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A Message from the Corran College School Community

On behalf of the school community we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your son/daughter as you embark on the journey through second level education.

Corran College is a multi-denominational, co-educational school under the trusteeship of Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB).

Since its establishment in 1934, the school has provided a wide range of educational opportunities in the community. Over the years it has had to adjust to the many changes in education. We are open to adapting our methods of delivery to suit the variety of learners we encounter, catering equally for gifted and academically challenged students. As a staff, we are working towards the new Senior Cycle with enthusiasm and dedication. High academic standards are maintained and teaching is carried out with diligence and enthusiasm thus providing students with the skills needed to reach their potential.

The ethos of Corran College is inclusive, caring and community focused. Our Admissions Policy promotes equality of access and participation. The school is committed to providing high quality learning experiences for all of its students. It is our vision that each student will discover their inherent abilities and develop them through the acquisition of new ideas and information and that this will result in the formation of happy, well-adjusted, critically-thinking adults.

The school is modern and well equipped. A number of developments over the years has transformed the school facilities and enabled the school to cater for increased enrolment: refurbished Home Economics room, new DCG/TG room, Science room and IT devices across all classes. The school also embraces e-learning by promoting the use of ICT in appropriate forms in all lessons.

In addition we provide a broad range of sporting and extra-curricular activities which helps to focus on the social, personal development and well-being of our students.

Pastoral care is important to us. We strive to see all members of the school community arrive in the morning with a smile on their face and leave in the evening in the same spirits.

We welcome you to browse through our brochure to get a glimpse of daily life in Corran College.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Aaron Tonry
Principal

Judith Bailey
Deputy Principal





Curriculum

At present, Corran College offers the following programmes:

Junior Cycle, Junior Certificate Schools Programme, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied.

Junior Cycle

The new Junior Cycle features newly developed subjects and short courses, a focus on key skills, and new approaches to assessment and reporting. The rational underpinning this programme is to enable learners to achieve their full potential and contribute to Ireland's economic, social and cultural development. We have fully updated our curriculum at Junior Cycle. During second and third year, students complete a number of Classroom-Based Assessments in their chosen subjects. Students study 10 subjects for their Junior Cycle. They also complete 400hrs of Wellbeing within the 3 year programme, this includes Physical Education, Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE) and Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE).

The following subjects are available at Junior Cycle:

Gaeilge	Science	History
English	Business Studies	Wood Technology
Mathematics	Music	Engineering
French	Geography	Visual Art
Graphics	CSPE	Physical Education
SPHE & Wellbeing		Home Economics

Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)

All Junior Certificate students avail of additional funding and initiatives which focus on enhancing literacy and numeracy through the JCSP programme. All our students receive a portfolio of achievement from the Department of Education and Science at the end of third year, in recognition of participation in JCSP. This is in addition to completion of the Junior Cycle examinations.









Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Students complete a two year Senior Cycle programme.
Core academic subjects studied by all students are Irish, English and Maths.

Students pick four additional subjects from the following:

Biology	Construction Studies	Art, Craft & Design	Agricultural Science
Business	Home Economics	French	Engineering
Accounting	Music	Physics	Design & Communication Graphics

Non-Academic compulsory subjects at Senior Cycle are Physical Education, SPHE/Wellbeing and Career Guidance.

Transition Year at Corran College

This September marked an exciting milestone for Corran College with the introduction of our new Transition Year (TY) programme. TY offers students a unique opportunity to develop personally, socially and academically through a wide range of enriching experiences beyond the traditional classroom.

Our TY students engage in activities designed to build confidence, independence, leadership and real-world skills. Highlights include participation in the school musical, an overnight adventure trip to Achill Adventure Centre, work experience placements, Higher Options visits, Barista training, CPR Training, 3D modelling and printing workshops, boxing coaching, driving lessons and visits to innovative learning centres such as the XR Hub to name a few.

Transition Year provides students with the chance to discover new interests, develop valuable life skills and create lasting memories, all while preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in senior cycle and beyond. With a strong emphasis on experiential learning, TY has already become a vibrant and valued part of school life at Corran College.

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

The LCVP programme is designed to give a strong vocational dimension to the Leaving Certificate. Students choosing this route study the above subjects with an additional subject called Life, Community and Work. Students complete a detailed portfolio of work and a work experience module. Points awarded for this subject are used to calculate CAO points for admission to university.





Leaving Certificate Applied

LCA is a two year programme for students who wish to follow a more practical or vocational oriented programme. It is also suited to students who wish to go straight into the workforce. In order to meet third level entry requirements, LCA students must first complete a QQI Level 5 PLC course. One day each week is spent on work experience. Students try out a minimum of four different work placements over two years. This assists students with their career choice. Students must maintain a 90% attendance rate during both years of LCA.

Subjects (Modules)

The following modules are completed over the course of two years.

English & Communications	Communicative Irish	Communicative French
Social Education	Information & Communication Technology	Mathematical Applications
Leisure & Recreation	Vocational Preparation & Guidance	Art Education
Practical Achievement	Graphics & Construction Studies	Personal Reflection
Agriculture/Horticulture	Engineering	Craft & Design

Examinations

Students complete a detailed task and are interviewed at the end of each module by examiners from the State Examinations Commissions. Credits are awarded for each project and interview. Credits are awarded by teachers for completion of coursework during the academic year. Terminal examinations are held in June of second year.

Certification

- Distinction 170-200 credits
- Merit 140-169 credits
- Pass 120-139 credits

Inclusive Education

At Corran College, we are committed to providing an inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student can reach their full potential. Our Level 2 Learning Programmes (L2LPs) are designed to meet the needs of students with specific educational requirements, offering personalised learning experiences that focus on practical skills, communication, personal development and independent living.

The programmes provide students with meaningful opportunities to achieve success through engaging, student-centred learning, helping them to build confidence, develop life skills and prepare for future education, training and employment pathways.

A key feature of our provision is our dedicated Moderate Learning Room, which offers a nurturing and structured environment tailored to students' individual needs. Supported by highly committed teaching staff, students benefit from targeted interventions, small-group instruction and personalised supports that promote both academic progress and personal growth.

Through our L2LPs and Moderate Learning Room, Corran College strives to ensure that every student feels valued, supported and empowered to succeed.

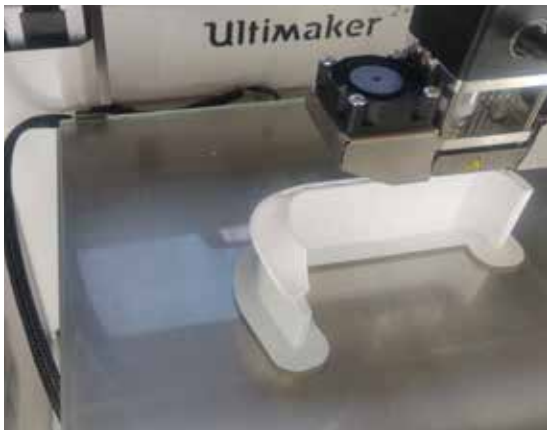




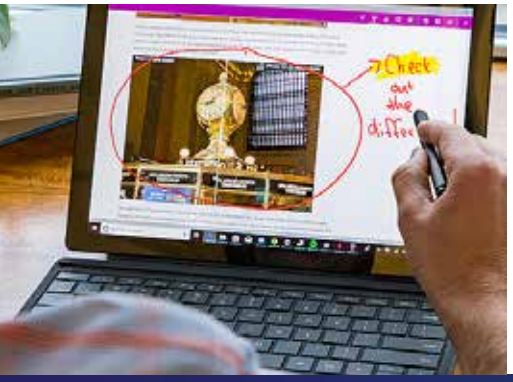
Technology in Education

Students and staff have embraced ICT in every subject. We acknowledge the importance of *"anytime, anywhere"* learning and the opportunities for self-directed and more personalised learning. Wi-Fi infrastructure has been extensively updated to allow instant access in all areas of the school. The classrooms in Corran College have high quality data projectors and visualisers to allow for seamless integration with the teacher's device during a lesson. Our mobile trolley of laptops allows any classroom to convert to a computer room when needed.





All students in Corran College are provided with access to the full suite of Microsoft packages through Office 365. This allows them to download the Microsoft suite of packages to five different personal devices. One of the main benefits of office 365, is that it is a cloud-based package. This allows all our students to work remotely. Microsoft teams and associated apps are used in our school to provided the facility for online lessons and hybrid or blended learning if needs be.











Educational Supports

School Awards

The following awards are in place in Corran College:

- Perfect Attendance each term
- Student of the Year
- Endeavour Award
- Sports Stars Awards
- Project Awards
- Subject Awards

Learning Support

Students are monitored for additional support through testing administered in school and reports furnished from other professionals. Corran College has a long history of providing excellent supports to maximise student potential.

Access Programme

In conjunction with ATU St. Angela's, Sligo, students of Corran College receive additional academic support, campus visits, revision courses, mentoring and study skills seminars. All are provided free of charge by ATU St. Angela's.

Student Devices

Student devices with ebooks are used from 1st year.

Educational Monitoring

Cognitive Ability Testing is carried out each year in conjunction with Reading Ability Tests. The results indicate student progress and aptitude.

Career Guidance

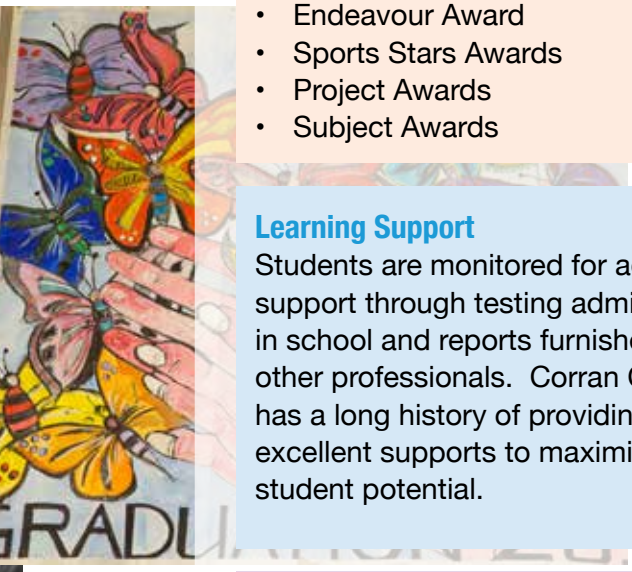
Career Guidance is offered as a weekly subject to Leaving Certificate and LCA students. Our Guidance Counsellor is available for one-to-one sessions as required.

Gaeltacht Scholarships

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB award two full Gaeltacht Scholarships annually to students of Corran College. There is great competition for the coveted places each year. Scholarships are awarded to students who are successful at interview.

Erasmus+

Here in Corran College, we are very fortunate to have Erasmus+ projects. The programme provides fully grant funded opportunities to our school community to broaden their horizons and afford them the opportunity to travel to and learn about new countries and cultures.

















Pastoral Care

Home School Community Liaison

Our HSCL officer meets with parents of all first year students during the first term of school. HSCL encourages active co-operation and collaboration between home, school and relevant professional and community agencies. The HSCL officer facilitates courses for parents to support their children in education, such as parenting teens, project maths for parents, paired reading, literacy and numeracy support.



School Completion

Corran College is fortunate to have the services of a School Completion worker. The service mentors students who are experiencing challenges in school, while helping the student to reach their full academic potential.



Pastoral Care Team

This team is made up of Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Heads, Tutors, HSCL, Guidance Counsellor and a School Completion Worker. The team supports the social, emotional, personal and behavioural needs of the student.

Guidance

The school offers a guidance facility for students. It is provided in several ways such as personal counselling that focuses on good mental health and well-being.



Student Voice

The Student Council is composed of a representative sample of students from each school year. They work tirelessly to raise money for deserving charities, contribute to school policy and school improvement and represent the voice of the student in the school.

Communication with Parents

Corran College prides itself on the excellent links we have established with parents. Open channels of communication are regularly used from the student journal, phone call contact, SMS messaging, email and utilising our Tyro communication platform. Our website at www.corrancollege.ie provides up to date news, school information and supportive information for our parents. We also have a very active Facebook page with regular updates showing the day to day happenings in our school.



Parents Association

Corran College has an active Parents Association which supports the school in policy development, fundraising and school development. New parents are encouraged to join and become active members, helping to build effective partnership between home and school.



Homework

Homework is an essential component of the learning process. It is important that the parent takes an active part in the homework process. Students record homework in their journal during every class throughout the school day. This record assists the student's organisation of their homework routine. Parents are asked to check the school journal each evening and to sign it weekly. It is an important two-way communication tool for teachers and parents. Year heads and class tutors also check the school journal at least once a week.

It is important that students have a quiet place to study each evening and that good study habits are developed from the beginning of first year.

Students have access to our digital platform Office 365, this allows them to submit their homework assignments digitally over Microsoft teams and receive feedback directly from their teacher.

Uniform

The official school uniform for boys and girls is as follows:-

- Blue V neck jumper with a sky blue trim.
- Sky blue shirt or blouse.
- Navy trousers.
- Black shoes or black runners.

The PE uniform is:

- A full Navy tracksuit with white polo shirt

The PE Uniform can be worn to school on days that students have PE classes or at the discretion of the Principal.

Code of Positive Behaviour

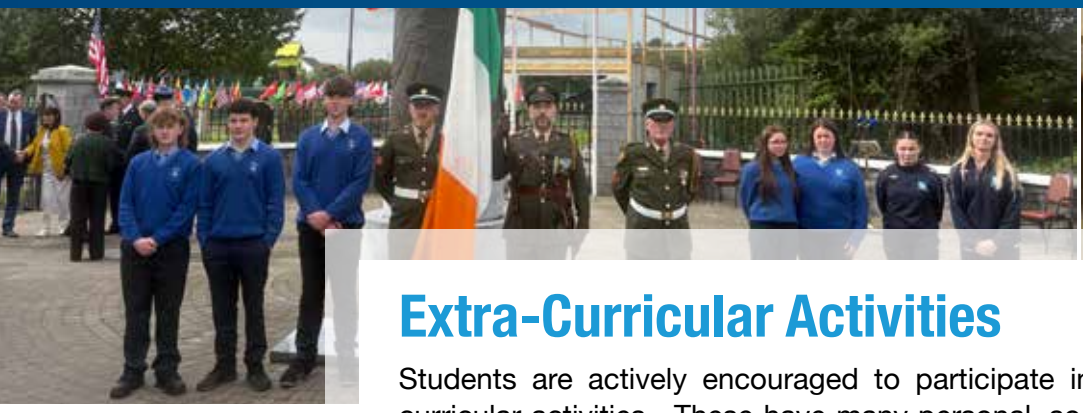
This structured system is rooted in the principles of mutual respect, courtesy, justice, the common good and health and safety. In turn this provides a firm, fair, safe learning environment in which students can reach their true potential. Our nine step "ladder of referral" based system provides interventions to help students correct any misbehaviour and promotes positive and restorative practices. We instil an emphasis on respect for school property and that of others. Bullying of any description is dealt with promptly in accordance with our Anti-Bullying Policy.

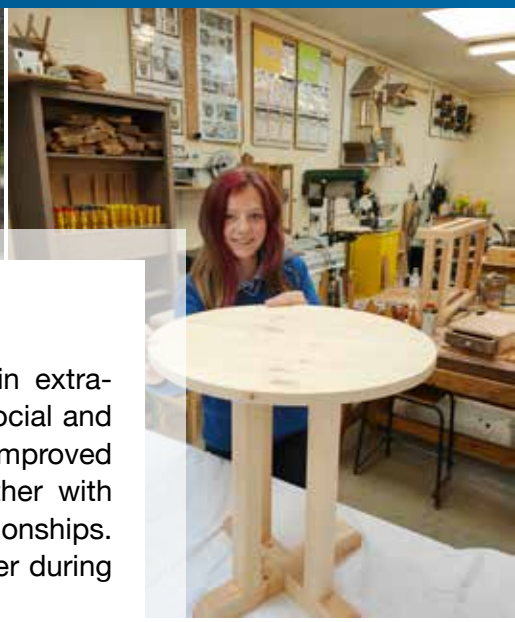
All policies are available to parents on request and are available to download from the school website www.corrancollege.ie











Extra-Curricular Activities

Students are actively encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. These have many personal, social and educational benefits and contribute to developing improved confidence and a more positive self-image together with improving student-teacher and student-student relationships. A range of activities are provided, some are on offer during school time and others after school.

They include:

- Gaelic Football
- Soccer
- Board Games
- Girls Active
- Healthy Homechef
- Dance
- Comhairle na nÓg
- Essay Competitions
- Basketball
- Table Tennis
- F1 Schools Competition
- An Gaisce
- SciFest
- Green Schools
- Healthy Schools Project
- Art Competitions
- Make a Book
- Development Education
- Student Enterprise Programme
- Chess Club
- School Bank
- School Musical









Erasmus+ School Tours

Corran College is fully accredited Erasmus school. This gives our students the opportunity to link up with other schools within the EU to complete projects. Funding for our students to travel is part of this. In recent years we have travelled to Hungary, Spain, France and Portugal in order to link in with our partner schools. We have also welcomed groups from Greece, Latvia and Spain to our school.



Past Student Testimonials

Chelsea Monahan



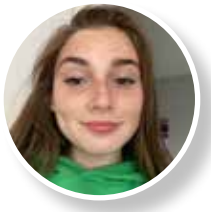
My name is Chelsea Monahan, and I graduated from Corran College in 2025. I am now in my second year studying a Bachelor of Science in Intellectual Disability Nursing. I wouldn't be where I am today without the help of the staff at Corran College. I was guided through my studies, and provided with personalised support to get through. I am extremely grateful to the staff for this, as well as for the amount of opportunities I was given during my time there. Musical productions, trips abroad, and the activities in the school were such an amazing experience in Corran College.

Darragh Phillips



My name is Darragh Phillips and I gradated from Corran College in 2022. I am currently 22 years old and have completed a degree in Construction Management in ATU Donegal, a course which was recommended to me by my Career Guidance and Construction Studies teachers. I thoroughly enjoyed this course and am now employed as an engineer for a company in Galway. Each day on site, I use a lot of the skills, such as teamwork and communication, that I learnt from my time in Corran College.

Amy Lavin



My name is Amy Lavin. On leaving Corran College, I completed a Batchelor of Science in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education at ATU Letterkenny and am currently employed as an Early Years Educator in a childcare centre. I am so grateful to the staff at Corran College for all the great experiences they gave us such as tours abroad and musical productions, and I am very thankful to all the teachers that helped me choose the career I wanted to pursue.

Lisa Hunt



My name is Lisa Hunt. I Graduated from Corran College in 2019. Qualifications: Bachelor in Adult Nursing, Edinburgh Napier University. Highlight from Corran College: In my 5 years of study in Corran College I had the best and most memorable experiences with friends and staff. The staff really encouraged me to follow my dreams and were very supportive in helping me achieve this. I am fortunate now to be a qualified nurse in Edinburgh.

Diarmuid Keenan



I started in Corran College in 2017 and I can honestly say I was extremely happy there. The staff were always friendly, helpful and encouraging, and they created a great environment where students felt supported and motivated.

Since leaving Corran College, I've gone on to set up my own business, D. Keenan Welding & Repairs, and I currently employ two people. Through hard work, commitment and dedication, the business is booming.

My goal now is to continue growing the business and expand over the coming years. Looking back, I'm grateful for the encouragement and support I received in Corran College, and I'm proud of how far I've come since my time there.

I would like to thank all the staff for the positive impact they had on me during my time in the college and for helping me build the confidence to pursue my goals.

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