

# Welcome to First Year Open Night 2025-26

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Coláiste Éamonn  
Rís  
Wexford C.B.S.  
Secondary School  
An Edmund Rice  
School

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# Coláiste Éamonn Rís

## Principal

- Mr. Michael Mc Mahon

## Deputy Principals

- Mr. John Hegarty
- Mr John Nolan

# Governance

Catholic Voluntary Secondary School, part of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (E.R.S.T.)



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# Edmund Rice Schools Trust



FIVE KEY ELEMENTS OF  
AN EDMUND RICE  
SCHOOL



1. NURTURING  
FAITH, CHRISTIAN  
SPIRITUALITY AND  
GOSPEL BASED VALUES.



2. PROMOTING  
PARTNERSHIP IN THE  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



3. EXCELLENCE IN  
TEACHING AND  
LEARNING.




4. CREATING A  
CARING SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY.



5. INSPIRING  
TRANSFORMATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP.

# Mission Statement



*Our school community exists primarily  
to develop responsible individuals  
who will participate fully in a  
changing society and to carry out this  
task in a Christian environment.*

# *Educational Aims of the School*

Promoting

Promoting high academic standards



Ensuring

Ensuring a safe and happy learning environment for pupils and a safe teaching environment for teachers free from racism, bullying and harassment



Promoting

Promoting awareness and respect for our environment

# Coláiste Éamonn Rís

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721 pupils

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120 First Year/120 Second Year/138  
Third Year/118 Transition Year/115  
Fifth Year/110 Sixth Year

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77 staff

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Parents' Council, Students' Council,  
Shared responsibility on committees  
to review school issues.

# Current Student Cohort

- Good mix of urban and rural-23 different primary schools represented in 2024/25 cohort



# Courses on Offer

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Junior Certificate

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Transition Year (Optional)

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Leaving Certificate

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L.C.V.P.

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L.C.A.

# Junior Cycle Subjects



Students take 8 subjects in Junior Cycle Examination



Irish



English



Maths



History



Geography

# Junior Cycle Subjects (ii)



3 other subjects from (Science, French, German, Business Studies, Visual Art, Music, Graphics, Wood Technology, Classics).



Computer Studies



Guidance



Religious Education

# Wellbeing



400 hours over 3 years

P.E.\*, C.S.P.E.\*, S.P.H.E.\* Guidance,

\* Short Courses

# School Day

- Monday-Wednesday 8.50am-3.45pm 6 periods x 60 minutes
- Thursday-Friday 8.50am-2.45pm
- 5 periods x 60 minutes
- Supervised Study on Thursday and Friday for 1hr for those waiting on a bus or lift.

# Transition Year (Optional)

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English, Irish, Maths, Religion, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, P.E., Enterprise Education, Art, French/German, Woodwork, Home Economics, Environmental Studies, Drama, History, Cultural Studies, Career Guidance, Computer Studies, Road Safety.

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Work Experience- 1 day per week over 2 blocks during the year.

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Students go to the Presentation for cooking and craft classes. Girls come to the CBS for Enterprise and Woodwork classes

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Various Other Modules-Dance, Consent, Drumming.

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# Leaving Certificate

The following subjects are offered: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Applied Maths, Accounting, Business, Art, Construction Studies, German, French, Design and Communication Graphics, Music, Classics, Agricultural Science, P.E. and Economics

7 subjects taken in L.C.

# Extra- Curricular Activities

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Sport- Gaelic football, hurling, soccer, table tennis, rugby, basketball, handball, athletics, equestrian.

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Debating/ Public Speaking

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Immersion Project

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Young St. Vincent de Paul

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# Extra- Curricular

(continued)

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First Year-European Tour -Spring  
2025

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TY School Tour (Andora) - Spring  
2025

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German exchange to a St. Ursula's  
Catholic school in Villingen, southern  
Germany in collaboration with  
Loreto Secondary School

# Co- Curricular

Enterprise Competitions Wexford  
Local Enterprise Organisation

TY Musical in collaboration with the  
Presentation Secondary School

2023 Beauty and the Beast

2024 Aladdin

2025 The Little Mermaid

## Sporting Achievements 2023-25

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All-Ireland Senior A Schools Soccer Champions (Treble winners) 2023

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3 soccer internationals

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First Year 2023 Wexford-Wicklow League soccer champions

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Under 15 soccer team Leinster finalists 2023

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Wexford First Year Gaelic football champions 2023

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Wexford First Year Hurling Championship-runners up to Good Counsel, New Ross 2023

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Leinster Second Year Hurling B Championship-runners up 2024

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Rugby Junior Shield winners 2024

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South Leinster U18 Golf Champion 2024/25

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# Facilities

- 22 Classrooms
- 4 Science Labs
- 2 Materials Technology/ Construction Studies Rooms
- 1 Technical Graphics/Design and Communication Graphics Room
- 1 Library
- 1 Gym
- 1 Fitness Suite
- Full size 3G Astro turf pitch

# Facilities (ii)

- Language laboratory
- A.S.D. Unit
- G.P. Room and Canteen
- Computer Room
- 1 Art Room
- 1 Music Room


# School Astroturf Pitch



# School Expansion

- Sanctioned by Dept of Education
- 3 specialist classrooms - Science Lab, Art Room, Technology Room.
- 2 additional classrooms
- Extension to ASD suite

# Pastoral Care

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- Chaplain
  - Class Tutor
  - Year Head
  - Assistant Year Head
  - Meitheal Leaders
  - Deputy Principals
  - Principal
  - Student Support Committee
  - Positive reinforcement- Positive Affirmation Committee



# Academic Achievement

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High Achievement  
fostered and  
encouraged



Higher Level offered  
in every subject area



Various awards to  
recognise high  
achievement-



Student of the Year

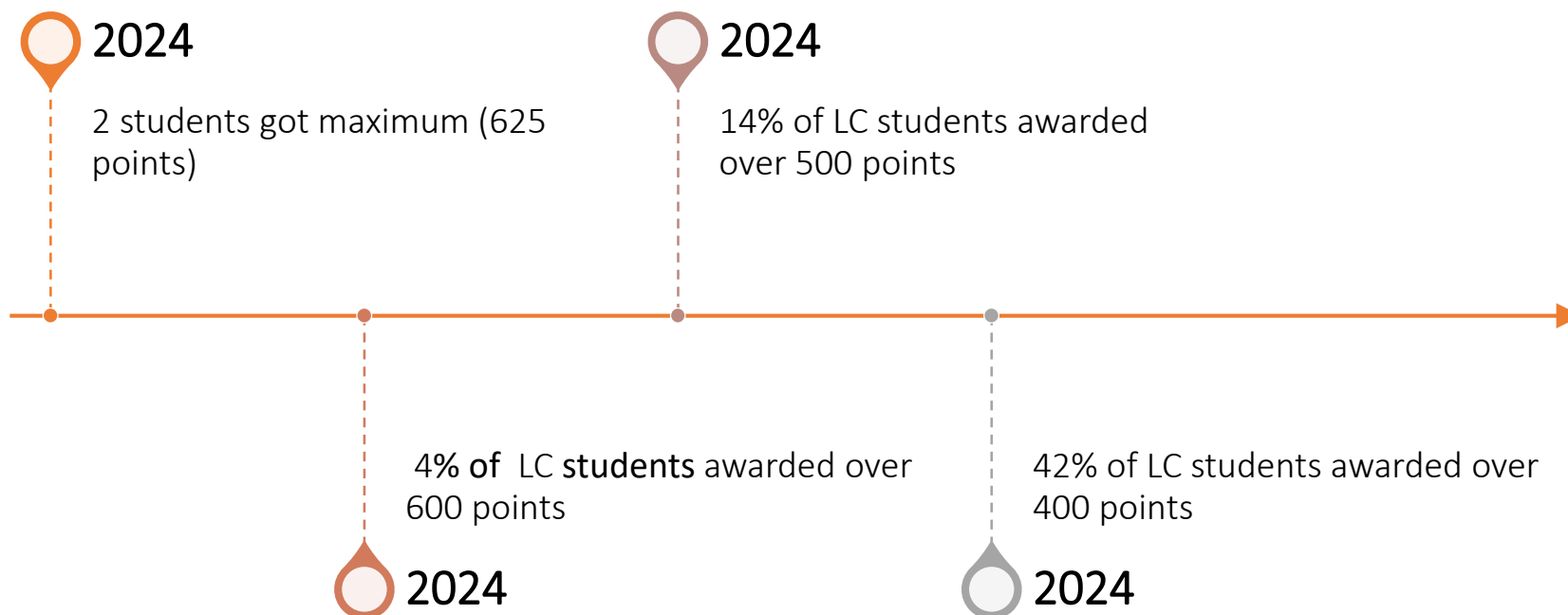


Junior Certificate  
Awards




Annual Awards Night

# Academic Achievement 2024



# WSE-MLL



‘A key strength of the school is its effective pastoral care system and the commitment, flexibility and dedication of staff to the operation of the school’

‘The positive merit awards and the newly introduced restorative justice system further underpin the school’s mission statement.’

# Academic Promotion

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GAELTACHT  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
OFFERED EVERY YEAR



EVENING STUDY AND  
HOLIDAY STUDY  
PROVIDED



J.C. AND L.C. MOCK  
EXAMS



ACADEMIC  
MONITORING



STUDY SKILLS

# Teaching and Learning



Positive Climate-excellent relationships between staff and students-acknowledged in many of the school inspection reports

Young committed professional staff-many engaged in continuous professional development.

Very good quality of teaching and learning

WSE-MLL Report January 2015

Maths Inspection April 2024

# WSE-MLL

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'highly effective board of management and senior management team combine vision and detailed attention to the running of the school'



'Quality of teaching good to very good overall with some instances of exemplary practice'

# PARENTAL/STUDENT SURVEY WSE-MLL

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OVER 95% OF 2<sup>nd</sup>  
/5<sup>th</sup> Year  
STUDENTS  
SURVEYED WERE

PROUD TO BE IN  
THE SCHOOL

ENJOYED GOING  
TO CLASSES

FELT THERE WAS A  
GOOD  
ATMOSPHERE IN  
THE SCHOOL

FELT SAFE AND  
CARED FOR

GOT ON WELL  
WITH OTHER  
STUDENTS

PARENTAL SURVEY  
FINDINGS (2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>  
Year Parents)

98% FELT THERE  
WAS A GOOD  
ATMOSPHERE IN  
SCHOOL

97% FELT  
WELCOME IN THE  
SCHOOL

98% FELT  
DISCIPLINE WAS  
GOOD IN THE  
SCHOOL

96% FELT SCHOOL  
WAS WELL RUN

# Special Needs

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Inclusive School

A.S.D. Unit-  
Currently 23  
students- 5 places  
available for 2025-26

\*Must have explicit  
requirement in Ed.  
Psychologist's Report

Learning Support-  
Dealt with by means  
of DES Allocation

Learning Support-  
withdrawal and/or in  
class support



# Anti-bullying Policy

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Caring ethos



Policy covers various forms-  
physical/verbal/cyber etc.



Distributed to all new  
students and must be  
signed by parent/guardian  
and students



Restorative Practices

# Mental Health Initiatives

- Stay Strong Week
- Cycle Against Suicide Initiative-Awarded ambassadorial status
- Healthy Eating Policy

# School Development Planning 2022-25

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Teaching and Learning
- Wellbeing
- Policy Development and Review-  
Attendance and Participation/RSE  
Policy/Assessment Policy/Anti-bullying  
Policy/ Child Protection Policy/Admissions  
Policy

# Allocation to Classes

- All First Year classes are mixed ability- no streaming
- Students allocated randomly
- Assessment tests to highlight strengths/weaknesses not for class selection purposes
- Second Year-Irish and Maths classes banded. All others remain mixed ability up to end of Junior Cycle.

# General Issues

- J.C. Students not allowed out at Lunchtime
- Hot food available in school at break and lunch time.
- Organised soccer for each Junior Cycle year group on school astroturf pitch at lunch time
- Hurling skills training at lunch time
- 2023/24 introduction of Student devices
- Continued in 2024/25 and onwards
- Mobile phone ban for all Junior Cycle Students

# Admissions Policy

- BOM decides the number of students the school can accommodate (Meeting of 02/09/24)
- 120 Places 2025-26
- Criteria to decide :
  - 1. Brothers of current or past pupils.
  - 2. Sons of staff members.
  - 3. Sons of past pupils up to 25% of total.
  - 4. All other applications received before 4pm on Tuesday 22nd October.
- In the event of over-subscription in any given category, a lottery will take place to ascertain places. When all places have been allocated, a waiting list will be drawn up.

# Offer of Place

- Offer of places will be sent out Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- An acceptance of offer to be returned by 4pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.
- Failure to return an acceptance of offer will be regarded as a decision not to accept the offer.
- Refusal to enrol letters will be sent out on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

# Appeals- Refusal to Enrol

- Anyone refused admission may appeal the decision to the Board of Management within 42 days of date of refusal to enrol letter. If this appeal proves unsuccessful, an appeal can be made to the Department of Education and Skills, under Section 29 of the Education Welfare Act.
- Process involves the Department of Education and Skills who will ultimately decide the matter if no local solution can be found



# Points To Note



- Final Day for submission of 'Enrolment Form' Tuesday 22nd October 4pm
- Another Information Night in Spring for those accepted into First Year 2025-26.



# Further Information

Website [www.wexfordcbs.ie](http://www.wexfordcbs.ie)

Facebook - Wexford CBS

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# Questions and Answers

- Thank you for coming and should you have any further queries please speak to the Principal/Deputy Principals