



Scoil Ruáin

Killenaule, Co. Tipperary



PROSPECTUS

Inspire

Challenge

Empower

Excellence

Community

Innovation

Skills

Learning

Leadership

Respect

AD TOTAM PERSONAM – Education of the whole person



Welcome



We are delighted to introduce you and your child to Scoil Ruáin. Unfortunately, under current guidelines we will not be able to host our usual Open Night so please take time to familiarise yourself with some information about our school. Scoil Ruáin enjoys a warm, welcoming atmosphere where positive relationships between our staff, students and parents are of paramount importance.

We firmly believe in offering a progressive academic curriculum as well as an extensive range of extra-curricular activities which encourages the development of the complete person in keeping with our motto "Ad Totam Personam".

Our students are at the centre of all we do in Scoil Ruáin and our pastoral care programme has at its heart the academic, social and personal wellbeing of each student. In essence, we believe that a happy school is a successful school.

For more information please follow us on Twitter @scoilruain or Instagram @scoilruainkillenaule or check out our website www.scoilruain.ie

We look forward to meeting you.

James Williams
Principal

Siobhan Landers
Deputy Principal



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Vision

Scoil Ruáin is "A school where every child matters". We have created a community that has our students at the core of all the great things we do. We endeavour to maximise the full potential of all our students in a creative, safe and happy learning environment.



Enrolment

Application Process for Incoming First Years

Application forms and information regarding our admission policy will be delivered by the Principal and representatives from Scoil Ruáin to our local primary schools for 6th class pupils. Completed forms must be returned to the school office before the closing date.

Support for Students

- Tutor & Yearhead System
- Guidance Counsellor
- Learning Support & Resource Teaching for Students with Special Needs
- Home/School Liaison
- School Completion Programme
- Multicultural Provision
- Health Education
- Breakfast Club

Homework Club

First year students can benefit from doing a homework club for one hour from Monday to Thursday after school.

Evening Study

Third, Fifth & Sixth year students may apply to do two hours of supervised study each evening after school. Supervised study is provided for students on Saturdays and during mid-term & Easter holidays.

Positive Behaviour

All members of the Scoil Ruáin community are expected to treat one another with respect, good manners and courtesy at all times. We acknowledge the rights of all members of the school community but also remind everyone of their associated responsibilities.

Students are asked to have:

- Respect for self
- Respect for fellow students
- Respect for staff
- Respect for property

Please visit our website
www.scoilruain.ie
 for more details of our positive code of behaviour.

Trips & Tours

Students derive a great deal of educational benefit from participating in well planned school tours and field trips. Such activities give students the opportunity to engage in experiences not available in the classroom, and help to develop their imaginative skills, encourage greater independence and enhance their social and cultural development. For example:

- Second year students go abroad on a 4 day trip to Barcelona
- Fifth Years travel to the UK annually to see Southampton (and past pupil, Shane Long) play in the Premier League.
- Transition Years go to Delphi Adventure Centre each year.
- A host of class trips and outings.
- Academic field trips in Science & Geography.

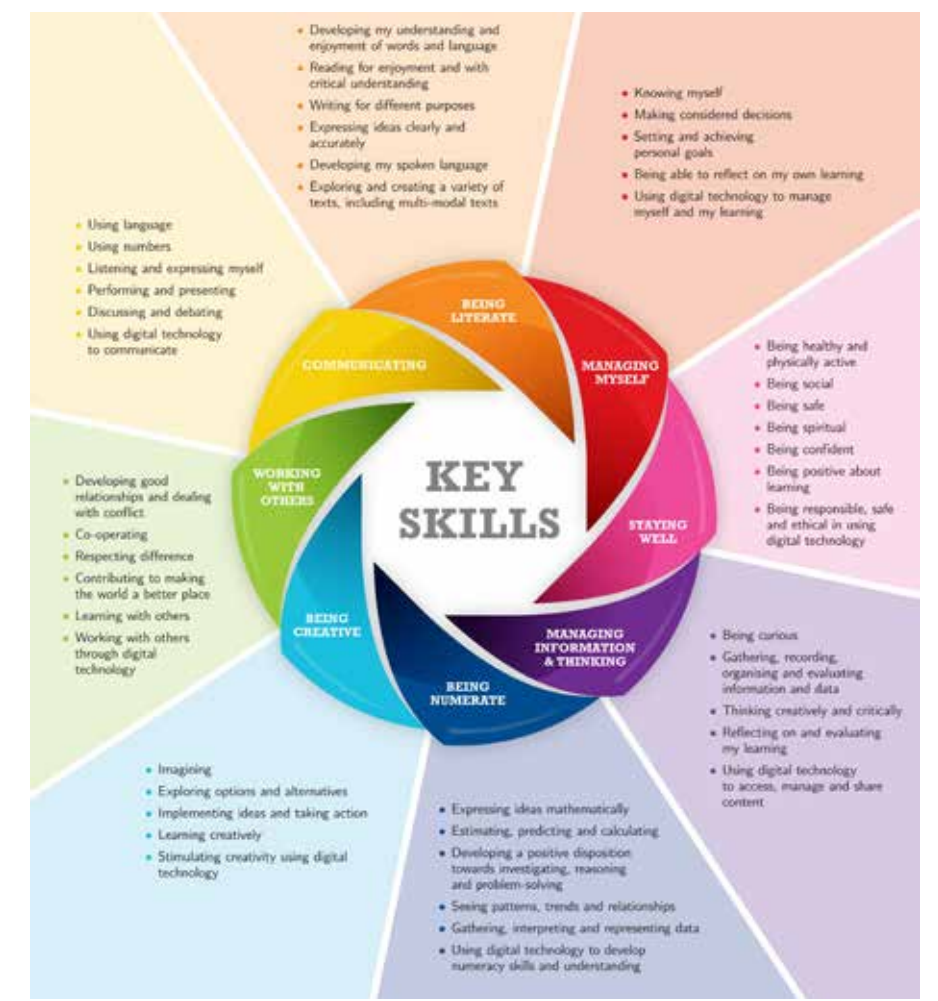


New Junior Cycle

In Scoil Ruáin 1st year students study all subjects in year one. This gives all our students the opportunity to develop many new life skills and enjoy all aspects of second level education. Students will choose their favourite and best 4 subjects going in to second year. English, Irish & Maths are the only subjects that continue with higher and ordinary level. All other subjects have a new common level. Students will all get to study short courses and participate in up to 400 hours of wellbeing in three years.

Core	English	Irish	Maths	Science	Geography
Options	History	Business	Home Economics	Wood Technology	Junior Cycle Graphics
	French	German	Engineering	Music	Art
Non Exam Subjects	Religious Studies				
Short Courses	Physical Education	Environmental Social Studies			
Wellbeing	SPHE	CSPE	Sports Science	Information Technology	Learning to Learn

Inspire Challenge Empower





Leaving Certificate

Skills Learning Leadership

We offer three leaving cert programmes:

1. Leaving Certificate (Established)
2. Leaving Certificate Applied
3. Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Leaving Certificate (Established)

Core	English	Irish	Maths		
Options	History	Business Studies	Home Economics	Construction Studies	Agricultural Science
	French	Geography	Engineering	Music	Art
	DCG	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	
Non Exam Subjects	Physical Education	Religious Studies	Career Guidance	RSE	

Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)

This is a two year Leaving Certificate for students who wish to follow a practical or vocationally orientated programme:

- Students who like practical and project based work.
- Those who want to go straight into the workplace.
- Those who want to do a Post Leaving Cert Course e.g. FETAC Level 5 or 6
- With their FETAC Level 5 they can apply to go on to further study in one of the Institutes of Technology where, if they so wish, they can get a Degree, Masters, etc.
- One day per week is spent on Work Experience.

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP)

LCVP is similar to the Traditional Leaving Certificate with the added opportunity to enhance business skills by taking modules in Enterprise Education and Preparation for Work. Experiences such as work placements, career investigations, mini enterprises and business and community visits are an integral part of the programme.

Third Level Bursaries

In 6th year, all students have the opportunity to apply for two 3rd level bursaries. These very generous scholarships are offered by two companies that Scoil Ruain works closely with. Camida very kindly offer a €3,000 bursary and an ipad or iphone. Godolphin offer a €1,500 bursary per year of study (up to 4 years) plus a laptop computer. Both companies have an application process followed by an interview to choose a successful candidate. Students who they believe have demonstrated a strong work ethic to attain their 3rd level goal but also have made a significant contribution to the school and wider community.



Facilities at Scoil Ruain

We are very fortunate in having excellent facilities which allow us to deliver the school curriculum to the highest standards. These facilities include:

- 16 General Classrooms
- 2 Science Laboratories
- 2 Woodwork Rooms
- 1 Theatre Style Demonstration Room
- 1 Art Room
- 1 Home Economics Kitchen
- 1 Engineering Room
- 1 Information Technology Room
- 1 Design & Communications Technology Lab
- 1 Music Room
- 1 Library
- 2 Fully equipped ASD Classrooms
- 1 Canteen
- Dining Area for Students
- Large General-Purpose Area
- Championship Sports Hall (including changing facilities),
- Fully Equipped Modern Gymnasium
- Large All-weather Pitch
- GAA Playing Pitch
- Landscaped Courtyard and Gardens

Student Leadership

All our students are encouraged to join in with the development of our school and this takes the form of different student organisations.

- School Sports Teams
- Music Recitals
- An Gaisce - The Presidents Award
- School Year Book
- TETB Sports & Cultural Council
- TETB Student Forum
- Green School Committee
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Peer Mentoring
- Healthy Eating Programme



Awards

Students are nominated for awards in:

- Personal Achievement
- Academic Achievement
- Attendance & Punctuality
- Most Improved
- Subject Achievement
- Extra-Curricular Achievement
- Student of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year
- School Spirit Award
- Principal's Award

Transition Year

"The fundamental principles of TY are based on improving maturity, skills and knowledge."

Transition Year is offered to students who wish to take time before moving on to Senior Cycle. TY allows our students to mature, gain confidence and develop a wide range of skills, particularly in social awareness whilst continuing to engage in school and academic life. TY also guides students with their subject choices for Leaving Certificate.

- Applicants for the programme are selected on the basis of age, motivation, behaviour and attendance
- Applicants will also face an interview process
- All students in TY take part in our annual school musical
- Students are also given the opportunity to go on work experience





Community, Excellence & Respect

Launch of our School Plan in partnership with School Management / Board of Management / Teachers / Students / Parents / School Completion Programme / Home School Community Liaison Officer / Tipperary ETB.

Student Council

The Student Council consists of a representative body elected by the general cohort of students in the school. The Student Council will give students an opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions and to play an active role in policy-making in the school. A member of staff will liaise with the Student Council and through the Council, links will also be formed between the students and school management.

Parents' Council

A number of parents are elected to form the Parents Council at the Annual General Meeting of parents each year. The Parents' Council meets twice a term and acts as a representative body that:

- Represents the views of the parents
- Informs parents of developments in education and in the school
- Fosters cooperation between parents, teachers and school management
- Provides opportunities for parents and the school principal and/or representative of staff to meet and exchange ideas on the education of their children, to discuss issues such as discipline, homework, etc. and to address topics of mutual interest
- Helps with the provision of extra equipment and fundraising

Parents who wish to become actively involved in the school are welcome and encouraged to join the Parents' Council.

What our First Years Think



**Lucy McGrath
Moyglass N.S.**

"My experience in Scoil Ruáin so far has been fun and enjoyable. Scoil Ruáin has such a wide variety of sports and sports facilities including a big sports hall and a gym. There are lots of subjects for you to enjoy and the staff here are so nice and helpful and they have made us feel so welcome."



**Willow Charles
Killenaule N.S.**

"My favourite thing about Scoil Ruáin is the subject choices, longer breaks and meeting new people."



**Edel Hayes
St. Michael's N.S.
Mullinahone**

"My favourite things about Scoil Ruáin are that everyone is very welcoming and having the choices of different subjects and sports."



**Sophie Direen
St. Michael's N.S.
Mullinahone**

"My first few weeks in Scoil Ruáin have been amazing. I have settled in very well. All the teachers are so helpful and very understanding since this big change for all of us from primary school. With Covid-19 around we feel very safe. I have met loads of new people and I'm really excited to be with them for the next few years. I'm so happy I get to go to Scoil Ruáin."



**Sam Wyse
Lisronagh N.S.**

"My first few weeks in Scoil Ruáin have been great. I am meeting lots of new people and making lots of new friends. I like all the sports facilities, teachers, subjects, new subjects, and the great supply of food for breakfast and lunch. I am getting on really well in Scoil Ruáin and I'm looking forward to the next few years."



**Seán Keating
Powerstown N.S.**

"My favourite things about Scoil Ruáin is the rolls at lunch and all the teachers are sound and lunchtime and when we go home."



**Tadhg O'Loughlin
Moyglass N.S.**

"I like that we can go hurling at lunch, we also have a half day on Friday."



**Hannah O'Sullivan
Holy Trinity N.S.
Fethard**

"My first few weeks in Scoil Ruáin have been great, I have met new people and settled in well. The teachers have been great at explaining everything. I like that there are a variety of different sports, so I have a choice of what to do. I am excited for the years ahead."



**Andy Williams
Killenaule N.S.**

"What I like most about Scoil Ruáin is the space in the building, the different classrooms, breaks are longer, and I can play hurling. We can also order our own lunches. I have met lots of new people and friends. I'm also learning lots of new things. I'm excited about the next few years especially when covid is gone and we can get back to normal."



**Siobhán Maher
Killenaule N.S.**

"My first few weeks in Scoil Ruáin have been spectacular! I have met so many new people and made loads of new friends. I love the way you can choose from many sports but if you're not a sporty person you're still not left out! I also love the fact that you can order rolls in school that are honestly delicious, and you have many options and it's only a euro for one roll!!! The subject varieties are brilliant and there is definitely something for everyone!!"



**Evan Maher
St. Michael's N.S.
Mullinahone**

"Scoil Ruáin is a very welcoming school with nice teachers and new subjects to do and you can go up to the Astroturf at break and order lunches from the school."



Why Come to Scoil Ruáin?

- A long-standing tradition and culture of success, achievement and excellence in the academic, sporting, artistic and scientific arenas
- Outstanding success in Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations
- An extensive curriculum where first year students get the opportunity to do all subjects
- A vibrant, enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to helping students achieve their potential
- A welcoming and friendly environment for pupils
- A strong sense of community within the school
- Excellent care and support systems
- Eco-friendly school with 7 Green Flags and single use plastic free
- A wide range of extra-curricular activities including:
 - Basketball
 - Gaelic football
 - Athletics
 - Young Scientist
 - Gardening Club
 - Music Recital
 - Hurling
 - Soccer
 - Debating
 - Photography Club
 - Book Club
 - Annual School Musical
- Exceptional accomplishment in sport: County Champions, Regional Champions, Provincial Champions & All Ireland Champions
- Our past-pupils have found success in every field including medicine, law, business, journalism, education, engineering, art, drama, sport and many others
- We do all that we can to make sure our students achieve their full potential

Inspire, Challenge, Empower, Excellence, Community, Innovation, Skills, Learning, Leadership, Respect



Looking at Our School - DES Inspection

WSE-MLL Follow on Inspection

“Very good work has been undertaken by the new senior management team in implementing the recommendations from the WSE-MLL. A number of new ways of supporting communication with the stakeholders have been identified and developed to very good effect.

It is evident that significant work has been undertaken in developing systems to track all aspects of student progress. These systems include in-depth data analysis, ongoing assessment, and the identification of students’ individual learning needs. The use of data has led to changes in methodologies, and an emphasis on strategies such as the use of success criteria and research skills in the classroom. These initiatives have impacted very positively on students’ learning and attainment.”

Due to the quality of education and success of our students the Inspectorate did not find it necessary to make any further recommendations for improvement.

Academic Tracking

In Scoil Ruáin we have comprehensive academic tracking. It is a very detailed process which includes regular examinations, including Cognitive Ability Testing (CAT). Students and parents work in co-operation with management and teachers to record target grades and other areas of learning allowing students to see and be proud of their progress.



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