



## OUR MISSION

*"To care equally for all and to promote learning, hard work and responsibility in an ordered and disciplined environment."*

At McEgan College our emphasis is on caring equally for all our students while enabling them to reach their full potential. The students' self worth is fostered in a positive and disciplined environment and we aim to make our school a secure place where each student is accepted unconditionally.



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## HISTORY

McEgan College is a co-educational school providing a broad curriculum to both girls and boys up to Leaving Certificate level. The school prides itself on catering for the needs of all students and indeed for the wider community.

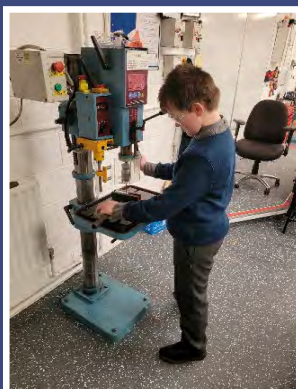
The original school was opened in 1934 and was dedicated to Boetius McEgan, Bishop of Ross, who was captured by Cromwellian forces after a battle in the Castle Park and executed at Carrigadrohid Castle in 1650. In 1984 an extension of ten rooms was built on the site of the original castle and in 1996 three additional classrooms were added to the College. Since then, the school has been renovated with various upgrades to classrooms, equipment and resources to meet the needs of our dynamic and highly motivated student cohort. In 2012 we opened an ASD specialised room and in 2016 a MGLD room was added.

A new state of the art purpose built "Moderate General Learning Disability" unit was officially opened by Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Mr. Michael Creed T.D. in November 2018. This specialised educational unit can cater for eight students with a diagnosis of MGLD.

## SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The school offers a Junior Cycle programme, a Leaving Certificate programme, a Transition Year programme and a Leaving Certificate Applied programme. Higher, Ordinary, Foundation and Common Level is offered in subjects where applicable.

In 2023, an investment of over €500,000 was made in state-of-the-art Materials Wood and Engineering rooms. These rooms installed with modern, cutting edge resources and materials will transform the learning experience for our existing and future students.



## JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS

This course is of three years in duration. First year students will engage in 'taster' modules for nine weeks, where students will try all subjects, the curriculum has to offer. After the nine weeks, students will get the opportunity to choose their subjects for their Junior Cycle. Taking this approach, along with developing students' digital skills, this will best prepare them for senior cycle and beyond.

### Exam Subjects

Gaeilge  
English  
Maths  
Science  
History  
French  
Business Studies  
Graphics  
Wood Technology  
Engineering  
Home Economics  
Civic, Social and Political Education

### Non Exam Subjects

Religious Education  
SPHE – Social, Personal and Health Education  
Physical Education

## SENIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS

The Leaving Certificate Programme offers subjects which give all students the opportunity to follow a wide range of career options. The curriculum opens access to all Universities and Technological Universities courses. All subjects are taken at Higher, Ordinary and Foundation level.

### Exam Subjects

Gaeilge  
English  
Maths  
French  
Business/Accounting  
Physics  
Chemistry  
Biology  
Construction Studies  
Engineering  
Home Economics  
Design & Communication  
Graphics  
LCVP (Link Modules)  
Art  
Music  
Geography  
Agricultural Science

## TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is compulsory for all students unless the child has reached the age of 16 by March of Junior Cycle year. In Transition Year while students are given a taster of subjects in the Leaving Certificate they are also exposed to different areas during the programme such as:

### Modules

Computer Skills  
Mini Company  
Career Guidance  
First Aid  
Environmental Studies  
Art  
Drama  
GAA Coaching Course  
Swimming  
Safe Pass  
Design Communication  
Graphics  
School Bank  
Personal Development  
Outdoor Pursuits  
SIM Drive  
Work Experience  
School Business Partnership  
Leadership  
History  
Engineering  
Digital Media

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is offered if there are sufficient students and parents interested. The Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self contained two-year programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. The programme puts an emphasis on forms of achievement and excellence, beyond those recognised by the established Leaving Certificate.





## SCHOOL DAY

The school day is as follows:

Monday	8.57 – 4.00	Junior Break 11.05 – 11.20	Senior Break 11.45 – 12.00	Lunch 1.20 – 2.00
Tuesday	8.57 – 4.00	Junior Break 11.05 – 11.20	Senior Break 11.45 – 12.00	Lunch 1.20 – 2.00
Wednesday	8.57 – 1.20	Junior Break 11.05 – 11.20	Senior Break 11.45 – 12.00	
Thursday	8.57 – 4.00	Junior Break 11.05 – 11.20	Senior Break 11.45 – 12.00	Lunch 1.20 – 2.00
Friday	8.57 – 3.20	Junior Break 11.05 – 11.20	Senior Break 11.45 – 12.00	Lunch 1.20 – 2.00

## LOCKERS

Students are provided with a locker on their first day where they can leave books, copies etc. that they do not need to take home.

## BOOKS

All text books will be provided to students from the School Book Rental Scheme when the students arrive in September.

## UNIFORM

The uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers – skirt is optional for girls
- Grey shirt
- Petrol blue jumper
- Black shoes
- Black jacket



## HOMEWORK CLUB FOR JUNIOR CYCLE STUDENTS

A homework club operates in the school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Students will be supervised at all times in the homework club by a supervisor and will be assisted with their homework. The times of the homework club are as follows:

Monday	4.00 – 5.00
Tuesday	4.00 – 5.00
Thursday	4.00 – 5.00



## SUPERVISED STUDY FOR SENIOR CYCLE STUDENTS

Supervised Study takes place Monday to Thursday for two hours after school from 4.05pm – 6.00pm. Supervised study also runs during mid-term breaks and during the Easter holidays.

## ASSESSMENTS

Results on student performance can be accessed on VSware through the parent App



## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The school has a comprehensive code of behaviour which outlines school rules, regulations, sanctions and procedures. This code of behaviour is signed up to by each student before they enter the school. The school also has a detailed policy on bullying including cyber-bullying.

Our aim is to encourage students to develop respect for themselves, parents / guardians, fellow students, teachers and the community in general. We endeavour to provide an environment which enables students to develop into mature, responsible and caring adults.

## LUNCHTIME

Students in first, second and third year are not permitted to leave the School Campus during lunchtime. At McEgan College we encourage healthy eating. A healthy lunch devised by a nutritionist is available daily at a subsidised cost. Our school shop also provides healthy snacks. Senior students may go down town with parental permission.

## PARENTS COUNCIL

The school has a very active and committed Parents Council. The Parents Council does a lot of valuable work for the school, its pupils and teachers and has two representatives on the Board of Management. We are deeply indebted to our Parents Council.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

A student council is elected each year to represent the views of the student body. Two students are elected from each year group. They meet regularly and serve as a liaison between the students and the staff. They hold regular meetings with School Management. The student council also organises events such as teacher/student soccer matches, no uniform days and other charity events. All monies raised by the student council are used by them to improve facilities for students.

## STUDENT AWARDS

Students have the opportunity to have their achievements recognised at an end of year awards ceremony. Students receive merit awards based on effort made and examination results. Awards are also presented for attendance, sport, extra curricular activities, and excellence in certain subject areas such as woodwork, metalwork, home economics, the humanities, science, languages etc.





## ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT

- Fully networked computer rooms with High Speed Broadband Internet access.
- New, state of the art Wood Technology and Construction Studies Room
- New, state of the art Engineering Room
- Graphics and Design and Communication Graphics Room
- Visual Art Room



- Science Laboratory
- Home Economics Room
- Special Education Room
- Art Room
- Careers Office
- Music Room
- Sports Complex – including gym, sports hall, all weather pitch, handball/racquetball court, shower and changing facilities.
- Soccer and football pitches
- Assembly area for break times
- Parent Meeting Room
- Library



## COMPUTER STUDIES

McEgan College computer network has recently upgraded to High Speed Broadband ensuring regular and fast broadband access throughout the school building. We offer a wide range of computer classes where practical computer skills are taught. This upgrade in Wi-Fi speed will fully support the use of one to one digital devices for students ensuring an excellent educational experience for all students.

Over the last number of years, McEgan College have been constantly developing our digital strategy to harness the many benefits that are available to enhance teaching and learning through the use of digital technologies.

Like many schools, the pandemic inspired the school to further embrace a digital learning approach through remote and blended learning strategies. This has led to the use of technology becoming a core part of the everyday experience of the students in the school. The Microsoft 365 suite of software, with Microsoft Teams and OneNote at its centre, has become a crucial tool to assist teaching and learning for students in the school.

With the use of technology now at the heart of the educational experience in McEgan College, the next logical step was for students to have their own digital learning devices.

The many benefits of students having their own educational specific learning devices are clear: everything from the advantages of using e-books; to giving them more autonomy over their own learning; to building their digital skills to prepare them for the digital workplace and society of the future.





## CAREER GUIDANCE / COUNSELLING

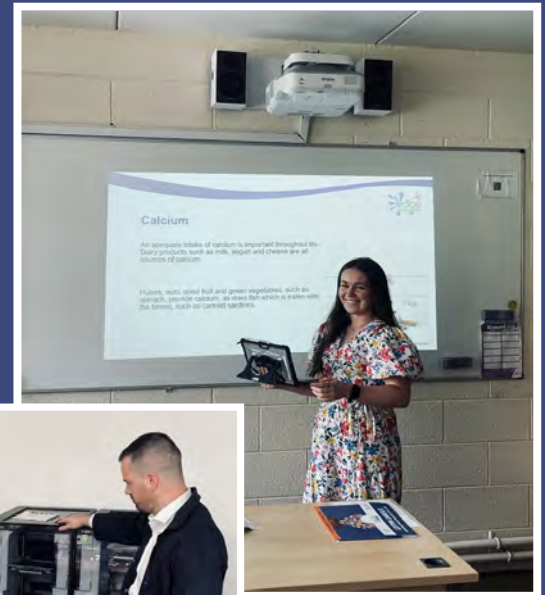
This is a central part of the schools service to all our students. Young people have to make important decisions about subject choice, career paths etc. at a very early stage in their school lives. We have a fully qualified Guidance Counsellor available to students. Here, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and in complete confidence, students are advised and guided on future career plans and can discuss any matter causing concern.

In this context we are pleased to note that in recent years, our students have gone on to distinguish themselves in a variety of areas including University, Institutes of Technology, Teacher Training, Banking, Catering, Secretarial, Apprenticeships, as well as in the area of of further training.

McEgan College is a part of the UCC+ programme and the CIT Access which provide students with additional supports and resources for entry into these institutions.

Senior students also have one to one mentoring available from a team of teachers on the Teaching & Learning initiative where expert guidance and encouragement is provided.

As part of the DEIS government programme, McEgan College also has access to a School Completion Project Worker and Home School Community Liaison teacher who provide support to both students and parents.





## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As well as seeking to obtain academic success the school aims to encourage students to develop into healthy, responsible, mature citizens with a strong work ethic and a well developed sense of personal worth. To this end, we encourage a wide range of extra curricular activities.

*These include:*

- Gaelic Football (Boys and Girls)
- Hurling
- Soccer (Boys and Girls)
- Rugby / Tag Rugby
- Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Table Tennis
- Athletics
- Chess
- Dance
- Drama
- Public Speaking
- Educational Tours
- Charity Work
- Field Trips
- Computer Club
- Gaisce
- Swimming
- Vex Robotics
- Debating Science Issues
- Mental Health Week
- Gymnastics
- Big Brother Big Sister

