

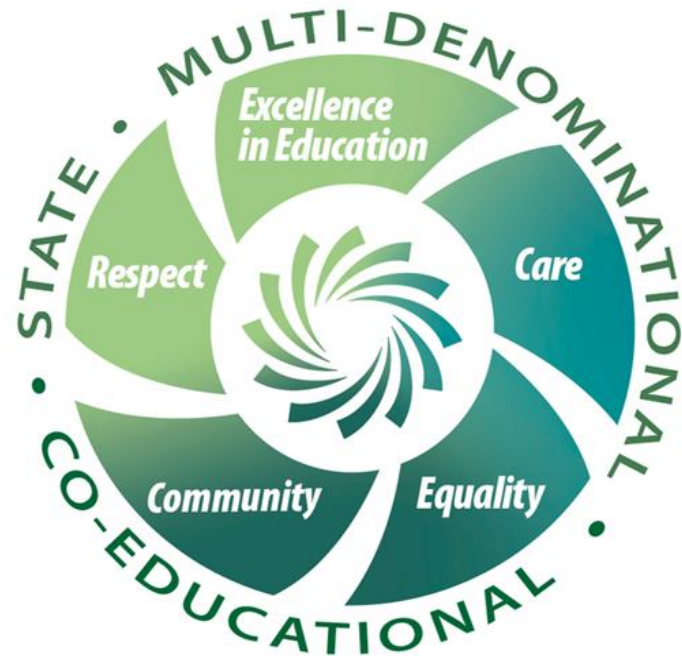
Scoil Chonglais
Post Primary School

Incoming 1st Year
Information Evening



Mission Statement

“Empowering Minds, Shaping Futures and Celebrating Success”



Week One as a 1st Year

- **Start Date – Thursday, August 27th, 2026 (8.50am - 10.50am)**
 - Timetables, lockers, journals
 - School Building Tours
 - Friendship Activities/Games Block
- **First Week -**
 - Thursday, August 27th 2026 finish at 10.50am
 - Friday, August 28th 2026, finish at 1.05pm
 - Monday, August 31st 2026, finish at 1.05pm
 - Tuesday, September 1st 2026, first full day for all students (3.40pm finish)
 - Books and stationary to be given to all students but devices later in September
- **First Year Trip -**
 - Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre
 - September Date TBC



Our School Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50 – 9.50					
9.50 – 10.50					
10.50 – 11.05	B	R	E	A	K
11.05 – 12.05					
12.05 – 1.05					
1.05 – 1.40	L	U	N	C	H
1.40 – 2.40					
2.40 – 3.40					

Tyro – School Communication

- Tyro is our Student Information System (SIS)
- For Parents: Accessible via an app to monitor student attendance, view school reports and receive notifications and communications from the school.
- Tyro School App will be used in the 2026/2027 school year for submitting notes around absences, lates or permission to leave early.

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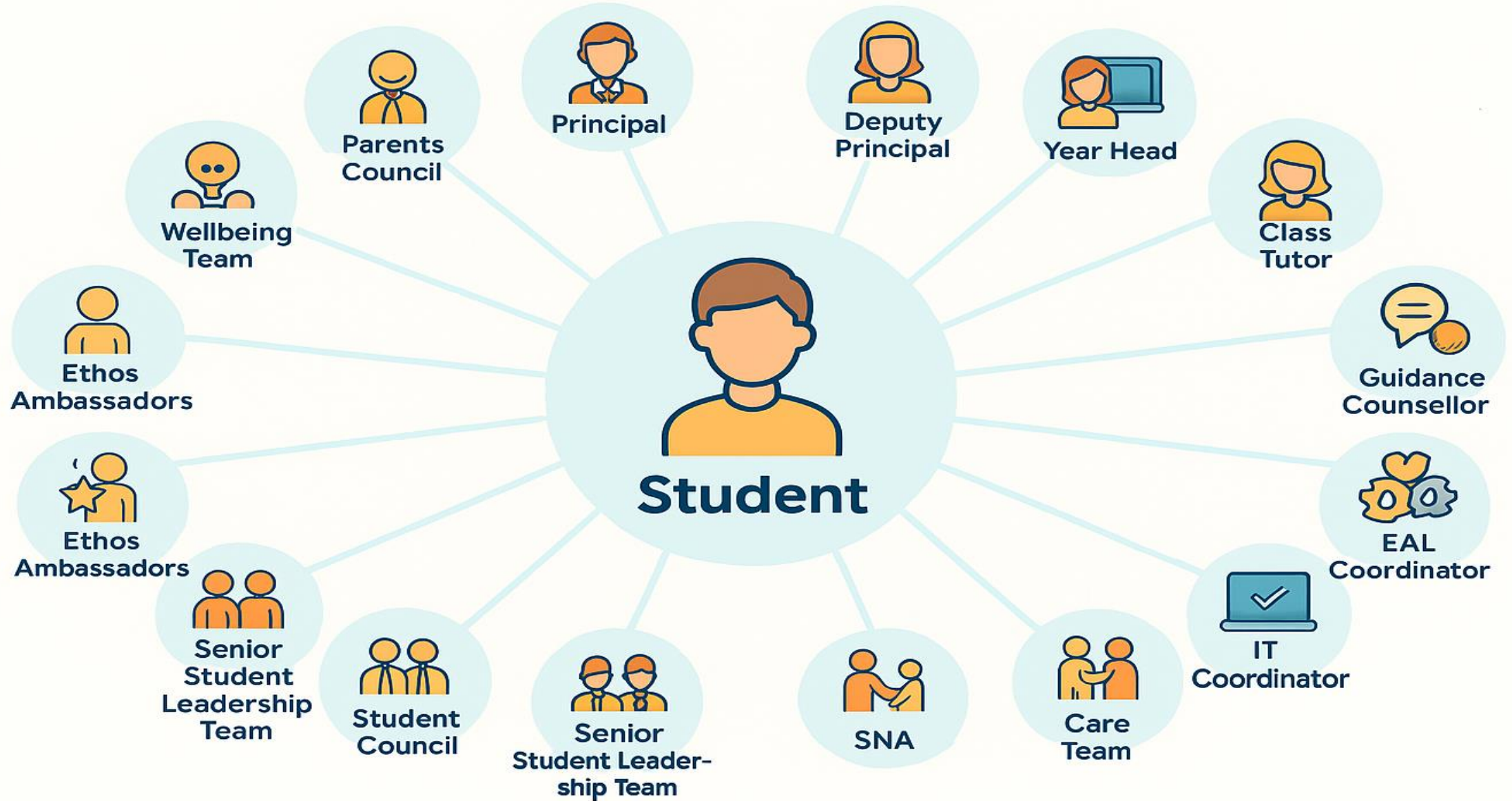
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Student Supports



Meet the Year Head – Ms Murphy

- Each year group is assigned a dedicated Year Head who works collaboratively with class tutors, the Guidance Department, the Additional Educational Needs (AEN) team, and the Senior Management Team on all matters relating to students within the year.
- Their role includes attending year-related events, motivating students, maintaining relevant records, and liaising with parents when necessary.
- The Year Head plays a central role in providing pastoral, academic, and behavioural support, ensuring that every student has the structures they need to thrive in school life.



Important School Rules

- Attendance & Punctuality
- Respect for one another & Interaction with staff
- Health and Safety
- School Property
- Uniform & Jewellery

LOW (Teacher)	
Types of Unacceptable Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework not completed • Minor classroom disruption • Late for class • Failure to comply with teacher instructions/classroom procedures • Unacceptable use of mobile phone 	School Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal reprimand • Contact with home (note in journal to get signed/phone call) • Teacher supervised detention • Additional work • Referral to the Year Head (only if required)
MEDIUM (Year Head)	
Types of Unacceptable Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unexplained absence from class • Toilet misuse • Any form of unacceptable behaviour/ continuous non-compliance with teacher instructions/classroom procedures • Unexplained absence from class/leaving school without permission. • Not wearing correct school/ PE uniform • Bullying 	School Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with home (phone call/meeting) • After school supervised Year Head detention • Withdrawal of privileges • On report • Referral to the Principal/Deputy Principal (only if required)
HIGH (Principal & Deputy Principal)	
Types of Unacceptable Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous refusal or defiant behaviour • Any form of serious/dangerous misbehaving • Damaging school property • Consumption of an illegal substance on school grounds or during a school related activity 	School Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension • Referral to the BOM (only if required)



Scoil Chonglais Jumper

€40.00 - €46.00

Select options



Scoil Chonglais Kilt

€58.00 - €66.00

Select options



Scoil Chonglais Tie

€12.00

Add to basket



Scoil Chonglais Jacket

€64.00

Select options



Scoil Chonglais Polo Shirt

~~€20.00~~ €10.00

Select options



Scoil Chonglais T-Shirt

€25.00

Select options



Scoil Chonglais Tracksuit Top

€40.00

Select options



Scoil Chonglais Tracksuit Bottoms Crested

€46.00

Select options



Boys Blue Shirt



Girls Blue Blouse



Boys Grey Slim Fit Trousers

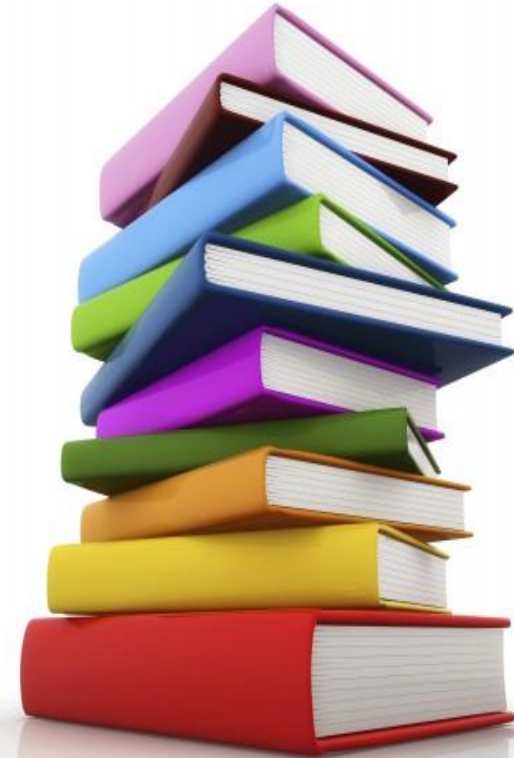


Boys Grey Sturdy Fit Trousers

School Uniform

DEY Post Primary Book Scheme

- No cost for Books or Stationery
Free Books Scheme
- Books will be owned by the school and loaned to students and returned after the end of Junior Cycle.
- School books/ebooks, workbooks, novels, plays and exam papers.
- Some (not all) Core Classroom resources covered.

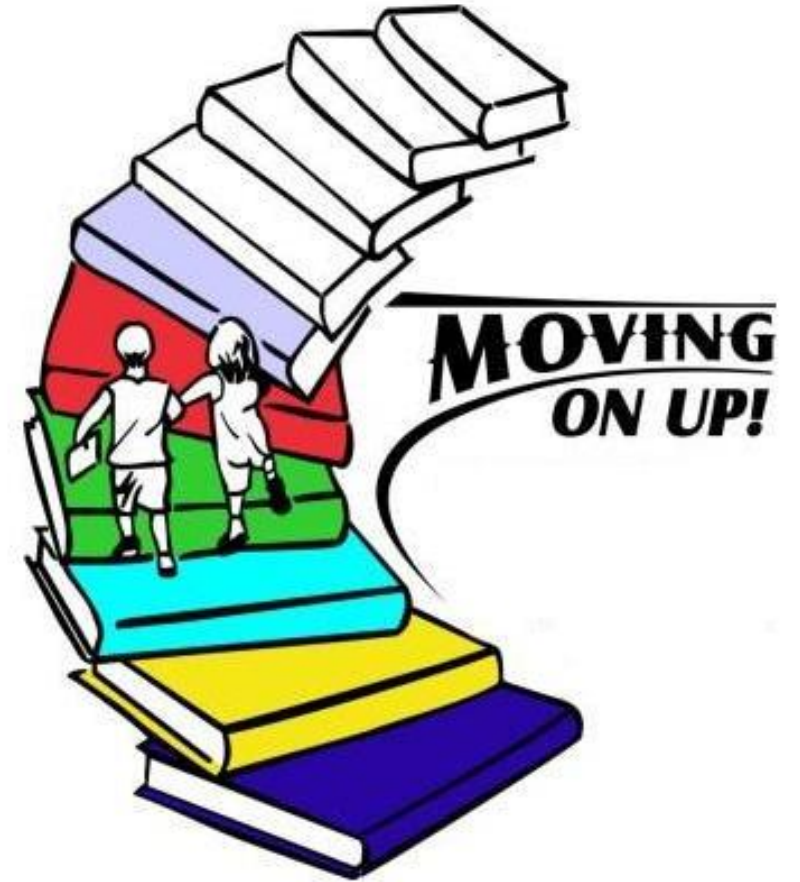




- First year students receive homework in the all subjects.
- They should write their homework into their journal.
- We recommend that you check their homework journal as well as their Microsoft Teams Channel.
- A note from home in the school journal to explain any homework not completed
- Homework is not always written.

Making the move

- Get to Know the School
- Practise Good Organisation
- Keep a Routine
- Ask for Help Early
- Stay Positive



Celebrate the move as an exciting new chapter with new subjects, friends, and opportunities.

Role of Guidance Counsellor

Mr McMullin - martinmcmullin@kwetb.ie

The role revolves around 3 integrated areas of activity:

- a. **Personal/Social guidance and counselling.**
- b. **Educational guidance and counselling.**
- c. **Career guidance and counselling.**



Guidance Counsellor's Support for First Years

**Advising and supporting
Pastoral Care Team and
Student Support Team
(Management, Year Head,
Class Tutor, Subject
Teachers and others)**

**Responding to parental
concerns about their
son's/daughter's
academic progress
and/or wellbeing.**

**Working with self-
referrals or with those
referred by a friend.**

AEN Supports

(Ms Cullen alisoncullen@kwetb.ie)

- Scoil Chonglais is an inclusive school, and our aim is to enable all students to reach their potential.
- Following enrolment, members of the Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Department liaise with primary schools and parents to establish the learning needs of incoming students.
- Standardised tests are carried out to examine what the needs of each student are as the assessments assist in identifying students who may require additional support.
- In consultation with parents and students, members of the AEN department carefully plan and co-ordinate student support.
- A team of dedicated and caring special needs assistants (SNAs) provide support to students with additional care needs.

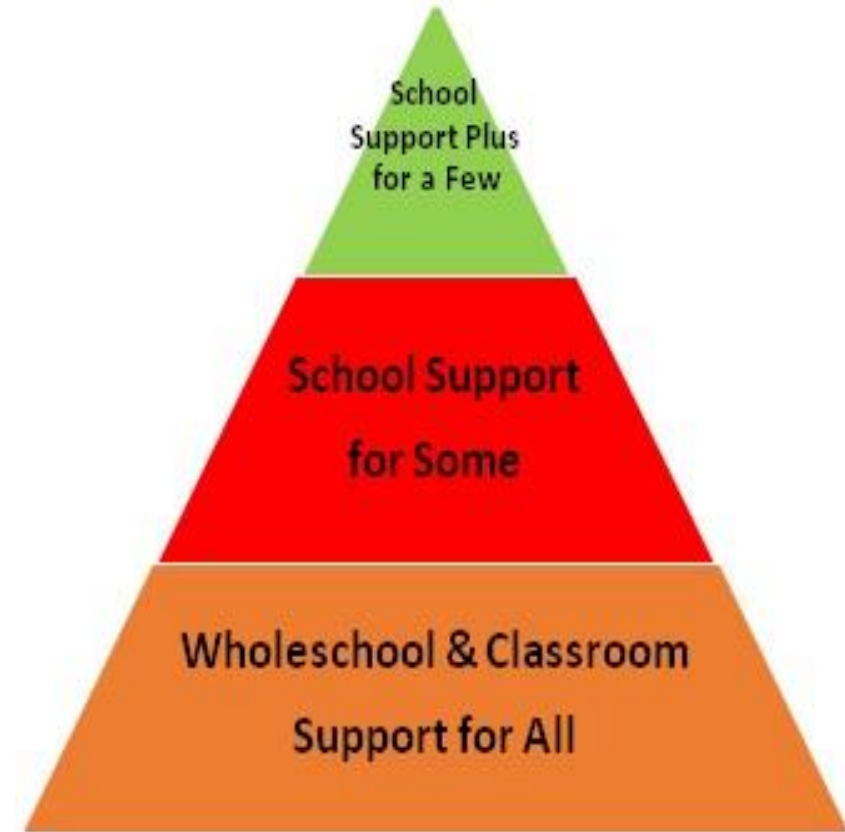


AEN Supports

Students with additional needs may receive support within the classroom, through team teaching, in small groups, or in one-to-one tuition based on students' individual needs.

Interventions draw on evidence-informed practice, and the professional knowledge and experience of teachers; they reflect the priority learning needs of students, as well as building on their strengths and interests.

Students who have been granted an Irish exemption, based on language or learning needs, will receive support at times where Irish classes are normally scheduled.



Curriculum Information



Core

Maths

English

Irish

Geography

History

Science



Wellbeing

PE

SPHE

CSPE

Wellbeing related
modules (Transition (1st
Year)/Guidance (2nd
Year), IMBV, Computers)



Options

Group 1

(select any one)

French German, Spanish

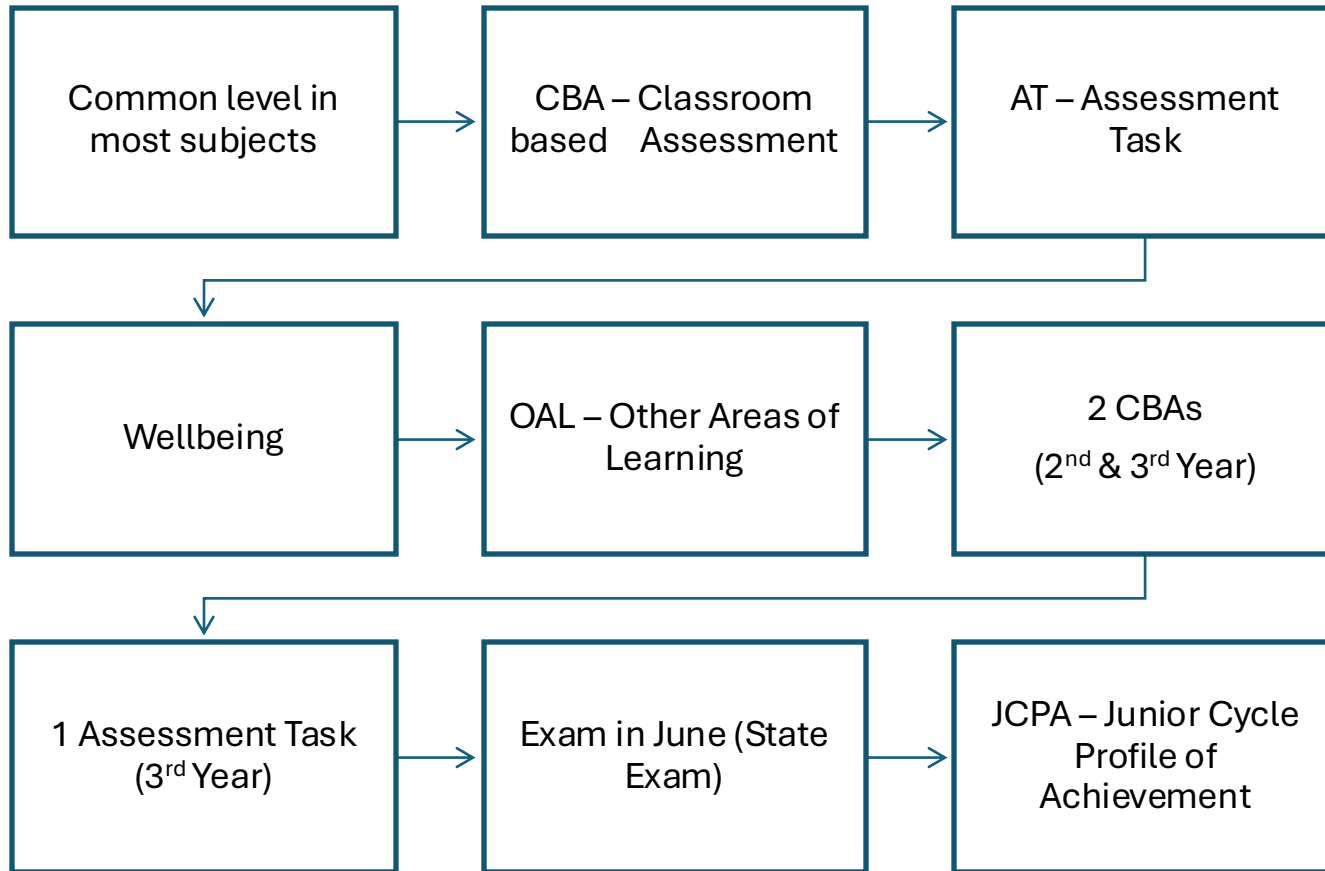
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Group 2 -

(select any three)

Art, Music, Business Studies,
Home Economics, Engineering,
Graphics & Material (Wood)
Technology

Assessment



Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)

Classroom-based Assessment Descriptors
Exceptional
Above Expectations
In line with Expectations
Yet to meet Expectations

Assessments & Reporting



- Whole School Exams in November – 1st, 2nd & 5th
- Mocks - 3rd & 6th Years
- Whole School Exams in May – 1st, 2nd & 5th
- State Exams in June - 3rd & 6th Years
- Reports will be available on Tyro.



Extracurricular Activities



Wellbeing week

*** I CAN & I WILL ***



Wellbeing Initiatives and Activities in Scoil Chonglais



Amber Flag Committee

World Mental Health Day

World Kindness Day

September Green Ribbon Campaign

#LittleThings Campaign - Promoting Positive Mental Health

Wellbeing Committee

Mental Health Talks and Workshops



Stand Up Week



#MindYour Selfie Day

Internet Safety Day

Ethos Ambassadors

Journal Cover Design Competition



Wellbeing Notice Board

Active Schools Week

Acknowledgement Postcards

Shield Anti-Bullying Programme



Monthly Wellbeing Themes

Tackle your Feelings Schools Programme

DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Week

Creative Schools Week



Selecting Options - Tyro



- Options are submitted via Tyro
- Usernames will be sent via email - any issues please let the school know.
- Options open on **Monday, March 23rd 2026** and will close on **Friday March, March 27th 2026**.
- Remember all students will be taking the following subjects for the Junior Cycle: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, SPHE, CSPE, PE and Wellbeing.
- In addition, students may choose 4 other subjects from the following:
 - Group 1 – French, German OR Spanish (Ranking 1-3 in preference)
 - Group 2 - Art, Business Studies, Home Economics, Materials Technology (Wood), Engineering (Metalwork), Music, Technical Graphics. (Ranking 1-7 in preference)

School Devices



- Students no longer need to use a phone to complete project work, and this means that they are spending more time away from social media with its distractions and pressures.
- The laptop gives the students access to a long list of supports and resources, to aid their learning. This list includes audio visual materials, revision tasks, quizzes, ready-made notes on PowerPoint, as well as mock and past exam materials, and sample exam answers.
- The 1:1 device serves to help your child, and it will give your child every advantage in preparing for exams at all levels.

School Devices



- One important support that your child will benefit from at Scoil Chonglais is the 1:1 device that they will use to learn about new topics, to study, to revise, and to prepare projects.
- **The decision to use 1:1 devices in Scoil Chonglais was taken in order support learning while decreasing phone use.**
- Students regularly needs to consult different apps including MS Teams for notes and exam assistance, and for day-to-day class tasks.



Questions

