

Welcome to First Year Open Night 2026-27

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

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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Board of Management-Eight members Four
Trustee Representatives, Two Teachers'
Representatives, Two Parents' Representatives

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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

732 pupils

120 First Year/120 Second Year/120
Third Year/115 Transition Year/139
Fifth Year/118 Sixth Year

77 staff

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

Current Student Cohort

- Good mix of urban and rural-26 different primary schools represented in 2025/26 First Year cohort

Courses on Offer

Junior Certificate

Transition Year (Optional)

Leaving Certificate

L.C.V.P.

L.C.A.

Junior Cycle Subjects



Students take 9 subjects in Junior Cycle Examination



Irish



English



Maths



History



Geography



Science

Junior Cycle Subjects (ii)



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



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)

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.

Work Experience- 1 day per week

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

Various Other Modules-Dance, Consent, Drumming.

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

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

Debating/ Public Speaking/Choir

Immersion Project

Young St. Vincent de Paul

Cycle Against Suicide Ambassador School

Extra- Curricular

(continued)

First Year-European Tour -Spring 2027

TY School Tour (Skiing) - Spring 2027

Zambia Imersion Project

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

Careers Night in collaboration with the Loreto Secondary School

TY Musical in collaboration with the Presentation Secondary School

2023 Beauty and the Beast

2024 Aladdin

2025 The Little Mermaid

2026 Mary Poppins

Sporting Achievements 2023-26

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

All Ireland Under 17 A Schools Soccer Champions 2025

First Year Wexford-Wicklow League soccer champions 2023

Under 15 soccer team Leinster finalists 2023

Wexford First Year Gaelic football champions 2023

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

Leinster Second Year Hurling B Championship-runners up 2024

Rugby Junior Shield winners 2024

All Ireland Schools U19 Golf Champion 2025/26

3 Soccer Internationals and Current Golf International Player

Representing Republic of Ireland (FAI) at School Soccer World Cup Finals in China 2027

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
- 1 Recording Studio

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 Affirmation Committee

Academic Achievement



High Achievement
fostered and
encouraged



Higher Level offered
in every subject area



Various awards to
recognise high
achievement-



Student of the Year

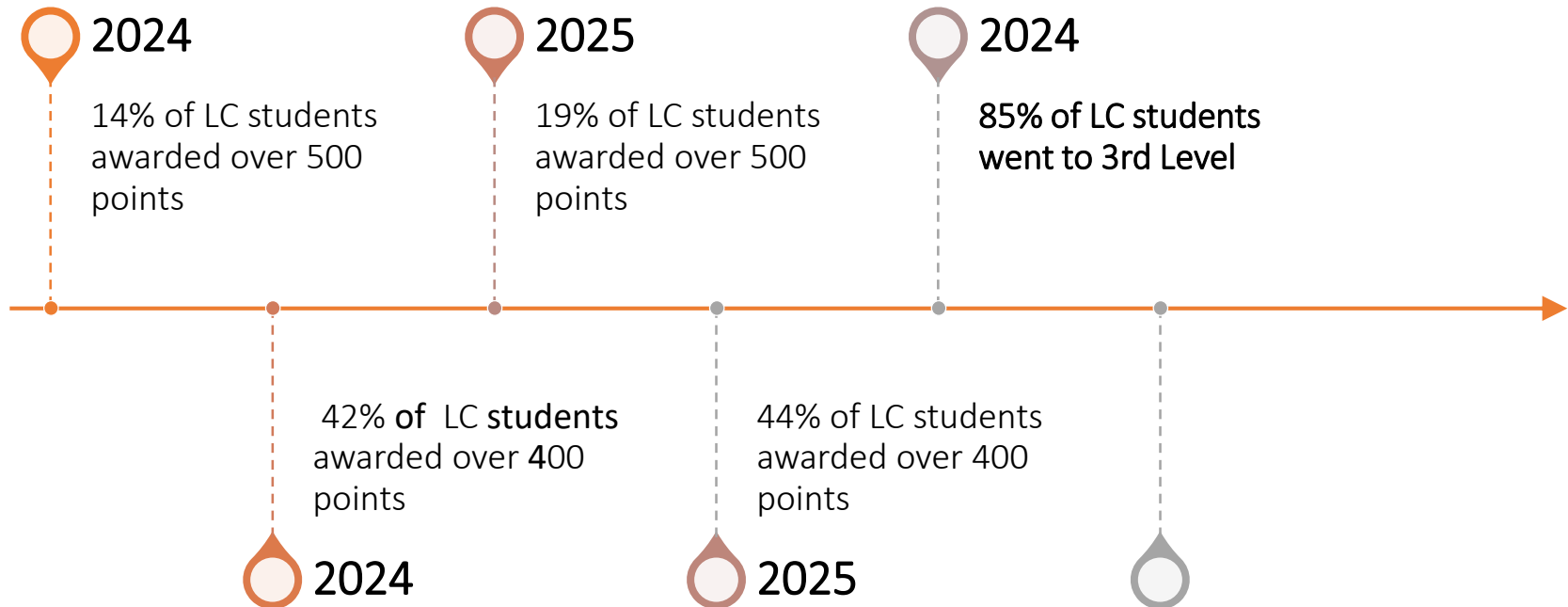


Junior Certificate
Awards



Annual Awards Night

Academic Achievement 2025



Academic Promotion



GAELTACHT
SCHOLARSHIPS
OFFERED EVERY YEAR



EVENING STUDY AND
HOLIDAY STUDY
PROVIDED



J.C. AND L.C. MOCK
EXAMS



ACADEMIC
MONITORING



STUDY SKILLS

Additional Educational Needs

Inclusive School

A.S.D. Unit-
Currently 24
students- 0 places
available for 2026-27

*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

Bí Cineálta Policy



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
- Walk and Talk initiative
- Healthy Eating 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
- Library open at lunch times
- 2023/24 introduction of Student devices
- Mobile phone ban for all Junior Cycle Students

Admissions Policy

- BOM decides the number of students the school can accommodate (Meeting of 18/08/25)
- 120 Places 2026-27
- 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 Wednesday 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.

Submitting an Application

- By hand to office.
- By email to admissions@wexfordcbs.ie
- Application will be date stamped and a copy returned to applicant as proof of submission

Offer of Place

- Offer of places will be sent out Monday 10th November.
- An acceptance of offer to be returned by 4pm Thursday 19th November.
- Failure to return an acceptance of offer will be regarded as a decision not to accept the offer.

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'
Wednesday 22nd October
4pm
- Another Information Night
in Spring for those accepted
into First Year 2026-27.



Further Information

Website www.wexfordcbs.ie

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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