

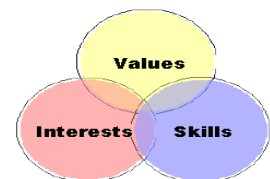


Guidance and Counselling Department

Meanscoil Iognáid Ris

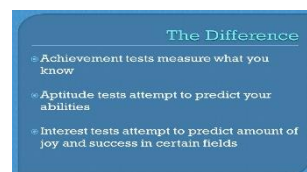
Welcome to our Guidance and Counselling Section of the Website.

- **The Team:** Here, in Meánscoil Iognáid Ris there are 3 qualified Guidance Counsellors **Ms Maura Conneely, Ms Margaret Costello and Ms Karen Lynch** who each hold a Level 9 Postgraduate Diploma in School Guidance and Counselling. All are members of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors (**IGC**), regularly undertake CPD, attend professional external Supervision organised by the Kildare Branch of the IGC and all attend the school's Care Team Meetings. Each has also worked in the school, as a Subject Teacher, for many years in a variety of disciplines.
- **Overview of the Guidance and Counselling services:** The school's Guidance and Counselling service is an integral part of whole school life for each student. We offer a range of services and activities to assist students in making informed and prudent **Educational, Personal** and **Vocational/Occupational** choices. Our School Guidance Plan, together with our individual Guidance Programmes – which are reviewed annually – outline and inform all our work. The activities and services are provided on an Individual, Class or Group basis. Counselling Supports are offered on a one to one basis, in confidence, by Appointment, and by Referral – which may be from a member of Management/Principal, Year Head, Class/subject Teacher, Parent/Guardian or by Self-Referral. In addition to providing services to students from **First Year** right through to the **end of their Sixth Year journey**, the Guidance and Counselling Department also works closely with Subject Teachers, Year Heads, SEN Department, School Management, Parents/Guardians, Colleges, External referral/support agencies, Employers, other Educational bodies and Training entities to name but a few. The Guidance and Counselling Team are also actively involved in the delivery of the Wellbeing programmes both Junior and Senior cycles.
- **How can your Son avail of the Services:** A variety of means of accessing information, guidance and supports is provided. This includes, but is *not* limited to the following:



- Classroom Work (timetabled classes)
- Individual Career Interviews
- One-to-One Counselling/Support sessions
- Referrals, as outlined above, including Self Referral.

- Specific requests e.g. Following Parent/Teacher Meeting
- Weekly Student Assemblies
- Careers Notice Boards
- Participation in the many organised events -such as Higher Options, Guest Speaker talks, College Awareness week events, College Open Days, Workshops and Wellbeing Week are just some examples.



- ***Guidance and Counselling In Senior Cycle:
(Transition Year, 5th Year and 6th Year)***

Here in Meanscoil Ioganid Ris, there is a comprehensive Guidance Programme for students in each of *Transition Year, 5th Year and 6th Year*, as outlined below. *Please note this List is reviewed annually and is by no means exhaustive.*

● Transition Year	● 5th Year	● 6th Year
➤ Timetabled Classes – once/week	➤ Timetabled Classes – once/week	➤ Weekly Assembly Information
➤ Interest Testing	➤ Interest Testing	➤ Interest Testing
➤ Guest Speakers	➤ Guest Speakers	➤ Guest Speakers
➤ Parent Information Evening – Subj Choices	➤ Review of Subject Choices, on request	➤ 6th Year/CAO Parent Information Evening
➤ Senior Cycle Subjects Information	➤ Implement Subject Changes following Review, as needed	➤ Ongoing monitoring of progress in all Subjects as needed
➤ Careers Notice Board updates	➤ Careers Notice Board updates	➤ Careers Notice Board updates
➤ Can attend Higher Options Event	➤ Can attend Higher Options Event	➤ Higher Options Event – organised via School
➤ Liaising with SEN	➤ Liaising with SEN	➤ Liaising with SEN
➤ Information on CAO Process	➤ Information on CAO Process	➤ Actual CAO Process & Follow up...ongoing.
➤ NUI, other, Exemptions Info	➤ NUI, other, Exemptions Info & Process	➤ NUI, other, Exemptions Info and active process.
➤ One-to-One Counselling Support- Personal	➤ One-to-One Counselling Support- Personal	➤ One-to-One Counselling Support- Personal
➤ DARE/HEAR Information	➤ DARE/HEAR Information	➤ DARE/HEAR Processing
➤ Subject Choice Interview, DATS feedback	➤ Subject Interview/Review, on request	➤ One to One Vocational/Careers Interview(s), follow up
➤ Info re UCAS, Study abroad	➤ Info re UCAS, Study abroad	➤ UCAS, Study abroad Processing
➤ Explore Educational & other Assessments if relevant	➤ Liaison re Assessments, as applicable	➤ Follow up/ Liaison re assessments, as applicable
➤ Scholarships Info as relevant	➤ Scholarships Info as relevant	➤ Help Process Scholarship/Bursary

