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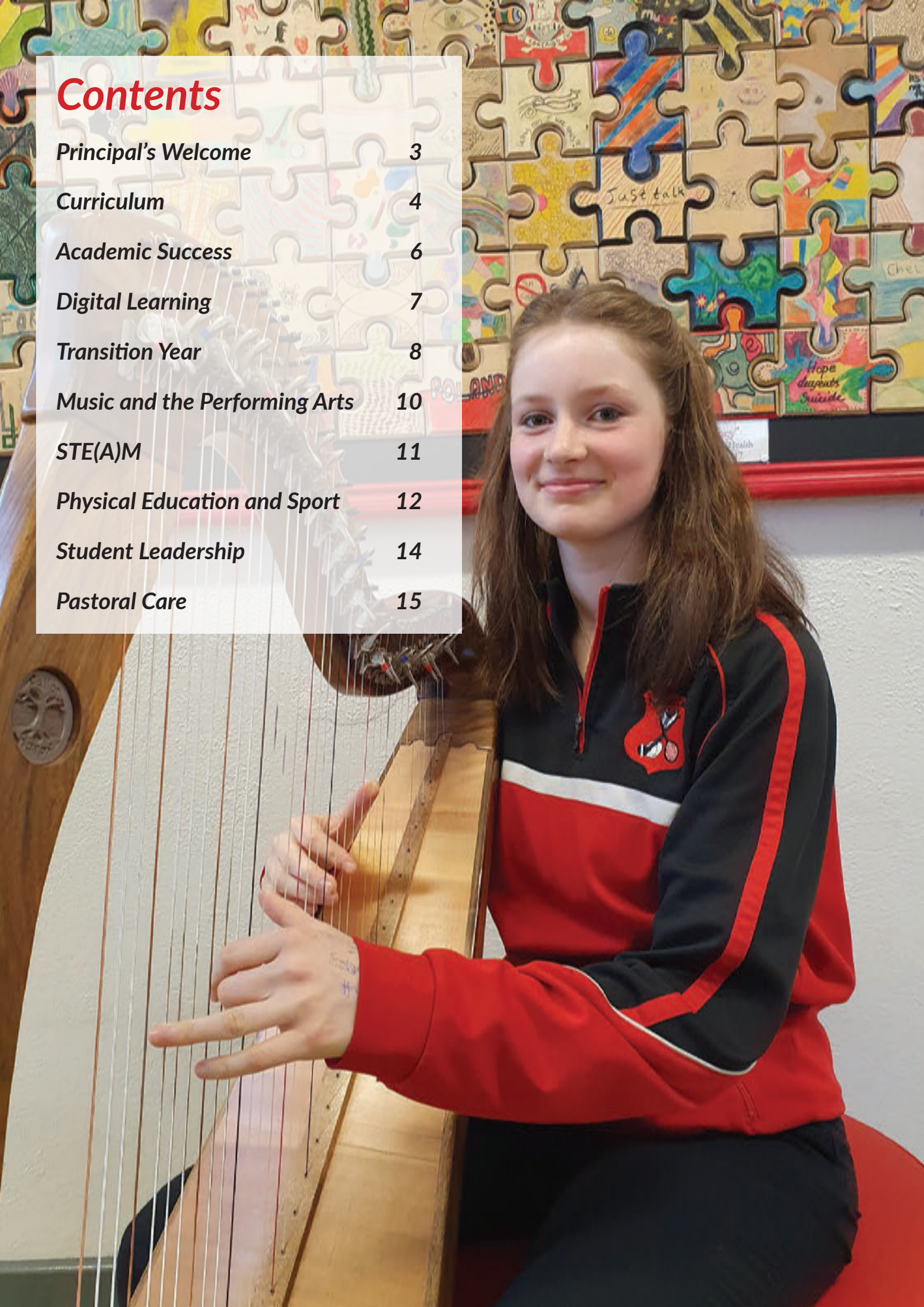
**NEWPORT  
COLLEGE**

A school where every child matters...

*Scoil le gach dalta i lár ár gcoirí*

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## Principal's Welcome

Fáilte go Coláiste Thulach Sheasta.

Is cúis brodúil dom failte mhór a chur romhaibh go Coláiste Thulach Sheasta mar príomhoide.

As Principal of Newport College, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our School. I hope that this brochure will provide you with some valuable pieces of information and will help you to make an informed decision on what secondary school to choose.

A holistic education is the core principle of life here in Newport College, Co. Tipperary, where the highest academic expectations are balanced with broad co- and extra-curricular programmes for our students.

We operate under the auspices of the Tipperary Education & Training Board. The College was founded in 1954 and caters for both boys and girls, offering a full programme of secondary education for Junior and Senior Cycle.

We have a long and proud history of providing an inclusive and multi-denominational experience for all our students. Staff and students at the college work collaboratively to ensure the transition from primary to second level is as seamless as possible. Our Pastoral Care Team is available to deal with any concerns or anxieties which may arise during this time.

We take bullying very seriously in our school and are very proud to be one of the founder schools in the Trinity College led "Helping Hands" programme. We have been recently awarded Gold Award winners in the Jigsaw led "One Good School" initiative. The above allows us to support our students as they move along their education journey to become upstanding members of society.

We help the students grow in all ways by developing a critically conscious mindset of the role they have in society by listening to their views and letting their voice be heard. Our ethos is simple but true, every child matters.

This prospectus has been designed to provide you and your child with a brief introduction to our college. We welcome you to our open night to see our campus and meet with staff and students. Alternatively call our school to make an appointment and we would be delighted to meet you and give you a guided tour.



Donal Madden, Principal



Claire Sullivan, Vice Principal

# Curriculum

The curriculum here in Newport College adapts to meet the students needs and desires. We offer a diverse range of subjects to Higher Level for Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.

## Junior Cycle Curriculum

First Year students in Newport College will study all of the core subjects and try out their option subjects during their first year.

After 12 weeks they will choose three optional subjects to study with their

core subjects for their Junior Cycle programme. Science, Business Studies and History are core subjects along with English, Irish and Maths. Students are surveyed on their subject choice at the end of November.

Every opportunity is taken to ensure student preference is met resulting in the highest possible satisfaction rating.

The eight key skills of Junior Cycle are embedded into all aspects of the Junior Cycle Curriculum.



## What will I study in Junior Cycle?

### Core Exam Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Science
- Business Studies
- History

### Core Non-Exam Subjects

- IT
- Wellbeing
- Religion

### Option Subjects

#### 3 Subjects from the remainder

- Geography
- Visual Art
- Music
- Engineering
- Wood Technology
- MFL - French
- Home Economics
- Graphics

### Short Courses - Project Based

- Physical Education
- CSPE
- SPHE





## Senior Cycle Curriculum

### Core Exam Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths

Choosing from 4 options



### Option Subjects

#### LEAVING CERT ESTABLISHED

- » *Students choose 8 options in preference order from 15 subjects.*
- » *Option blocks decided by the school after surveying students.*
- » *LCVP is an additional 8th subject option*

- Engineering
- Construction Studies
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Business
- Accounting
- Economics
- Music
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Science
- French
- Geography
- History
- Physical Education
- Home Economics
- Art



### LCVP

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme combines the academic strengths of the Leaving Certificate (established) with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community

It is designed to give a strong vocational dimension to the Leaving Certificate. The programme combines the virtues of academic study with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community. Young people taking the LCVP have a unique opportunity to develop their interpersonal, vocational and technological skills. These skills are equally relevant to the needs of those preparing for further education, seeking employment or planning to commence their own business sometime in the future.

### LCA

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life.

The programme sets out to recognise the talents of all students and to provide opportunities for developing personal responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge, and helps students apply what they learn to the real world.



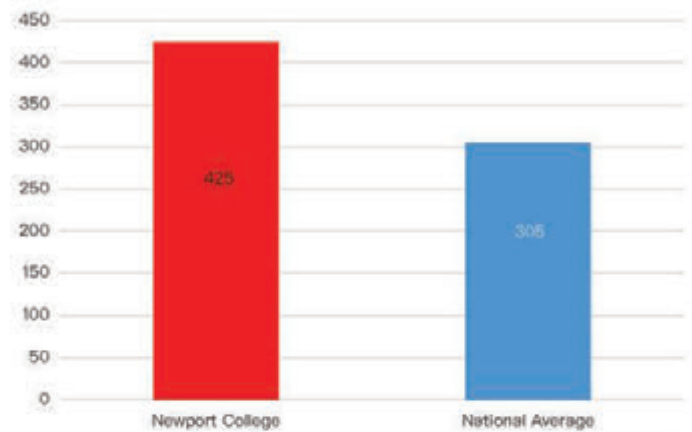
# Academic Success

The staff in Newport College strive to maximise the potential of each student academically, socially and holistically. Students are encouraged to identify, aim, achieve academic success and realise their goals.



## Newport College Leaving Cert Results 2024

CAO POINTS AVERAGE OVER 3 YEARS



### Newport College students achieved H1's in:

Maths	English	Irish	History
Geography	French	Art	Ag Science
Biology	Engineering	Construction Studies	DCG
Business	Accounting	Home Economics	Music
Physical Education	Spanish	Polish	Computer Science

95% of Leaving Certificate Applied Students received a Distinction or Merit



Results Day



Student of the Year 2022



### Digital Learning

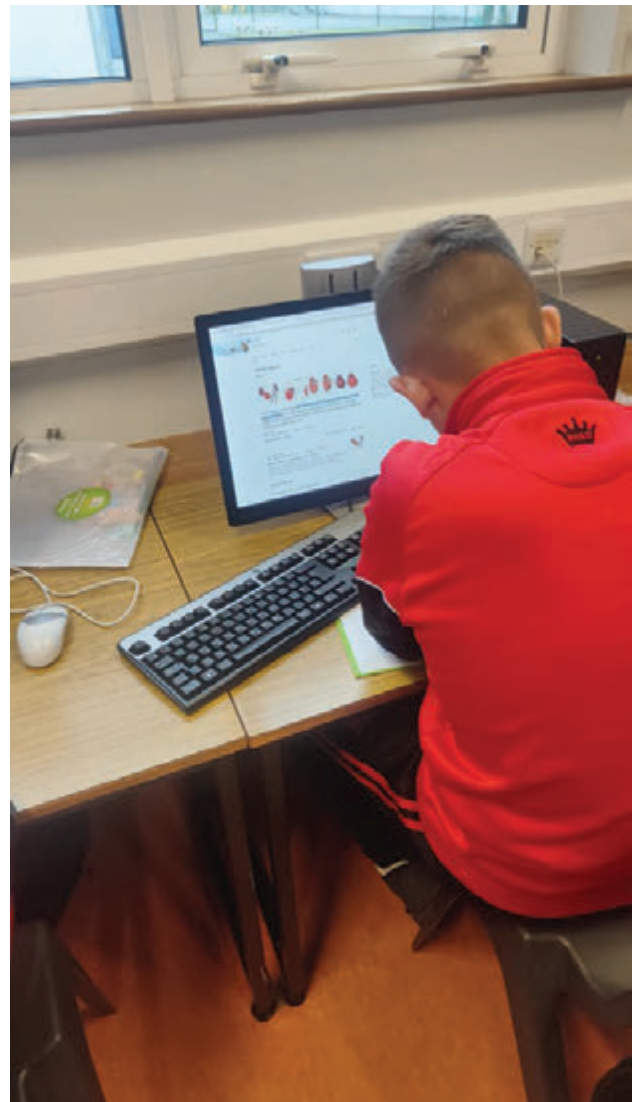
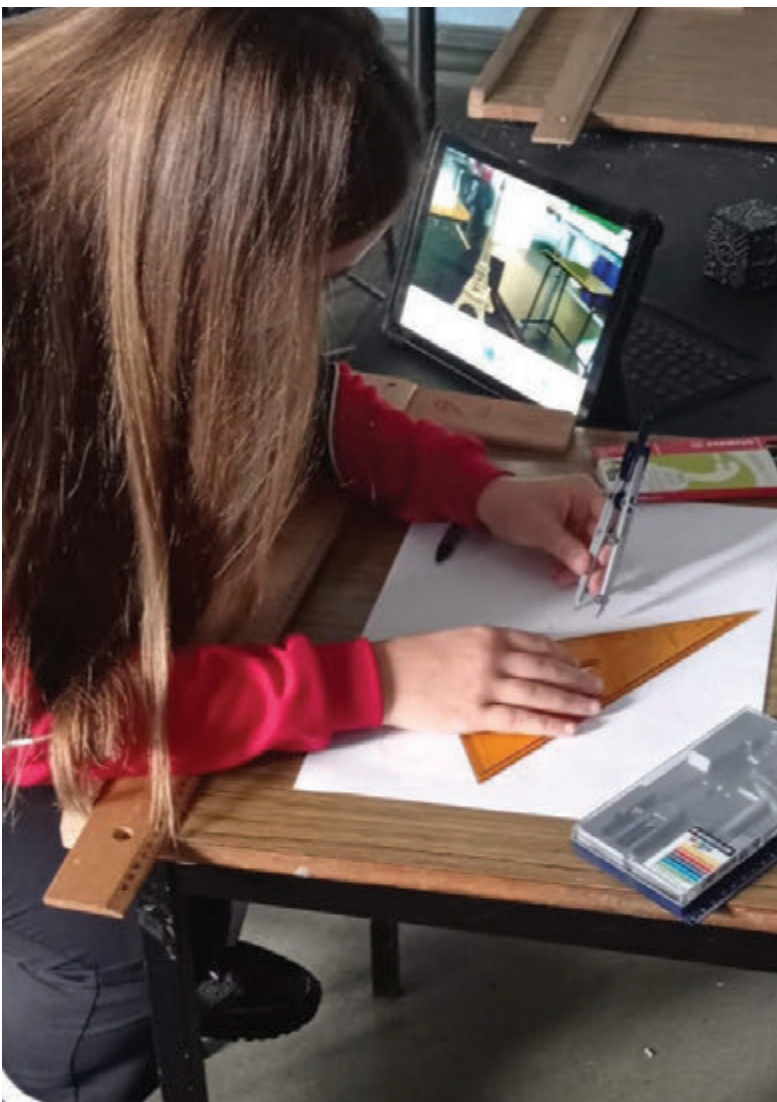
Digital technologies have increasingly become part of everyday life in our modern society. At Newport College we recognise and appreciate the value technology plays in teaching, learning and assessment. We endeavour to develop a variety of digital skills and empower our learners to become digitally aware.

Microsoft Office is the online learning platform used in our school to support

student learning. Each student is provided with an Office 365 account. This online platform provides students with a variety of apps to support their learning inside and outside of the classroom. Students will learn a set of skills and applications that will support their work throughout 2nd level and beyond. Teachers and students can communicate through Outlook and collaborate via MSTeams. Class materials are shared, homework

set and student assignments given and corrected, these are just some of the ways we communicate with our students.

School Management see the importance of technology in education and have invested significantly in digital technologies in our school. This investment across subjects has enhanced students learning experiences.



# Transition Year

Transition Year is a popular option for students in Newport College. It is designed to act as a bridge between the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate programmes.

It is tailored to meet the needs and interests of each individual group. The aim of the programme is to: 'promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative, and responsible members of society (DES).

## **Aims of Transition Year:**

**Providing students with the skills to become independent and self-directed learners.**

- ✓ It provides a different way of learning.
- ✓ It allows opportunity to discover and develop strengths and talents.
- ✓ It builds self-confidence and allows students to realise their own potential.
- ✓ It develops a sense of responsibility and it allows students time to mature.
- ✓ It develops life skills transferable to further education and the world of work.
- ✓ It develops links between students and the community.







## Core Exam Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- PE
- Careers

## Sampling of subjects such as

- Design
- Art
- Music
- Engineering
- Geography
- History
- French
- Construction
- Home Economics
- Business
- Sciences

## TY Specific Layer

- Future Leaders
- Public Speaking
- Enterprise
- Gaisce
- Work Experience
- Active Flag
- BT Young Scientist
- Community Involvement
- Young Social Innovators
- TY Musical
- Trinity Law programme
- Erasmus programme
- Global Citizenship

## Short Courses - Project Based

- Safe food for life
- Choose Safety Programme
- Skills@Work Programme
- First Aid/CPR Training
- Manual Handling Training
- Journalism
- Foundation Course



# Music and the Performing Arts

At Newport College music and the performing arts are an ever present and perpetually developing facet of our unique school community.

We welcome musicians of all types, interests and backgrounds. In fact, every student who attends Newport College will be immersed into the area of music education both in first year and then again during TY. Our music department have inspired many students over the years to pursue their musical interests for junior and leaving certificate.



The music department is well established. The classroom instrument is the ever popular ukulele as well as myriad of other instruments including guitars, piano and drums. The music department accommodates both left and right handed players. Music students have access to the IT room which is fully loaded with all types of music packages and software. Music technology is an integral part of the new music curriculum and Newport College are committed to ensuring that all students' needs are met in relation to all subjects that our students study. The school has music education right through to Leaving Certificate and it is growing in popularity.



Newport College holds an annual school show in which all students are encouraged to participate in. These

shows incorporate diverse talents from across the school community and will often feature solo acts, rock bands, traditional Irish music, singing, choir, drama, dance and more. This is a stage where students can perform new songs, act in plays that they have written themselves and to perform with students from other year groups that they wouldn't normally have time to do so

School graduations, Seachtain na Gaeilge, other ceremonies and in particular the school open night are other opportunities for our students to showcase their hard work and talent. Many hours of work will go into rehearsals for special occasions like these: any excuse to develop and grow as musicians and we'll be there.



Our music teacher Mr. Cunniffe has a great love for all things traditional Irish music and has consistently led the school's traditional group to new heights with his arrangements and

new compositions. The group have performed at Newport Tradfest and regularly at the TETB Talent showcase. The aim is to emulate groups such as Lunasa, Beoga, Danú and many more. The 'trad ensemble' meet every week at lunch time and more regularly in the lead up to any event. The ensemble is open to all students who want to be part of the ensemble, not just traditional instruments or traditional musicians. Think of it more like an orchestra, much more like a grúpa ceoil you might see at a Fleadh.

The ukulele club meet once a week. It is an inclusive and social space where students who study music in the school and students who have an interest in ukulele can meet and play. Over the years the music room has always been a hive of activity during breaks and lunchtimes for students to come to express their talents. There is always something for everyone. It is so important to nourish people's musical abilities. Music is something that we can all take part in at any age and being involved in music can positively affect ones academic, physical and mental wellbeing.

Music Generation Tipperary have established a hub in our school, this further allows our students to garnish a love of music.





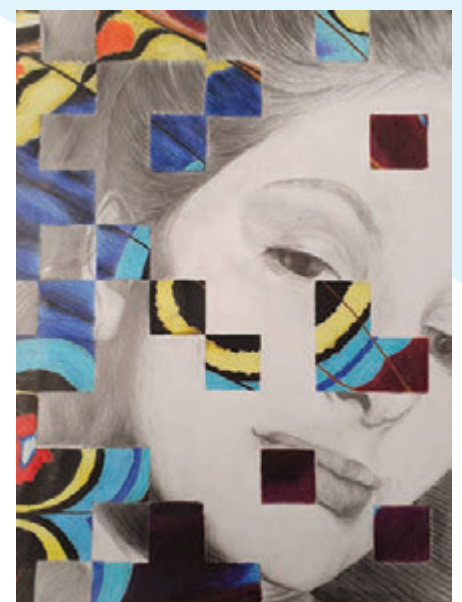
### STE(A)M



“The future of the world is in my classroom today – a future with the potential for good or bad”

*Ivan Welton Fitzwater*

In order to respond to the emerging challenges of our future, we need to empower our young people to think, choose and innovate in ways that will enhance and sustain our lives, communities and world, now and into the unknown tomorrow. Our teachers engage with our students in implementing a STE(A)M in Action Project. Through participating in this project our students are supported in connecting school subject learning that takes place in other life contexts and in connecting classroom learning with real world societal issues and problems. Students attended a celebration of Learning event which took place in April of 2023.



# Physical Education and Sport

At Newport College, we recognise Physical Education and Sport as integral to the holistic development of all students. Physical Education encourages physical activity for life. It promotes students' well-being and their physical health and better academic performance.

Physical Education provides an outlet for creativity and self-expression and develops co-operation and teamwork. It builds self-confidence, increases personal fitness, and helps reduce stress and anxiety as well as strengthens relationships with others.

## Leaving Certificate Physical Education

At Newport College, we offer Physical Education as an exam subject at Senior Cycle. The aim of Leaving Certificate Physical Education is to develop the learner's capacity to become an informed, skilled, self-directed, and reflective performer in physical education and physical activity in Senior Cycle and in their future life.



Newport College is an active school and striving for our second Active School Flag.

An active school is a school where physical activity is valued, promoted, and enjoyed by all. The active school flag represents the school's continuous development of promoting physical activity within our school and the wider community, allowing all our students to try new activities and promote the importance of physical activity.





## Extra- Curricular Activities

Newport College offers a huge variety of extra-curricular activities which include:

- Soccer
- Rugby
- Gaelic Football
- Tag Rugby
- Volleyball
- Spikeball
- Basketball
- GAA Handball
- Camogie
- Hurling
- Badminton
- Futsal
- Debating
- Maths Club
- Trad music
- Ukulele Group
- Science Fest
- Choir
- Fitness Classes
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Board Games
- Frisbee
- Boxing Club
- Rowing
- Athletics
- Tug of War

# Student Leadership

Newport College has a strong tradition of Student Leadership and promotes and encourages student involvement in a number of programmes.

**Student Council:** The Student Council are elected by their peers to represent their year group. Students are given an opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions and debate issues of concern to them. They meet regularly and develop long and short term targets for the academic year.

## **Head Boy and Head Girl:**

A senior male and female student are elected by their peers to represent the group and the school. These students meet regularly with school management to discuss student issues.

## **The Mentoring Programme:**

This is a peer mentoring programme whereby Transition Year students are paired with a First Year student. This helps students to settle into life in Newport College and make the transition easier for new students. A number of activities are organised throughout the year. Senior students gain valuable experience in leadership skills through this programme.





## Pastoral Care

This is an area of great importance in Newport College as we strive to fulfill our school motto of: 'Every Child Matters'. We endeavour to create a school community where students feel safe, valued, respected, and that they belong.

Pastoral Care in our school strives to support students in a variety of areas: the transition from primary to secondary school, secondary to tertiary education, exam pressure, relationships, personal development.

### **Year Head and Tutor:**

Each year group has a designated Year Head and class tutor who look after and look out for each student in their group. Year Heads liaise with parents and staff to ensure that students needs are being met.

### **Study Skills, Supervised Study, Homework Club:**

Each year, study skills workshops are organised for students.

**Supervised Study** runs Monday to Thursday from 4pm to 6pm and Friday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm for students who wish to avail of it.

**Homework Club** runs during the year for junior students.

**Special Educational Needs Team/ Learning Support:** The SEN co-ordinator and SEN team meet regularly to develop Student Support Plans for students, develop strategies for students and teachers to support student learning in conjunction with parents, students and staff. Team teaching is in place to support student learning.

### **Guidance and Counselling:**

The Guidance Counsellor plays a pivotal role in our school. Our aim is to assist all students in their holistic development while providing educational, vocational and personal guidance. This is done through the implementation of the school Guidance Programme.



This programme in place has been developed to suit the needs of our students as they progress through each stage of their educational journey. The Guidance Counsellor offers one-to-one support to students who want to discuss personal or vocational issues in a confidential, non-judgemental setting. This can be at the request of the student or by referral from a staff member or parent.



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