



"Education is the passport
to the future, for tomorrow
belongs to those who prepare
for it today."

C.B.S. Thurles

Scoil na mBráithre Chríostaí Dúrlas

Co. Tipperary | Founded 1816



A CHARA,

Deciding on the secondary school you will send your son to is a major decision for each parent or guardian. This prospectus is designed to give you an outline of the very broad range of subjects on offer at C.B.S. Thurles. It will also give you an insight, through word and picture, into the variety of activities and high standards in the school.

During our Open Evening you will see the school and the refurbishment that has taken place and that is still ongoing. You will be able to meet with staff members and discuss subject related matters. You will also meet with students that are at present attending C.B.S. Thurles and these students will give you a guided tour of our school.

To sixth class pupils I believe the values we instil in young people will stand you in good stead for the rest of your lives. The atmosphere of camaraderie, achievement, and a sense of belonging are very evident among our student body and can be observed on a daily basis. I hope you take this opportunity

to observe this sense of belonging for yourself on the night, and I hope to have the privilege of watching and helping you grow into young adults of whom we will be deservedly proud.

C.B.S. Thurles was founded in 1816 and has a long history of academic achievement. As we come to the end of our bicentenary celebrations we proudly acknowledge this rich history and commitment to each and every student. I would encourage you to view all our exhibits and to ask any question that you have from any of the staff. The choice of secondary school is too serious a choice to be left to chance.

In conclusion may I wish you and your son the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tiernan O'Donnell

Principal



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Mr. Ollie Kelly

Deputy Principal



Ms. Kathryn O'Brien

Deputy Principal



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"CBS Thurles is a great school, I love PE and the hurling leagues are great fun. The lockers are easy to use."

Nathan Loughman Twomey
Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas Eile

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

C.B.S. Thurles was founded in 1816 by William and Thomas Cahill. The composite monastery and school was situated in what was then known as Pudding Lane. It catered for both primary and secondary pupils and the school has a long-standing academic reputation. In 1979 a spacious new secondary school was opened. Further extensions were opened in 2012 and 2014. This year will see the construction of new, state of the art, science and woodwork rooms along with two new general classrooms. We will have these new facilities ready for September 2018. It is the aim of our school to contribute towards the development of all aspects of the individual. Particular emphasis is placed on providing an appropriate balance between personal and social (including moral and spiritual) development. It is our aim to serve the needs of our educational community. We strive to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and initiative. We aim to enable students to realise their full potential in terms of their future roles as active and participative citizens in a disciplined and responsible atmosphere.

C.B.S. Thurles is justly proud of the achievements of our students in both the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate Examinations. The School's Annual Prize Night celebrates the outstanding academic tuition received by our pupils and the school's success in developing the whole student. C.B.S. Thurles graduates currently attend in large numbers all universities and most colleges. The range of careers pursued by our graduates is a source of constant delight for the staff with countless success stories from the worlds of banking, diplomacy, military, engineering, medicine, business, culture, agri-business etc.

Mission Statement

Thurles C.B.S. is a place of learning where students are prepared for adult life, academically, emotionally, spiritually and culturally. We strive for a safe environment, free from bullying. We aim to promote the Christian values inspired by the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice. We seek to create an atmosphere of respect for the needs and talents of all members of our school community, while challenging all to reach their full potential.



"Inclusive practices are promoted to benefit all students, including those with additional education needs."

CURRICULUM

At present CBS Thurles offers 4 programmes:
Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate,
Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
and the Transition Year programme.

"I love the new subjects that we get to do in class. The teachers are very good at explaining and helping you."

David Wall
Leugh N.S.



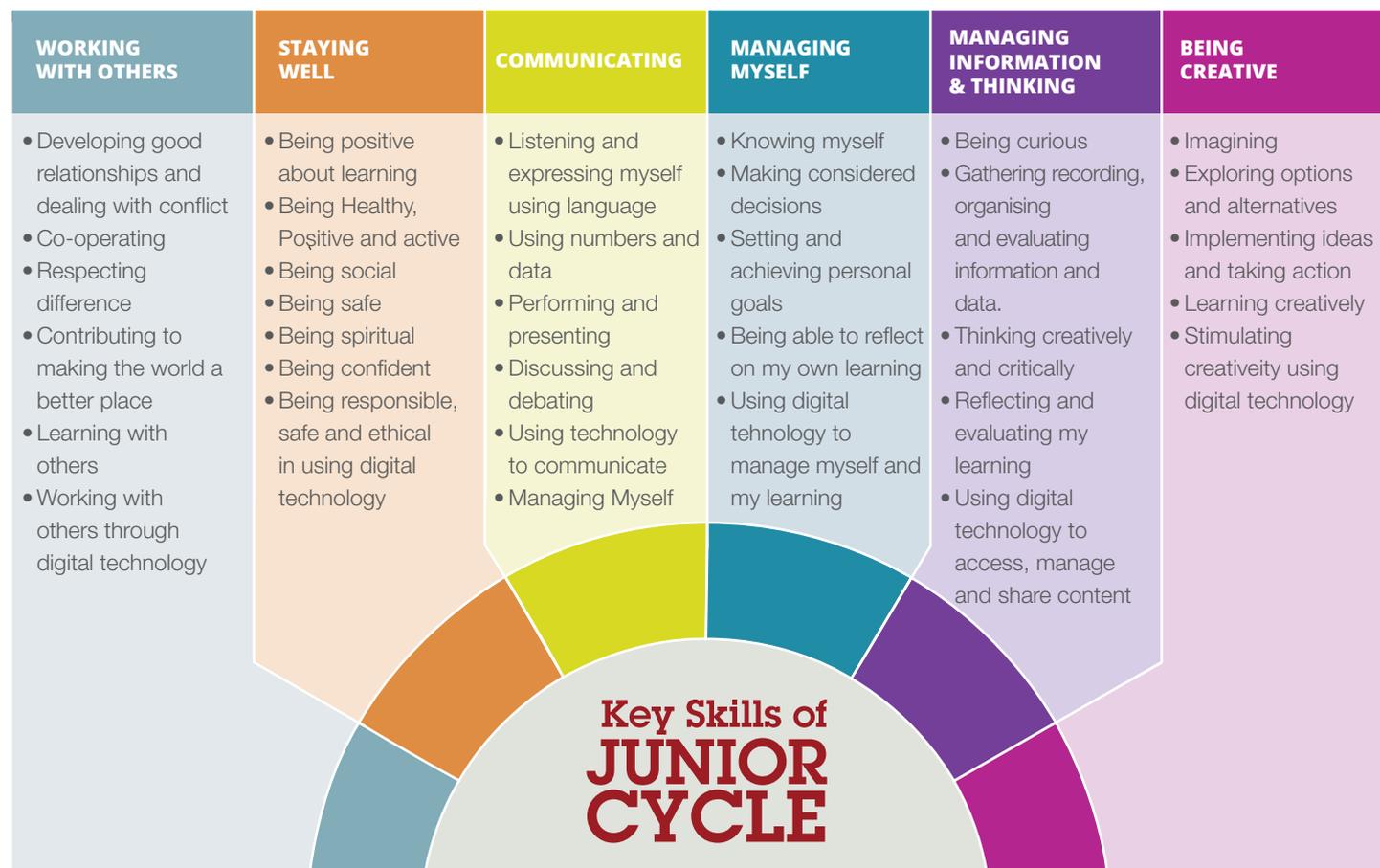
JUNIOR CYCLE

The Department of Education and Skills introduced a new framework for the junior cycle on a phased basis in September 2014. The rational underpinning the new Junior Cert is to enable learners to achieve their full potential and contribute to Ireland's economic, social and cultural development. As a progressive school we are continually updating our curriculum and developing the programme we offer at Junior Cycle.

Gaeilge	Science	Art, Craft & Design
English	CSPE	Wood Technology
Maths	Business Studies	SPHE
French	Religion	Technical Graphics
German	Career Guidance	Computer Studies
History	Music	Physical Education
Geography	Coding in Action	

"This is a great school, the teachers are very friendly and polite. We have all our books on our iPads which is great. I am delighted that I came to this school."

Alex Morrissey
Corville N.S.





TRANSITION YEAR

The Transition Year Programme is a unique one year optional programme that promotes the personal, social and educational development of students and prepares them for their roles as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society. TY enables students to make the transition from the more dependent type of learning associated with the Junior Cycle to the more independent learning environment associated with the Senior Cycle. It encourages the development of a wide range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem solving skills. In addition to traditional subjects TY students experience a wide range of interesting modules such as:

ECDL	GAA Coaching Course	Car/Driver Safety
Film Studies	Mindfulness	Forensic Science
Legal Studies	Home Economics	Horticulture
Mini Company	Eagles Flight	First Aid
YSI	Enterprise Education	Career/Personal Development
Chinese	Gaisce	Media Studies
Spanish	Mentoring	Work Experience

COMMENTS FROM TY STUDENTS

"I learnt so much about myself. I now know more about what I am good at and more importantly what I have to improve upon, a great year all round."

"The work experience was fantastic for me; it really focuses you on what career paths are best suited. I would definitely recommend the year."

"I would not have been confident about going into Fifth Year if I had not completed Transition Year. The experience was of huge benefit to me."



LEAVING CERTIFICATE

We provide a wide variety of subjects for the Leaving Cert.

Gaeilge	Business	Music
English	Accounting	Career Guidance
Maths	Economics	Religion
Applied Maths	Chemistry	Computer Studies
French	Biology	Physical Education
German	Physics	Design & Communication Graphics
History	Agricultural Science	Art
Geography	Construction Studies	Link Modules

"I love the sporting activities we can do. Everybody can take part and that's great. I enjoy PE and Technical Graphics."

Larry Ryan
Upperchurch N.S.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

This is a Leaving Certificate Programme designed to give a strong vocational dimension to the Leaving Cert. The programme combines the traditional Leaving Cert with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and community. A meeting is held for all 3rd Year parents to provide information on all the options available after the junior cycle.

Each year we schedule study skills seminars for 1st, 3rd and 6th year students. We are passionate about helping students become better learners so that they achieve their academic and life potential.





"I really like the CBS. I love the new subjects that you can do, especially Technical Graphics, German and Music. The iPads are great especially the different apps that can be used in class."

Sam Malone
Ballycahill N.S.

A number of years ago we successfully introduced our tablet device programme for Junior cert students. Our chosen device has been the iPad and this is the same requirement for incoming 1st year students entering CBS Thurles in September 2018.

Many schools in Ireland have currently made the transition from traditional learning to learning with the aid of technology and much more are doing so this September. The reason they are making this important investment is for the overwhelming number of advantages it provides.

While First Year students will still use hardback books for most of their subjects they can also access their eBooks on the iPad. Indeed, over the past 3 years we

have been pushing the boundaries when it comes to using the device as a teaching tool. We have installed high Speed Internet Broadband throughout the school campus. All classrooms have Apple TV installed which allows the iPad to be viewed on the Whiteboard from anywhere in the classroom. This coming September 2018 we intend to push it even further with regards to virtual learning, creating digital content, sharing educational content, massively reducing paper output plus lots more, all in all this will be a truly 21st century learning experience which will prepare your son for the ever changing dynamic working world. Check out the media link on our website to see how technology is embedded in the learning environment.

"In all lessons, classroom management was positive, with a warm and engaging atmosphere. Students were polite, courteous and well mannered."

Whole School Evaluation Report



SCHOOL FACILITIES

- 3 Modern Science Laboratories
- 2 Computer Rooms
- Demonstration Room
- 2 Woodwork Rooms
- Music Room
- Art Room
- Gymnasium
- Canteen
- Assembly hall
- Playing Pitch
- Apple TV in all Classrooms
- Wi-Fi in all Classrooms
- Library
- Prayer Room

"The school is class, I really enjoy the subjects on offer and the different sports on offer are great."

Stephen Walsh
Two-Mile-Borris N.S.



"An impressive and varied range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities is available to students."

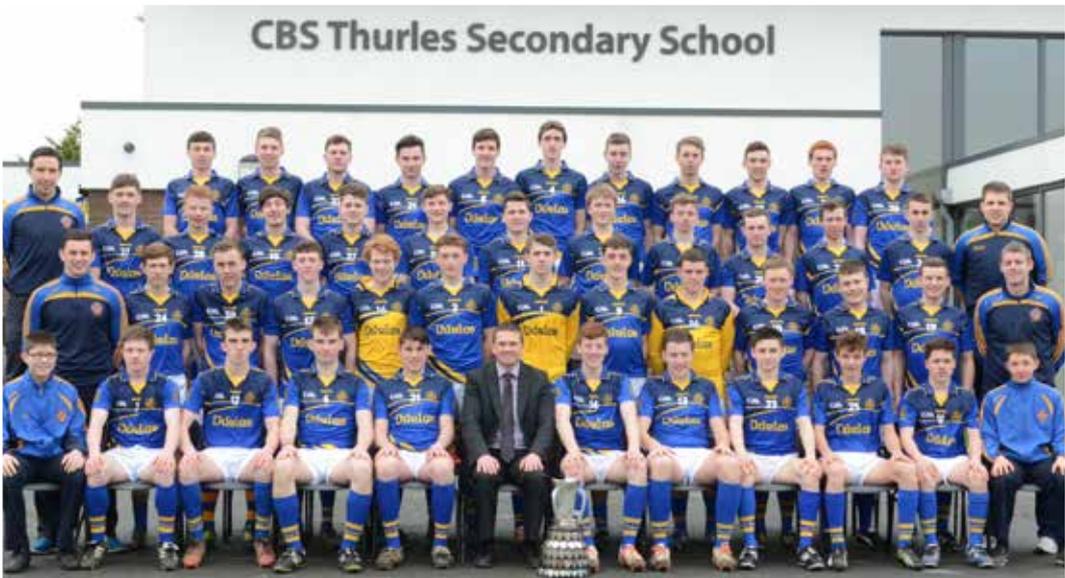
Whole School Evaluation Report

STUDENTS SUPPORTS

Each First Year class is assigned a Class Teacher. The role of the Class Teacher is primarily a pastoral one. They keep in close contact with the class to ensure that the students are settling in satisfactorily and the class works well together. There is also a Year Head who looks after the whole year group and makes contact with parents when required. The Year Head works with the Class Teacher to try to make each students' experience of life in CSB Thurles a productive and happy one. In addition each student is assigned a Buddy from Transition Year who help the First Years integrate into life of the school.

LEARNING SUPPORTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The school uses the resources provided by the Department of Education and Skills to make provision for students with special educational needs. The Learning Support Department is committed to providing a comprehensive and effective learning support service for students. This will enable students who have special educational needs to access their curricula and achieve their full potential. Team teaching supports students in the classroom while some are withdrawn for extra support. Special Needs Assistants offer other support to individual students and are an important part of the Learning Support Team.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At CBS Thurles we pride ourselves in the variety of extracurricular activities on offer to students. We try to cater for all our students and each year we respond to their needs and ambitions in numerous fields of endeavour.

We have a long and distinguished record in sport and extra-curricular activities. Activities include:

- Athletics
- Hurling
- Football
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Swimming
- Squash
- Equestrian
- Musicals
- Debating
- Educational tours
- Choral Group
- Traditional Music
- Homework Club
- Film Club
- Breakfast Club
- French Club
- German Club
- Club Gaeilge
- Computer Club
- Green Schools
- Regional/National Competitions
- Zambian Immersion Project
- Student Exchange Programme

"I love this school, I have made lots of new friends and I really enjoy English, Irish and Woodwork. I am looking forward to the year ahead."

Joe Egan
Gaelscoil Bhride,
Durlas Eile





AWARDS

The school is committed to a policy of recognition, encouragement and reward of positive behaviour. We have in place good school and class routines where students are clear on the boundaries and expectations. Students are given recognition for:

- Outstanding achievements
- Sporting accomplishments
- Extra-Curricular success
- Attendance
- Good manners, demeanour and behaviour

We encourage our students to take part in all aspects of school life, both curricular and extra-curricular. Our philosophy is that all should have the opportunity to represent their school / community in whatever field of endeavour they aspire to.

“The CBS is very interesting and great fun. The teachers are really nice and lunchtime is great for playing different sports.”

Oisín Dwan
Boherlahan N.S.



PARENTS COUNCIL

The Parents Council is an active and valued part of our school community. A committee is elected each year to represent the general body of parents and membership of the council is open to parents/guardians of all students attending the school. The Parents Council meets regularly during the year.

STUDENTS COUNCIL

The Students Council is a representative body of students elected by the student body. The Council works closely with a member of staff in giving students an active voice and an avenue in which they can become involved in school life.



RECENT SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Harty Cup Champions 2015
- Fitzgerald Cup Champions 2015/2016
- Rice Cup Champions 2017
- U 15 A Hurling Munster Champions 2016/2017
- Croke Cup Champions 2016/2017
- U 16 Basketball All Ireland League and Cup Champions 2016
- U 15 A County Football Champions 2016
- Munster Track and Field Championships 2016 1st place (Junior) 2nd place (Minor)
- Best overall School in Munster Track and Field 2016/2017
- East Munster Schools Athletics Championships: Best Overall School 2016
- County Tipperary Schools Cross Country Championships: 1st (Junior Boys) 2016, 1st (intermediate) 2016, 2017
- Munster Schools Cross-Country Championships, 1st (Intermediate) 2016 1st (Junior Boys) 2015/2016
- FAI Munster Cup South East Champions, 2017
- Concern Debates: All Ireland Semi Finalists 2017: Best Researches Awards 2017
- Top Boys school at the County Secondary Schools Athletics Championships 2015/2016
- CBS Thurles represented Ireland at the Sage Global World Cup for Social Entrepreneurs, 2016
- CBS Thurles represented Ireland in the subject of Physics at the Maths Olympiad in Brazil, 2017.

WHY CHOOSE CBS THURLES

- Academic Excellence.
- Excellent Dedicated Teachers.
- High Record of College Entry.
- High Standards of Behaviour and Discipline.
- Tradition of Music.
- Tradition of Sports
- Annual School Awards Ceremony.
- Breakfast Club.
- Maximum of 24 Students per Class in First Year
- Homework Club after School for First Year Students.
- After School Study
- Lunchtime Activities.
- Book Rental Scheme.
- School Canteen.
- 3 Modern Fully Equipped Science Rooms.
- Sporting Facilities with Sports Hall, Weights Room and Playing Fields.
- Opportunity for First Year students to experience a whole range of Junior Cycle subjects so that informed subject choices can be made for Second Year on the basis of experience.
- High Speed Broadband and Apple TV in All Classrooms.
- Programmable Lockers for Students.
- Buddy System.
- Pastoral Care Team and Learning Support Team.
- German & French Exchange.

Corn Aobh Uí Dhúda Champions 2017 (Under 15A Hurling Munster)



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