

## **Transfer Programme**

We are aware that the transfer from primary school to secondary can be daunting for some students. In order to minimise any difficulty for the boys we have developed a transfer programme. This consists of special classes with their Form Teacher over the first two weeks which deal with issues relating to the use of lockers, the school timetable, school rules and routines and the support systems that the school has in place. The boys get out of class early and are given time to organise their books for class. The whole school community endeavours to welcome our new students in a friendly and helpful manner. At the end of this programme the boys should be familiar with their new school and know who to go to if they have any problems.

Meitheal, a group of senior students, does excellent work with the first years in the course of the programme and the boys develop a strong bond with their Meitheal leaders.

Having surveyed the parents of first years their response has been overwhelmingly positive to our transfer programme.

## Excelling in Teaching & Learning Academic Achievement

A key aim of our school is that, irrespective of ability, students should work hard and do well in school.

A number of factors contribute to the high levels of achievement in our school,

- High expectations are set for all our students both by the students themselves, their parents and their teachers.
- The quality of relationships in Naas CBS is a hallmark of the school and is a key to high achievement. Relationships between students themselves and between staff and students are excellent.
- The quality of teaching and learning.
- Positive behaviour is encouraged at all times
- Care of student is a fundamental value in the school
- Classes are of mixed ability except I Irish, English and Mathematics from Second Year to Sixth Year.

The vast majority of our students – over 95% in 2020 – progress to Third Level. Every year many students are accepted for degree courses in the various Third Level colleges. The most popular colleges are Trinity College, UCD, NUI Maynooth, Dublin City University, Dublin Institute of Technology, University of Limerick, Carlow I.T. and Waterford I.T. A number also take Diploma courses in the various Colleges of Further Education.