

Coláiste Chú Chulainn - Aonad Coláiste Lú



14ú Deireadh Fomhair 2019



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Cúram. Forbairt. Feabhas.



Applications for enrolment are accepted from October 1st 2019.
The deadline for completed applications is October 25th. 2019.

For further details visit colaistecc.ie

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Príomhoide: Tomás Ó Searcaigh

Cúlra / Background:

Coláiste Chú Chulainn, incorporating our Aonad Gaeilge is located in one of the Ireland's newest school buildings. The site once housed Louth's Athletics Ground and Clarks Shoe Factory. We are located centrally in Dundalk with excellent road, cyclist and pedestrian access. Louth County Council oversaw the delivery of this state of the art facility on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills.

Students currently travel from Co Armagh, Carrickmacross, South Louth, Dundalk urban area and hinterland to undertake their 2nd level education. The school has a dedicated Aonad known locally as Coláiste Lú.



Fís / Vision

Our educational vision is surmised in the school's motto of Cúram, Fobairt, Feabhas and outlined below in the form of a 10-point plan. Our school is a coeducational, multi-denominational, student centered and further strives to provide the following:

- Excellence in teaching and learning, including e-learning.
- Opportunities for students to be the best they can be, both inside and outside the classroom.
- Inclusion for all students of all abilities.
- Respectful, safe, happy and positive learning environment.
- Broad and balanced curriculum.
- High level of parental involvement and participation.
- Democratic and inclusive management structure.
- Targeted student support.
- State of the art building and teaching resources.
- Community focal point.



San Aonad / In our Aonad Gaeilge

In Rang 6, all incoming students take the CAT4 Assessment during February. This helps school, family and the student understand their curriculum needs and learning strengths. All incoming students then attend an Oíche Eolais where option subjects are explained. We commit to offering the following subjects through the medium of Irish in the Aonad. French and English are offered through the mother tongue.

Gaeilge	Stair	Corpoideachas
Ceol	Tíreolaíocht	Na Meáin Dhigiteacha
Mata	Eolaíocht	Folláin

Students who join our Gaeilge-medium class can select 3 of the following optional subjects on top of the core.

Engineering	Visual Art	French	Business Studies
Material Technology (Wood)	Music	German	
Technical Graphics	Home Economics	Spanish	

Structure and facilities of our Aonad

Each class group has a Gaeilgeoir teacher who acts as a Caomhnóir, carrying out pastoral duties. Each year group in our school has a leadership team of 2 Assistant Principals, with a minimum of one Gaeilgeoir on each team. We are appointing a Stiúrthóir shortly who will be leading the student experience and supporting teacher practice in an Irish Medium curriculum delivered in our Aonad. The Stiúrthóir will take weekly assembly with all students attending the Aonad. He/She will provide a direct link with parents and report back to the Principal on potential aspects of our provision as Gaeilge that can be further expanded upon and improved. He/She will be tasked with promoting enrolment, publically advertising the Aonad to prospective pupils across County Louth and beyond. They will also be tasked with developing the capacity of existing staff who elect to teach as Gaeilge and support them in undertaking the necessary training which will be provided through Education and Training Boards Ireland and any other support course that may be identified. He/She will have overall responsibility for growing enrolment to the level required by the Department of Education and Skills in order that a dedicated Gaelcholáiste can be secured for County Louth.



- Our Gaeilge-medium classes have base rooms where they learn their core subjects. They move to specialist rooms when appropriate for Science, PE, ICT etc.
- Our Stiúrthóir works from Oifig an Stiúrthóra in the Aonad.
- Student lockers are located in a designated locker room in the Aonad.
- Our new Library will have a Gaeilge section.
- The school canteen offers menus as Gaeilge and students are afforded the facility of a Gaeilge section of the canteen area.

Student Council and Voice

- All class groups in Colaiste Chú Chulainn elect student nominees to our Student's Council.
- Students from the Aonad then form a fo-choiste to address and discuss matters pertaining to the Aonad experience.

Co and Extra – Curricular Successes

We have had local, regional and national success in all of the following competitions:

- Sc léip - Music competition for all-Irish post-primary schools
- Abair - public speaking competition
- Díospóireacht Uí Chadhain - Gael Linn debating competition
- Féile Scoldrámaíochta - Irish Language Drama Competition

Students have also participated in various art competitions, sporting competitions, Irish language events, Poetry Aloud, Gaelbhrtach, Green Schools, etc. over the years.

