



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.

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Higher and ordinary level is offered for all subjects on the school curriculum and where applicable foundation level in Irish, English and Maths.



JUNIOR CYCLE STUDENT AWARD SUBJECTS

This course is of three years duration. First year students may take all the subjects listed below. This will allow them to experience each of the subject areas and gives them the opportunity to decide which subjects suit them best. At the end of First Year, students will continue to take ten subjects forward to Junior Certificate level.

Exam Subjects

Irish
English
Maths
French
Business Studies
Science

Technical Graphics
Materials Technology
(Wood)
Metalwork (Materials &
Technology)
Home Economics

Civic, Social and Political
Education
Music
Geography
Art

Non Exam Subjects

Religious Education
SPHE – Social, Physical
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 Institutes of Technology courses. All subjects are taken at higher and ordinary level.

Exam Subjects

Irish
English
Maths
French
Business/Accounting

Physics
Biology
Construction Studies
Engineering
Home Economics

Design & Communication
Graphics
LCVP (Link Modules)
Art
Music

Geography
Agricultural Science
Chemistry

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is compulsory for all students unless the child has reached the age of 16 by March of Junior Certificate 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

Auto Cad – Computerised
architectural drawing
package
School Bank
Personal Development

Outdoor Pursuits
SIM Drive
Work Experience
School Business Partnership

LEAVING CERT APPLIED

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is offered if there are sufficient parents and students 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	9.00 – 3.55	Break 11.00 – 11.15	Lunch 1.20 – 1.55
Tuesday	9.00 – 3.55	Break 11.00 – 11.15	Lunch 1.20 – 1.55
Wednesday	9.00 – 1.15	Break 11.00 – 11.15	
Thursday	9.00 – 3.55	Break 11.00 – 11.15	Lunch 1.20 – 1.55
Friday	9.00 – 3.55	Break 11.00 – 11.15	Lunch 1.20 – 1.55

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

HOMEWORK CLUB

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	4.05 – 5.15
Tuesday	4.05 – 5.15
Thursday	4.05 – 5.15

SUPERVISED STUDY

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 students' performance are sent home in October, Christmas, Easter and Summer. This will provide you with detailed information on your child's academic performance. As well as parent teacher meetings each class has a class tutor who will keep parents updated on students' performance.



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

- Two fully networked computer rooms with High Speed Broadband Internet access.
- Two Materials Technology (Wood)/Construction Studies rooms
- Engineering/Metalwork (Materials & Technology) room
- DCG/CAD/Technical Graphics 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. Regular modernising and up skilling occurs in the computer department ensures top of the range computer access.



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, pupils 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 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
- Equestrian
- Swimming
- Vex Robotics,
- Debating Science Issues
- Solarious Programme

