

# Irish Department Curriculum Overview



## Múinteoirí:

Bn. R. Ní Mhaoláin

(H.O.D.)

Bn. S Uic Erlain.

(Cúntóir  
teanga/Language  
Assistant)

## KS3

Yr. 8 receives 1 lesson weekly/Yr9 & Yr10. 4 lessons fortnightly.

Pupils develop skills in the 4 areas of linguistics: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

**Yr.8.** Pupils are introduced to the language and culture. Topics include; Surnames and their origins, Local Place names, The art of storytelling, Myths & Legends, Greetings, Numbers, Myself & Family, The Classroom, Days, Months and the Seasons.

**Yr9.** Pupils cover the topics of: The Weather, The Time, The House, Past & Present Tense, Hobbies and School Life.

**Yr10.** Pupils cover the above topics in more detail and Holidays & the Gaeltacht, Shops & Public Services, Daily Routine.

## GCSE Pupils follow the CCEA Specification (Full Course)

Pupils receive 5 lessons a fortnight which includes study of the 4 Skills.

Controlled Assessment is completed in Written and Oral modules and constitutes 60% of the overall grade. Reading and Listening is assessed through modular exams at the end of Yr12.

**Contexts for Learning:** The Individual, Citizenship, Employability and Irish Grammar.

## A Level:

Pupils receive 8 hours a fortnight along with personal sessions with the language assistant.

The 4 skill areas are assessed. All assessment is modular based with an Oral, Listening, Reading and Writing exam at the end of **AS and A2**. The Oral components are assessed by an external examiner.

**Contexts for Learning:** Relationships, Health and Lifestyle, Young People in Society & Irish Grammar. **(AS)**

Local and Global Citizenship, Environmental Awareness & Irish Grammar. **(A2)**

It is highly recommended that pupils of AS/A2 Irish attend a Gaeltacht Course.

## Extra-Curricular:

The Department organises a **Gaeltacht** trip to Oileán Árann Mhór, Co. Donegal annually for 3 weeks.

Pupils are entered for **Feis na nGleann**, public speaking section each May.

The Department runs a monthly Irish Film Club and events for **Seachtain na Gaeilge** in March.

Irish language pupils organise and present **Cultural Assemblies** throughout the year.