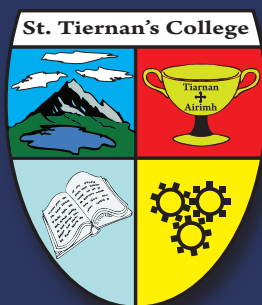


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St. Tiernan's College

Coláiste Thiarnáin Naofa

Crossmolina, Co. Mayo

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for taking time out to consider St. Tiernan's College for your son/daughter. We recognise that choosing what secondary school to attend is a major decision and we hope that this brochure gives you an insight into what St. Tiernan's College has to offer.

Our school is a centre for learning and it is our expectation that each student who attends our school will maximise their potential during their time here. We expect the very best from all our students and our dynamic innovative staff will strive to ensure that this happens.

St. Tiernan's College offers a

quality curriculum at both Junior and Senior Cycle and we are delighted to now have a Transition Year Programme running in the school which commenced in September 2015. This new development for our school along with the new changes coming in Junior Cycle will provide lots of opportunities for our students in the year ahead.

It is very important that all students are happy and feel safe in our school. We have an excellent Pastoral Care system in order to ensure this, which includes Class Tutors, Year Heads, Care Team, Guidance Counsellor, and

Home School Liaison Officer along with the support of our School Completion Programme. We offer a mentoring system to all of our new first years along with a summer camp for all new students in June/July. We actively encourage all students to take part in our sports, music and extra-curricular activities and that they all find them to be an enjoyable experience.

Finally we would be delighted if you could attend our Open/Enrolment night to see first-hand what our school has to offer and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.



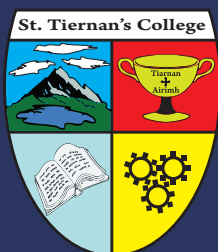
Mr. Conor O'Reilly

Principal



Ms. Brenda O'Malley

Deputy Principal



Mission Statement

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There is an excellent teacher-student relationship with a lot of additional tuition provided to students outside of class contact time" (WSE Report)



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Mhaigh Eo, Shligigh agus Liatroma
Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim
Education and Training Board



School Facilities

St. Tiernan's College is committed to providing the very best of facilities to our students and staff. The school Board of Management strives constantly to develop the college so that it meets the changing needs of the students it serves.

- Assembly Area
- Science Lab.
- D.C.G. room
- Technical Graphics room
- Language Lab.
- Art room
- Engineering room
- Construction room
- I.T. suite
- New Modern classrooms
- Home Economics Room
- Playing Fields
- Basketball courts

School Uniform

Boys

- Navy V-neck jumper with school crest
- Light blue shirt/polo shirt
- Grey tailored trousers
- Plain black/dark navy leather style shoe

Girls

- Navy V-neck jumper with school crest
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Navy knee-length pinafore or navy tailored trousers
- Plain black/dark navy leather style shoe (flat heel)

Curriculum

At present St Tiernan's offers 4 programmes: Junior Certificate, Junior Cert School Programme, Leaving Certificate established and Transition Year Programme.



New Junior Cycle

The Department of Education and Skills has introduced a New framework for Junior cycle on a phased basis since September 2014. The rationale underpinning the new Junior Cert is to enable learners to achieve their full potential and to contribute to Ireland’s economic, social and cultural development. As a progressive 21st century school here in St.Tiernan's we are continuing to work on updating our curriculum and developing the programme we offer at Junior Cycle.

Irish	Science	Art, Craft & Design
English	Metalwork	Business Studies
Mathematics	Technical Graphics	Computer skills
French	Woodwork	Religious Education
Geography	Home Economics	Physical Education
History	Music	Short courses
	C.S.P.E. – Civic, Social Science and Political Education	S.P.H.E. – Social, Personal and Health Education

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Senior Cycle Curriculum

Irish
English
Mathematics
French
Geography
Construction
Agricultural Science

D.C.G.
Engineering
Business
Biology
Physics & Chemistry
Art
L.C.V.P.

Career Guidance
Religion/R.S.E.
Computers
Home Economics (Social & Scientific)
Physical Education



Excellence in Teaching
and Learning

Scholarship

Every year we award the top two students a scholarship for their Leaving Certificate Exam. results.
We also have an annual awards and achievement's day for all of our student's.

Junior Certificate School Programme

The Junior Certificate School Programme aims to provide a curriculum framework that assists schools and teachers in making the Junior Certificate more assessable to those young people who may leave school without formal qualifications. It attempts to help young people experience success and develop a positive self-image by providing a curriculum and assessment framework suitable to their needs. On completion of the programme students receive

a profile which is an official record of their achievements from the Department of Education and Science.



Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Under the L.C.V.P. programme our students are given the opportunity to study Leaving Certificate subjects and three link modules:

Enterprise Education

Preparation for Work

Work Experience

Students who take L.C.V.P. benefit in many ways in that they learn about the world of work and how to apply for, and undertake employment through career investigations. They will gain experience in using computers to prepare C.V.'s and formatting reports. They will be educated in operating as a member of a team and they will learn about enterprise and how to set up their own business in the future.



Transition Year in St.Tiernan's College

We introduced Transition Year for the first time to St.Tiernan's College in September 2015. It has been a very exciting undertaking for both staff and students and has created a great atmosphere of anticipation within the school.

We have crafted a Programme that is crammed full of new experiences which are fun-filled, busy and very worthwhile.

To give you a flavour of the kind of activities Transition Years will typically engage in this is a sample of events in this year's programme. Transition Year students are currently busy with involvement in the Schools Business Partnership in conjunction with Ballina Beverages and are

liaising with Bank of Ireland for the 'Build a Bank Challenge'. They are experiencing the fun of cross-curricular partnerships by integrating their Engineering Classes with their plans for Student Enterprise Awards. Students are forging deeper links with their community through Work Experience and our on-going links with The Cluainín Day-Centre. Our T.Y Programme in St.Tiernan's College is built around the concepts of solidifying and increasing

knowledge of our core subjects, English, Irish, Maths and Science. All Transition Year students are encouraged to experience subjects offered at Senior Cycle, even those they have never tried before such as Home Economics, Engineering, French or Art.

Transition Year specific activities are timetabled weekly and students also participate in once off events such as Sci-Fest or College Open Days.

Gills driving school

Retreats

Sean-Nós Dancing

First-aid

Cluainín Day-Centre

Modern Dance

Guest Speakers

Gaisce

Street Theatre

UISCE

Sports leadership

Mini-companies

Book Fair

Martial arts

5K Run

Build a bank



Post-Leaving Certificate courses

If you have finished your secondary education and are thinking about developing vocational or technological skills to get a job, a Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) course could be for you.

Here at St.Tiernan's College we have a host of modules designed as a step towards skilled employment or to help you to gain marks to access a third level institution. We are currently running a highly successful course in Office Administration which is designed to equip both recent school leavers and mature applicants in a friendly learning environment with a low student to teacher ratio.

This course also suits learners who wish to defer their college place for a year to acquire the skill set needed like IT skills, how to structure assignments and reports but mostly to gain confidence with a tutor who is approachable and there to assist the learner.

This is a full time course which runs during the school year, our hours are very suitable for parents

with young children and with future plan to expand the options available to potential students there is no better time to enquire about what your local Further Education Training Centre can do for you.

Sport

Alongside Physical Education as part of our curriculum, our sports programme is wide and varied and caters to the sporting interests of all our students.

Gaelic Football	Basketball
Table Tennis	Athletics
Soccer	Rugby
Spikeball	Pool Competitions
Running Club	





Extra-Curricular Activity

Gaisce
Subject Competitions
Seachtain na Gaeilge
Schools Business Enterprise
European School Tours

Healthy Living Week
Charity Work
Visits to Outdoor Adventure Centres
School Gardens
Theatre Visits



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Music

St. Tiernan's College runs a very popular after-school music club for our students. Students are given an opportunity to learn to play new instruments and also to perform in Christmas concerts and other

shows during the course of the year. St.Tiernan's College also produces a music production every second year which is very popular among both students and staff alike. Our most recent productions include

the X-Molina factor and Tiernan's got talent. Music generation is provided here at St.Tiernan's College. This initiative provides an opportunity to develop vocal ability and musical skills of various instruments to all ages.

Summer Camp

During the month of June/July we successfully run the St. Tiernan's College two day Summer Camp for potential First Year students free of charge. A wide range of activities are organised e.g. drumming workshops, arts and crafts, fun cookery classes and various sports. It is a great way for future classmates to meet (some for the first time) in a fun environment. They also have another chance to meet some of their teachers and familiarise themselves with the school buildings before school begins in August/September.

DEIS

St. Tiernan's College is now part of the new Department of Education and Science initiative DEIS. The aim of the new DEIS programme is to ensure that schools benefit from all available supports. It incorporates

a School Completion Programme (SCP) which focuses on the retention of young people in education and also aims to develop local strategies to ensure maximum levels in the education process. It aims to involve

both primary and post primary schools, parents, relevant statutory, voluntary and community agencies. The following activities are provided within the school as a result of our inclusion in the DEIS programme.



Lunch Club

All students are members of the lunch club and each receive a sandwich, drink (water/ or orange juice) and a piece of fruit daily, free of charge, funded by the DEIS initiative.

Evening Study

Evening Study is available for students Three evenings a week from 3.50 to 5.50 p.m. It is fully supervised and provided free-of-charge.

Study Skills

In St Tiernan's College we always strive to provide each student with the best opportunities to reach their full potential. Part of exam success is the knowledge on how best to revise and study, keeping in mind that there we all learn in different ways we introduce study skills through our S.P.H.E classes that are provided at junior and senior level. We also support this by engaging with seminars provided by "Super Generation". These seminars include practical guidance delivered in an enjoyable and accessible manner that our students have found beneficial.

Home School Community Liaison Officer

We also now have the continued support of a Home School Liaison Officer which we see as an invaluable resource between home and school.

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Students are encouraged to participate in the many and varied range of extracurricular activities and so develop skills and competencies in many areas.





Schools Business Partnership

St. Tiernan's College have been lucky enough to link with Ballina Beverages through the School Business Partnership Programme for the last number of years.

This Programme provides our TY students with a unique insight into the world of work. There are usually five sessions overall in the programme. During these sessions, students are provided with the opportunity to learn about the partnering company, it's business and to consider careers and further study options available

to them when they finish school. Sessions involve a site visit, CV writing skills, mock interviews, Day in the Life insights and at the conclusion the class present their learnings. The HR department in Ballina Beverages conduct the mock interviews in a local hotel and this is an invaluable experience for young students who

would never have experienced preparing for and performing in a professional business interview. Ballina Beverages have also incorporated a team building session each year early on in the programme. This has involved a Murder Mystery days and a cycle on the Greenway which have proved to be great fun.

Parents' Council

St. Tiernan's College has an active Parents' Council. The Council is open to all parents who have students in the College. It meets regularly and has a positive impact on the life of the College.

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Believing that our students' well-being is the foundation of their success, we are committed to providing outstanding pastoral care.



Learning Support

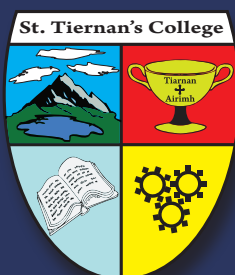
St. Tiernan's College has a very proud record of helping students with educational needs. All students are different and have different needs.

We have a team of qualified learning support and resource teachers, who are available for students to work on a one-to-one basis or in smaller groups at a pace suitable to their abilities. They help develop self-esteem, provide confidence and enable them to improve ability-wise during their time in the school.

Further support services:

- Book rental scheme
- Pastoral Care – We have a system of Tutors, Year Heads, a Guidance Counsellor and a care team
- S.C.P. Co-ordinator, Home-School Liaison Officer, Deputy Principal and Principal
- Services of a school chaplain
- Students' Council
- J.S.C.P Programme and J.C.S.P Co-Ordinator





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