



COLÁISTE FEIRSTE

Pobal Gaeilge a fhorbairt fríd:
Scoth an Oideachais Lán Ghaeilge



Focal ón Phríomhoide

A Word from the Principal

Is mór an pléisiúr dom an Réamheolaire seo a chur i do láthair. Sna leathanaigh seo a leanas gheobhaidh tú blas beag de shaibhreas agus d'éagsúlacht thaithí an dalta ar Choláiste Feirste.

Cruthaíonn an Ghaeilge timpeallacht foghlama cumhachtach dár ndaltaí. Maidir le torthaí acadúla, cuireann muid síneadh ar na daltaí a bhfuil bua acadúil acu agus gnóthaíonn siad gráid A* go rialta i réimse leathan ábhar. Trínár n-Ionad Tacaíochta Foghlama nuálach tugann muid tacaíocht chuí do dhaltaí a bhfuil dua ar leith acu le go ngnóthódh siad thar a bpoitéinseal. Tá 4 shainseomraí Cumarsáide Sóisialta againn do dhaltaí ar an speictrim uathachais. Agus, ag brath ar líon na sainmhúinteoirí atá againn, is aidhm linn curaclam an-leathan a chur ar fáil le freastal ar riachtanais, ábaltachtaí agus suimeanna gach uile dhalta. Dá bhrí seo, tagann mórchuid na ndaltaí ar ais sa tSéú Foirm, ag fanacht sa chóras oideachais agus á n-ullmhú don staidéar tríú leibhéal.

Cad chuige a bhfuil an oiread sin ratha ar Choláiste Feirste? Mar go bhfreastalaíonn muid ar gach páiste mar dhuine aonair; mar go bhfuil foireann dhúthrachtach le hardscileanna againn; mar go bhfuil córas tréadchúraim agus tacaíochta pearsanta éifeachtach againn; mar gur pobal scoile sona sásta sinn. Thar gach ní eile tá eispéaras oideachasúil den

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to our school Prospectus. Within these pages you will get a flavour of how rich and varied the pupil experience is at Coláiste Feirste.

The Irish language creates a powerful learning environment for our pupils. In terms of academic results, we stretch and challenge our academically gifted pupils to achieve A* grades in a range of subjects. We support pupils with particular difficulties through our innovative Learning Support Centre to achieve beyond their potential. We have established 4 Social Communication classrooms for pupils on the autistic spectrum. And, depending on the availability of subject specialists, we aim to provide an extensive curriculum to meet the needs, abilities and interests of each individual pupil. As a result, most pupils return into Sixth Form, remaining in the education system and being prepared for successful third-level study.

Why is Coláiste Feirste so successful? Because we meet the needs of each child as an individual; because we have a dedicated and highly skilled staff; because we have an excellent pastoral and personal support system; because we have a happy school community. Above all we offer an excellent educational experience at Coláiste Feirste because we have a strong Irish language ethos which inspires young people to believe



scoth ar Choláiste Feirste mar go bhfuil sainmheon Gaeilge go smior ionainn a spreagann ár ndaoine óga creidbheáil iontu féin mar Ghaeil agus gnóthú dá réir.

Gnóthaíonn ár gcuid daltaí go hacadúil. Ach gnóthaíonn siad fosta sa spórt, sa drámaíocht, san ealaín agus sa cheol. Gnóthaíonn siad sna himeachtaí seach-churaclaim éagsúla. Fásann siad go pearsanta agus go sóisialta i dtimpeallacht shábháilte bunaithe ar chaidrimh shona láidre. Imíonn siad amach sa tsaoil le gnóthú i réimse gairmeacha agus slite beatha. Tugann siad leo na tréithe a chothaigh siad ar Choláiste Feirste, féinmhuinín, misneach, dearcadh pobail agus líofacht sa Ghaeilge. Seo an fhís atá againn don pháiste s'agatsa.

Leanann Coláiste Feirste den fhás, den tsíorfheabhsú, den nuálú. Tá aistear corraitheach romhainn don chéad seacht mbliana eile. Tugaim cuireadh duit bheith linn.

Mícheál Mac Giolla Ghunna
Príomhoide

in themselves as proud young Gaels and to achieve accordingly.

Our pupils achieve academically. But they also achieve in sport, drama, art and music. They achieve in the varied extra-curricular activities. They grow personally and socially in a safe environment built on strong happy relationships. They go on to achieve beyond school in a wide variety of professions and walks of life. These are bright, successful young people, taking with them the Coláiste Feirste qualities: a self-belief, a sense of community and a fluency in the Irish language. This is what we wish for your child.

Coláiste Feirste continues to grow, to improve, to innovate. The next seven years will be an exciting journey. We invite you to join us.

Mícheál Mac Giolla Ghunna
Principal



Luath Fhorbairt Ghairme
Early Professional Development



Foireann Cheannaireacht Sinsearach
School Leadership Team

Ceannaireacht don tsíorfheabhsú Leadership for Continuous Improvement

Ó bunaíodh i 1991 é, d'fhás agus d'fhorbair Coláiste Feirste as cuimse. Tháinig méadú suntasach ar líon na ndaltaí, líon na foirne, ar an tsoláthar curaclaim, ar acmhainní agus áiseanna. Sa lá atá inniu ann, tá an scoil suite i gcroílár na Ceathrún Gaeltachta i mBéal Feirste, go fisiciúil agus go meonach. Tá foireann mhór ardcháilithe de 76 mhúinteoirí ann agus corradh le 1000 dalta ag teacht ó 11 bhunscoil i mórcheantar Bhéal Feirste.

Leantar den tsíorfhorbairt seo i rith an ama. Fuair muid infheistíocht chun áiseanna teagaisc agus spóirt den chéad scoth a thógáil. Cuireann na háiseanna seo leis na deiseanna oideachasúla is féidir linn a thairiscint do dhéagóirí na Gaelscolaíochta. Cheadaigh an Roinn Oideachais moladh forbartha don scoil i mí na Nollag 2020 chun cur leis an líon iontrála scoile agus tugadh cóiríocht bhreise dúinn mar gheall air seo. Chuir muid soláthar ar leith ar bun do dhaltai Bhliain 8 in 2024 chun an t-aistriú scoile a éascú. De bharr an fháis thapaigh i líon na ndaltaí áfach, ní leor na háiseanna iontacha seo le freastal ar riachtanais na ndaltaí. Leanann muid linn ag éileamh tuilleadh áiseanna don fhadtréimhse. Tá muid anois ag cuartú áit i dtuaisceart Bhéal Feirste chun soláthar iar-bhunscolaíochta eile a chur ar bun.

Since its establishment in 1991 Coláiste Feirste has expanded and developed at an amazing rate. Its pupil numbers, teaching staff, curriculum offer, resources and facilities have all grown and blossomed. Today the school is situated at the heart of Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter both physically and conceptually. There is a large complement of 76 highly qualified and enthusiastic teachers and over 1000 pupils drawn from the 11 bunscoil in the greater Belfast area. This constant development continues. Having acquired capital investment from the Department of Education, we now have excellent teaching and sports' facilities.

This has extended further the range of opportunities Coláiste Feirste offers to Gaelscoil children. In 2020 DE approved a further development proposal to increase school enrolment numbers and expand facilities further. We received some extra accommodation facilities in 2024 which we have used to create a bespoke Year 8 provision. However, as demand for pupil places continues to grow rapidly, these excellent facilities do not accommodate pupils' requirements adequately. Therefore, we continue to fight for further facilities to meet our pupils' requirements in the longer-term. We are also seeking a site in north Belfast to develop a provision of Coláiste Feirste there.

Is iomaí dúshlán agus roinnt fadhbanna ar an aistear seo. Sháraigh muid iad mar gheall ar ár gcreidbheáil phaiseanta i mbuntáistí an Ghaeloideachais agus mar gheall ar chaighdeán na ceannasaíochta i bpobal na scoile – ó thuismitheoirí agus daltaí, ó mhúinteoirí agus gobharnóirí scoile. Chuir Coláiste Feirste infheistíocht mhór isteach go háirithe i gceannaireacht sinsearach scoile a ghlacann cur chuige nuálach leis an oideachas, a fhorbraíonn oideolaíocht lánGhaeilge agus a thugann faoi thosaíochtaí straitéiseacha soiléire a chuirfidh feabhsú ar eispéaras agus ar thorthaí oideachasúla na ndaltaí – próiseas síorfheabhsaithe, ó théarma go téarma, ó bhliain go bliain.

Cinntoidh an cumas ceannaireachta seo go leanfaidh Coláiste Feirste den tsíordhul chun cinn go ceann na mblianta seo chugainn le freastal go héifeachtach ar riachtanais agus uailmhianta éagsúla ár ndaoine óga.

There have been many challenges and a few setbacks along the way. These have been overcome by the passionate belief in the benefits of Irish-medium education and by the quality of leadership within the school community – from parents and pupils to teachers and school governors. In particular, Coláiste Feirste has invested heavily in senior leadership capacity in the school which takes an innovative approach to education, develops Irish-medium pedagogy and focuses on clear strategic priorities which will improve the educational experience and outcomes for pupils – a process of constant improvement, term by term, year by year.

This leadership capacity will ensure that Coláiste Feirste continues to move forward in the coming years to meet varied needs and aspirations of our young people.



Labhraíonn príomhoide, Micheál Mac Giolla Ghunna le hionadaithe ó Ghaelcheannairí Bhliain 12.
Principal, Micheál Mac Giolla Ghunna hears from Year 12 Gael Prefects.

Sainmheon Cumhachtach Bríomhar

A Dynamic & Expanding Ethos

Is í príomhaidhm Choláiste Feirste an réimse is leithne iar-bhunoideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge a sholáthar agus barr feabhais a bhaint amach i ngach gné den obair sin. Is é ár ráiteas misin: “Scoth an oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge”. Tá blianta fada de thaithí ag an scoil ar an iar-bhunscolaíocht lán-Ghaeilge a chur ar fáil a thugann dár gcuid daltaí na scileanna sóisialta, intleachtúla agus teicniúla a chuideoidh leo bheith ina ndaoine fásta dea-oilte agus geanúla. Spreagann muid ár gcuid daltaí le haithint gur oidhreacht bheo luachmhar í a dteanga agus a gcultúr as a dtig leo pléisiúr agus sásamh a bhaint aisti. Cothaíonn muid eolas, caoinfhulaingt agus meas iontu fosta i leith traidisiúin, dearcaidh agus stíleanna beatha daoine eile.

Is scoil ilchumais, chomhoideachais, ionchuimsitheach í Coláiste Feirste. Cothaíonn muid muinín agus cinnteacht sna daltaí i dtaca lena bhféiniúlacht agus lena sainchultúr féin de. Féachann foireann na scoile le daoine óga a chothú a mbeidh páirt ghníomhach éifeachtach fhorásach acu inár bpobal féin agus sa tsochaí trí chéile. Is aidhm linn luachanna a chothú iontu a chuirfidh ar a gcumas bheith rannpháirteach mar thuismitheoirí, mar oibrithe, mar cheannairí agus mar shaoránaigh ghníomhacha sa tsochaí san am atá le teacht. Ar ndóighe, spreagtar a lán acu bheith ina saoránaigh gníomhacha agus ceannairí i bpobal Gaeilge bríomhar, ag fíorú fíis Choláiste Feirste agus na Gaelscolaíochta.

Coláiste Feirste aims to provide post primary education of the highest quality through the medium of the Irish language and is committed to excellence in every aspect of this work. Our mission statement is “Scoth an oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge” – “the best of education through the medium of Irish”. The school has many years of experience in this field and offers an educational experience which develops the social, intellectual and technical skills of the young people in our care. Their education in Coláiste Feirste enables pupils to become fulfilled and caring adults, and it encourages them to see their language and culture as a valuable and living heritage from which they can derive pleasure and satisfaction, while at the same time making them aware, tolerant and appreciative of other traditions, views and lifestyles.

Coláiste Feirste is a co-educational, all-ability, inclusive school and as such it embraces tolerance and welcomes diversity. The school seeks to cultivate confidence and self-assertiveness in its pupils allowing them to express fully their own identity and culture. Our staff seeks to foster young people who will in the future play active, constructive, progressive roles in our community and in society as a whole. We aim to instil in them the values necessary to be responsible parents, workers, leaders and contributing members of society in the future. Indeed, many of them are motivated to become active and leading citizens in a vibrant Irish language community, fulfilling the vision of Coláiste Feirste and the Gaelscoil movement.



Bítear ag súil leis an chuid is fearr den dea-iompar ó dhaltai laistigh agus lasmuigh den scoil agus go mbeidh meas acu orthu féin agus ar dhaoine eile. Bítear ag súil go gcaithfidh siad culaith Choláiste Feirste le bród agus go mbeidh siad feistithe mar ba chóir.

Soláthraíonn Coláiste Feirste seirbhís oideachais a chuireann ar chumas na ndaltaí eolas, éispéiris, cáilíochtaí agus scileanna riachtanacha saoil a bhaint amach. Creideann muid go bhfuil sé ar chumas gach dalta a (h)acmhainneacht iomlán a bhaint amach maidir le forbairt shóisialta, phearsanta agus oideachasúil. Dar linn go bhfuil an dalta, na tuismitheoirí, na múinteoirí agus foireann bhainistíochta na scoile comhfhreagrach as an sprioc seo a bhaint amach agus go gcaithfidh siad comhoibriú lena chéile leis sin a dhéanamh.

Bítear ag súil le tuismitheoirí tacaíocht a thabhairt do shainmheon na scoile agus cuidiú leis na múinteoirí aidhmeanna na scoile a chaomhnú.

Exemplary conduct is encouraged and expected of the pupils both inside and outside of the school. They are expected to have respect for themselves and for others. They are expected to wear their school uniform with pride.

Our school endeavours to provide an educational service which enables pupils to obtain qualifications, knowledge, experiences and necessary life skills. We believe that every pupil has the ability to reach his/her full potential with regard to social, personal and educational development. We believe that the pupil, parents, teachers and school management are collectively responsible for this aim and must work together to achieve it.

We expect that parents will support and assist the teachers in upholding the aims and ethos of the school.



Foireann Ceannaireachta Scoile <i>School Leadership Team</i>	Ról
Micheál Mac Giolla Ghunna	Príomhoide <i>Principal</i>
Danielle Ní Riabhaigh	Leas-Phríomhoide Curaclaim <i>Vice-Principal Curriculum</i>
Emer Mhic an Fhailí	Leas-Phríomhoide Tréadchúraim <i>Vice-Principal Pastoral Care</i>
Mary Uí Dhaimhín	CoRSO /SENCO
Wayne Pickering	Bainisteoir Tréadchúraim/Eochairchéim 3 <i>Pastoral and /Key Stage 3 Manager</i> Leas-Phríomhoide Gníomhach Tréadchúraim <i>Acting Vice-Principal Pastoral Care</i>
Daithí Ó hAnluain	Bainisteoir Curaclaim/Eochairchéim 4 <i>Curriculum and Key Stage 4 Manager</i>
Domhnall Ó Néill	Bainisteoir Curaclaim/Eochairchéim 5 <i>Curriculum and Key Stage 5 Manager</i> Leas-Phríomhoide Gníomhach Curaclaim <i>Acting Vice-Principal Curriculum</i>
Brónach Uí Mhurchú	Bainisteoir um Fhoghlaim agus Forbairt Ghairme <i>Senior Manager for Learning and Staff Development</i>

Múinteoir	Ábhar	Ról Ceannaireachta
Rónán Ó Scolláin	Tíreolaíocht Gaisce	Ceann Bliana/ <i>Year Head</i>
Tigernach Ní Chasaide	Tíreolaíocht	Comhordaitheoir um Oideachas Comhroinnte/ <i>Coordinator Shared Education Project</i>
Ciarán Mac Cana	Tíreolaíocht	
Séamas Mac Colaim	Mata	Ceann Bliana/ <i>Year Head</i>
Alana Nic an Bhaird	Mata	Oifigeach Clúdaigh agus Cláir ama/ <i>Timetable and Cover Officer</i>
Emmett Ó Garmaile	Mata	<i>Ceann Roinne Mata/HoD Maths</i>
Pádraig Ó Preith	Mata/TFC	

Múinteoir	Ábhar	Ról Ceannaireachta
Cathal Mac Seáin	Béarla	Ceann Ábhair Béarla/ <i>HoD English</i>
Niamh Nic Giolla Rua	Béarla	
Niamh Nic Cailín	Béarla	Ceann Bliana/ <i>Year Head</i>
Ciara Nic Fhail	Béarla	Ceann Bliana/ <i>Year Head</i>
Alex Nic Néighill	Béarla	Leas CB/ <i>Deputy HoY</i>
Molly Nic Ghib	Béarla	
Caitríona Ní Chorráin	Béarla	
Brónagh Nic Ainmhire	Béarla	
Pádraig Mag Riabhaigh	Stair	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i>
Roibeard Mac Siacais	Stair	
Seán Ó hEacháin	Gaeilge	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i> Comhordaitheoir Scoileanna Sínte/ <i>Extended Schools Co-ordinator</i>
Mairsile Nic Cába	Gaeilge	Leas-ChoRSO/ <i>Deputy SENCo</i>
Aislín Ní Choinn	Gaeilge/FSO	Ceann Bliana/ <i>Year Head</i>
Máirín Ní Laifeartaigh	Gaeilge	
Líosa Uí Chuaig	Gaeilge	
Tania Ní Dhoibhilin	Gaeilge	
Ciarán Mag Aoidh	Corpoideachas	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i>
Pádraig Mac Giolla Bhríde	Corpoideachas	Comhordaitheoir Spórt/ <i>Sports Co-ordinator</i>
Máire Ní Mhaolchallan	Corpoideachas	
Máighréad Mhic Uait	Corpoideachas	
Róisín Nic Giolla Bhríde	Ealaín	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i>
Cárágh Ní Cholmáin	Ealaín	
Lauren Ní Fhairchloiche	Ealaín/EIG	
Brónagh Nic an Lia	Eacnamaíocht Baile Cúram Sláinte	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i>
Córa Ní Dhonghaile	Eacnamaíocht Baile	

Múinteoir	Ábhar	Ról Ceannaireachta
Eithne Nic an Bheatha	FSO Cúram Sláinte	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i> Leas CB/ <i>Deputy HoY</i>
Beth Ní Mhuirí	Cúram Sláinte/FSO	
Stephanie Uí Eachaidh	Drámaíocht	Ceann Bliana/ <i>Year Head</i>
Caoimhín Mac Colaim	Eolaíocht	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i>
Shannon Ní Choinn	Eolaíocht	Leas CB/ <i>Deputy HoY</i>
Pádraig de Cléir	Eolaíocht	Comhordaitheoir TEIM / <i>STEM Co-ordinator</i>
Eoghan Ó Néill	Taisteal agus Turasóireacht SMUB	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i>
Chloe Nic Donaill	Gnó	
Aodhán Ó Donnghaile	TFC/Teicneolaíocht	
Dara Mac Coille	TFC	
Siobhán Mhic Giolla Eáin	Spáinnis Ceol	Ceann Ábhair/ <i>HoD</i> <i>Oifigeach CP/Child Protection Officer</i>
Gráinne Nic Giolla	Spáinnis/Ceol	Comhordaitheoir Ceoil/ <i>Music Coordinator</i>
Cara Ni Thréinir	Fraincis	
Angela Nic Conmhaoil	Teicneolaíocht/Mata	
Damien Mac Tiarnáin	Teicneolaíocht	
Róisín Nic Ardail	Béarla	
Clare Ní Braonáin	Mata	
Tierna Ní Néill	Stair	
Ciara Ní hÁgáin	Gaeilge	
Muireann Ní Bhaoill	Ginearálta (Ceol)	
Lee Mac Aonghusa	Ginearálta	
Caoimhe Nic Sheáin	Eolaíocht	
Caitriona Ní Chorráin	Eacnamaíocht Baile	
Amy Nic Aibhistín	Béarla	
Seán Óg Ó Fiaich	Ginearálta	

Múinteoir	Ábhar	Ról Ceannaireachta
Nikeisha Nic Shiúlaí	Ginearálta	
Garaí Mac Roibeaird	Mata	
Gráinne Ní hÍr	Corpoideachas	
Bríd Nic Roibeaird	EIG	
Clare Ní Braonáin	Mata	
Tierna Ní Néill	Stair	
Ciara Ní hÁgáin	Gaeilge	
Muireann Ní Bhaoill	Ginearálta (Ceol)	
Lee Mac Aonghusa	Ginearálta	
Caoimhe Nic Sheáin	Eolaíocht	
Caitriona Ní Chorráin	Eacnamaíocht Baile	
Amy Nic Aibhistín	Béarla	
Seán Óg Ó Fiaich	Ginearálta	

Tacaíocht Foghlama		
Múinteoir	Ábhar	Ról Ceannaireachta
Fionntán Ó Mealláin		Comhordaitheoir Uimhearthachta/ <i>Numeracy Coordinator</i>
Ciarán Ó Dochartaigh		
Noelle Ní Bhraonáin		
Maura Mhic Ionnrachtaigh	Nead	Soláthar Speisialta/ <i>Specialist Provision</i>
Moya Mhig Uidhir	Nead	Soláthar Speisialta/ <i>Specialist Provision</i>
Jase Nic Shim	Nead	Soláthar Speisialta/ <i>Specialist Provision</i>
Kerrie Mhic Thaidhg	Nead	Soláthar Speisialta/ <i>Specialist Provision</i>

Foireann Neamhtheagaisc/Non-Teaching Staff

Caoimhe Uí Dhomhnaill	Sparánaí/ <i>Bursar</i>	
Ciara Ní Chatháin	Leabharlannaí/ <i>Librarian</i>	
Julie Ní hAodha	Oifigeach Scrúduithe/ <i>Examinations Officer</i>	
Caitriona Nic an Bheatha	Oifigeach Tacaíochta Dalta/ <i>Pupil Support Officer</i>	
Aisling Ní Chonmhaoil	Oifigeach Tacaíochta Dalta/ <i>Pupil Support Officer</i>	
Seán Mistéil	Bainisteoir na Spórtlainne/ <i>Spórtlann Manager</i>	
Micheál Mac Siacais	Oifigeach Tionscadail GaelStair/ <i>GaelStair Development Officer</i>	
Joe Mac an Fhailí	Comhordaitheoir GaelBheo/ <i>Coordinator GaelBheo</i>	
Foireann Riaracháin/ <i>Admin Staff</i>	Teicneoirí/ <i>Technicians</i>	An Fhoireann Airíoch/ <i>Building Supervisory Staff</i>
Zoie Nic Amhaláí Róisín Mhic Sheáin Connie Nic Riada Bríd Ní Choisdeala Séamas Mac Giolla Domhnaigh	Rachel Nic Cailín Oisín Ó Scollaí Sorcha Uí Ghormlaidhe Daithí Ó Maoildeirg Daithí Ó Gormáin	James Ó Muireagáin Ciarán Ó Fearaigh Seán Mac an Bheatha Eoin Ó Ruanaidh

Cúntóirí Foghlama agus Teagaisc/Teaching and Learning Assistants

Aidan MacTréinir	Bronagh Ní Chrothair
Áine Ní Cheallaigh	Caitriona Nic An Bheatha
Áine Ní Eacháin	Cathal Mac Giolla Eoin
Aisling Nic Conmhaoil	Christina Ní Fhearaíl
Aislinn-Rose Bhreathnach	Ciarán Ó Crothair
Aoife Ní Mhuirigh	Clár Nic Ionrachtaigh
Aoife Nic Giolla Eoin	Conchúr Mac Eoghain
Barra Mac Seáin	Éadaoin Nic an Déaganaigh
Brónach Nic Aodhagáin	Erin Nic Fhionnlaoich
Gearóid Mac Aonghasa	Jude Mac Íomhair
Kathy Ní Chonaill	Katie Rose Miach
Kirsty Ní Ruanaidh	Lauren Nic Cailín

Cúntóirí Foghlama agus Teagaisc/Teaching and Learning Assistants

Léann Mhic Alastair	Pádraig Mac Riada
Lúcás Ó Miadán	Pearse Ó Ruanaidh
Luíseach Ní Mhuirigh-Sadlier	Pól Mac Gabhann
Micheál Ó Dálaigh	Rachael Nic Eoghain
Nichola Ní Dhualainne	Róise Adams Walsh
Óisín Mac Crabhagáin	Ryan-Pól Ó Ceallacháin
Seamus Mac Dónaill	Seán Mac An Bheatha
Sean Ó Ceallaigh	Seán Ó Fearáin
Tiernán Mac Daibhí	Toni-Leigh Ní Fhionnagáin



An Ghaeilge i bhfeidhm

Gaeilge in practice

D'eascair Coláiste Feirste as bunú Ghaeltacht uirbeach Bhóthar Seoighe agus forbairt na Gaelscolaíochta i mBéal Feirste chun an pobal Gaeltachta sin a chothú agus a fhorbairt. Is í ár bhfís go leanfaidh muid de chothú agus forbairt an phobail seo fríd ghlúnta nua de Ghaeilgeoirí óga dea-oilte. Is mian le Coláiste Feirste cuidiú leis na daltaí a bhféiniúlacht agus a gcultúr saineiúil féin a thuigbheáil agus a cheiliúradh agus tá sainmheon Gaelach na scoile lárnach san aidhm seo. Is scoil lán-Ghaeilge é Coláiste Feirste, is í an Ghaeilge an uirlis is tábhachtaí i gcuid oideachais na ndaltaí. Caithfidh siad a gcuid féin a dhéanamh den Ghaeilge le linn a saoil scoile chun barr maise a chur ar a gcuid oideachais agus chun cur le foghlaim na ndaltaí eile. Cothaíonn an Coláiste timpeallacht chuí agus cuireann sé imeachtaí ar siúl chun na daltaí a spreagadh le bheith ag labhairt na Gaeilge.

Tá an scoil ag dúil le tuismitheoirí tacú linn chun meon Gaelach a spreagadh agus a dhaingniú sna daltaí agus cur ina luí orthu a thábhachtaí atá riail agus stádas na Gaeilge sa Choláiste.



Coláiste Feirste has its roots in the establishment of the Shaw's Road urban Gaeltacht and the development of Irish-medium education in Belfast to sustain and grow that Gaeltacht community. It is our vision that we will continue to sustain and grow that community with future generations of young, well-educated Gaeilgeoirí. Coláiste Feirste seeks to help pupils understand and celebrate their own distinct identity and culture and the Gaelic ethos of the school is central to this aim. As it is an Irish-Medium school, the Irish language is the most important tool for the pupils' education, and they are constantly encouraged to make Irish their first language and use it throughout the school day in order to enhance their own educational potential and facilitate the learning process of their peers. We create an environment and organise a range of events to encourage the pupils to speak Irish throughout the school.

Our expectation is that parents support us in nurturing and consolidating the Gaelic ethos among pupils to persuade them of the importance of the language in school life.



An Tréadchúram

Tá tréadchúram an dalta i gcoirílár na scoile. Féachann muid le hatmaisféar a chruthú ina mothaíonn na daltaí ar a gcompord agus sábháilte: - ina mothaíonn siad go bhfuil tábhacht agus fiúntas mór leo mar dhaoine óga agus ina spreagtar iad chun páirt a ghlacadh go réidh san fhoghlaim agus forbairt mar Ghaeil óga muiníneacha.

Tinreamh

Ní féidir linn cuidiú lenár ndaltaí foghlaim ná forbairt don tsaol muna mbíonn siad ar scoil ar bhonn rialta. Caill amach ar an scoil = caill amach! Is é an feachtas leanúnach atá againn. Spreagann an fhoireann Leas Ceann Bliana (LCB) na daltaí le bheith istigh agus in am achan lá. Bíonn muid ag súil le go mbeidh do pháiste istigh idir 95-100% den am scoile. Is iad na daltaí seo le 95-100% de thinreamh a bhaineann na gráid is airde GCSE, AS agus A2 amach bliain i ndiaidh bliana, cáilíochtaí a thugann roghanna agus deiseanna saoil dóibh. Ba chóir duit bheith i dteagmháil linn má bhíonn aon fháth nach féidir le do pháiste freastal ar scoil. Is mian linn comhoibriú leatsa, a thuismitheoir, leis an dea-thinreamh a spreagadh, agus beidh muid i dteagmháil má thiteann an tinreamh faoi 95%.

Foghlaim agus Forbairt

Tá nasc nadúrtha idir foghlaim agus an tréadchúram. Ní féidir le daltaí gnóthachtáil a lánacmhainneachta a bhaint amach muna mbíonn siad sona, sásta agus socruithe. Mar sin de, déanann ár bhfoireann tréadchúraim monatóireacht agus idirghabháil ar leas sóisialta, fisiceach agus intleachtúil do pháiste. Is ríthábhachtach an dea-chumarsáid agus comhoibriú idir an baile agus an scoil i dtaca leis seo de. Is é an múinteoir foirme an chéad teagmháil don dalta agus duit féin, an tuismitheoir, agus leis an fhoireann tréadchúraim i gcoitinne.

Pastoral Care

Each child at Coláiste Feirste is a valued member of our Irish-medium family. As such, their pastoral care is at the heart of the school. We aim to create an environment where pupils feel safe and cared for and are encouraged to engage readily in learning and develop as confident young Gaels.

Attendance

Our children cannot be helped to learn and to develop for life if they are not in school on a regular basis. Miss school, Miss out! is our ongoing theme for attendance. Our Deputy Year Heads (DHOs) encourage students to be in and on time every day. We expect your child to be in school for between 95-100% of the time. Pupils who reach 95-100% attendance achieve the highest GCSE, AS and A2 grades year after year, qualifications which give them opportunities and choices in life. You should contact us if there are any reason your child cannot attend school. We want to work with you, parents, to encourage good attendance, so our team will be in touch if attendance begins to fall.

Learning and Development

There is a natural link between learning and pastoral care. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential unless they are safe, happy, and settled at school. Therefore, our pastoral care team monitor and support your child's social, physical, and intellectual well-being. Good communication and cooperation between home and school is vital in this regard. The form teacher is the first contact for the pupil and for you, the parent, and for the pastoral team.

An Croí agus An Intinn dearfach

Tá sé deacair do pháistí in amanna ullmhú le bheith ina nduine fásta - ach cuidíonn féintuiscint soiléir agus taithí mhaith ar an chaidreamh dhearfach. Baineann sé seo le meas orthu féin agus ar dhaoine eile sa taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh den tseomra ranga, rud a thosaíonn le hionchais shoiléire agus comhaontú teorannacha - a thagann uainne, na daoine fásta freagracha! Is cleachtas iontach le haghaidh éisteachta, tuisceana agus comhbhá é na scileanna seo a fhorbairt. Tá an dearfach ríthábhachtach, mar go gcruthaíonn coimhlint nimh in intinn agus i gcorp ár bpáistí. Sin an fáth a ndéanann muid croíthe briste agus mothúcháin fheargacha a leigheas ar bhealach aisiríoch. Creideann muid go gcuirfidh sé seo ar fad an dea-iompar chun cinn, agus in éineacht éifeachtach leis na rialacha agus smachtbhannaí, cothaíonn sé timpeallacht foghlama shuaimhneach agus shábháilte.

Cur Chuige Coisctheach

Is fearr cosc ná leigheas. Is mian linn go mbíonn deis ag na daltaí ar aistear tréadchúraim atá éifeachtach, úsáideach agus spreagúil. Bíonn muid coisctheach inár gcur chuige tréadchúraim, ag soláthar clár foghlama le gur féidir lenár bpáistí tuigbheáil agus labhairt ar cheisteanna mhóra an lae inniu go muiníneach.

Guth an Dalta

Is mian linn glúin de Ghaeil óga muiníneacha a chothú. Tosaíonn sé seo ar scoil le deiseanna ag na daltaí úinéireacht a thabhairt ar cheisteanna agus le scileanna ceannaireachta a fhorbairt. Tá fóraim Ghuth an Dalta, mar shampla, ag dul i neart, agus Gaelcheannairí ag insint dúinn cad is féidir linn, mar scoil, a dhéanamh chun saol na scoile a fheabhsú. Tá guth an tuismitheora lárnach fosta, agus fáiltíonn muid roimh aon mholadh nó aon bhuaireamh uaitse a chuirfeas le haistear do pháiste fríd an scoil.

Positive Hearts and Minds

Preparing for adulthood can sometimes be difficult – but it helps to have clear self-awareness and experience of positive relationships. Respecting themselves and others begins in AND out of the classroom, with clear expectations and boundary-setting from us, the responsible adults! Developing these skills is brilliant practice for listening, understanding and empathising. Positivity is crucial, as we know that conflict creates toxicity in our children’s minds and bodies, which is why repairing broken hearts and angry heads is done in a restorative way. We believe that this approach develops positive behaviours and promotes an effective balance with the use of rules and sanctions to create a calm and safe learning environment.

The Preventive Curriculum

Prevention is better than cure. Our young people face challenging issues nowadays, particularly in the era of social media. We will be preventative in our pastoral approaches and in getting our children to understand and talk about life’s big topics with confidence.

Pupil Voice

We aim to develop a generation of confident young Gaels. This begins at school by creating opportunities for them to take ownership of issues and to develop leadership skills. Our Pupil Voice forums, for example, are growing in strength, with Gaelcheannairí telling us what we, as a school, can do, to make school life better. Parental voice is also central to this progress, and we encourage you to contact us with any suggestions or concerns which may improve this journey for your child.

Cosaint Páistí

Is í Emer Mhic an Fhailí, (Leas-Phríomhoide) an Múinteoir Ainmnithe um Chosaint Páiste agus is í Siobhán Nic Giolla Eáin an Leas-Oifigeach um Chosaint Páiste. Oibríonn siad faoi chomhairle agus polasaí an Údaráis Oideachais. Pléifear le gach cás faoi rún agus cloífead leis an reachtaíocht chuí i ngach cás. Tá oiliúint déanta ag gach ball foirne maidir le cúrsaí chosaint páiste, rud a nuashonraíonn muid gach bliain. Má bhíonn imní ar bhall foirne gur féidir go bhfuil dalta ag fulaingt drochíde nó neamart, cuirfidh siad an t-ábhar buairimh in iúl don Mhúinteoir Ainmnithe ar bhonn láithreach. Níl iachall ar na múinteoirí aon eolas a lorg ó thuismitheoirí/cúramaithe ná ó aon bhall teaghlaigh eile sula gcuireann siad Nóta Imní isteach.

An Polasaí Frith-thromaíochta

Is aidhm leis an Pholasaí Frith-thromaíochta leasaithe cosc a chur ar agus tabhairt faoi gach cineál tromaíochta. Tugann sé sainmhíniú soiléir ar an iompar tromaíochta agus ar na straitéisí is cuí agus is éifeachtaí le tabhairt faoi mar aon leis an reachtaíocht chuí ón Roinn Oideachais. Caitheann Coláiste Feirste le líomhaintí tromaíochta go han-dáiríre. Pléifidh an Fhoireann Tréadchúraim le líomhaintí tromaíochta de réir Pholasaí Frith-thromaíochta na scoile agus tá cóip ar fáil ar shuíomh idirlín na scoile.

Tá réimse polasaithe ar fail ar suíomh idirlíne na scoile www.colaistefeirste.org



Safeguarding

Emer Mhic an Fhailí (Vice Principal) is the Designated Teacher for the Protection of Children and Siobhán Nic Giolla Eáin is the Deputy Child Protection Officer. They are guided by the policy and advice of the EA Safeguarding Team. All Child Protection cases will be treated confidentially, and the relevant legislation will be adhered to in all cases. All staff have trained in child protection and this training is updated annually. If a staff member is concerned that a pupil might be suffering abuse or neglect, they will immediately bring this concern to the Designated Teacher. Teachers are not obliged to seek any information from parents/carers or any other family member before submitting a Note of Concern.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Coláiste Feirste’s Anti-Bullying Policy aims to prevent and address any form of bullying. We adhere to all DE policies and guidelines, incorporating their clear definitions of what constitutes bullying. Coláiste Feirste takes every accusation of bullying very seriously. Allegations of bullying will be dealt with by the Pastoral Team according to the school’s Anti-Bullying Policy, a copy of which is available on the school website.

A range of policies are available on the school website www.colaistefeirste.org



Ag Spreagadh na Foghlama trí Mheán na Gaeilge

Cultivating a Culture of Learning through Irish

AN CURACLAM

Tá sé mar phríomhaidhm ag Coláiste Feirste oideachas den chéad scoth a chur ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge. Tá sé de rún againn gach dalta a spreagadh chun cur leis an éiteas foghlama agus gnóthachtáil phearsanta le go n-éireoidh leo sa tsaoil. Táimid tiomanta d'oideolaíochtaí tumoideachais atá fadbhreathnaitheach agus nuálach, rud a éascaíonn curaclam leathan agus cothrom chomh maith le clár seach-churaclaim.

Is mór againn an ról agus an tionchar atá ag tuismitheoirí agus ag an phobal i gcoitinne maidir lenár ndaltaí a spreagadh chun foghlama. Déanaimid ár ndícheall pobal foghlama do gach duine a thógáil i gColáiste Feirste, agus tá suíomh idirlíne na scoile forbartha againn chun tacú le tuismitheoirí i bhfoghlaim a bpáiste.

Ar a bharr sin, bainimid úsáid as an ardán foghlama ar líne Google Classroom le heispéiris foghlama na ndaltaí a shaihbhiú. Ar an dóigh sin, cothaímid foghlaiméoirí atá neamhspleách, spreagtha agus acmhainneach.

Ag brath ar líon na sainmhúinteoirí atá againn, is aidhm linn curaclam an-leathan a chur ar fáil chun freastal ar riachtanais, ábaltachtaí agus suimeanna gach uile dhalta. Dá bhrí sin, tagann mórchuid na ndaltaí ar ais in Eochairchéim 5, ag fanacht sa chóras oideachais agus déanaimid iad a ullmhú don staidéar tríú leibhéal i réimse speisialtóireachtaí agus gairmeacha éagsúla.



CURRICULUM

It is the primary aim of Coláiste Feirste to provide first-class education through the medium of Irish. We aim to encourage each student to contribute to an ethos of learning and personal achievement for lifelong success. Our dedication to immersive pedagogies is forward-thinking and innovative, facilitating a broad and balanced curriculum and extra-curricular programme.

We value the role and influence parents, and the wider community have in inspiring and motivating our pupils to learn. We strive to build upon Coláiste Feirste as a learning community for all and our school website has evolved to support parents in the learning journey of their child.

In addition, through the online platform, Google Classroom, we endeavour to enrich the learning experiences of our pupils. This aims to create more independent, inspired and resilient learners.

Depending on the number of specialist teachers we have, we aim to provide a very broad curriculum to meet the needs, abilities and interests of each pupil. As a result, the majority of pupils return to the Sixth Form, staying in the education system and preparing for a third level study in various specialist and vocational areas.



Curaclam EC3

Trí oideolaíochtaí saincheaptha idirghníomhacha tumoideachais, mheasúnú chun foghlama agus fhoghlaim thraschuraclaim nasctha, tugann múinteoirí úinéireacht do na daltaí ar a gcuid foghlama trí mhuinín agus trí bhród.

Cláir bhreise – ag tapú gach deise

- Forbraítear na scileanna ETIM tríd na hábhair iomchuí (Eolaíocht, Teicneolaíocht, Innealtóireacht agus Matamaitic) agus trí dheiseanna seach-churaclaim eile a eagraíonn an comhordaitheoir ETIM.
- Is féidir le daltaí ceachtanna aonair a dhéanamh ar an phianó, an ghiotár, an fhidil, an chonsairtín, an uailéile agus uirlisí eile nach iad.
- Tugtar deis do na daltaí i mBliain a 9 GCSE Irish a bhaint amach.
- Déanann na daltaí i mBliain a 10 Clár Hype a thugann eolas dóibh maidir le sláinte ghnéis agus atáirgthe.
- Tugann daltaí faoi chlár oideachais Pobal na dTarrthálaithe agus ACS sna ranganna corpoideachais agus FSO.



The KS3 Curriculum

The learning journey at Key Stage 3 in Coláiste Feirste begins with a varied and challenging curriculum, designed to develop a wide variety of skills, and stimulate an eagerness to learn. Through bespoke, interactive immersive education pedagogies, assessment for learning and connected cross-curricular learning, teachers give the pupils ownership of their learning through confidence and pride.

Maximising Learning Opportunities

- Pupils' skills and innovative talents are developed both through the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) and through specific extra-curricular projects organised by our STEM Co-ordinator.
- Pupils can avail of opportunities within and outside class to develop their musical talents. We currently offer classes in piano, violin, concertina and ukulele.
- Pupils gain an extra qualification by taking their Irish GCSE in Year 9.
- Personal development – pupils learn about health and wellbeing, including reproduction with our Year 10 Hype programme.
- Pupils complete the Community of Lifesavers Education Programme and CPR training as part of their PE and FSO lessons.

Curaclam EC4

TGM
Maidir le torthaí acadúla, cuireann muid síneadh ar na daltaí a bhfuil bua acadúil acu agus gnóthaíonn siad gráid A* go rialta i réimse leathan ábhar. Trínár n-Ionad Tacaíochta Foghlama nuálach tugann muid tacaíocht chuí do dhaltaí a bhfuil dua ar leith acu le go ngnóthóidh siad thar a bpoitéinseal. Ag Eochairchéim 4 (Blianta 11-12) tugtar rogha de 30 ábhar do na daltaí (faoi mar a leagtar síos sa Chreat Teidlíochta).

Bíonn deiseanna ag daltaí EC4 feabhas a chur ar a bhfoghlaim trí:

- Cheardlanna scileanna stáidéir rialta;
- ranganna breise;
- Tuairiscí ar dhul chun cinn an dalta chuig tuismitheoirí;
- Agallaimh phearsanta do dhaltaí agus tuismitheoirí i mBliain 11 agus i mBliain 12 le spriocanna foghlama a chomhaontú.



The KS4 Curriculum

GCSE
In terms of academic performance, we stretch and challenge our academically gifted and talented students, who regularly achieve A* grades in a range of subjects. Through our bespoke Learning Support Centre, we provide targeted support to ensure that all pupils reach their potential. At Key Stage 4 (Years 11-12) pupils have a choice of 30 GCSE subjects (as specified in the Entitlement Framework)

A comprehensive support programme has been implemented to benefit KS4 pupils:

- After school support classes are organised to meet the controlled assessment and revision needs of students;
- Study facilities for individual revision are provided after school;
- End of term progress reports are sent to parents;
- Individual interviews are arranged for all Year 11 and Year 12 students and parents to set pupil learning targets.



Curaclam EC5

In Eochairchéim 5, tairgeann Coláiste Feirste rogha de 15 ábhar ag leibhéal 3/Ardleibhéal agus réimse de chúrsaí gairmiúla ag Leibhéal 2/3. Bímid de shíor ag iarraidh cur leis na roghanna seo, de réir mhianaidhmeanna, ábaltachtaí agus riachtanais na ndaltaí. Lena chois sin, bíonn deis ag daltaí TGM a athdhéanamh agus clár curaclaim saibhrithe agus forbairt phearsanta a dhéanamh.

Cúrsaí Gairmeacha – i gcomhpháirt le Gaelchúrsaí:

- Dioplóma CACHE L2 Cúram Leanaí (Childcare)
- Dioplóma City & Guilds NVQ L2 i bPluiméireacht (Plumbing & Heating)
- Dioplóma Highfield L2 i gCócaireacht (Cookery)
- Dioplóma VTCT L2 i Staidéar Teiripe Scéimhe (Beauty)
- Dioplóma IQ L2 i nGruagaireacht (Hairdressing)
- Dioplóma City & Guilds NVQ L2 i Siúinéireacht (Joinery)
- Dioplóma VTCT L2 i mBearbaireacht (Barbering)
- OCN Leibhéal 3: Infhostaíocht agus Forbairt Ghairmiúil



The KS5 Curriculum

Sixth Form
At Key Stage 5 Coláiste Feirste offers a choice of 15 subjects at Level 3 and A Level. We plan to add to these choices according to the interests and needs of the pupils. In addition, pupils have the opportunity to repeat GCSEs in key subjects and to follow a programme of curriculum enrichment and personal development.

Vocational courses in partnership with Gaelchúrsaí:

- CACHE L2 Diploma in Childcare
- City & Guilds NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing & Heating
- Highfield L2 in Cookery
- VTCT L2 Diploma in Beauty Therapies
- IQ L2 Diploma in Hairdressing
- City & Guilds NVQ Diploma L2 in Joinery
- VTCT L2 Diploma in Barbering
- OCN NI Level 3 Award in Employability and Professional Development Skills

Achoimre ar na hÁbhair Churaclaim

Curriculum Subjects Summary

Is féidir eolas a fháil ar na hábhair éagsúla ar shuíomh idirlíne na scoile
Information on all subjects can be found on the school website

Ábhar/Subject	EC3	EC4	EC5
Gaeilge	✓	✓	✓
Teanga an Bhéarla/English Language	✓	✓	
Litríocht an Bhéarla/English Literature	✓	✓	✓
Matamaitic/Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
Mata Breise/Additional Maths		✓	
Eolaíocht Shingil/Single Award Science		✓	
Eolaíocht Dhúbailte/Double Award Science		✓	
Eolaíocht (Bitheolaíocht, Fisic, Ceimic)/Science (Biology, Physics)	✓		✓
Eolaíochtaí Beatha/Life Sciences			✓
Tíreolaíocht/Geography	✓	✓	✓
Spáinnis/Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Fraincis/French	✓	✓	
Stair/History	✓	✓	✓
Ealaín agus Dearadh/Art and Design	✓	✓	✓
Teicneolaíocht agus Dearadh/Technology and Design	✓	✓	
Ceol/Music	✓	✓	



Ábhar/Subject	EC3	EC4	EC5
Teicneolaíocht Dhigiteach/Digital Technology	✓	✓	✓
Staidéir Spóirt/Sports Studies		✓	✓
Corpoideachas/Physical Education	✓	✓	✓
Staidéir Ghnó/Business Studies		✓	✓
Foghlaim don Saol agus don Obair/Learning for Life and Work	✓	✓	
Eacnamaíocht Bhaile/Home Economics	✓		
Bia agus Cothú/Food and Nutrition		✓	✓
Drámaíocht/Drama	✓	✓	✓
Staidéir Ghairmeacha/Occupational Studies		✓	
Staidéir Mhótarfheithiclí/Motor Vehicle Studies		✓	
Cúram Sláinte agus Sóisialta/Health and Social Care		✓	✓
Ealaíona Íomha Gluaiste/Moving Image Arts		✓	✓
Tuarasóireacht/Tourism (WJEC)		✓	✓
Fáilteachas agus Lónadóireacht/Hospitality and Catering (WJEC)		✓	
OCN Infhostaíocht agus Forbairt Ghairmiúil/Employability and Professional Development			✓

Scrúduithe seachtracha 2022-2025

External exams 2022-2025

Torthaí TGM/GCSE Results (2022-2025)

Gráid	(%) 2022	(%) 2023	(%) 2024	(%) 2025
5 + A* - C	88	92	79	74
5 + A* - G	100	100	97	100
5+ A* - C le Béarla	88	78	76	80
5+ A* - C le Mata	57	54	54	58
5+ A* - C le Mata	56	43	47	57
Líon daltaí/No. of Pupils	99	89	140	160

Torthaí TGO A2 (Ardleibhéal)/A-Level Results (2021- 2025)

Gráid	(%) 2022	(%) 2023	(%) 2024	(%) 2025
2 + A - E	100	98.3 (79)	91.1 (77)	92.7 (61)
Líon daltaí/No. of Pupils	52	60 (75)	45 (53)	57 (37)



NB. Soláthraíonn Coláiste Feirste dhá chonair go dtí an t-oideachas 3ú leibhéal: (a) an chonair 3-4 Ardleibhéal ar ghnóthaigh 93% acu 2 nó níos mó Ardleibhéal ar ghráid A-E (an tagarmharc do na scoileanna neamhroghnacha); agus (b) an chonair ghairmeach ar ghnóthaigh na daltaí, le cois na gcáilíochtaí gairmeacha, grád maith in ardlleibhéal Gaeilge. Tugtar an ghnóthachtáil don chonair ardlleibhéil thuas agus an ghnóthachtáil don bhlianghrúpa iomlán idir lúibíní.

NB. Coláiste Feirste offers two pathways to 3rd Level education: (a) the 3-4 A-level pathway, 93% of whom gained 2 or more A-levels this year (which is the benchmark for non-selective schools); and (b) the vocational pathway who, in addition to vocational qualifications, all gained a good grade in A-level Irish. The A-level performance is given above, with the total year-group performance in brackets.

Cinn scríbe daltaí 2025/Pupil destinations 2025

Bliain Year	Ard-oideachas Higher education	Scoil Eile Another school	Coláiste Breisoidachais Further education	Scileanna Oibre/ Printseacht Jobskills/ Aprenticeship	Fostaíocht Employment	Eile Other	Iomlán Total
12	0	12	14	28	6	5	65
13	0	0	4	12	8	3	27
14	30 (48%)	0	5 (8%)	4 (6.5%)	20 (32%)	3 (5%)	62

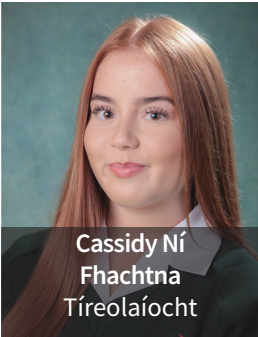
Bronnadh na nDuaiseanna 2025

Awards Ceremony 2025

Comhghairdeas lenár ndaltaí iontacha as a ngráid iontacha sna scrúduithe TGM, AS agus A2.
Congratulations to all our recipients of GCSE, AS and A2 awards for excellence in exam performance.



Brenna Ní Labhraí Tréan
Gaeilge / Mata



Cassidy Ní Fhachtna
Tíreolaíocht



Brónagh Nic Ionnrachtaigh
Stair



Caomhán Ó Mealláin
Mata Breise



Aoibh Nic Coille
Litríocht an Bhéarla



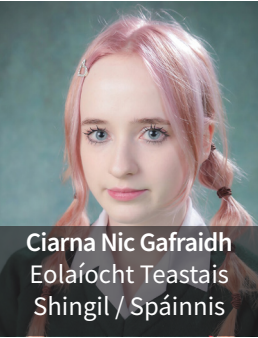
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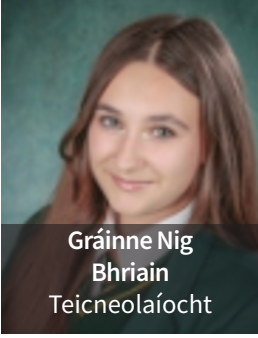
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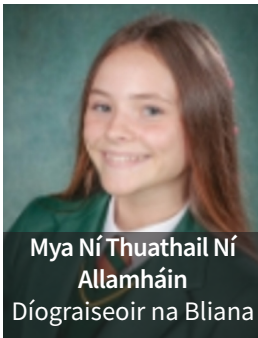
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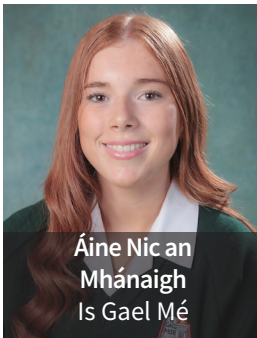
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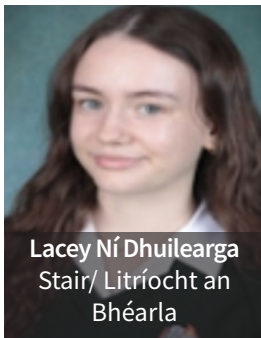
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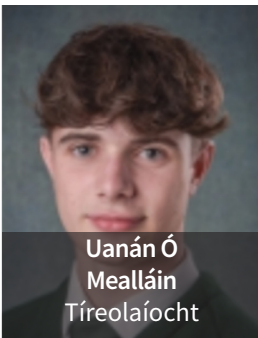
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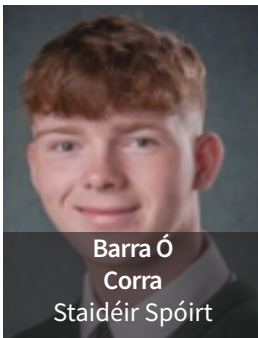
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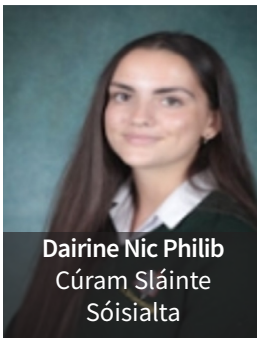
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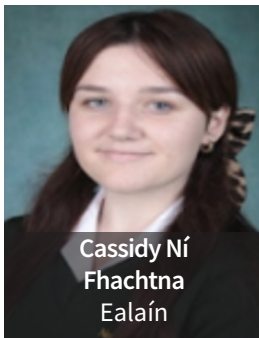
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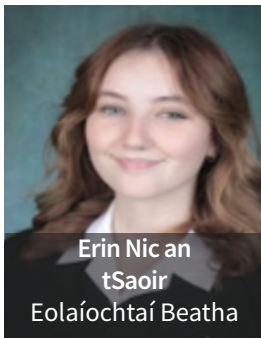
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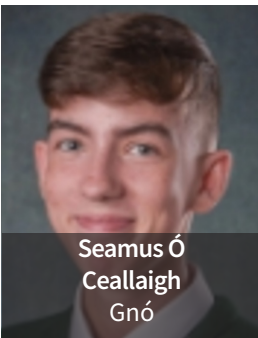
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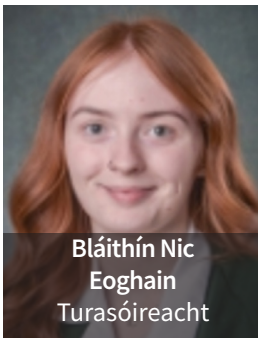
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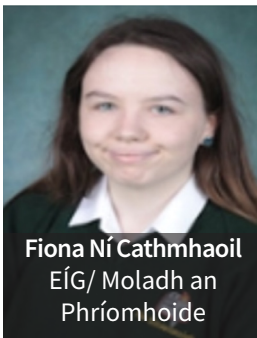
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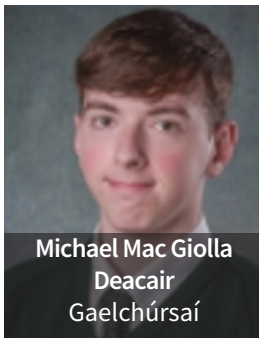
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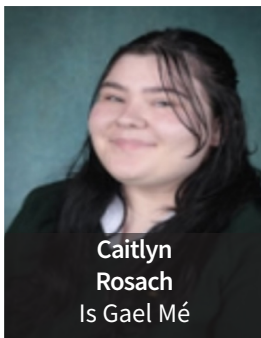
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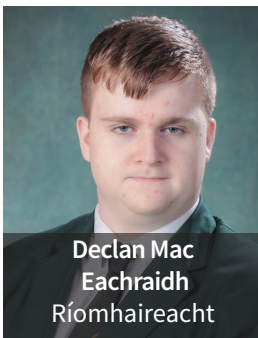
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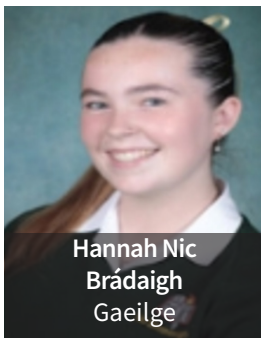
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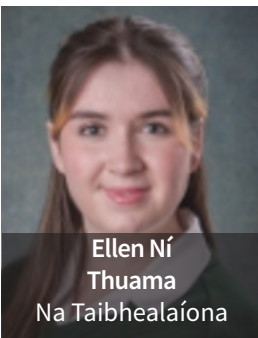
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OIDEACHAS GAIRMTHREORACH

CAREERS EDUCATION

Díríonn Roinn Ghairmthreorach Choláiste Feirste ar phríomhriachtanais CEIAG - Oideachas, Eolas, Comhairle agus Treoir. Oibrímid i gcomhpháirt le gníomhaireachtaí seachtracha chun cinntiú go bhfaigheann na daltaí Comhairle Ghairmthreorach neamhchlaonta. Tá ár gcuid oibre ag gach Eochairchéim dírithe ar a chinntiú go ndéanann daltaí cinntí eolacha atá ceart dóibh.

Tá Oideachas Gairmthreorach mar chuid de churaclam gach dalta le linn a gcuid ama i gColáiste Feirste. Cuirtear oideachas gairmthreorach ar fáil do dhaltai Eochairchéim 3 tríd na ranganna Foghlaim don Saol agus don Obair (FSO). Ag deireadh EC3, roghnóidh na daltaí a gcuid ábhair TGM. Tugtar a lán tacaíochta do na daltaí na roghanna seo a dhéanamh tríd na ranganna, tríd Leabhrán Roghanna an Choláiste ina bhfuil an t-eolas cuí faoi gach ábhar TGM atá ar fáil againn, agus tríd agallaimh aonarachais leis na múinteoirí gairme. Tá ranganna gairme ag gach dalta i mBliain 11,12, 13 agus 14 ina gcuirtear Oideachas Gairmthreorach ar fáil. Cuirtear tacaíocht bhreise ar fáil do dhaltai Bhliain 12 ón Oifigeach Gairmthreorach de chuid an Roinn Fiontair agus Foghlama (RFF). Tagann an tOifigeach chuig an scoil gach seachtain le hagallaimh a chur ar gach dalta i mBliain 12 faoina rogha gairme. Ar a bharr seo, baineann daltaí EC4 agus EC5 úsáid as bog earraí PeopleHawk chun próifíl ghairme a chruthú agus comparáid a dhéanamh idir printíseachtaí, cúrsaí FE agus ollscoile a dhéanamh.



Conlaoch Gough-Cunningham

The Careers Department in Coláiste Feirste focuses on the key requirements of CEIAG - Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. We work in partnership with outside agencies to ensure that pupils receive impartial Careers Advice. Our work at all Key Stages is focused on ensuring that pupils make informed decisions that are right for them.

Careers Education is part of each student's curriculum throughout their time in Coláiste Feirste. Career's education is provided to Key Stage 3 pupils through their Learning for Life and Work classes (LLW). At the end of KS3, each pupil will choose their GCSE subjects. Students are closely supported regarding their GCSE subject choices in class, through the Options Booklet which provides the key information about each GCSE subject we offer, and through attending an individual interview with the careers' teachers.

All students in Years 11,12, 13 and 14 have timetabled classes in which Careers Education is delivered. Year 12 students are offered additional support from the Careers Officer from the Department of Enterprise and Learning (DEL). The officer visits the school each week to conduct interviews with every pupil in Year 12 about their post-16 options. KS4 and KS5 students also use the PeopleHawk product software to create a career profile and compare apprenticeships, FE and university courses.



Conlaoch Gough-Cunningham agus Louise Kennedy

Glacann daltaí Bhliain 13 páirt sa scéim táithí oibre agus forbraíonn siad scileanna infhostaitheachta trí sheachtain a chaitheamh ag obair i suíomhanna éagsúla. I mbliana bhí daltaí againn ag obair le Alliance Medical, dlíodóirí, Raidió Fáilte, cógaslanna, larsmalann Uladh, bunscoileanna áitiúla, sólanna agus áiteanna eile nach iad.

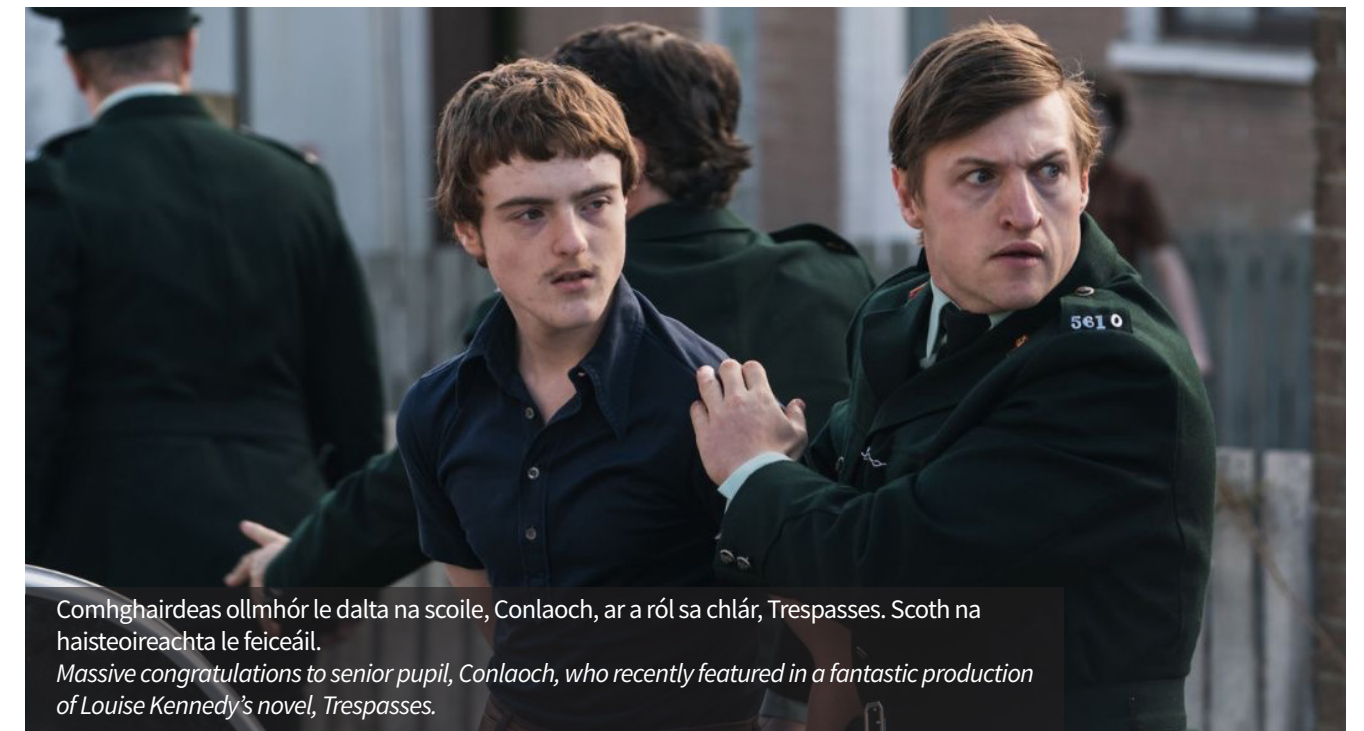
In EC5, fiosraíonn daltaí roghanna iar-18 agus roghanna malartacha ar an ollscoil ar nós printíseachtaí. Freastalaíonn daltaí ar Laethanta Oscailte Ollscoile agus ansin díríonn siad ar iarratais UCAS; tugann an Roinn Ghairmthreorach tacaíocht agus treoir maidir le ráitis phearsanta agus roghanna.

Ina theannta sin, tugaimid sainghrúpaí seachtracha isteach chun na ranganna seo a shiaibhriú ag gach Eochairchéim. Téann an scoil i dteagmháil le soláthraithe oiliúna seachtracha agus freastalaíonn muid ar Aonaigh Oibre agus ar laethanta oscailte chun eolas suas le dáta a chur ar fáil do na daltaí. Chomh maith leis sin, eagraíonn an scoil laethanta scileanna agallaimh ina dtagann gairmithe isteach sa scoil chun cuidiú le daltaí ullmhúcháin a dhéanamh le haghaidh agallamh.

Year 13 pupils partake in the work experience scheme whereby they develop their employability skills through spending the week in various workplaces. This year we had students placed with Alliance Medical, Lawyers, Raidió Fáilte, pharmacies, the Ulster Museum, local schools and leisure centres to name a few.

In KS5, pupils explore post-18 options and alternatives to university such as apprenticeships. Pupils attend University Open Days and then they focus on UCAS applications; the Careers Department gives support and guidance regarding personal statements and choices.

In addition, we bring in specialist outside groups to further enrich these classes at each Key Stage. The school engages with external training providers and attends work fairs and open days to provide the students with up-to-date information. There are also interview skills days organised by the school where professionals come into the school to assist pupils with preparations for interview.



Comhghairdeas ollmhór le dalta na scoile, Conlaoch, ar a ról sa chlár, Trespasses. Scoth na haisteoireachta le feiceáil.
Massive congratulations to senior pupil, Conlaoch, who recently featured in a fantastic production of Louise Kennedy's novel, Trespasses.



Scoileanna Sínte agus imeachtaí seach-churaclaim

Extended Schools

Ag tacú le foghlaim, samhlaíocht agus stíl shláintiúil mhaireachtála

Le cois ardchaighdeán oideachais acadúil a sholáthar, tugann Coláiste Feirste faoinár gcuid daltaí a fhorbairt mar dhaoine iomlánacha – ina n-intinn, ina gcorp agus ina gcroí. Chuige sin, eagraímid réimse leathan d’imeachtaí taobh amuigh den tseomra ranga chun scileanna, dearcthaí, luachanna pearsanta agus féinmhuinín a chothú sna daltaí – agus ar ndóighe le go dtig leo sult agus siamsaíocht a bhaint astu.

Is é an príomhaidhm ná tearcghnóthachtáil a laghdú agus féidearthachtaí saoil páistí agus daoine óga a fheabhsú.

- Is iad na cuspóirí:
- Bheith folláin;
 - Bheith ag baint suilt, ag foghlaim agus ag gnóthachtáil;
 - Maireachtáil faoi shábháilte agus faoi sheasmhacht;
 - Folláine timpeallachta agus geilleagair bheith ann
 - Páirt dhearfach a imirt sa tsochaí agus sa phobal

Cuireann Scoileanna Sínte imeachtaí éagsúla ar siúl atá ag cloí le spriocanna Phlean Forbartha na Scoile. Tá Cumann Bricfeasta, imeachtaí tacaíochta don fhoghlaim i ndiaidh am scoile agus imeachtaí

Supporting Learning, Creativity and Healthy Lifestyles.

As well as providing first class academic opportunities to our students, Coláiste Feirste takes a holistic approach to work with young people in a community development context. To this end a wide range of activities are organised to encourage the development of skills, attitudes, values and self-confidence- as well as providing opportunities for fun and leisure.

The overall objective is to reduce underachievement and improve the life chances of children and young people.

- The Outcomes are:
- Being Healthy
 - Enjoying, Learning and Achieving
 - Living in Safety and with Stability
 - Experiencing Economic and Environmental Well Being
 - Contributing Positively to Community and Society.

Extended Schools provide various activities linked with the School Development Plan. There is a Breakfast Club, extra tuition, mentoring and transition support, after-school youth, sport and leisure activities, support programmes for parents and community use of the school building.

iarscoile spóirt agus só don aos óg. Tá clár ann do thuismitheoirí agus d’úsáid na scoile ag an phobal.

Tá fianaise láidir ann a léiríonn an tionchar dearfach atá ag seirbhísí sínte ar spreagadh, iompar agus foghlaim na ndaltaí. Mar gheall air seo, tá feabhas suntasach ag teacht ar ghnóthachtáil ár ndaltaí, go háirithe iad siúd atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste. Tá teaghlaigh agus an pobal ag baint tairbhe as an chlár seo fosta mar go bhfuil teacht acu ar réimse níos leithne de dheiseanna a ardaíonn leibhéal mianaidhme.

Cuirimid fáilte roimh gach dalta theacht agus bheith páirteach agus go háirithe iad siúd nach mbíonn páirteach in imeachtaí mar seo de ghnáth. Tá sé ríthábhachtach go ndéanann daoine óga a thagann go Coláiste Feirste a lánacmhainneacht a chomhlíonadh agus go mbíonn eispéaras taitneamhach acu ar scoil.

Tugann na heagraíochtaí seo a leanas maoiniú do Scoileanna Sínte: Roinn an Oideachais agus OÚ, Cnuasghrúpa Scoileanna Sínte na bhFál, Foras na Gaeilge.

There is increasingly strong evidence showing the positive impact of extended services on children’s motivation, behaviour and engagement with learning. This is beginning to yield real improvements in attainment, particularly for the most disadvantaged pupils. Families and local communities are benefiting too, through access to a wider range of opportunities which, in turn, raise aspirations.

All pupils are welcome to join and we particularly want to invite those who might not normally attend extended school activities because it is vital to us that all the young people who attend Coláiste Feirste achieve their potential and have a very enjoyable experience at school.

Extended Schools is generously supported by DENI and EA Extended Schools Greater Falls Extended Schools Cluster, Foras na Gaeilge and Sport NI.



RSO agus an t-Ionad Tacaíochta

SEN and the Support Centre

Cad a tharlaíonn san Ionad?

Is seirbhís é an tIonad i ndáiríre a théann i bhfeidhm ar an scoil iomlán. Oibríonn an fhoireann RSO ón Ionad leis an fhoireann iomlán chun dea-cleachtas a roinnt agus oiliúint a chur ar fáil lena chinntiú go bhfuil gach seomra ranga ionchuimsitheach agus gach ball den fhoireann ag riar ar na daltaí a bhfuil riachtanais breise orthu.

Mar áit don tacaíocht foghlama, baineann roinnt daltaí EC4 agus EC5 úsáid as an Ionad chun staidéar a dhéanamh go neamhspleách i spás ciúin agus faigheann siad tacaíocht ó Chúntóirí Ranga. Le cead ó mhúinteoirí, caitheann roinnt daltaí EC3 am san Ionad ar go leor cúiseanna éagsúla agus a gCúntóir Ranga leo. Ach de ghnáth cuireann gach roinn áiteanna fóirteanacha ar fáil fosta do na daltaí seo.

What happens in the Ionad?

Whilst we refer to this as a centre, the Ionad is actually a service that permeates throughout the school. The SEN team from the Ionad work closely with all staff to share good practice and ensure that all classrooms are inclusive and cater to the needs of all of our pupils with additional needs.

As a space for learning support, some KS4 and KS5 pupils use the Ionad to study independently in a quiet environment and also receive support from Classroom Assistants. With permission from teachers, some KS3 pupils may take time in the Ionad for many different reasons which is supervised by their Classroom Assistant, however, these breaks from class are usually facilitated by each department in spaces around the school.



Tacaíocht Foghlama

Sainnithnítear daltaí a bhfuil Tacaíocht Foghlama bhreise de dhíth orthu ag tús na scoilbhliana trí mheasúnaithe bonnlíne agus eolas ón Bhunscoil. Déanann muid measúnuithe eile ar bhonn rialta chun an liosta daltaí agus a gcuid riachtanas tacaíochta a uasdátú.

Cuireann múinteoirí Ciarán Ó Dochartaigh agus Noelle Ní Bhraonáin tacaíocht ghrúpa bheag ar fáil don Ghaeilge agus don Bhéarla do dhaltai i mBliain 8 agus 9.

Cuirimid tacaíocht 1-1 ar fáil do roinnt dár ndaltaí le disléicse trí Bríd Ní Choisdeála. Bailíonn Bríd eolas ó mhúinteoirí agus déanann sí measúnú ar dhaltai a mbeidh socruithe ar leith de dhíth orthu sna scrúduithe seachtracha.

D'fhorbair Fionntán Ó Mealláin measúnuithe bonnlíne don Ghaeloideachas chun riachtanais foghlama ar leith a shainaithint agus na sonraí a úsáid chun an tacaíocht chuí do na daltaí cuí a shainaithint.

Cúntóirí Ranga den scoth

Cuidíonn ár gcúntóirí ranga le páistí lena gcuid oibre agus cuireann siad tacaíocht ar fáil sa rang agus san Ionad araon. Coinníonn siad a gcuid scileanna suas chun dáta tríd oiliúint a dhéanamh i rith na bliana.



Learning Support

Pupils who require extra Learning Support are identified at the beginning of the school year through baseline assessments and information from Bunscoil. We carry out other assessments on a regular basis to update this list and the associated requirements for support.

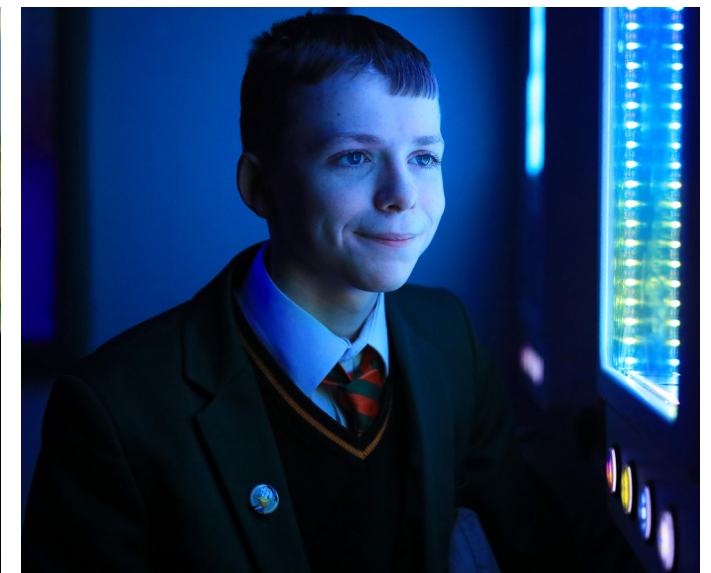
Teachers Ciarán Ó Dochartaigh and Noelle Ní Bhraonáin offer small group support for Irish and English for pupils in Year 8 and 9.

We offer bespoke 1-1 support to a number of our pupils with dyslexia through Bríd Ní Choisdeála. Bríd also consults with teachers and parents and assesses pupils who may need access arrangements for external exams.

Fionntán Ó Mealláin has now fine-tuned a an Irish-medium specific baseline assessments to identify learning needs and used to ensure that the most appropriate support is targeted at the most appropriate pupils.

Our amazing Assistants

Our Classroom Assistants help children with their work and provide support both in-class and in the Ionad. They keep their skills up-to-date and attend training throughout the school year.



Seirbhísí Seachtracha

Baineann an tIonad tairbhe as tacaíocht shaineolach ó Sheirbhísí Seachtracha maidir le roinnt de na riachtanais níos casta atá ag ár ndaltaí. I measc na seirbhísí seo tá: Seirbhís Síceolaíochta Oideachais ÚO, Tacaíocht Iompair, Comhairleoir Uathachais, Tacaíocht Litearthachta agus For-rochtain Naomh Gearóid. Tá an t-ádh orainn go bhfuil go leor eagraíochtaí agus carthanachtaí maoinithe ag an phobal ag cur a gcuid tacaíochta agus saineolais ar fáil dúinn chun tacú leis na dúshláin roimh dhaltaí áirithe.

External Agencies

The Ionad avails of expert support from outside agencies for some of the more complex needs of our pupils. These services involve EA Education Psychology Service, Behaviour Support, Autism Advisory, Literacy Support and St. Gerard's Outreach. We are also fortunate to have many community-funded organisations and charities providing our pupils with the tools they need to cope with their individual challenges.



Soláthair Speisialta “An Nead”

An Nead – Soláthair Speisialta: (Cumarsáid Speisialta) seomraí d’EC3 & EC4
Is Soláthar é seo, maoinithe ag ÚO, do dhaltaí a bhfuil dúshláin leis an chumarsáid shóisialta rompu. Faoi láthair, tá 4 Sheomra Ranga againn, a bhfuil múinteoir agus beirt chúntóirí ag obair iontu chun tacú le daltaí ar speictrim ASD.
Roghnaíonn an tÚdarás Oideachais na daltaí áirithe tríd Athbhreithniú Bliantúil le bheith ag obair leis na múinteoirí seo - ní roghnaíonn tuismitheoirí nó Coláiste Feirste cé a ainmnítear. Déantar an cinneadh bunaithe ar riachtanais aonarach na ndaltaí le ASD a bhfuil Ráiteas RSO acu. Is í an aidhm tacú leo chun freastal ar mhórchuid na ngnáthranganna, agus a gcuid scileanna agus cailíochtaí a fhorbairt.

Bíonn an deis ag ár bpáistí sa Nead úsáid a bhaint as na seomraí ciúine/céadfacha agus gluaiseachta agus úsáideann siad straitéisí éagsúla chun a gcuid mothúchán a rialú. Tá éirithe thar barr ag na daltaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an Nead go dtí seo.

Déanaimid caidreamh folláin a éascú agus a neartú lenár ndaltaí agus leis an chomhphobal scoile, ag tacú leis na daltaí seo le scileanna sóisialta, cumarsáide agus sláinte mothúchánaigh a fhorbairt ina iomláine. Déanann na daltaí obair go rialta le seirbhísí seachtracha ar nós teiripe ealaíne, The Belfast Hills, Madadh Teiripe, Ióga, Ceol, Feirm Naomh Shéamais, Gairdín an Phobail agus Spórt. Tugtar scileanna praiticiúla, cuidiúla do na páistí fríd teicnící machnaimh agus cleachtaí domhain-análaithe go rialta sa Nead.
Bíonn an-mhuintearas cothaithe againn idir dhaltaí, múinteoirí, cúntóirí, tuismitheoirí agus comhphobal na scoile anseo.

Specialist Provision “An Nead”

An Nead – Specialist Provision: (Social Communication) rooms for KS3 & KS4

An Nead (“the Nest”) is an EA-funded provision for pupils with social communication challenges. We currently have 4 Classrooms, each with a specialist teacher and 2 classroom assistants, to support pupils on the ASD spectrum.

The Education Authority selects the pupils to work with these teachers through an Annual Review – parents or Coláiste Feirste do not choose who is placed here. The decision is based on the individual needs of pupils with ASD who have a Statement of SEN. The aim is to support them in accessing most of the mainstream classes, develop their skills and qualifications.

Our children in An Nead have the opportunity to use the quiet/sensory and movement rooms and use a variety of strategies to control their emotions. This has proven to be invaluable in terms of the progress of pupils attending the provision.

We facilitate and strengthen wellbeing relationships with our pupils and the school community, supporting these pupils to develop social, communication and emotional health skills as a whole. The pupils do regular work with external agencies such as art therapy, The Belfast Hills, Dog Therapy, Yoga, Music, St James’ Farm, Gairdín an Phobail and Sport. The children are given practical and helpful skills through regular meditation techniques and deep breathing exercises in An Nead.

We foster a great bond between pupils, teachers, assistants, parents and the school community here.

Spórt sa Choláiste

Sport at Coláiste Feirste

Cuireann Coláiste Feirste an-bhéim ar an spórt agus ar an chorpoideachas. Tapaímid deiseanna forbartha pearsanta fríd na ranganna corpoideachais le linn am scoile, agus fríd chlár spórt agus clubanna i ndiaidh am scoile, mar shampla fríd Scoileanna Sínte.

Tá Corpoideachas ina ábhar riachtanach sa scoil. Is féidir Corpoideachas a roghnú fosta mar ábhar TGMO ina ndéanann na daltaí staidéar ar stíleanna maireachtála cothroma agus an tsláinte aonair, idir fhisiceach, mheabhrach agus shóisialta. Ag iar16 is féidir Ard Leibheál Spórt a bhaint amach. Ansin téann daltaí ar aghaidh chun na hollscoile le céim sa Spórt a dhéanamh.

Is mian le Coláiste Feirste cuidiú leis na daltaí a bhféiniúlacht agus a gcultúr saineiúil féin a thuigbheáil agus a cheiliúradh, agus sainmheon Gaelach na scoile lárnach san aidhm seo. Is scoil lán-Ghaeilge í Coláiste Feirste, is í an Ghaeilge an uirlis is tábhachtaí maidir le hoideachas na ndaltaí agus caithfidh siad a gcuid féin a dhéanamh di le linn a saoil scoile agus iad ag cur le foghlaim na ndaltaí eile.

Úsáideann daltaí Choláiste Feirste an Ghaeilge mar mhodh cumarsáide na himeartha. Ar an dóigh seo, tá próiseas na foghlama beo ar an pháirc, agus téarmaíocht nua in úsáid nach mbeadh le cluinstit in seomra ranga. Tá níos mó ná dáréag sa scoil ag obair ar chur chun cinn na gcluichí Gaelacha, agus imreoir Aontroma Pádraig Mac Giolla Bhríde ar an

Coláiste Feirste places a high emphasis on sport and physical education. We maximise opportunities for personal development through PE classes and through the sports' and clubs' programme after school, for example through Extended Schools.

PE is a compulsory subject in the school. PE can also be chosen as a subject at GCSE in which pupils study balanced lifestyles and individual health, both physical, mental, and social. At post 16 pupils can study A Level Sport and then go on to study Sports' Science at university.

The school uses Irish language as the most important instrument for their student's education, constantly encouraging them to make Irish their first language and to use it throughout the school day, enabling them to enhance their own educational potential. This in turn assists students in understanding and celebrating their identity and culture.

Central to that celebration of identity and culture are Gaelic games, with the students using Irish on the field and as they play. This allows learning to continue on the field as they are playing, learning new terminology they would not otherwise meet in the classroom. Patrick McBride, current Antrim Senior footballer, leads a strong crew of a dozen or more teachers committed to the provision of Gaelic games in the school, and they continue to aspire to better things, looking to build on progress made

stiúir. Tá múinteoirí na foirne seo ag tógáil ar obair na mblianta agus ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta acu ionas gur féidir leo ardchaighdeán imeartha a bhaint amach. Glacann Coláiste Feirste páirt sna comórtais a eagraíonn Scoileanna Uladh i ngach cóid de chuid an CLG, agus d'éirigh go geal le foireann na mbuachaillí agus le foireann na gcailíní ar na blianta déanacha. Ar feadh na mblianta bhain foirne scoile gradaim Ghairscoileanna Aontroma agus bhain siad leo roinnt corn i gcluichí ceannais Chúige Uladh. Anuraidh, bhain foireann Bliain 12 an Corn Uladh Pat King sa Pheil Ghaelach agus an Chorn Mhig Uidhir san Iománaíocht. Ar a bharr sin, bhain na foirne F14 agus F16 Camógaíochta sciath an tSiúr Máiréad. Bhain muid an chorn Bhéal Feirste sa sacar le Bliain 9 chomh maith. Tá go leor craobhanna bainte ag na foirne peile, iománaíochta agus camógaíochta le blianta beag anuas.

Tá a lán imeachtaí seach-churaclaim ar fail d'achan dalta i ndiaidh am scoile ar Choláiste Feirste. Tá foirne againn ag achán aois ghrúpa do Pheil Ghaelach, Iománaíocht, Peil na mBan, Camógaíocht agus Sacar. Cuirimid Liathróid Láimhe agus Lúthchleasaíocht ar fail d'achan dalta chomh maith. Bíonn traenáil ann achán lá sa seachtain le cinntiú go bhfuil daltaí s'againne ábalta spóirt difriúla a imirt.

Tá muid iontach bródúil as na himreoirí ar bronnadh Sárimreoirí Scoileanna Aontroma orthu. I Peil Gaelach agus Iománaíocht, bhí Oisín Ó Gormáin, Sean Ó Cuinneagáin agus bhain Cuan Ó Brádaigh ceann Peil Ghaelach agus Iománaíocht!. Bronnadh Sárimreoirí eile ar imreoirí Peil na mBan Éimear Nic Cathmhaoil agus Rosanna Ó Loughlin. Léiríonn na gradaim seo an obair chrua a chuir na daltaí isteach, chomh maith leis an scil atá acu.

in recent years and play at a higher level to further develop their players. Coláiste Feirste take part in all Ulster Schools competitions across the four codes and have achieved notable success in recent years with the both their boys and girls football teams. In recent years our Ladies Gaelic Football team were crowned Ulster Champions. Last year, our Year 12 boys won the Ulster Pat King cup in Gaelic Football and the Maguire Cup in Hurling. Our soccer team in year 9 also won the Belfast Cup. On top of that, our U14 and U16 Camogie teams won the Ulster competition, the sister Mairéad Shield.

There are many extra-curricular activities available for every student after school at Coláiste feirste. We have teams at every age group for Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie and Soccer. We also provide Handball and Athletics for every student. There is training after school, every day of the week to ensure our students have the chance to play different sports.

While we are competing in team sports, we are very proud of the players who have won the Antrim Schools All Stars. In Gaelic Football and Hurling we had Oisín Ó Gormáin, Sean Ó Cuinneagáin and Cuan Ó Brádaigh was awarded an All Star in Gaelic Football and Hurling! In Ladies Football we had Éimear Nic Cathmhaoil and Rosanna Ó Loughlin. These awards reflect the hard work the students put in, as well as their level of skill. Coláiste Feirste's sports teams have demonstrated remarkable progress, advancing through the ranks each year to now compete with the top schools in Ulster. This upward trajectory is a testament to



Tá dul chun cinn iontach léirithe ag foirne spóirt Choláiste Feirste. Tá muid ag imirt ar 3 leibhéal níos airde chun dul san iomaíocht leis na scoileanna is fearr i gCúige Uladh anois. Is léir go bhfuil obair chrua déanta ag ár lúthchleasaithe agus ár gcóitseálaithe. Trí dhúshlán leanúnach a thabhairt dóibh féin i gcoinne na leibhéil is airde iomaíochta, ní hamháin go gcuireann ár n-imreoirí lena gcuid scileanna féin ach cuireann siad le neart a bhfoirne club agus contae. Cothaíonn ár dtiomantas do shármhaitheas i gcúrsaí spóirt cultúr feabhsúcháin leanúnaigh, ag cinntiú go bhfuil ár gcuid mac léinn ullmhaithe go maith chun barr feabhais a bhaint amach ar an bpáirc agus lasmuigh di.

I gColáiste Feirste, tá cultúr dearfach agus measúil á chothú againn i measc ár ndaltaí. Ní hamháin go mbaineann ár bhfoirne spóirt le cluichí a bhaint; baineann siad le carachtar a thógáil agus pobal tacúil a chothú. Trí obair foirne agus spriocanna comhroinnte, foghlaimíonn ár lúthchleasaithe an tábhacht a bhaineann le meas, ionracas agus buanseasmhacht. Spreagann an t-atmaisféar dearfach seo an scoláire le bheith ina ndaoine aonair níos fearr, ar an bpáirc agus lasmuigh di, ag cothú tréithe a fhreastalóidh go maith orthu i ngach gné den saol. Trí bhéim a chur ar fhás pearsanta agus ar obair mar ghrúpa, táimid tiomanta do dhaoine dea-chothromaithe a fhorbairt a chuireann go dearfach lena bhfoirne, lena scoil agus lena bpobal níos leithne.



the dedication and hard work of our athletes and coaches. By consistently challenging themselves against the highest levels of competition, our players not only enhance their own skills but also contribute to the strength of their club and county teams. Our commitment to excellence in sports fosters a culture of continuous improvement, ensuring that our students are well-prepared to excel both on and off the field.

At Coláiste Feirste, we are cultivating a culture of positivity and mutual respect among our students. Our sports teams are not just about winning games; they are about building character and fostering a supportive community. Through teamwork and shared goals, our athletes learn the importance of respect, integrity, and perseverance. This positive atmosphere encourages students to become better individuals, both on and off the field, nurturing qualities that will serve them well in all aspects of life. By emphasizing personal growth and togetherness, we are committed to developing well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to their teams, school, and wider community.



Áiseanna spóirt

Caithfidh gurb é an dul chun cinn is mó atá le feiceáil ag Coláiste Feirste féin ná gur osclaíodh Spórtlann na hÉireann in 2018. Tá cead ag na daltaí úsáid a bhaint as na háiseanna seo le linn an lae, agus fáilte roimh chách chun na spórtlainne san oíche. Tá athbheochan iomlán déanta ar sheansuíomh Shólann Ard na bhFeá agus anois tá hallaí gleacaíochta, seomraí traenála agus seomraí feistis ann. Taobh amuigh tá láthair ilspóirt 3G agus páirc imeartha CLG fosta atá inchurtha le páirc imeartha ar bith in Éirinn. Sa bhreis air sin, tógadh foirgneamh Liathróid Láimhe den scoth. Tá an tionscadal tógala seo ag soláthar deiseanna iontacha spóirt dar ndaltaí, an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta agus an pobal áitiúil

Tá Coláiste Feirste tiomanta le deiseanna a sholáthar dár ndaltaí barrfheabhas a bhaint amach sa spórt. Tá an fhís, na háiseanna, an fhoireann agus an saineolas againn na deiseanna spóirt seo a úsáid le sláinte agus folláin ár bpobal scoile iomláin a chur chun cinn.



Sports Facilities

One of the most important developments in recent years has been the opening of Sportlann na hÉireann, a state-of-the-art sports facility which has revitalised the sporting scene in the school and the wider west Belfast area. Opened in 2018, as well as an impressive indoor area the school boast a full sized 4G GAA pitch on their doorstep, sports halls, a gym, handball complex and changing facilities. Students have full use of facilities during school hours and the public having access in the evening. As a school community we are extremely proud of this project which offers wonderful opportunities both to our pupils, the Gaeltacht Quarter and the local community.

The development consists of an ultra-modern sports' complex with sports' halls, gyms and changing facilities. Outside we have a new 3G multi-sports area and a full size GAA pitch on a par with the best in Ireland. There is also an excellent recently finished Handball complex on the site. As a school community we are extremely proud of this project which offers wonderful opportunities both to our pupils, the Gaeltacht Quarter and the local community.

Coláiste Feirste is committed to providing all our pupils with opportunities to excel in sport. We have the vision, the facilities, the staff and expertise to utilise sporting opportunities to promote the health and well-being of our entire school community. We also continue to inspire and instil the ideals of Irish identity and culture amongst its students, and every opportunity is given to students to develop themselves both on and off the field of play.

Polasaí Iontrála

Admissions Policy

CRITÉIR IONTRÁLA DO DHALTAÍ AG DUL ISTEACH I mBLIAIN 08

Le linn an gnás iontrála agus na critéir á gcur i bhfeidhm, breithneofar iarratais phoncúla sula mbreithneofar iarratais dhéanacha. Osclófar an nós imeachta iarratais an 27 Eanáir 2026 ag meán lae (GMT) agus déileálfar le hiarratas a chuirfear isteach faoin dáta deiridh an 19 Feabhra 2026 ag meán lae (GMT) mar iarratas poncúil. Déileálfar le hiarratas a fuarthas tar éis 12 meán lae (GMT) an 19 Feabhra 2026 agus suas le 4pm an 24 Feabhra 2026 mar iarratas déanach.

Tabharfaidh Coláiste Feirste tús áite do na daltaí a roghnaigh í, más gá, de réir na gcritéir thíos:-

1. Daltaí a d'fhreastail ar bhunscoil lán- Ghaeilge.
2. Daltaí a roghnaigh Coláiste Feirste mar chéad rogha.
3. Daltaí a bhfuil deartháir nó deirfiúr/nó páiste den teaghlach* acu ar an scoil;
4. Daltaí nach dtiteann faoi chritéir 1-3, cuirfear in ord iad de réir a rogha scoile, Coláiste Feirste mar dhara rogha, ansin tríú rogha, ceathrú rogha srl.
5. I gcás go bhfuil líon na n-iarratas thar líon iontrála na scoile, i ndiaidh cur i bhfeidhm na gcritéir thuasluaite, cuirfear na hiarratais bhreise in ord de réir paistí arb é Coláiste Feirste an iar-bhunscoil lánGhaeilge is cóngaraí don tseoladh baile s'acu (is é sin, de réir líne dhíreach ón tseoladh baile go dtí príomhghheata na scoile i bPáirc Ard na bhFeá). Chun cruinneas agus neamhchlaontacht a chinntiú, bunófar an t-eolas seo ar OSNI.

*Páiste den teaghlach: páiste a rugadh do lánúin pósta; páiste a rugadh le lánúin comhchónaithe; páiste le duine de na daoine sin i bpósadh nó caidreamh caite; paiste ina c(h)ónaí le páirtithe cé acu a bhfuil Páirtnéireacht Shibhialta eatarthu faoin Acht um Pháirtnéireacht Shibhialta 2004, nó nach bhfuil; páiste uchtaithe nó altrama; cás a bhfuil col ceathrair dílleachta nó a leithéid á t(h)ógáil leis an teaghlach.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEAR 8

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 27 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 19 February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 19 February 2026 and up to 4pm on 24 February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

Coláiste Feirste will give priority, where necessary, to those pupils who made the school their choice by applying the following criteria: -

1. Pupils who attended an Irish-medium primary school.
2. Pupils who have identified Coláiste Feirste as their first preference.
3. Pupils who have a brother or sister or child of the family* attending the school;
4. Pupils who do not fall within Criteria 1-4 will be ranked in order of their preference: second preference, third, fourth, etc.
5. Having implemented the above criteria, If the number of applicants still exceeds the remaining number of places available, the applicants will be ranked for acceptance on the basis of those pupils for whom Coláiste Feirste is the closest Irish-medium post-primary school ((ie straight line distance from home address to the main entrance of the school in Beechview Park). In order to ensure accuracy and impartiality, this information will be based on OSNI.

Child of the family' Covers

- a child born to a married couple;
- a child born to a co-habiting couple;
- a child of either of those people by a previous marriage or relationship;
- a child living with same sex partners whether there is a Civil Partnership under the Civil Partnership Act 2004 or not;
- an adopted or fostered child;
- a situation where for example an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family.

Tugtar faoi deara le do thoil: ag machnamh dúinn cé na paistí ar chóir a roghnú don iontráil, ní chuirfidh Bord na nGobharnóirí san áireamh ach eolas atá ar nó ceangailte leis an Fhoirm Aistrithe. Ba chóir do na tuismitheoirí a chinntiú go bhfuil an t-eolas uilig a bhaineann lena bpáiste agus ábhartha le critéir iontrála na scoile dearbhaithe ar an Fhoirm Aistrithe nó ceangailte leis.

DUALGAS LE DEARBHÚ

Coimeádann Bord na nGobharnóirí an ceart le haon fhianaise bhreise a iarradh, de réir mar a chinneann sé, chun dearbhú ar nó tacú le heolas ar Fhoirm Aistrithe aon iarratasóra.

Muna soláthraítear an t-eolas a iarrtar do Bhord na nGobharnóirí faoin spriocam tugtha aistarraingeofar an tairiscint áite mar thoradh air. Mar a gcéanna, má sholáthraítear eolas a bhfuil an chuma air go bhfuil sé bréagach nó gur iarracht é duine a chur ar seachrán, aistarraingeofar an tairiscint áite.

CRITÉIR DO BHLIAIN 9 AR AGHAIDH

Ar fáil fríd teagmháil leis an scoil.

Please Note: when considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the Transfer Form. Parents should ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Form or attached to it.

DUTY TO VERIFY

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any applicant's online Transfer Application

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

CRITERIA FOR YEAR 9 ONWARDS

Available through contact with the school.



Fís Feirste: Forbairt pobal labhartha Gaeilge fríd an spórt agus folláine

The Feirste Vision: Developing an Irish-speaking community through sport and well-being

Ní scoil amháin atá á tógáil ag Coláiste Feirste, tá pobal bríomhar agus rathúil á thógáil againn. Tá áiseanna den chéad scoth ar oscailt againn seacht lá sa tseachtain, ag óstáil réimse leathan de ghníomhaíochtaí ar féidir le daltaí, tuismitheoirí agus cuairteoirí leas a bhaint astu.

Spórtlann na hÉireann

Is é Spórtlann na hÉireann fiontar pobail suaitheanta Choláiste Feirste. Le breis is 100,000 cuairteoir in aghaidh na bliana, bíonn os cionn 20 cluiche CLG sa tseachtain againn, níos mó ná 100 grúpa úsáideora in aghaidh na bliana, agus imeachtaí móra ar nós Cóisir sa Pháirc. Is tionscadal croí-lárnach é Spórtlann a óstálann gach cineál ruda ón iománaíocht, peil Ghaelach, sacair, liathróid láimhe go ranganna Gaeilge, comórtais damhsa, féilte pobail agus ceolchoirmeacha.

Tá ár n-áiseanna ríthábhachtach d'fholláine fhisiciúil agus mheabhrach an phobail áitiúil, tá sé ríthábhachtach ó thaobh cuairteoirí agus cairde nua a mhealladh chuig an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta de, agus cuireann sé go mór le forbairt na Gaeilge.

Níl a leithéid d'áit eile mar an Spórtlann – áit a dtagann Gaeilgeoirí chun casadh ar a chéile, a mbuaileann eagraíochtaí le chéile ina gcomhoibriú, agus ar féidir le cuairteoirí nua taithí a fháil ar chumhacht agus áilleacht an chultúir Ghaelaigh. Chun ár n-áiseanna a chur in áirithe, déan teagmháil le sportlann1@gmail.com

Coláiste Feirste isn't just about a school. We are building a vibrant and thriving community for our young people through the Irish language. Our world-class facilities are open seven days a week, hosting a wide variety of activities that pupils, parents, and visitors can benefit from.

Spórtlann na hÉireann

Spórtlann na hÉireann is Coláiste Feirste's flagship community enterprise. With over 100,000 visitors per year, the health and wellbeing centre accommodates over 20 GAA games a week, more than 100 user groups per year, and large-scale events such as Party in the Park.

Spórtlann is a centrepiece project, hosting everything from hurling and Gaelic football, soccer, handball to language classes, dance competitions, community festivals and concerts. Our facility is critical to the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community, crucial in terms of attracting footfall and new friends to the Gaeltacht Quarter, and makes a real contribution to the development of the Irish language.

Spórtlann is a place like no other—where Irish speakers gather and socialise, organisations meet and collaborate, and new visitors can experience the power and beauty of Gaelic culture.

To book our facilities, contact sportlann1@gmail.com



GaelStair

Tá stair dhochreidte ag pobal na Gaeilge i mBéal Feirste. I gColáiste Feirste, cothaíonn muid bród mór inár ndaltaí as an oidhreacht seo, ní hamháin chun oideachas níos fearr a chur orthu faoina bhféiniúlacht, ach chun iad a spreagadh le bheith ina múnlaitheoirí staire féin. Tríd an tionscadal GaelStair, foghlaimíonn na daltaí faoi stair iontach ár dteanga sa chathair agus faigheann siad taithí phearsanta i gcartlann bheo.

Fáilte 26

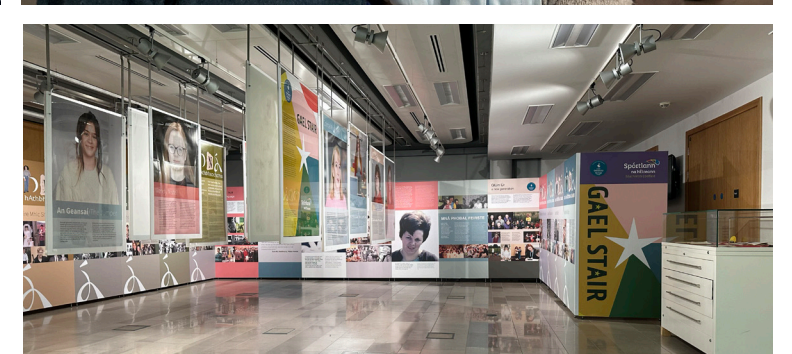
Ní ráiteas amháin dúinn é “Céad Míle Fáilte” – is éiteas é a ritheann trí gach rud a dhéanann muid i gColáiste Feirste. Tá éagsúlacht iontach ag baint lenár bpobal Gaeilge. Tá daltaí agus tuismitheoirí as iliomad cúlraí, reiligiún agus eitneachtaí againn. Mar Ghaeil, spreagann muid ár ndaoine óga lena dtuairimí féin a fhorbairt agus a léiriú faoin chuma ar mian leofa bheith ar an tsaol atá le teacht. Beidh ár Seachtain Frith-Chiníochais bliantúil, faoi stiúir na hóige, ag titim amach i mí Feabhra. Is féile éagsúlachta í Fáilte 26 agus bíonn ceol, spórt agus díospóireachtaí ann ó fud fad an domhain. Bí ag súil leis an chlár ar na meáin sóisialta s'againne.

GaelStair

The Irish language in Belfast has an incredible backstory. At Coláiste Feirste, we instil in our pupils a deep sense of pride in this heritage, not only to better educate them in who they are but also to inspire them to become history makers themselves. Through our GaelStair project, pupils learn about the remarkable history of our language and get first-hand experience in a living archive.

Fáilte 26

“Céad Míle Fáilte” isn't just a statement at Coláiste Feirste—it is an ethos that runs through everything we do. Our Irish language community is diverse and open to all. Coláiste Feirste has pupils and parents from many backgrounds, religions and ethnicities. As Gaels, we also encourage our young people to develop and voice their own views on how they want the future to look. Our annual youth-led Anti-Racism week, Fáilte '26, will take place in February. It is a festival of diversity and involves music, sports, and discussions. Look out for the programme on our social media outlets. Through our GaelStair project, pupils learn about the remarkable history of our language and get first-hand experience in a living archive.





GaelBeo

Ar mhaith leat a bheith aclaí agus an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim? Is clár aclaíochta éagsúil agus bríomhar é GaelBeo do dhaoine de gach cumas, atá oiriúnach do chainteoirí líofa agus do dhaoine ar mian leo cúpla focal a chleachtadh nó a fhoghlaim agus iad ag éirí níos aclaí. Bíonn na ranganna ar siúl ag 7.00rn agus 5.00in Dé Luain, Dé Céadaoin agus Dé hAoine.

GaelBeo

Want to get fit and learn Irish? GaelBeo is a diverse and dynamic fitness programme for people of all abilities, suitable for fluent Irish speakers and people who want to practice or learn a cúpla focal while getting in shape. Classes take place at 7.00am and 5.00pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Caife le grá

Tá borradh (agus boladh!) úr faoi Spórtlann na hÉireann in 2026 le teacht caife nua atá a réachtáil i nGaeilge. Buail isteach ar an Spórtlann tráthnóna Dé hAoine agus maidin Dé Sathairn le haghaidh cupán caife agus cúpla focal. Tá ár mol caife amuigh faoin aer á bhainistiú ag an iarscoláire Úna Nic Aoidh agus tá an-rath air ó osclaíodh i mí Dheireadh Fómhair seo caite é.

Le Grá Coffee

There's a fresh buzz (and aroma!) at Spórtlann na hÉireann in 2026 following the arrival of a new Irish language-run coffee hub. Call into the Spórtlann on Friday nights and Saturday mornings for a cup of coffee and a cúpla focal. Our outdoor hub is managed by ex-pupil Úna Nic Aoidh and has been a real hit since its opening last October.

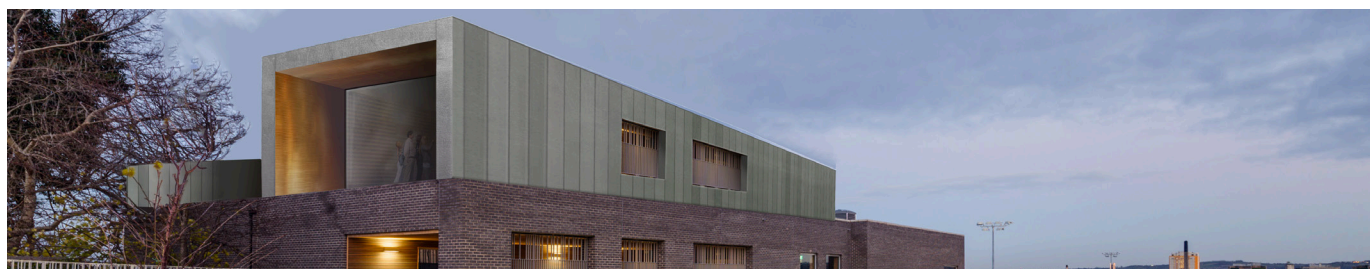
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An Spás Dín

Is Eispéireas iontach é An Spás Dín, a bheas ag feidhmiú mar Ionad Oidhreachta agus Léirmhíthe don Ghaeilge, ina mbeidh “Cartlann agus Gailearaí Dín” atá tiomnaithe do scéal iontach athbheochan na Gaeilge comhaimseartha a mhíniú agus a thaispeáint. Is tionscnamh claochlaitheach rithábhachtach é an togra seo atá réidh le réabhlóidí a dhéanamh ar an Cheathrú Ghaeltachta i mBéal Feirste. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an tionscadal uailmhianach seo a bheith ina lóchrann d’athbheochan teanga, ina uirlis chumhachtach le haghaidh athmhuintearais, agus ina mhol fáilteach, inbhuanaithe ó thaobh an gheilleagair de do chách, agus é fréamhaithe go daingean in éiteas trasphobail.

An Spás Dín

An Spás Dín, or “The Roof Space,” will serve as a vital Irish Language Heritage and Interpretive Centre, featuring a “Rooftop Archive and Gallery” dedicated to documenting and displaying the remarkable story of the contemporary Irish language revival. This project represents a pivotal and transformative initiative poised to revolutionise Belfast’s burgeoning Gaeltacht Quarter. This ambitious project aims to be a beacon for linguistic revival, a powerful instrument for reconciliation, and a welcoming, economically sustainable hub for all, firmly rooted in a cross-community ethos.



Guth an Dalta Pupil Voice

Is mór linn éisteacht le guth an dalta agus iad a ghríosú le ceannaireacht a léiriú. Mar sin de, cad é atá le rá acu faoin eispéaras foghlama i gColáiste Feirste? Cuireann Deaglán agus Aoibh síos ar an eispéaras foghlama sa Roinn Tíreolaíochta. Agus a bhuí le Tiernan, Hannah agus Emmett, faigheann muid léargas ar an tsaol ó iardhaltaí – a gcuid éispéiris foghlama agus an t-aistear ó shin.

We value listening to the student voice and encouraging them to show leadership. So, what do they have to say about the learning experience at Coláiste Feirste? Deaglán and Aoibh describe the learning experience in the Geography Department. And thanks to Tiernan, Hannah and Emmett, we get a glimpse into life from former students – their learning experiences and the journey since.



Deaglán Mac Eachaidh (Bliain 13)

Is é an pobal anseo i gColáiste Feirste an pobal is cairdiúla a bheas agat i do shaol, bíonn siad do do bhrú ar aghaidh, leis an chéad dúshlán eile atá romhat a láimhseáil gan eagla, le bheith ansin duit nuair atá lámh chuidithe de dhíth ort, tú a spreagadh le bheith ar an duine is fearr is féidir leat a bheith, gan dabht. Do na daltaí nua atá ag smaoineamh faoi Choláiste Feirste, mar chomhairle duit, níl tú ar an seanscoil sin níos mó, an bhunscoil...tá tú anois ar an mheánscoil; bíonn seans agat an íomha, agus an duine a bhí ionat roimhe a athrú leis an tsaoirse nua atá agat, le bualadh le daoine ó achan ghné den tsaol. Beidh fáitios ort rompu, ach má sheasann tú chun tosaigh, le greim a fháil ar an dúshlán sin? Bhuel, beidh tús maith agat, is é sin leath na hoibre, agus is cinnte go mbeidh tú i do dhalta den chéad scoth anseo.

An rud a bhfuil mé an-bhródúil as ná an méid ar athraigh mé mar dhuine i gColáiste Feirste, ó ghasúr díreach amach as sos an tsamhraidh, eagla an domhain orm i lár COVID roimh labhairt fiú le daoine eile, le guth ciúin. Anois, tá mé i mo fhear óg, le gob nach ndruideann, le hinchinn nach stadann ag smaoineamh cén dóigh leis an chéad dúshlán eile a láimhseáil, le lámha nach bhfuil ábalta deireadh a chur le hobair an lae, le muinín ionam ó na daoine thart orm, ó chairde, múinteoirí agus fiú bainisteoirí: ach, tá muinín ionam féin, is é sin an rud ar fhorbair mé i mo shár-dhalta, an duine atá ionam sa lá atá inniu, agus is é sin an rud is bródúla dom as mo thréimhse anseo i bpobal Choláiste Feirste.



Emmett Mag Fhearghusa

Rinne mé staidéar ar an Stair, Tíreolaíocht, agus Gaeilge do na hArd Leibhéil agus lean mé ar aghaidh le LLB sa Dlí agus MA sna Daonnachtaí Leighis ag Ollscoil Durham. B'iad na cuimhní scoile is suntasaí ón scoil ná an cuidiú ó na múinteoirí! Is iomaí ranganna breise, comhairle phearsanta, agus gníomhaíochtaí seach-churaclaim a chuir siad ar fáil. Agus mé ar scoil, spreagadh mé chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chomórtas óráide Abair in ainneoin a bheith an-neirbhíseach. Bhuaigh mé corn sa deireadh - éacht measartha maith don ghasúr cúthaileach! An chomhairle atá agam do dhalta nua - Is féidir rud éigin a fhoghlaim ó gach uile dhuine, taobh istigh agus amuigh den tseomra ranga. Is dóiche gurb é an t-ábhar bróid is mó dom ná an marc is airde sa TGMO Irish sna 6 Chontae a bhaint amach agus freastal ar Bhronnadh Duaiseanna le CCEA.



Róisé Ní Chatháin
(Bliain 14)

Is mise Róisé Ní Chatháin agus tá mé anois i mBliain a 14 i gColáiste Feirste. Caithfidh mé a rá gur iomaí na cuimhní cinn iontacha atá agam le linn na seacht mbliana a chaith mé sa scoil. Ceann de na cuimhne cinn is fearr a bhí agam ná a bheith páirteach sa drama, Ó Naonúr go Naoi gCéad agus muid ag déanamh ceiliúradh ar stair agus forbairt na scoile. Chomh maith leis sin bhí deis agam a bheith páirteach i gcuid mhór feachtais sóisialta agus cultúrtha agus bualadh le daoine ó chultúrtha agus tíortha eile, rud a theagasc dom an tábhacht a bhain le bheith mar chuid de phobal agus an tsochaí. Chuidigh seo liom fás mar dhuine agus tuiscint a bheith agam ar dhaoine eile. Mothaím go gcruthaíonn an scoil timpeallacht dearfach foghlama a spreagann dalta lena mbarr sprioc a bhaint amach. Déarfainn le dalta ar bith nua atá ag toiseacht, bain an-sult as gach bomaite óir imíonn an tam go han gasta agus bí páirteach i saol agus imeachtaí na scoile fosta. Tá mé an-bhródúil as freastal ar Choláiste Feirste agus na cairdeas agus cuimhní cinn croíula a rinne mé thar na mblianta.



Aoife Nic Cuinneagáin
(Bliain 14)

Faoi láthair tá mé ag gabháil don Ghaeilge, Mata agus Bitheolaíocht ag Ard leibhéal. Tá baint mhór ag mo chuimhní cinn is fearr le Coláiste Feirste: na turais scoile thar sáile nuair a bhí an chraic is fearr againn lenár múinteoirí agus an corr rang staidéir sin nuair a chríocheaigh muid an obair agus shuigh muid ag caint faoin oíche ghléasta agus rudaí eile tábhachtacha cosúil leis sin! Ní amháin na hábhair acadúla ach theagasc an scoil dom fosta bheith ag fás mar dhuine, le bheith ina duine díograiseach, tiomanta agus thar aon ní eile, cineálta. Is é pobal na scoile ceann de na rudaí is fearr liom faoin scoil seo, tá an caidreamh idir na daltaí agus na múinteoirí ar dóigh ar fad. Tá na múinteoirí agus daltaí ar chomh céim mar sin réitíonn achan duine go maith lena chéile agus níl an cliarlathas i mbun anseo rud a bhfaighidh tú i gcuid áiteanna eile.



Luíseach Murray-Sadlier

Is mise Luíseach Murray-Sadlier agus is iardhalta mé de Choláiste Feirste. D'fhreastal mé ar an scoil idir 2012 agus 2019, agus d'fhág an scoil tionchar an mhór orm ar an duine atá ionam inniu. Agus mé ar scoil, spreagadh i gcónaí mé chun mo chuid suimeanna a leanúint, agus mhothaigh mé go raibh mé in ann mé féin a chur in iúl i dtimpeallacht fháiltiúil agus dearfach. Nuair a smaoiním siar ar mo chuimhneacháin ar Choláiste Feirste, tá siad lán le sonas, cairdeas agus bród. Idir na ranganna agus an staidéar, bhí muid i gcónaí ag gáire agus ag baint suilt as atmaisféar Gaelach na scoile.

Déarfainn le dalta ar bith atá ag smaoineamh freastal ar Choláiste Feirste gur scoil iontach fáiltiúil í do gach cineál duine, áit a chuireann go mór le forbairt phearsanta, le láidreachtaí agus le suimeanna gach dalta. Má roghnaíonn tú an scoil seo, beidh tú mar chuid de phobal bríomhar, spreagúil agus Gaelach a osclóidh doirse duit don todhchaí. Níl scoil ar bith eile mar Choláiste Feirste! Mo chomhairle d'achan duine ná bain sult as gach lá, glac páirt i ngach deis, agus ná bíodh eagla ort tú féin a léiriú. Tá mé thar a bheith bródúil go raibh an deis agam mo chuid oideachais dara leibhéal a dhéanamh trí mheán na Gaeilge agus gur Gaeilgeoir mé inniu, rud luachmhar a thug Coláiste Feirste dom agus a bheidh liom go deo.



Aoibh Nic an Bhaird
(Bliain 13)

Dia daoibh, is mise Aoibh Nic an Bhaird agus is dalta Bhliain 13 mé i gColáiste Feirste. Tá mé ag staidéar do m'Ard Leibhéal agus is í an tíreolaíocht ábhar amháin a dhéanaim. Roghnaigh mé Tíreolaíocht mar tá sé an-suimiúil ag foghlaim faoin domhan, ó na rudaí a tharla san am a chuaigh thart go dtí na cineálacha ábhar a bhfuil an domhan déanta díobh. Nuair a bhí mé i mBliain 12 chuaigh mé chun na hÍoslainne leis an Roinn Tíreolaíochta. Tá na cuimhní is fearr agam ón turas sin - bhí sé dochreidte. Ag an bhomaite, tá mé an-bhródúil as na torthaí GCSE a fuair mé ach le bheith ionraic bhain sé leis na múinteoirí a bhí agam, gan iad ní bheadh marcanna chomh maith sin faighte agam riamh. Tá pobal na scoile thar barr, go háirithe na múinteoirí, bíonn siad i gcónaí ann duit más mian leat labhairt le duine éigin, cuidiú a fháil nó fiú más maith leat gáire faoi rud éigin.



Tiernan Fitzlarkin

D'fhreastail mé ar Choláiste Feirste idir 2010 agus 2017. Sa tréimhse sin, thaitin Tíreolaíocht agus Stair go mór liom. Ceann de na cuimhní is mó atá agam is é an turas go Barcelona leis an rang Tíreolaíochta. Thug an scoil an deis dom leasanna éagsúla a iniúchadh, go háirithe suim sa stair. Bhí tacaíocht tréadchúraim i gcónaí ar fáil sa scoil dom, agus bhí na múinteoirí i gcónaí sásta cuidiú liom mo chuid spriocanna a bhaint amach. I ndiaidh dom an scoil a fhágáil, chríochnaigh mé Bonnchém sa Phleanáil Uirbeach. Ina dhiaidh sin, bhain mé céim Bhaitisiléara agus céim Mháistreacht amach sa Phleanáil Uirbeach, agus anois tá mé ag déanamh PhD agus ag teagasc in Ollscoil Uladh. Chuaigh mo shuim in ailtireacht agus i bpolaitíocht go han-mhaith leis an ghairm seo agus thug sí an deis dom machnamh a dhéanamh ar an dóigh ar féidir linn an chathair a fheabhsú. Tá mé thar a bheith bródúil as tionscadal ar oibrigh mé air maidir le pleananna forbartha do phobail i mBéal Feirste, go háirithe i dTuaisceart Bhéal Feirste.



Hannah Nic Bhrádaigh

Is mise Hannah agus d'fhreastail mé ar Coláiste Feirste ó 2012-2019. Sna seacht mbliana a raibh mé ar Coláiste Feirste bhuaill mé leis an chuid de mo chairde is fearr agus chruthaigh mé cuimhní a bheidh liom go deo. D'fhág mé Coláiste Feirste i ndiaidh m'Ard Leibhéal chun staidéar a dhéanamh ar an Tíreolaíocht in Ollscoil na Banríona. Ba iad na múinteoirí i gColáiste Feirste a spreag mé chun staidéar a dhéanamh ar an ollscoil. Bhain mé Céim amach sa Tíreolaíocht, ansin roghnaigh mé fanacht ar an ollscoil agus máistreacht a dhéanamh in innealtóireacht timpeallachta. Tá cuimhne mhaith agam ar chuariteoir amháin ag teacht chun na scoile ar innealtóir timpeallachta í. Seo an rud a thug an smaoineamh dom an cúrsa máistreacht a dhéanamh. Nuair a d'fhág mé slán ag an ollscoil, fuair mé post i gcomhlacht darbh ainm AtkinsRéalis. Anois tá mé ag obair sa chomhlacht faoin teideal 'Hydraulic Modeller' ag déanamh obair fá choinne NI Water. Gan an taithí a fuair mé ar scoil agus na deiseanna a thug sé dom, ní shílím go mbeinn sa phost ina bhfuil mé anois ag déanamh obair is grá liom san earnáil uisce. Tá pobail na scoile lán de chairdeas, cuidiú agus deiseanna le fás mar dhuine. Tá mé i gcónaí buíoch gur fhreastal mé ar Choláiste Feirste.

Guth an Tuismitheora

Parental's Voice

Ár mubíochas lenár dtuistí a roinn a gcuid smaointe linn ar aistear na bpáistí agus iad linn.
Thanks to our parents who have shared their thoughts about the children's journey whilst here.

Guth an Tuismitheora/Parental Voice	
Seo chugainn, Máire, Mamaí Róise, dalta Bliain 14, ag cur síos ar aistear a hiníne ar Choláiste Feirste. Tá muid an-bhuíoch as ucht do chuid tacaíochta, a Mháire agus ba phléisiúir dúinn an bheirt iníon s'agaibh a bheith linn anseo ar Choláiste Feirste. <i>Here, Máire, Róise's mummy, reflects on Róise's 7 year experience in CF. We are very grateful for your support, Máire and it was a pleasure for us to have your two daughters with us here on Coláiste Feirste.</i>	Is grá liom éiteas na scoile, an grá atá ag foireann iomlán na scoile do na daltaí, an dóigh a phléitear agus cothaítear na daltaí, an dóigh a bhfuil luach le gach duine agus go ndéantar gach dalta a chéiliúradh. Is breá liom an grá atá ag na daltaí agus an fhoireann don Ghaeilge ach níos tábhachtaí arís an dóigh a bhíonn siad sásta an fód a sheasamh ar son cúiseanna tábhachtacha sa tsochaí idir sóisialta agus polaitíochta. Chuaigh an fhoghlaím go mór i bhfeidhm ar mo pháistí - an téarmaíocht uilig atá foghlama, an caighdeán Gaeilge ard atá bainte amach, an grá don Ghaeilge ach do chultúr agus tíortha eile, agus na scileanna atá foghlama. Ní thiocfadh linn scoil níos fearr a roghnú, éispéiris iontach ag ár bpáistí, beirt pháiste againn atá muiníneach, sona sásta agus mar chuid den phobal agus ag iarraidh tacú leis an phobal. Dá mbeadh orm cur síos gonta a dhéanamh ar an scoil, déarfainn: Tearmann Te teolaí <i>I love the ethos of the school, the love of the whole school staff for the pupils, the way the pupils are discussed and nurtured, the way that everyone is valued and that every pupil is celebrated. I love the love of the pupils and staff for the Irish language but more importantly the way they are willing to stand up for important causes in society, both social and political. Their learning has had a huge impact on my children – all the terminology learned, the high standard of Irish that has been achieved, the love for the Irish language but also for other cultures and countries, and the skills that have developed. We couldn't have chosen a better school; great experiences for our children, two girls who are confident, happy and part of the community and want to support the community. If I had to give a concise description of the school, I would say: A cosy, nurturing sanctuary.</i>

Guth an Tuismitheora/Parental Voice	
Sa lá atá inniu ann tá dúshlán bhreise ar dhaoine óga teacht ar scoil de dheasca cúrsaí imní agus nithe eile nach iad. Anseo, léiríonn tuismitheoir a buíochas as ucht na tacaíochta a cuireadh ar fáil dá hiníon ar scoil. Gabhann muid rath agus sonas ar an ghirseach iontach seo amach anseo. <i>Today, young people face additional challenges in coming to school due to anxiety and other concerns. Here, a parent expresses her gratitude for the support provided to her daughter at school. We wish this wonderful young girl every you and happiness for the future.</i>	Well, our girl has done exceptionally well considering her life to date. She is currently enrolled in FE college studying A levels in Biology, Politics and Psychology. We have our ups and downs, but we just need to teach her management techniques for when she's out on her own. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness, support, and encouragement. It certainly takes a village, and we are honoured that you're part of ours. Thanks forever and warmest thoughts.

Guth an Tuismitheora/Parental Voice	
Labhraíonn Claire linn faoi Rachel agus an t-aistriú atá roimpi ó GCSE go dtí Ard Leibhéal an bhliain seo chugainn. Is léir go bhfuil dul chun cinn iontach déanta aici agus go rachaidh sí ó neart go neart amach anseo. Ádh mór uirthi! <i>Claire tells us about Rachel and her upcoming transition from GCSE to A Level next year. It is clear that she has made great progress and will go from strength to strength in the future. Good luck to her!</i>	Rachel is coping really well as she is finishing her GCSEs. It has been a demanding time for her but she is staying focused and has made good use of the support Coláiste Feirste has given her over the past two years, from revision tools to extra help with topics she wants to go over. Rachel has struggled with anxiety at times, but the school has stepped in to support her and help her feel more confident. Moving on to A-levels the school has had several discussions with Rachel about the subjects she's strongest in and have given careers advice about which A-levels might suit her future plans. With this support she is thinking her choices through carefully and showing confidence moving on to sixth form.

Guth an Tuismitheora/Parental Voice	
Bhí sé an-deacair don bhuachaill óg seo freastal ar scoil de dheasca na ndúshlán éagsúla ina shaol. D'oibrigh a chaomhnóir agus an scoil go dlúth le chéile agus anois tá an buachaill seo ag freastal ar scoil níos mó ná 95% den am. Maith thú féin! <i>It was very difficult for this young boy to attend school due to the various challenges in his life. His guardian and the school worked closely together and now this boy is attending school more than 95% of the time. Good for you!</i>	I'm absolutely delighted with any teachers I've been involved with and the help and support my child gets is fantastic. It's amazing - any time I have had to contact the school. I love the way all the staff have time for every child.

Gael Chúrsaí

Vocational courses



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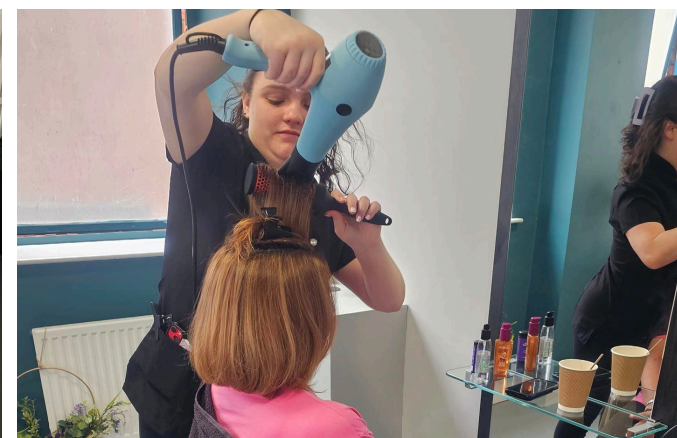
Tá Gaelchúrsaí ag dul ó neart go neart le blianta beaga anuas agus foráil bhreise acu le réimse cúrsaí is féidir leis na daltaí deis a bhaint astu ag Aois 16+. Chomh maith leis a staidéar scríofa, cuirtear síos anseo ar an oiliúint ar leith atá deartha do dhaoine óga is mian leo bheith ag obair sna hearnálacha éagsúla agus an taithí phraiticiúil a dhéanann siad le linn an ama sin.

Gaelchúrsaí has rapidly expanded especially in the last few years with additional provision for a range of vocational courses students may avail of post 16. In addition to their written studies, the table below describes the specific training for young people who want to work in these different sectors and the practical experience they gain during that time

Cúrsa	Caílíocht	Traenáil/obair phraiticiúil
Cúram Leanaí	Ullmhaítear daltaí le bheith ag obair le páistí 0 – 5 bliana.	Taithí oibre i suíomh lán-Ghaeilge Luathbhlianta tá an leibhéal 2 fóirsteanach dóibh siúd ar bheagán taithí nó nach bhfuil taithí ar bith acu ar obair le páistí.
Gruagaireacht & Bearbóireacht	Ullmhaítear daltaí le bheith ag obair taobh istigh den tionscadal Gruaige agus Bearbóireachta.	Taithí phraiticiúil i salón Gaelchúrsaí.
Siúinéireacht	Ullmhaítear daltaí le bheith ag obair taobh istigh den tionscadal tógála.	Taithí phraiticiúil.
Pluiméireacht	Ullmhaítear daltaí le bheith ag obair taobh istigh den tionscadal pluiméireachta.	Taithí phraiticiúil.
Teiripe Scéimhe	Ullmhaítear daltaí le bheith ag obair taobh istigh den tionscadal Scéimhe.	Taithí phraiticiúil i salón Gaelchúrsaí
Cócaireacht	Ullmhaítear daltaí le bheith ag obair taobh istigh den tionscadal fáilteachais nó cocaireachta.	Taithí phraiticiúil.



Course	Qualification	Training/Work experience
Childcare	Students are prepared to work with children aged 0 – 5 years.	Work experience in an Irish-medium Early Years setting Level 2 is suitable for those with little or no experience of working with children.
Hairdressing & Barbering	Students are prepared to work within the Hair and Barbering setting.	Practical experience in a Gaelchúrsaí salon.
Joinery	Students are prepared to work within the construction industry.	Practical experience
Plumbing	Students are prepared to work within the plumbing industry.	Practical experience.
Beauty Therapy	Students are prepared to work within the beauty industry.	Practical experience in a Gaelchúrsaí salon
Catering	Students are prepared to work within the hospitality or catering industry.	Practical experience.





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