













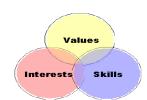


Guidance and Connselling Department Meanscoil Jognaid Ris

Welcome to our Guidance and Counselling Section of the Website.

- **The Team:** Here, in Meánscoil lognáid Ris there are 3 qualified Guidance Counsellors **Ms Maura Conneely, Ms Margaret Costello and Ms Karen Lynch** who each hold a Level 9 Postgraduate Diploma in School Guidance and Counselling. All are members of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors (**IGC**), regularly undertake CPD, attend professional external Supervision organised by the Kildare Branch of the IGC and all attend the school's Care Team Meetings. Each has also worked in the school, as a Subject Teacher, for many years in a variety of disciplines.
- Overview of the Guidance and Counselling services: The school's Guidance and Counselling service is an integral part of whole school life for each student. We offer a range of services and activities to assist students in making informed and prudent Educational, Personal and Vocational/Occupational choices. Our School Guidance Plan, together with our individual Guidance Programmes which are reviewed annually outline and inform all our work. The activities and services are provided on an Individual, Class or Group basis. Counselling Supports are offered on a one to one basis, in confidence, by Appointment, and by Referral which may be from a member of Management/Principal, Year Head, Class/subject Teacher, Parent/Guardian or by Self-Referral. In addition to providing services to students from First Year right through to the end of their Sixth Year journey, the Guidance and Counselling Department also works closely with Subject Teachers, Year Heads, SEN Department, School Management, Parents/Guardians, Colleges, External referral/support agencies, Employers, other Educational bodies and Training entities to name but a few. The Guidance and Counselling Team are also actively involved in the delivery of the Wellbeing programmes both Junior and Senior cycles.
- **How can your Son avail of the Services:** A variety of means of accessing information, guidance and supports is provided. This includes, but is *not* limited to the following:





- Classroom Work (timetabled classes)
- Individual Career Interviews
- One-to-One Counselling/Support sessions
- Referrals, as outlined above, including Self Referral.

- Specific requests e.g. Following Parent/Teacher Meeting
- Weekly Student Assemblies
- Careers Notice Boards
- Participation in the many organised events -such as Higher Options, Guest Speaker talks,
 College Awareness week events, College Open Days, Workshops and Wellbeing Week are just some examples.



- Guidance and Counselling In <u>Senior</u> Cycle: (Transition Year, 5th Year and 6th Year)

Here in Meanscoil Ioganid Ris, there is a comprehensive Guidance Programme for students in each of *Transition Year*, 5th Year and 6th Year, as outlined below. Please note this List is reviewed annually and is by no means exhaustive.

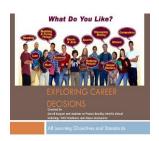
•	Transition Year	•	5 th Year	•	6 th Year
>	Timetabled Classes – once/week	>	Timetabled Classes – once/week	~	Weekly Assembly Information
>		>		~	Interest Testing
>	Guest Speakers	>	Guest Speakers	>	Guest Speakers
>	Parent Information	>	Review of Subject	>	6 th Year/CAO Parent
	Evening – Subj Choices		Choices, on request		Information Evening
>	Senior Cycle Subjects	>	Implement Subject	>	Ongoing monitoring of
	Information		Changes following		progress in all Subjects
			Review, as needed		as needed
>	Careers Notice Board	>	Careers Notice Board	A	Careers Notice Board
	updates		updates		updates
>	Can attend Higher	>	Can attend Higher	A	Higher Options Event –
	Options Event		Options Event		organised via School
>	Liaising with SEN	>	Liaising with SEN	A	Liaising with SEN
>	Information on CAO	>	Information on CAO	>	Actual CAO Process &
	Process		Process		Follow upongoing.
>	NUI, other, Exemptions	>	NUI, other, Exemptions	>	NUI, other, Exemptions
	Info		Info & Process		Info and active process.
>	One-to-One Counselling	>	One-to-One Counselling	>	One-to-One Counselling
	Support- Personal		Support- Personal		Support- Personal
>	DARE/HEAR Information	>	DARE/HEAR Information	>	DARE/HEAR Processing
>	Subject Choice		Subject	>	One to One
	Interview, DATS		Interview/Review, on		Vocational/Careers
	feedback		request		Interview(s), follow up
>	Info re UCAS, Study	>	Info re UCAS, Study	>	0 01 10, 0 10101 , 0.01 0 0.01
	abroad		abroad		Processing
>	Explore Educational &	>	Liaison re Assessments,	>	Follow up/ Liaison re
	other Assessments if		as applicable		assessments, as
	relevant				applicable
>	Scholarships Info as	>	Scholarships Info as	>	Help Process
	relevant		relevant		Scholarship/Bursary

		Applications
School App & Intercom	School App & Intercom	School App & Intercom
Notifications	Notifications	Notifications
College Awareness	College Awareness	College Awareness
Week	Week	Week
	Study Skills – on	Study Skills/Planning
	request/referral	assistance - on
		request/referral
PLC, Apprenticeships,	PLC, Apprenticeships,	Help Process PLC,
Other options,	Other options,	Apprenticeships, Other
Information	Information	options
SUSI system awareness	SUSI system awareness	Help and guidance with
		SUSI applications
HPAT Information	HPAT Information	Assistance with HPAT
		process
Explore Colleges &	Explore Colleges &	Advanced Research on
Courses info and	Courses info and	Colleges & Course
requirements	requirements	options, and decision
		making
Liaising with	Liaising with	Liaising with
Parents/Guardians e g	Parents/Guardians	Parents/Guardians –
LC Subjects selection		various topics possible
Assist with Work/TY	Assist with seeking	Guidance and supports
Programmes e.g. Mini	employment, if	in seeking employment,
med	applicable	where applicable

As a Parent/Guardian, please feel free to contact us at any time and we can arrange a mutually convenient Appointment to meet. Equally, your son can link in with us in the school, and an Appointment will be scheduled for him.

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Career Portal













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