



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL CLONMEL

PROSPECTUS

2027/2028



Welcome to Presentation Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to Presentation Secondary School Clonmel at the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our history. As we embrace a new era as a co-educational school, we remain firmly committed to the values that have always defined us: high academic expectations, personal excellence, and a caring, supportive environment where every student can thrive.

Our move to co-education reflects our commitment to preparing young people for the world they will live and work in, while preserving the strong traditions, sense of community, and pursuit of excellence that are at the heart of our school. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to achieve their full potential, supported by dedicated staff who know, challenge, and encourage them.

Partnership with parents and guardians is a cornerstone of our approach. We see education as a shared journey, and we value the close collaboration between the school and home that enables each student to thrive.

As you explore this prospectus, I hope you gain a sense of the vibrant learning community that makes our school such a special place. We are proud of our past, excited about our future, and look forward to welcoming the next generation of students to our school.

Jenny Williams, Principal

Róisín Hennessy, Deputy Principal



Our Mission

Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel is committed to offering our students a holistic Catholic Education in a caring environment conducive to learning and personal development.





Our School Campus

MAIN BUILDING

17 Classrooms
 3 Locker Rooms
 2 Music Rooms
 Rehearsal Room
 2 Art Studios
 3 Science Laboratories
 Demonstration Room
 Junior Computer Room
 Coding Lab
 2 Kitchens
 Needlework Room
 Library
 Sacred Space and Meditation Room
 Career Guidance Office
 Multimedia Centre
 Assembly Hall and Canteen
 Resource Rooms
 Accessible Lifts Garden, and Outdoor Soft Areas

SENIOR COLLEGE

8 Classrooms
 Music Room
 Performance Space
 Senior Computer Lab
 3 ASD Classes and Associated Spaces
 Accessible Lift

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Outdoor Biodiversity Classroom
 Competition Size All Weather Pitch
 P.E Hall
 Outdoor Playing Fields
 Basketball Courts
 30 Outdoor Picnic Benches
 Remembrance Garden
 Polytunnel
 ASD Sensory Garden (under development)

Coming Soon

(Under Development by Department of Education)
 New specialties building including an Art Studio,
 Science Lab and Technical Drawing Studio

New

4 Classroom ASD Centre and Associated Spaces,
 Sensory Garden, and Outdoor Soft Areas



Our New Developments

Biodiversity Developments in Our School

Our outdoor classroom is now available for classes, providing an engaging space to explore nature and develop students' understanding of biodiversity. It supports learning across Science, Geography, and Environment Awareness, giving students the opportunity to learn outdoors and observe the natural environment first-hand.

Our polytunnel is being used to grow food for Home Economics classes and works alongside our raised beds, creating a practical growing space where students can learn about food production from seed to harvest.

Last year we also installed the GUG anaerobic digester, which processes food waste and converts it into liquid fertiliser that can be used to support the growth of our produce. Together, these developments create a circle of food production within the school: food waste is recycled through the anaerobic digester, the resulting fertiliser supports our plants, and the food grown can then be used in the Home Economics classes. This provides students with a practical example of sustainability, biodiversity, waste reduction, and the circular economy in action.



"The sense of community and unity in the Presentation is like no other I have ever experienced. When I leave, I know I will always be a Pres girl. I have learnt far more than just academics at the Pres, life lessons I'll take with me for the rest of my life."

Ruby Browne (6th Year 2025)

"Teaching at The Pres has been an incredibly rewarding experience, marked by a warm, supportive, and welcoming atmosphere. The rare and positive bond shared between teachers and students is what truly sets this school apart."

Daniel O'Brien (English Teacher)

Junior Cycle Curriculum

The Junior Cycle

The Junior Cycle is the first three years of post-primary education in Ireland. At Presentation Secondary School, it provides a strong foundation for learning, encouraging students to develop essential skills, explore new subjects, and build confidence for the years ahead. The Junior Cycle places a strong emphasis on creativity, critical thinking, and active learning, as well as personal and social development.

Assessment combines classroom-based work with final examinations, ensuring that each student's progress and achievements are recognised in a variety of ways. This approach helps students to become self-motivated, independent learners, ready to embrace the challenges of the Senior Cycle and beyond.

Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP)

The JCSP is an intervention programme which supports students in achieving success in the Junior Cycle through a personalised, practical approach to learning. It focuses on building literacy, numeracy, and key life skills, while encouraging confidence and active participation. Students' achievements are celebrated through regular feedback, profiling, and special recognition events.

Core Subjects	English	Gaeilge	Maths	History	Geography
Options Subjects	French	Music	Art	Home Ec.	Graphics
	Coding	Business	German	Science	
Wellbeing Subjects	P.E	SPHE	CSPE	Religion	Wellbeing



Learn More – Our Junior Cycle Curriculum

Would you like to learn more about our Junior Cycle Curriculum?

Simply click on the videos below to hear directly from our teachers as they share insights into the subjects, learning experiences, and opportunities that await our students

Art



Business



Coding



English



Gaeilge



Geography



History



Home Economics



Maths



Modern Foreign Languages



Music



Science



"TY was one of the best years ever I'm so glad I decided to do it. With so many opportunities and trips out, while also being able to experience all subjects again and being apart of TY drama fest, it was an amazing experience and I'd recommend it to all 3rd years thinking about doing it"

Emily Morrissey (5th Year 2025)

"Bhain mé an-taitneamh as a bheith páirteach i n-oidhreacht an oideachais i Meánscoil na Toirbhirte thar na blianta. Roinn mé buaicphointí agus dúshlán le foireann iontach comhbhách agus ba mhór an pléisiúr dom féachaint ar dhaltai ag dul amach sa saol mar mhná óga muiníneacha"

Sinéad Millea (Múinteoir Gaeilge)

Senior Cycle Curriculum

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The Senior Cycle covers the final two or three years of post-primary education and prepares students for life after school — whether in further education, training, or employment. The Senior Cycle encourages independent thinking, responsibility, and academic excellence. Students deepen their knowledge in chosen subjects, develop transferable skills, and engage in projects, practical work, and research. Our dedicated teachers support each learner to reach her full potential, ensuring she is ready to take the next step with confidence. At Presentation Secondary School, Transition Year (Year 1 of Senior Cycle) is optional.

Transition Year Programme (Year 1 – Optional)

Transition Year at Presentation Secondary School combines academic learning with real-world experience. A central feature is our extensive work experience programme, giving students practical insights into careers and the workplace. Alongside projects, community involvement, and creative learning, TY fosters independence, confidence, and skills for future education and employment.

Leaving Certificate (Years 2-3)

The Leaving Certificate Established offers a broad, balanced curriculum across academic and practical subjects. Students select subjects that match their strengths and ambitions, preparing for further education, training, or employment. Our supportive environment and dedicated teaching help each student achieve her personal and academic goals.

Core Subjects	Option Subjects (Choose 4)
English Gaeilge Maths	French German Business Accounting History Geography Art Music Chemistry Biology Physics Agricultural Science Computer Science LCW Home Economics

Tranche 1 starts 2025	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Arabic, Latin, Ancient Greek, Business, Climate Action and Sustainable Development, Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
Tranche 2 starts 2026	Accounting, Construction Studies, Engineering, English, Geography, LCVP Modules, Physical Education
Tranche 3 starts 2027	Agricultural Science, Computer Science, Design and Communications Graphics, History, Home Economics, Mathematics, Music, Physics and Chemistry
Tranche 4 starts 2028	Art, Economics, French, Gaeilge, German, Italian, Politics and Society, Spanish, Technology
Tranche 5 starts 2029	Applied Mathematics, Classical Studies, Japanese, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Religious Education, Russian



Annual School Events



School events at Presentation Secondary School play a vital role in building community, celebrating achievements, and fostering friendships across all year groups. From cultural celebrations to sports days and charity fundraisers, these occasions strengthen our shared identity and nurture the vibrant Pres spirit that unites students, staff, and families.

1st Year Halloween Disco

Advent Service

Awards for Excellence

Ceiliuradh CEIST

Christmas Concert

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Markets

Easter Service

Halloween Dress Ups

Internet Safety Week

Maths Week

Positivity Week

Pres Book Week

Presentine Valentine's Celebrations

School Musical (with CBS High School)

School Tours (abroad in 5th Year)

Science Week

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Sports Day

Students vs Teachers Match

"Our school is very inclusive, there is lunch time activities to include everyone, whether you are into sports, music or books! The students look out for each other and the teachers are very helpful whether it is an academic or personal issue."

Ella Norris (Transition Year 2025)

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities



Our wide range of extra- and co-curricular activities enriches students' learning beyond the classroom, offering opportunities in sport, the arts, leadership, and community service. These experiences are vital in developing well-rounded, confident young people with the skills, values, and resilience to thrive in all aspects of life.

6th Year Leaders

MasterChef Competitions

Art Competitions

Maths Competitions

Athletics

Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassadors

Basketball

Music Ensembles

Board Games

PAL Homework Club

BT Young Scientist

Pres Got Talent Concerts

Camogie

Presmas Wonderland Market

Careers Expo

Retreats

Computer Coding

Rugby

Dance

School Choir

Equestrian

School Musical

Faith Friends

School Tours (abroad in 5th Year)

Gaisce President's Award

Science Projects

Gaelic Football

Sci Fest

Glee Club

Spike ball

Hockey

STEM Passports

IMTA π Quiz

Student Council

Junk Kouture

Student Social Media Team

Junior and Senior Librarians

The Green Team Environment Club

Kayaking (Paddles Up Programme) Visits to theatres, museums, etc.

"It's been a privilege witnessing our students each in their own unique way overcome obstacles and find their strengths. The resilience I have seen has left a lasting imprint on my heart. Bonds are formed laughter is shared, it's been an honour to be part of the Pres"

Catherine Quirke (SNA)

Our Sports Facilities

At Presentation, we are proud to offer **top-class sports facilities** that encourage participation, teamwork, and excellence. Our brand-new **all-weather pitch** provides year-round opportunities for training and competition, while our **GAA fields**, currently undergoing significant upgrades, ensure the very best conditions for our players.

We are also delighted to foster strong **community partnerships**, working closely with **Clonmel Hockey Club** and **Clonmel Commercials Ladies Gaelic Football Club**, to enhance our facilities.



"Working at the Presentation Clonmel has been an incredibly positive and fulfilling experience. As a teacher of Geography and PE, I feel fortunate to be part of a school community that values respect, kindness, and a strong sense of belonging. The relationship between staff and students is built on respect and creates a positive learning environment where students feel confident to ask questions, feels valued and truly enjoy learning. Another standout aspect the Presentation is our excellent extra- curricular programme. Whether it's through our shows or sports teams, our broad programme gives students have plenty of opportunities to explore their passions and develop new skills and meet new people. It's brilliant to see their enthusiasm and commitment outside the classroom, and it really adds to the overall vibrancy of school life"

Gus Flynn (Geography/P.E Teacher and Year Head)

Our Digital School

Technology in Every Classroom – enhancing creativity, problem-solving, and engagement

We are proud to be shaping a progressive and innovative digital learning culture at Presentation Secondary School. Our education platform, Microsoft Teams, enables seamless communication, collaboration, and resource sharing between students and teachers, while VS Ware keeps parents and guardians informed in real time.

We are committed to equipping every student with the skills needed for a digital future. Our phased 1:1 Laptop Device initiative with Olive for Education begins in 2026, with full roll-out by 2028. We have an active Remote Learning Policy for unforeseen circumstances, an active Digital Strategy Team of teachers, and set annual Digital Learning targets to ensure technology is embedded meaningfully in teaching and learning.

Digital tools enhance lessons across all subjects, encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and innovation. Our students also benefit from unique opportunities such as the STEM Passport for Inclusion and participation in the DreamSpace Ambassador programme, further preparing them for future study and careers in science, technology, and beyond.



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Our Student Voice

Active Participation

At Presentation Secondary School, we believe our students should play an active role in shaping school life. Through the **Student Council**, leadership roles, and regular feedback opportunities, students share their ideas, influence decisions, and help create a school community that reflects their needs and aspirations.

Leadership in Action

Leadership at Pres comes to life through our **6th Year Leaders**, who play a vital role in the 1st Year Induction Programme — welcoming new students, offering guidance, and helping them feel at home from day one. **Our Librarians** and **PAL Homework Club** leaders also inspire by supporting and mentoring their peers.

Student Media Team

Our **Student Media Team** brings a journalistic perspective to school events, producing articles, photography, and social media content that showcase Presentation from the student viewpoint.

Policy and Decision-Making

Student voice is central to decision-making, with representatives participating in **School Policy** development to ensure policies reflect the lived experience of our students. **Student Council** President and Vice President meet regularly with the Senior Management Team to discuss ideas for change and improvement.

Continuous Improvement

At the end of their time with us, **exit interviews with 6th Years** provide valuable feedback on every aspect of school life, helping us to continually improve and evolve.

Our Commitment

We value open communication and mutual respect, empowering students to take **ownership of their learning and environment**. By listening to our students and acting on their contributions, we foster confidence, responsibility, and leadership — qualities that will serve them well in school and in life.



Student Supports

1st Year Induction Programme

Starting strong and growing with confidence and support

Our comprehensive 1st Year Induction Programme ensures a smooth and supportive transition to secondary school. It begins with CAT testing in February to help us understand each student's learning needs, followed by a Meet and Greet BBQ in August for students to connect before term starts. Throughout the year, 6th Year Leaders provide sustained peer support, while regular check-ins with the Year Head and daily morning assemblies help build relationships, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging at the Pres.



Pastoral Care System

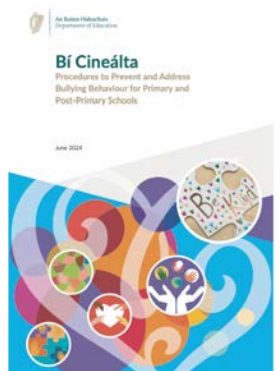
Every student known, every student cared for

Pastoral Care is at the heart of school life in our school. We provide a supportive, inclusive environment where every student feels valued, safe, and respected. Our pastoral team, comprised of Year Heads, Senior Management, ASD Lead Teachers, and the school Guidance Counsellor ensures each student's wellbeing is nurtured alongside her academic progress.

Bí Cineálta

Kindness is our culture

Our Bí Cineálta policy promotes a culture of kindness, respect, and inclusion. Central to our anti-bullying approach, it encourages positive interactions, addresses unkind behaviour promptly, and ensures every student feels safe, supported, and valued in our school community.



Continuum of Support

We follow the Department of Education's Continuum of Support model to meet the diverse needs of our students. This tiered approach ranges from whole-school support for all learners, to targeted interventions for those needing extra help, and individualised support for specific needs. By identifying and responding early, we ensure every student receives the right level of assistance to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Learning Support

Support that empowers every learner

We are committed to ensuring that every student reaches her full potential. Our Learning Support team works closely with students, parents, and teachers to provide tailored assistance, whether through small-group tuition, one-to-one support, or in-class strategies. Individual Education Plans are designed to build skills, confidence, and independence, enabling all learners to thrive academically and personally.



Student Supports

ASD Centre

Empowering students to thrive and belong

Our two ASD classes provide welcoming, supportive spaces where students can learn, grow, and feel valued. Highly trained staff work closely with each student, fostering confidence, independence, and inclusion in all aspects of school life, with the aim of encouraging access to mainstream classes and activities as much as possible. We are delighted to announce that we are currently in the design phase of a new 4 class ASD centre.



Student Council

Your ideas, your school

The Student Council gives students a strong voice in shaping school life. Elected representatives from each class group work together to share ideas, raise concerns, and organise initiatives that benefit the whole school community.

Supervised Study

A quiet space to achieve your best

We offer supervised after-school study sessions in a quiet, structured environment. These sessions give students the time and space to focus on homework, revision, and independent learning without distractions. With the benefit of routine and support, students develop strong study habits, improve time management, and enhance their academic performance.

Career Guidance

Informed choices, confident futures

Our Career Guidance programme supports students in making informed decisions about their future education, training, and career paths. Through one-to-one guidance, group classes, and career events, students explore their interests, identify their strengths, and learn about opportunities both in Ireland and abroad.



Continuous Assessment

Ongoing feedback for measurable progress

We use continuous assessment to support learning and track progress throughout the year. This includes Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs), November Assessments, Summer Examinations, practical, aural, and oral assessments, and regular class tests. By combining these varied approaches, we gain a full picture of each student's strengths and areas for growth, while giving students multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning.



Why Choose Presentation Secondary School Clonmel

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Academic Excellence – A broad, balanced curriculum with high expectations, expert teaching, and outstanding results.

Innovation in Learning – A leading Digital School with developing technology, creative teaching, and future-focused programmes.

Student Opportunities – Extensive extracurricular, leadership, and cultural activities to develop well-rounded, confident young women.

Caring Community – A strong pastoral care system where every student is known, supported, and valued.

Inclusive Ethos – A welcoming environment built on respect, kindness, and inclusion, where diversity is celebrated and every student can thrive.



"I am so happy that I chose the Presentation for my secondary school. A positive experience I have from going to the Pres is reaching a Munster semi-final with the minor football team last year we had great fun along the way".
Doireann Scully (3rd Year)



"In Presentation, education looks like academic excellence rooted in belonging and growth, where every student is motivated through encouragement and challenge to reach their full potential".
Zarah Chirubvu (6th Year)



"The reason I came to Presentation secondary is because it is an welcoming and supportive school community".
Layla Dunne (TY 2026)



"The teachers here are some of the best I've ever had!"
Ava Wilson (2nd Year)

Enrolment Procedures For 1st Year 2027

1st October 2026 – Admissions Open

3rd October 2026 – Open Day and Viewing of the School

22nd October 2026 (1pm) – Admissions Close

5th November 2026 – Offer of Places

19th November 2026 – Acceptance of Places Closes

February 2027 – Enrolment Assessment (usually Saturday in early February)

June 2027 – Individual student/parent meetings with Ms. Williams and Ms. Hennessy

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"I enjoy being a student in Pres Clonmel because the teachers are very supportive and friendly. This makes it much easier to learn in class because it's a really comfortable environment. There are also lots of different sports and clubs to choose from which means there is something for everybody no matter what you are interested in! I'm glad I chose to go to the Pres."

Aoibhinn Harris (3rd Year 2025)

"Our school isn't just about grades, it's about the activities you participate in, your friends, and the memories you make."

Nina Kowalik (2nd Year 2025)

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