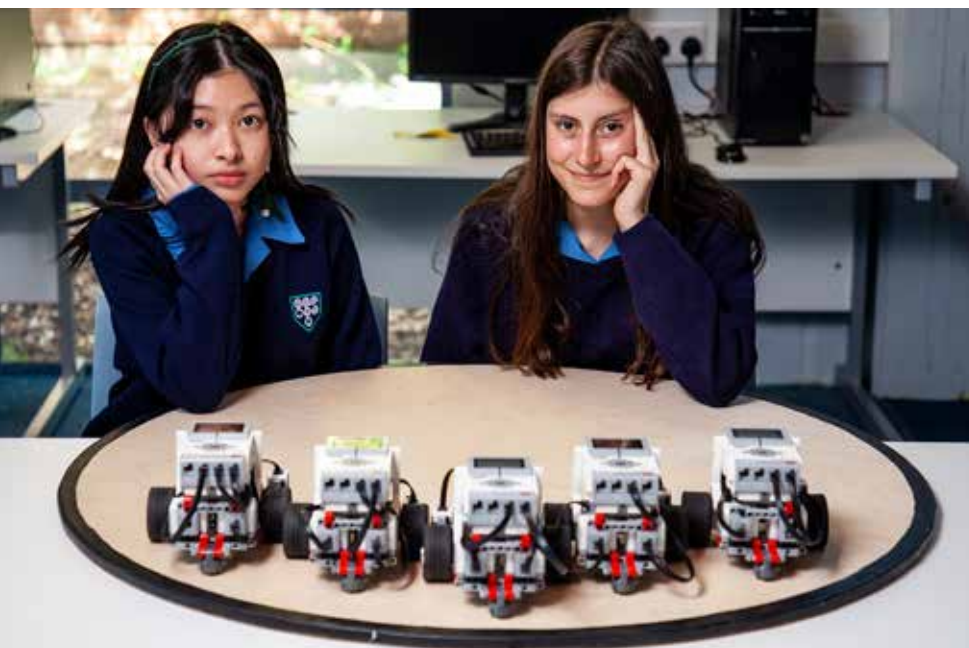
Chaplain

Our Chaplain's role is to be a listening ear for students who can make appointments to visit for chats or to offload a little. He also works with students to organise school events and the Student Council, ensuring the students always have a voice in our school. The Chaplain works with our Student Representative Council, a group which represents students in each year group, to give a voice to all students in CCS.



School Completion Programme

CCS is one of seven schools in the local School Completion Programme Cluster. The SCP Team work hard to liaise with families and with students who are struggling with attending school or managing school life by organising activities such as Health Fun and Fitness for all 1st years after school one day a week. They also organise trips and events for students to encourage participation in school and in social activities.



Extra Curricular Activities

These activities vary each year and have included;

SPORTS - football, soccer, hurling, camogie, running, boxing, athletics, basketball, volleyball, handball, tag rugby, badminton

MUSIC – choir, the musical, dance, Ukelele, Emmanuel Competition, Christmas Recital

ART – Art Club, Craft Club

Horticulture, Gardening Club, Green Schools Committee, Care of our chickens (Ginger, Mocha and Pepper), Butterfly Garden, Gaisce Competition, Debating and Public Speaking Competitions

ICT - Robotics, Lego, Coding

COOKERY – Christmas Cake competition, bake sales for charity

SCIENCE – SciFest, Young Scientist Competition

Dance, Junk Couture, Hair and Beauty



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