



Schools Brochure 2026/2027

***Every
student.
Every
chance.***





Levelling the Playing Field

In Ireland, access to academic support is increasingly determined by family income. As demand for extra support continues to rise, many students are being left behind –not because of ability, but because support is financially out of reach.

Schools are also facing growing challenges:

- Increased pressure on guidance and wellbeing supports
- Rising levels of student stress, anxiety and absenteeism
- Persistent educational inequality
- Limited resources to provide targeted after-school academic support

jumpAgrade exists to help change that.

We partner with schools, communities and funders to provide high-quality academic and student success support to senior cycle students who may otherwise be unable to access it.

Because educational support should be a right – not a privilege.

About jumpAgrade

jumpAgrade is an award-winning Irish social enterprise working to level the education playing field for underserved senior cycle students.

We provide high-quality after-school tuition, revision and student success programmes designed specifically for students in DEIS and underserved school communities.

Working in partnership with schools, we support students to:

- Build confidence in their academic ability
- Improve subject understanding and exam readiness
- Develop positive study habits and self-belief
- Reduce stress and anxiety around the Leaving Certificate
- Raise aspirations and progression opportunities

To date, jumpAgrade has:

- Supported 3,000+ students nationwide
- Partnered with 50+ post-primary schools annually
- Helped 83% of our 2024 cohort progress to higher education

(National progression rate for students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds: approximately 42%.)

“Tutoring is one of the best-evidenced interventions for boosting educational performance. If it’s based on those who can afford it, it exacerbates the inequalities already in the system.”– The Times, March 2025

Levelling the Playing Field

jumpAgrade provides a tiered educational support system to ensure that every young person has an equal opportunity to reach their potential.

All programmes are strengthened by collaborative communication between jumpAgrade, the school community, parents and guardians.

Tier 1: 1-1 Tuition



Intensive individual support for students to address specific learning gaps, build confidence and achieve their academic goals.

12 Hours of bespoke live tuition across the academic year. Students are matched with a tutor and co-create a personalised learning plan.

Tier 2: Small Group Tuition



Targeted academic support, where learners are grouped by subject, level and ability, with **up to 5 students** per group.

24 weeks of live group classes for students to revise and close learning gaps in an exam focused environment. Past students report an average of two grade increases.

Tier 3: Thrive – open access



Universal, open access student support accelerator for senior cycle students: 150+ hours of live extra academic and student success resources for all.

Weekly classes in core subjects, revision courses at Christmas and Easter, as well as hundreds of hours of on demand resources. Study skills, exam techniques, success coaching, transition planning and guidance help to prepare students for next steps.

How It Works

1. School Consultation

We work with schools to identify needs and appropriate solutions. Schools nominate a jumpAgrade ambassador (typically a Guidance Counsellor, HSCL or Year Head) who selects the students who would benefit from personalised support



2. Student selection and onboarding

Students are selected and onboarded in partnership with the school. Each student signs a learning contract and completes a needs analysis outlining subject/s they want tuition in, availability, additional learning needs etc Student are then matched with suitable teachers by the jumpAgrade team.

3. Programme Delivery

Programmes run online on our secure, dedicated platform from October – May each year, delivered by experienced, qualified and garda vetted teachers.

4. Monitoring & Engagement

We monitor participation, engagement and progress throughout the programme with an impact report at the end of the year.

5. Ongoing Partnership

Schools receive regular progress reports, feedback and support from the jumpAgrade team throughout the year.

Research shows that high-quality tutoring can accelerate learning by up to five months.

25/26 School Feedback

“Our school is growing every year and the needs are greater. JumpAgrade has been instrumental in providing academic support to students who just would not have otherwise been able to access it.” - Guidance Counsellor, St Brogan’s College



“It has helped foster a culture of attainment and pursuit of excellence. It allowed us more open discussions with students about their progress and goals. It supported our students which makes their journey through the Leaving Cert easier.” - 6th Year Year Head, St Mark’s Tallaght

“Students felt more prepared for their chosen subjects, reassurance that they had someone to ask questions to. It also took off the financial pressure and the stress and worry of having to pay for grinds. Overall the students who took part were much more happy academically and emotionally with their approach to the Leaving Cert and the extra help they were getting.” - Guidance Counsellor, Coláiste Fionnchua

“It has made a huge difference to the students involved this year. Students are eager to share what they have covered in their jumpAgrade classes and are applying the feedback they are receiving from their tutor. Students' confidence has increased in their classes also.” - 6th Year Year Head, Mount Carmel



“It is brilliant and really is a leveller in an unfair system for students who could never afford grinds.” Principal, Clogher Road Community College

“Our school community has benefited academically, personally and holistically thanks to the academic and personal support offered to us this year.” - Guidance Counsellor, Gaelcholáiste Mhuire AG

Parent & Guardian Feedback

"It has improved her understanding of areas she was struggling in. She felt supported and the small numbers meant she had opportunity to ask questions." – Donna

"It definitely brought her up at least one grade. It helped her to build confidence for oral and aural. The quieter children will hide in a big class so this service is really important, especially for shy kids. Keep doing what you are doing please." – Maria

"It has been a fantastic opportunity for my daughter. Her confidence has grown, her knowledge of topic and how to apply the understanding has really helped, particularly in areas where she struggled. The teachers are excellent at explaining and treat them like adults" – Isobel

"I'm very happy that my daughter had the opportunity to do jumpAgrade. I feel she has benefited greatly and has a better understanding of her subject, and has gained some confidence in herself also!" – Michelle

"It's serves as a great relief for me and my daughter because she was very worried and struggling with her courses but now she has built her confidence in her studies and knows how to solve questions easily." – Idowu

2025/2026 Student Stories

"I had a rough start to sixth year since I wasn't in much in fifth year, I fell behind in subjects, especially maths. But thanks to my tutor Tara I have caught up substantially in maths." – 6th Year Student, Piper's Hill Kildare

"I felt confused and sometimes worried when I did bad in exams and I feel better now because my grades have been improving." – 6th Year Student, Coláiste Nano Nagle Limerick

"School was stressful- always trying to navigate study time, whereas I always knew that I had a jumpAgrade class that week so I knew I would definitely get some sort of revision in no matter what. It was really nice because it was a constant part of my schedule which is really helpful to me personally." – 6th Year Student, Coláiste Nano Nagle Limerick

"There was definitely a lot of uncertainty before the start of jumpAgrade, but now I feel a lot more confident in my subjects" – 6th Year Student, St Aidan's Community College

"I would like to thank my teacher, Silvanne so much for all the support and advice she's given me throughout the year. She has made such a huge impact on my grades and my overall experience in Leaving Cert and I'm unconditionally grateful." – 6th Year Student, Bishopstown Community School

Through jumpAgrade support, students reported the following changes:

- **86% reported that their grades had improved**
- **85% felt that jumpAgrade encouraged them to aim higher for their future**
- **87% reported improved confidence**



“Until we get equality in education, we won’t have an equal society” – Sonia Sotomayor



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It takes a village.... Let’s build it together.

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