

Information Evening For Incoming 1st Years

2024 / 2025



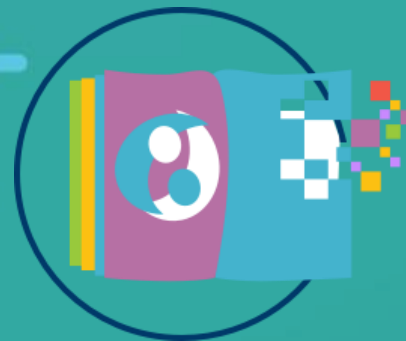
Clonturk
Community College

Running Order

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- 1st Year Head - Introduction to Clonturk Community College
- New Junior Cycle Book Scheme & Buying the iPad
- Teaching & Learning - What to expect
 - Break - A trip around Clonturk
 - School Transition Programme & Extra-curricular Activities
 - Student Life in Clonturk
 - School Communication & Updates

Welcome & Introduction Anthony Creevey

Principal of Clonturk Community College



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**Senior
Management
Team**

Anthony

– Principal

Corinne

– Deputy Principal

Kerrie

– Deputy Principal

Ethos & Culture

- A caring & safe environment.
- Promotion of positive behaviour
- Emphasis on positive values

Pillars- Respect, Ambition, Pride and Kindness

- Relationships - interpersonal connections.
- Equitable & Inclusive.
- Students having an active role in life of school.
- Cross-curricular & Extra-Curricular.
- Parental & Community Involvement.



Pillars of Clonturk



- Students should uphold the pillars of Clonturk: Respect, Kindness, Ambition and Pride at all times.
- In Clonturk CC we expect everybody in our school community to always treat each other with kindness and respect.
- We try our best every day and are ambitious in setting our goals, both at a personal and at a whole-school level. We take pride in what we achieve.



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General School Information

Corinne O'Toole, Deputy Principal

Introduction

Each year group has a staff member assigned as Year Head.

The role of the Year Head is to support students, monitor their achievements and behaviour and to support their class tutors, teachers and support parents/guardians.

The First Year Year Head particularly focuses on making the move from primary school to secondary school as easy as possible for your children!

First Day will be the week of the 19th of August 2024 for a two-hour induction morning*.

- On the morning you will have time to meet your new base class and tutor.

*Calendar will be available on our website from May

Rang Groups

- Students will be assigned to a Rang (Class) group when they begin Secondary School in September.
- There will be many Rang groups in the year (this year we have 7 different Rang Groups in 1st Year) – Classes are mixed ability and a combination of all of our feeder Primary schools.
- Each Rang group will have a class tutor. Their job is to answer questions, support students pastorally and academically and act as a point of contact for parents/guardians.
- Students will have 5 minutes of tutor time before small break so they can check in with their tutor each day.
- The student's rang group will be their 'base class' and they will have subjects such as English, Irish and Maths with them in 1st Year.
- Student's will also have subject options which they have recently selected (more information will be available on these as we approach the beginning of the new school year) – Subject Options will be posted home in May 2024 pending results from our recruitment campaign this year.

Student Support Team

- Our student support team is built of yearly anchors along with our guidance team.
- Our student support team will be in contact with Primary schools in the coming weeks.
 - Our SST Anchors meet with Primary school teachers to collect information about student hobbies, likes/dislikes and academic reports.
 - Student passports are posted at a later date so we like to gather this information as soon as we can.
- Our student support team will be arranging meetings for students with complex or primary care needs in the next couple of weeks.
- For all other students on our AEN register we will be hosting a meeting in early September.

Timetable

Students will spend their first day in school in September with their tutor. They will be given a timetable on this day as part of their induction

- School begins at 8.30 every morning, and our classes are 1 hour long.
- There are two classes in the morning and then students will have tutor time from 10.30– 10.35.
- Break time is from 10.35–10.50 and after that there will be two more classes.
- Lunch time is from 12.55 to 1.25 every day.
- To finish the day, students have two more classes before school ends at 3.25.
- We have a half day every Friday. School finishes at 12.55.

Timetable

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Classes are 1 hour long, 6 classes per day.

Lunch time is from 12.55 to 1.25 every day.

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30					
9.30					
10.30					
10.40					
10.50					
11.50					
12.50					
13.25					
14.25					

Policies

All of our policies are available on our website at <https://clonturkcc.ie/policies/>.

Some particularly important ones are:

- Code of Positive Behaviour
- Dress Code
- Electronic Device Policy (mobile phones)
- Healthy Lifestyle Policy

Reading these with your children before you start can lead to an easier transition to secondary school.

New JC Schoolbook Scheme

- Scheme includes all physical & digital books and school resources
- All books purchased belong to the school and should be returned in good condition when students complete JC or otherwise.
- Includes any additional fees for materials cost
- Scheme does not cover cost of ipad, cooking equipment, locker rental etc
- If items are damaged/lost, school is not under obligation to replace items

- * It is worth noting that resources provided will be standard across all students so families will need to sit and label items well.
- Any family that does not require the resources please let us know so we can re-use and recycle elsewhere in the school.

Physical books & E-books

- Physical versus E-Book
- Some subjects will require physical books and a workbook.
- Booklist will be available on our website for your information.

Select Education – Buying the iPad

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Select Date

- Deployment date changed to the 8th of June.
- Ipad store is open now!

Teaching & Learning – what to expect in Clonturk

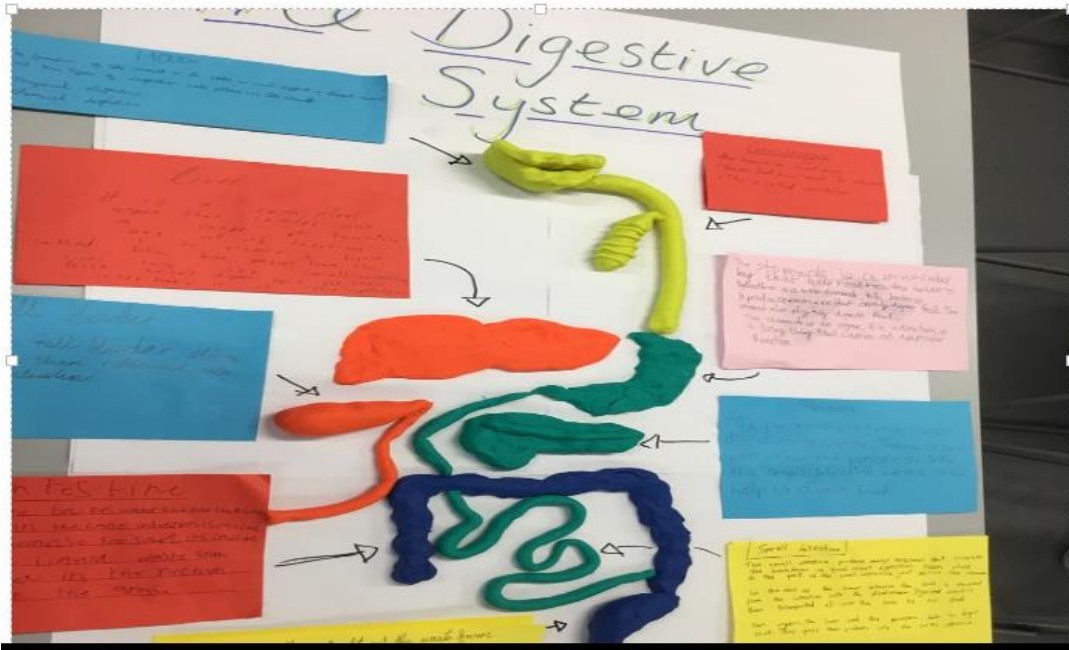
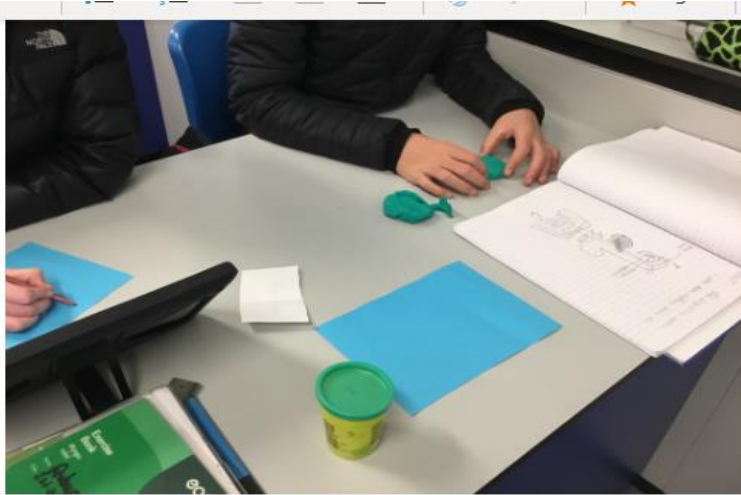
Kate Horan

Teaching & Learning in Clonturk

- By integrating 21st century teaching and learning strategies comprehensively and purposefully into the curriculum, and by assessing not only what students learn but how they learn, we will nurture critical thinkers, problem solvers, effective communicators, creators and innovators.
- In Clonturk, we love to be active in our teaching and learning and bring different methodologies into our classroom. We want our lessons to be active and engaging, which in turn allows for better behaviour and deeper learning in the classroom.
- We want to teach students to become a 'learner rather than a knower' and we can do this by trying out new things, being open to learning new ways of teaching, being reflective, not afraid of failing, discussions with pupils about how they learn best and allowing them the autonomy to try new things out.



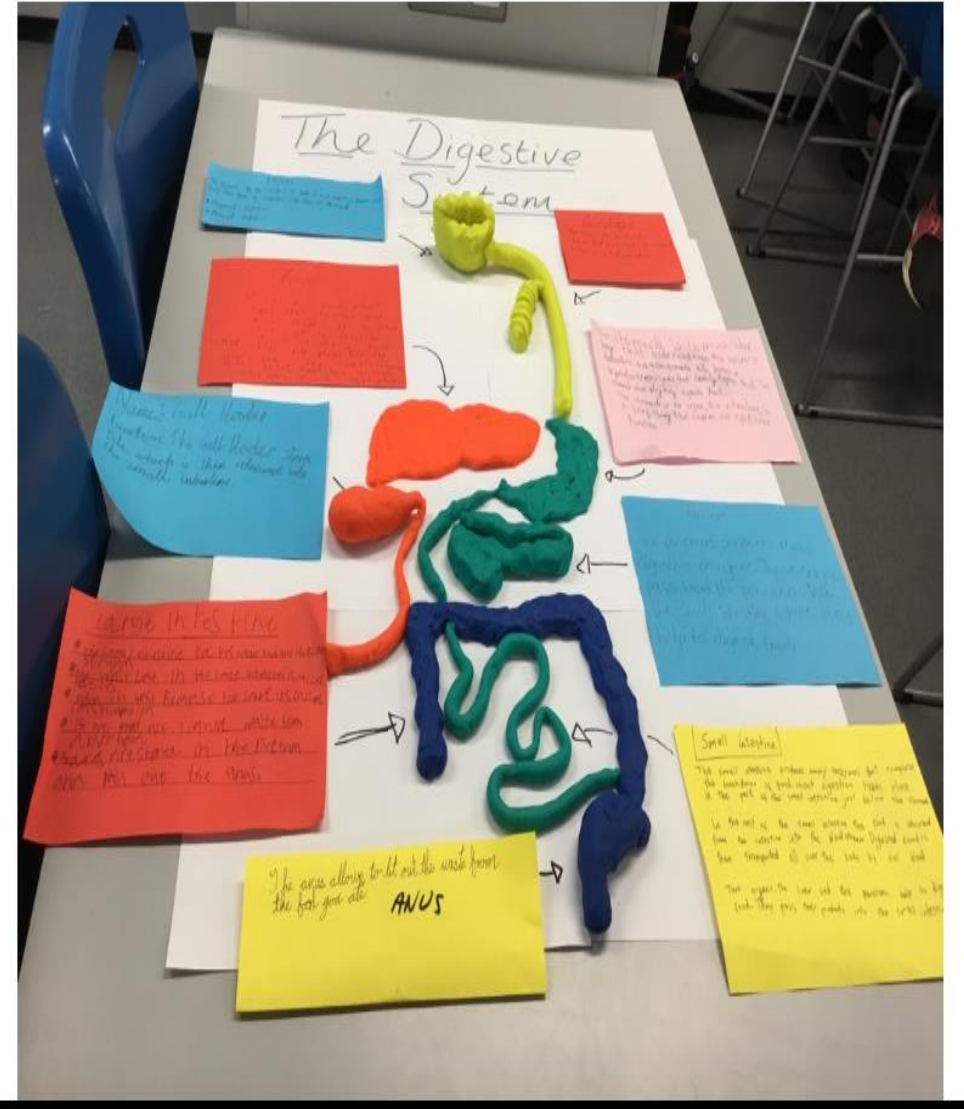
Teaching and learning methodologies



In Clonturk Community College, we try to make our lessons as interesting and engaging as possible by incorporating lots of different learning styles in the classroom. We know that not all pupils learn in the same way. We want every pupil to be involved in their own learning.

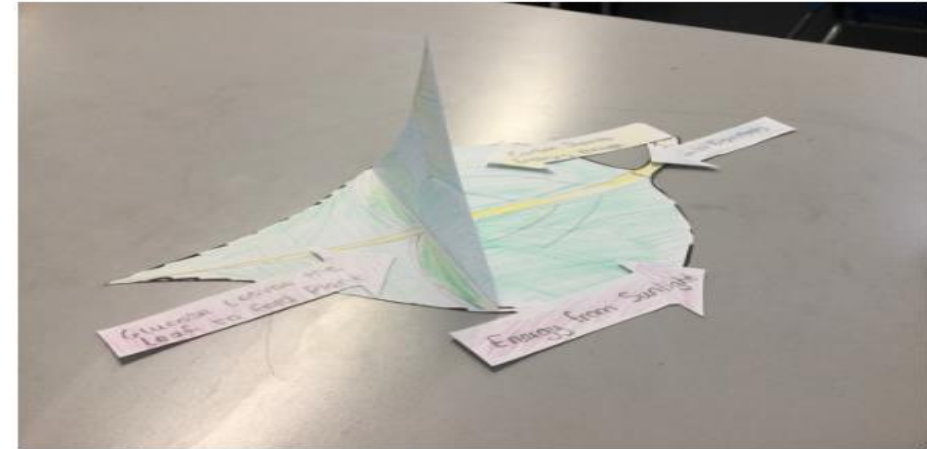
In class activities

- This is an example of the way in which pupils in a science class worked together on making a model of the digestive system.
- Each group was tasked with creating a part of the digestive system and writing an explanation on its function.
- Then the groups came together to make the whole system.



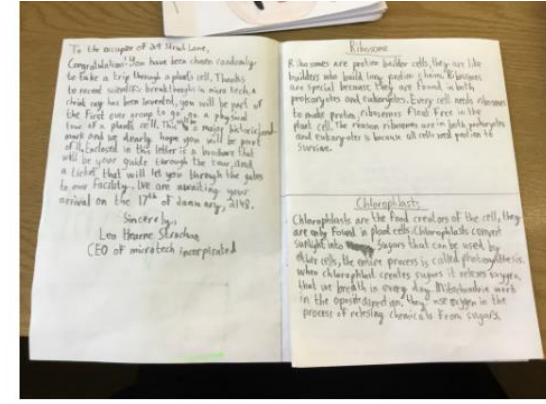
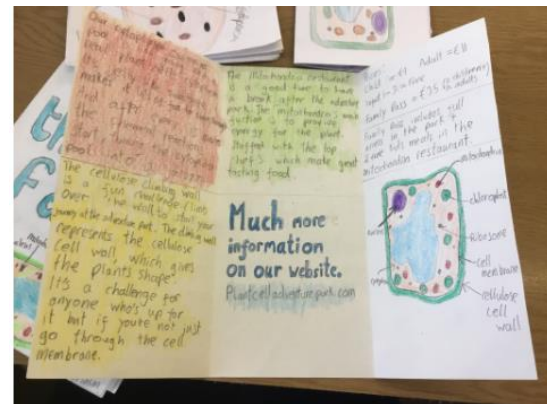
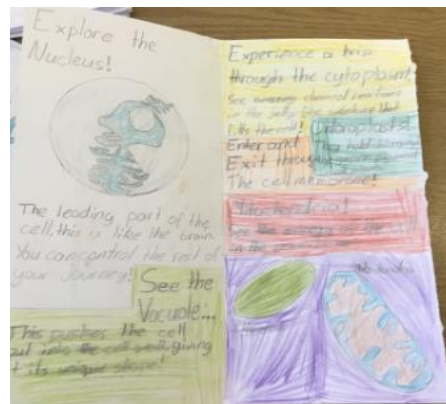
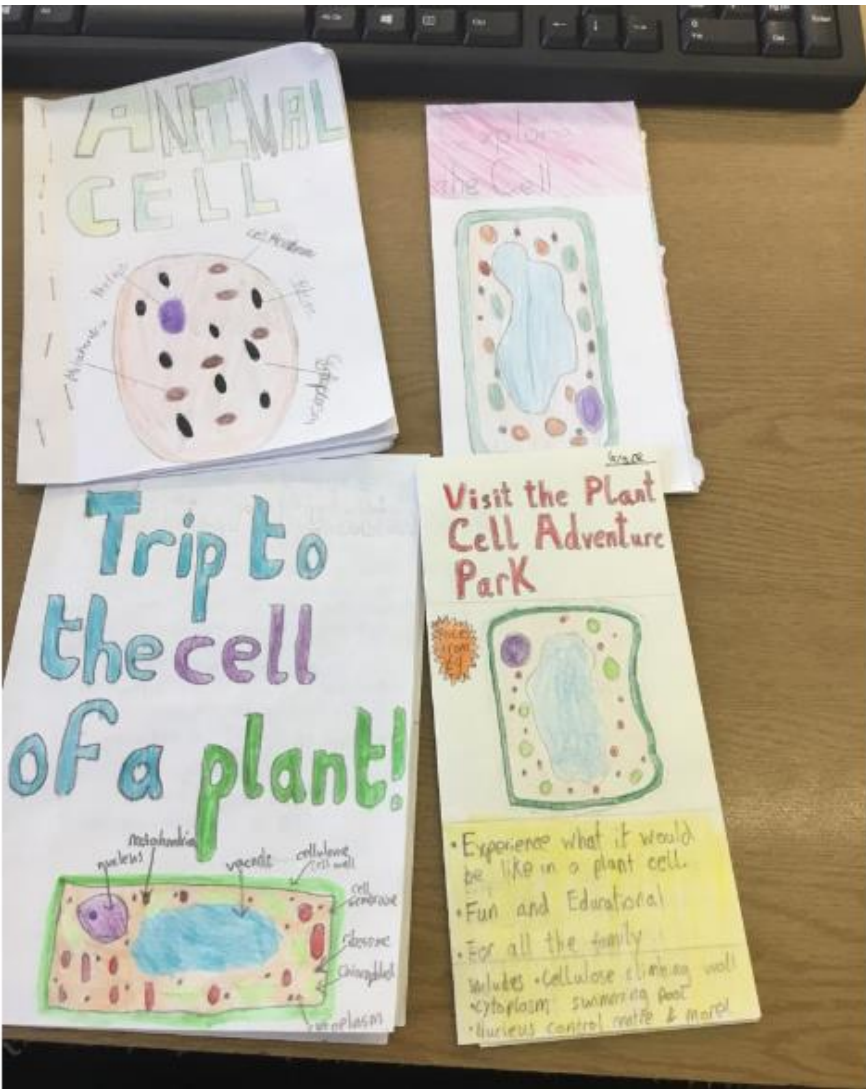
Homework

- This task was done as a piece of homework. Taking time at home to consolidate the learning from that day is essential in the learning process.
- We give pupils the opportunities to really show what they have learned by changing the information from one form into another.
- Here the learning from class was consolidated by making this leaf structure.



BEING CREATIVE

This skill enables learners to develop their imagination and creativity as they explore different ways of doing things and of thinking. Students learn to stay with challenges or tasks to completion and to learn from their experiences.



Teaching & Learning TOOLKIT



Here at Clonturk we have embraced the use of iPads as a teaching and learning tool, helping students and teachers in achieving excellence together.



Example: Kahoot!



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How do trees help to combat climate change ?

They provide habit for animals

Their shadow cools down the earth

They take in Carbon dioxide

They provide use with timber for fuel

iPads Supporting Teaching and Learning

Design Opportunities



Google maps helping to track sun path for Sustainable Architectural design

Assessment & Reporting

- What to expect?
 - Every 6–8 weeks assessment takes place in academic subjects (combination of formative and summative)
 - In 1st year Winter & Summer Official Report issued through vsware
 - Winter takes place mid–November
 - Summer at last week of school year
 - Two parent/teacher & student evenings (in–person)
 - One Tutor & Year Head (October)
 - One Academic

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Break

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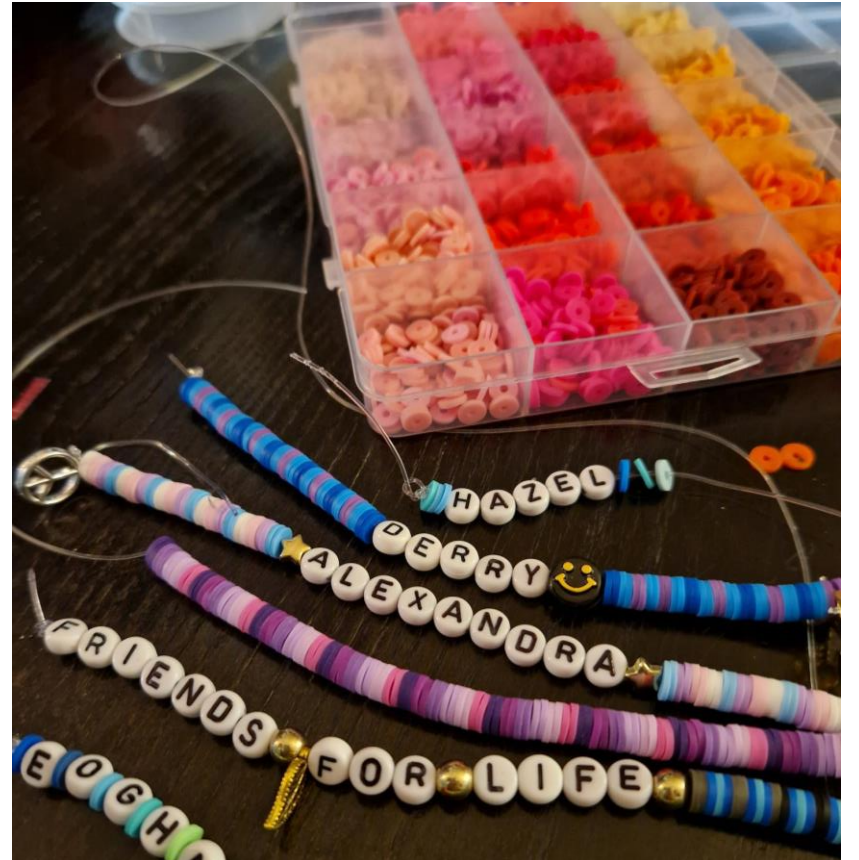
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Transition Programme – Wellbeing Supports in Clonturk

Jemma Sinclair & Mark Thompson

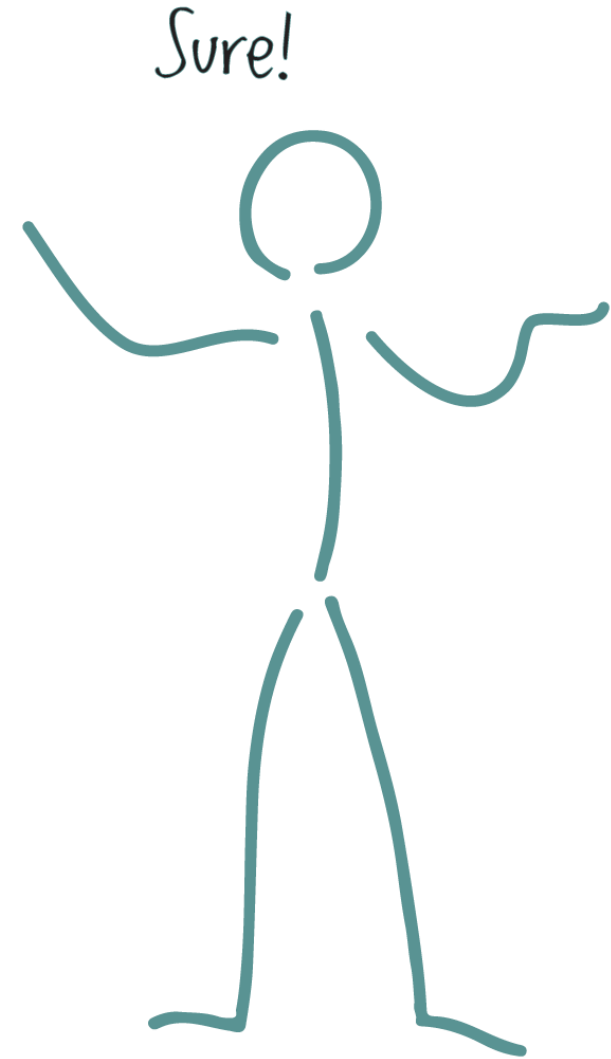
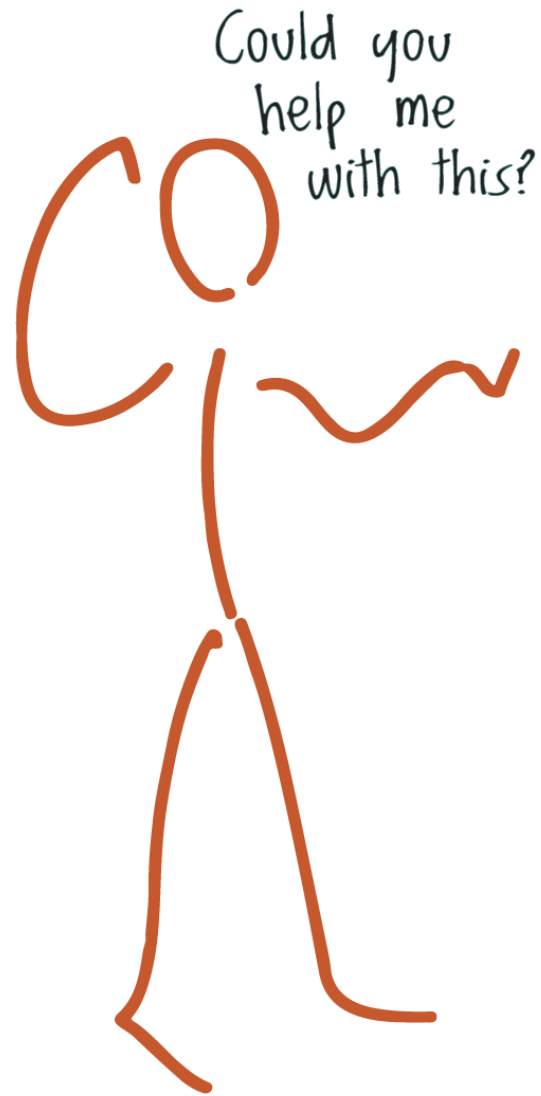
Transition Programme

- Supporting students with the move from primary to secondary
- All classes assigned a tutor who is main point of contact
- Team building experience in the first term
- The RISE
- Friends for Life Programme



Additional Supports

- Student Support Team/Guidance Counsellors
- Wellbeing Coordinator
- Outside Agencies





At Clonturk

We are a team!

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a wide variety of extra-curricular available to students and the list is continuing to grow each year.

We would ask that all students get involved in some shape or form with after school activities.

Some examples of the Extra Curricular Activities we run are:

Soccer, GAA, swimming, games club, DND club, debating, music, choir, art, coding, baking, athletics, cross country, creative writing club, Diversity club, Green Schools, Gardening Club and lots lots more!



Sample Extra-Curricular Calendar

ACTIVITY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday
Senior Girls Football (David N and Melanie)	3:30 - 4:30 - Pitch				
Junior Boys Basketball (Cathal O'Brien)		3:30 – 4:30 – Basketball Court			
Green School Committee (Cian McCartaigh and Simona)					
Girls Soccer all ages (Jeff Moore, Anto, Rosa, Melanie)			3:45 – 4:45 - Pitch		
Drawing Club (Laurence)		3:30 – 4:30 – GP 2			
Lego Club (Zoe and Rosaleen)			Lunchtime – GP Room		
Drama Club (Darren)			3:30 – 4:30 - GP Room		
Second Year Boys GAA Football (Mark T and Oisin)			3:30 – 4:30 - Pitch		
Textiles (Alex G and Anna W)					
Garden Club (Nadja and Simona)					12:50-1:45 – Court Yard
Ukulele Club (Ciara)				Lunchtime – Music Room	
Book Club (Kim P)			Lunchtime – Science Lab B		
War Games (Aiden)	3:30 – 4:30 – GP 2				
Minor Boys Soccer (Mark Q)			3:30 – 4:30 – Pitch		
Run Club (Linda)	Lunchtime - Pitch				

Sample Extra-Curricular Calendar

Creative Writing (Jordan K)			Lunch Time – GP 2		
Senior Boys Basketball (Patrick C)				3:30 – 4:30 - Basketball Court	
Upcycle (Kerrie and Jemma)				Lunchtime -	
Junior Girls GAA Football (Rebecca, Racheal, Doire)		3:30 – 4:30 – Pitch			
Irish Debating (Hillary)			3:30 – 4:30 – A7		
Hurling Boys all Ages (Andrew and Michael M, Cian)		3:30 -4:30 - Pitch			
Junior Boys Soccer (Jordan K)	3:30 – 4:30 - Pitch				
Senior Boys Soccer (Richie)			3:30-4:30 – Pitch		
1 st Year Boys Soccer (Matthew)	3:30 – 4:30 - Pitch				
Senior Debating (Conor D and Rachel, Aisling)				Lunchtime – Science Lab	
Dungeons and Dragons Club (Conor D)	To be announced				
Japanese Club (Aoife M)	3:30 – 4:30 - (GP Room)				
Junior Boys Rugby (Aisling Ly)				3:30 – 4:30 - Pitch	
Camogie (Diuri McDonald)				3:30 – 4:30 - Pitch	
Coding Club (Shane R)	Lunchtime – Comp B1				
Senior Portfolio (Eimear D)		3:30 – 4:20 – Art Room A			
Cross Country		3:30 – 4:30 – Pitch			

Sample Extra-Curricular Calendar

Athletics (After Christmas)		3:30 – 4:30 – Pitch			
Junior Girls Basketball (Anto)	To be announced				
Minor Girls Basketball (Kathy and Rosa)	To be announced				
Senior Girls Basketball (Kathy and Rosa)	To be announced				
U16 Girls Basketball (Kathy and Rosa)	To be announced				
Yoga (Linda, Nadja, Deidre)				Lunchtime – GP2	
Music Club (Ciara L)				3:30 – 4:30 – Music Room	
Junior Boys GAA Football (Ed and Tomas)		3:30 – 4:30 – Pitch			
LGBT+ club (Aidan, Sarah and Paul)	Lunchtime – GP 1				
Junior Debating (Kim P and Paul)				Lunchtime – GP1	

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Student Life in Clonturk

Thea Blue Coughlan, Jade Flannery, Michael Cahill and Molly Brocklesby

Student Life- Thea

- Classes
- Trips
- Projects
- TY Musical
- Extra-Curricular



What we like about Clonturk

Jade

- **Student teacher relationship-** Teachers are younger here than in most schools. Can relate to us more.
- **Subjects-** Many new subjects on offer e.g. Politics and Society, PE, Classics.
- **Environment-** Very supportive, inclusive environment.
- **Uniform-** Non-uniform, No rules on appearance e.g. Hair, Piercings, Makeup. You can express yourself how you like!
- **FUN-** Clonturk is a very enjoyable school, e.g. when it snowed last week we had a snowball fight with the teachers.



1st Year Prefect Supports- Molly

- Activities we have done this year,
- Table quiz with the 6th years
- Lunchtime games club every Thursday
- Planning an Easter egg hunt



Advice to my 6th Class Self-Michael

- **Don't worry!**
- The teachers will all be there to keep you on the right track and to assist with anything you need.
- Making friends will be very nerve wracking at first but swiftly you become a family.
- The workload may be frightening at first, but the teachers will be very understanding and you will get used to it very quickly.



School Communication & Important Information

Kerrie Whelan, Deputy Principal

Communication – Unique Schools App

We are introducing a new school communication App called Unique Schools.

Through this app, you will be able to:

- See your child's timetable, attendance record, term assessment reports and behaviour record.
- News and notifications
- Explain absences and lates
- Sign permission slips
- Students can also see their timetable & assessment reports.
- You will be invited to register in due course



Welcome to VSware

School



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February 26th, 2023

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HOW WE STAY IN TOUCH

FACEBOOK

Clonturk Community College
The School's Facebook account is used to showcase all things Clonturk CC!!

Student activities, career fairs, offsite trips, One Good School news and all celebrations from departments across the school.

Announcements/Reminders - PTGA meetings, Parent teacher meetings.

INSTAGRAM

@Clonturkcc News and information school related. Celebrating all things Clonturk.

@Clonturkccart Art department account, showcasing students work & ideas

@Clonturkguidance College, Career and wellness news/information

Community Day Reminder!

- In partnership with the PGTA we will be hosting a Community Day in Clonturk CC to replace our Open Evening 😊

- 23rd of May (6-8pm).



Thank You!

Thanks so much for taking the time to visit us tonight.

We hope you found it useful.

We are really looking forward to meeting you all and our new students when they begin Secondary School in Clonturk Community College.



FAQ

- How do I contact the student support team about my child (i.e. concerns over classes, resources etc)?
 - A video is available to watch on our site giving more information on how our SST is setup and the supports provided.
 - Due to teacher shortages, our team is under huge demands on time and pressure, however, we will do our best to get in touch as soon as we can.
 - Email sst@clonturkcc.cdetb.ie
- What happens if we want to change subject choice?
 - This is possible if there is availability in the class the student wishes to move to. If there is no availability, then the student is placed on a waiting list and contacted should a place become available.
 - It is important to note that in the interest of fairness, no preference is given to any student based on educational need, gender, race or otherwise when assigning subject options. All students have an equal opportunity to receive a place in any base class or option class.
- What happens if we are away for the ipad deployment day?
 - If you would like to change time or are unable to make the day we will provide a mop-up session in August, details to follow.