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**PRESENTATION**  
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# PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL *Listowel*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Ours is a Presentation Secondary School, inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle, and in response to her we welcome and cherish all our students irrespective of ability or background.

We aim to develop a vibrant community of Pupils, Staff, Parents, Management, based on Gospel values such as justice, truth and honesty, in accordance with the ethos of the school and our agreed Code of Behaviour.

We aim to assist in the development of the full potential of each person in a pleasant and safe environment, where the dignity of each member of the School Community is recognised, affirmed and valued. Inspired by these values we dedicate ourselves to the continued development of our Presentation School.



# INTRODUCTION



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Fáilte romhaibh go léir.

Presentation Secondary School, shares the rich tradition of Presentation and CEIST ethos in the heart of the cultural town of Listowel. We achieve academic excellence in our inclusive community which promotes the spiritual development of each person.

On a daily basis we model values of respect and justice where the courage to embrace opportunity is promoted. Ours is a culture of high expectations where creativity, effort and success are recognised and celebrated.

We believe each of our students brings unique qualities and talents to our school community and we nurture and develop these through our commitment to ensuring that every student will flourish in the innovative and supporting environment of Presentation Secondary School, Listowel.

As a Catholic school we affirm our ethos in the context of a new Ireland which welcomes diversity, promotes inclusivity and models respectful relationships. Following the inspiration of Nano Nagle (founder of the Presentation sisters) we light the lantern of faith every day in Presentation Secondary School. This ensures, we go 'one step beyond' for every student in our school.

Presentation Secondary school provides a safe and ordered environment where cooperation and partnership between home and school is valued.

Together with our dedicated staff and supportive parents /guardians we encourage the growth of each individual by developing wide ranging skills and talents which ensure our students will be empowered to confidently pursue happy, fulfilled lives as responsible and creative citizens who make a positive contribution to the society in which they live. We look forward to welcoming you and your daughter to our school.



**Katherina Broderick,**  
Principal



**Marguerite Linnane,**  
Deputy Principal



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## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

A multi-million new building project will begin in the coming months at Presentation Secondary School.

The two-storey extension will offer new subject classrooms, Special Education Needs rooms, a Sensory room and Science Labs. The building will extend on to the Ballybunion road side of the current building.

Following on from the installation of new windows and doors throughout the current school building as well as 4 additional modular classrooms in 2023 the school offers excellent facilities, and the additional accommodation will ensure that the school continues to be a leading provider of education in North Kerry.

As a lead school for STEM, the new Science labs will ensure that the students continue to achieve at the highest level in this area. The school is delighted to be chosen to participate in the STEM Passport for Inclusion and students from the school have successfully presented projects at Sci Fest and BT Young Scientist competitions.

The SEN rooms and the sensory room will enhance the provision for students with additional needs. The school already has a designated ASD class in keeping with the school ethos of providing inclusive learning environment for all. It is a most exciting time for the whole school community at Presentation Secondary School, Listowel.



# ART

In Presentation Secondary School, we are aware that the arts give expression to and broadens students' understanding, imagination, and creativity through a broad range of experiences. In Art class, students learn about both traditional and contemporary art practices, engage with visiting artists through workshops and visit galleries along with developing their own art skills in the classroom. We were fortunate to be chosen to participate in the Creative Arts Project; a two-year programme where students benefitted from many workshops and activities.



*"Creativity is contagious. Pass it on."* – Albert Einstein

# ANTI BULLYING **Bí Cineálta**

Our school has established a "Bí Cineálta" team which consists of staff and student representatives from each year group. The 'Bí Cineálta' procedures are centered on a child rights-based approach and support a partnership approach where all members of the school community work together to prevent and address bullying behaviour.

Helping Hands is an award winning programme, which has been implemented across our school for the past number of years. It has been developed through rigorous research and is based on international best practice and leading thinking. It provides cutting edge knowledge, skills and an easy to use diagnostic tool to help teachers access relationship dynamics hidden in the peer group . Vulnerable students can be identified before problems escalate or complaints are made. This allows measures to assist them to be put in place.

This new approach means that vulnerable students can be identified before problems escalate, permitting appropriate supports to be put in place. The focus is on empowerment of the victims and keeping them psychologically safe. Recognising that resolving bullying is a process and not an event, teachers are equipped with knowledge and skills to identify targeted students and support them through the process of empowerment.

Jigsaw's One Good School™ is an initiative which supports the mental health and wellbeing of young people by developing a shared responsibility across the whole school community. Our school have been awarded the "Gold Award" by Jigsaw.



# MENTORING

Our First year students are paired with Transition Year mentors to ensure a smooth transition. Mentors play a valuable role in creating a positive school spirit, and supporting the First Years settle into their new school. Mentors meet First Year students regularly, providing support and guidance as well as having lots of fun activities together!

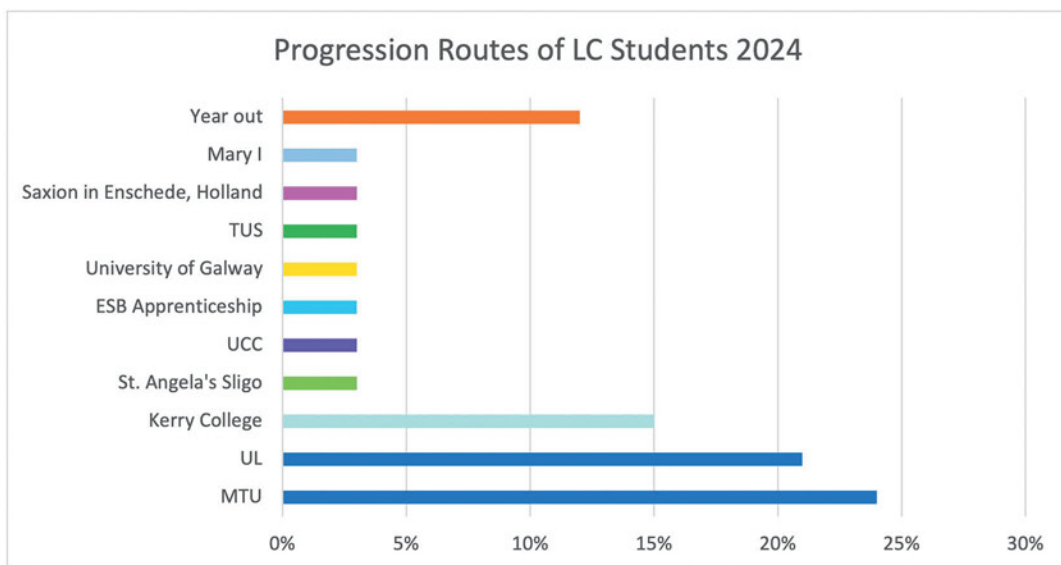


Mentors will show students around the school, help them read the timetable, sort out books and lockers and answer any questions they may have.

Most of all, they will be a friendly face who will look out for your daughter and help her settle into our school.

# GUIDANCE & SCHOOL PROGRESSION

The progression routes of the Class of 2024 include an ESB Apprenticeship, Home Economics & Irish teaching at St. Angela's Sligo, Physiotherapy at Saxion in Enschede, Holland, Nursing, Veterinary Nursing, Early Childhood Studies, Health & Exercise Science, Pharmaceutical Science at MTU, Environmental Science at UCC and Physiotherapy, Psychology and Sociology at the University of Limerick. Primary Teaching at Mary Immaculate College Limerick and Arts at the University of Galway we also chosen. Students also progressed to Nursing, Culinary Arts and Pre-Teaching and Education Studies at Kerry College as well as Business Studies at TUS.



## MUSIC

Music is at the heart of everything we do in Presentation Listowel; enriching our school days and every event. Throughout the year, students are afforded with the opportunity to perform from lunchtime sessions, to cultural days and musical celebrations.

### Presentation Secondary Listowel returned to the Musical Scene with Roald Dahl's Matilda

The corridors of Pres Listowel were abuzz with excitement as the first musical in the school in many years – Roald Dahl's Matilda took to the stage in January 2024. All students that participated wholeheartedly embraced the performances. Plans are well underway for our 2025 Musical.



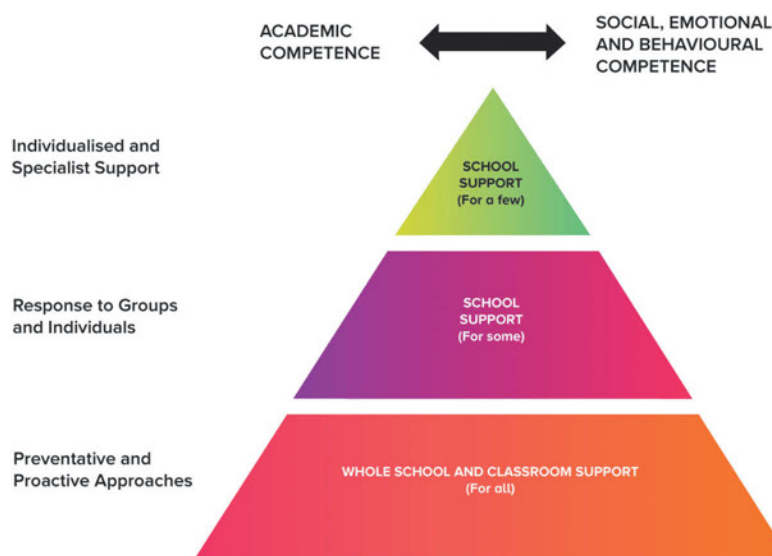
## A.E.N ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

At Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, we believe every student should have the support needed to access, participate in and benefit from their education.

We aim to provide an inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their learning style or learning need. This inclusive approach will allow each student to reach their full potential while developing a sense of belonging to the school and the wider community.

Using the Continuum of Support framework we identify students' educational needs, including academic, social and emotional needs, as well as needs associated with physical, sensory, language and communication difficulties, and provide useful resources to support these needs.

Our students with additional needs can benefit from withdrawal, small groups and team teaching as required. We aim to include all students in mainstream classes with their peers, but we also have a specialised ASD class to accommodate students, where deemed appropriate.



# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

At Pres Listowel we currently have basketball teams at all grades, minor, junior, cadette and senior. These age groups cater for all students in the school allowing everyone the opportunity to represent the school.

The school competes in the South West Regional league which caters for schools in Kerry, Limerick and Clare. The school has seen great success on the basketball courts in recent years. Up until 2022 the school was competing at C grade, however, following the success of our Junior team in the 2021-2022 academic year and our minor basketball team in 2023-2024 Academic year the school now competes in A grade basketball.

South West Leagues take place before and after Christmas. In term 1 cadette and senior leagues take place while in term 2 minor and junior leagues begin ensuring a busy basketball schedule all year.

Teams normally train after school as well as some lunchtimes.



## FOOTBALL

Our school has four football teams: U14.5, U16.5 (two teams) and U19.5. We are delighted to have a considerable number of students playing football and this year we entered two U16.5 teams to support the demand for students interested in playing football. We are delighted to have players from numerous local clubs taking part in school football. 2023/2024 was a highly successful year for football in Presentation Listowel. Our U16.5 team are Junior West Munster Champions and our U14.5 team were winners of the Munster competition. They are the first two football trophies to ever be won by Presentation Listowel which is a huge achievement.





## **BADMINTON**

Recreational Badminton is offered in the school every Thursday at lunch. This is a very popular activity welcoming all year groups and all abilities to come and play. The Badminton team have been very successful over the years. Our U16 and U19 teams are currently Kerry champions while our U16s are Munster champions and represented the Province in the All Irelands in March, finishing second in the competition.

## **SOCCER**

Our school takes part in the Kerry Schools 1st Year and Junior Soccer Leagues. These competitions give the girls an opportunity to play competitive games throughout the academic year. These leagues conclude with blitzes in Mounthawk Park in May, which are always enjoyable days for the students. Last year, both 1st year and junior teams finished 3rd in their respective leagues, producing some fine performances throughout.

## **ATHLETICS**

Each year a number of students take part in the track and field events in Castleisland. Last year we had students medal in the high jump, shot put, and sprint events. We have also had great success at cross country events.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

For the last number of years our 1st year students have taken part in an introductory Volleyball blitz which took part in the Mardyke in Cork last year. It has been great to see so many students interested in taking up a new sport.

## **CAMOGIE**

This year marks the introduction of camogie in Pres Listowel.

## FIRST YEARS share their thoughts on school life in Presentation Listowel



I love all the activities in the school especially the sports like football, basketball and badminton. I have made so many new friends by taking part in these. – Isabel

I was so worried about starting secondary school but the teachers and students have been so kind and welcoming and have made the transition very easy. -Siuna



My favourite thing about Presentation is all the new subjects we get to try like Home Economics, Graphics and Business. It is nice to get to try new subjects to see what we like. -Saoirse

I am a member of the Student Council and I am working as part of a team on important policies in the school such as the “Bí Cineálta” Anti-Bullying Programme. I also love how helpful my mentor is. – Ruby



I am really enjoying trying all the new subjects like Science, Art, Music, French and German. I have made new friends since joining Pres. -Anita

I really enjoy going to the canteen at lunchtime to meet up and chat with my friends. – Aisling





## STEM Presentation Listowel Leading the way in STEM

Presentation Listowel is passionate about promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) among female students in our school. The Science Department are currently involved in a number of exciting programmes which aim to encourage our students to become involved in and develop a love for STEM.

Our students have been selected to take part in a number of STEM initiatives across various year groups such as:

- iWish
- Junior Achiever Ireland “Futurewize” programme
- Amazon Get IT programme
- TY STEM Passport for Inclusion
- Education for Sustainability



These programmes facilitated through our weekly STEM lunchtime club are a fantastic learning opportunity for our students, which supports the inquiry-based, problem-solving approach promoted by the science and maths curriculum in our school, thus improving students’ opportunities to achieve academic success.

Presentation Listowel has collaborated with SciFest over the past number of years both at school and college level. SciFest is a national STEM Fair Programme for Schools, that encourages and supports the greater participation of girls in STEM education. SciFest provides students with an opportunity to engage in activities that link science, maths, engineering and technology to their everyday lives and to society.

The Science Department enjoyed great success this year at SciFest in MTU Kerry, where 1st Year students Siún O’Brien and Ellen Murphy were awarded the Regeneron Best Life Sciences Award. TY students Emma Heaphy and Abbie Mazzelle scooped the coveted Overall Best Project Award and are currently preparing to represent Presentation Listowel at the SciFest National Final in November. The Science Department hopes to achieve the SciFest STEM School Silver Award this academic year for our efforts in encouraging the participation of our students in STEM activities over the past 5 years. Presentation Listowel has enjoyed great success in the BT Young Scientist Exhibition over the past number of years. Each year, numerous projects from our school have successfully made it through the rigorous application process to make the final cut of 550 projects. Our students have displayed their projects at the exhibition in Dublin and in 2024, conveyed their research findings to RTÉ News, Minister for Education Norma Foley and Tánaiste Micheál Martin.

We hope, by engaging with these programmes, our students will aspire to eventually pursuing STEM-related third level courses and careers. We are looking forward to 2 new state of the art science laboratories which will further enhance the STEM learning experience in our school.

# TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is a unique and enriching experience, designed to foster independence, creativity, and critical thinking in our students. It serves as a bridge between the structured learning of the Junior Cycle and the more focused, exam-driven Senior Cycle. During this year, students engage in a wide variety of activities across academic, creative, and life skills domains, ensuring personal growth, career exploration, and academic development.

## STEM

- **Robotics & Coding:** Hands-on learning with robots and coding challenges through ICT modules, Microsoft Dreamspace and STEM Passport for Inclusion.
- **Science Projects:** Experiments and research to create projects for BT Young Scientist and Sci-Fest.
- **Maths Challenges & Tech Competitions:** Interactive activities to enhance problem-solving and analytical skills.

## Career Preparation

- **Work Experience:** Work placements each week to give real-world career insight.
- **CV & Interview Workshops:** Skills to prepare for job and college applications, from Kerry College of Further Education lecturers.
- **Guest Speakers & College Visits:** Exposure to various professions and higher education options.



## Sports & Fitness

- Outdoor Adventures: Activities like kayaking, rock climbing and hiking to promote resilience.
- Team Sports: Participation in basketball, soccer, football and camogie.
- Fitness & Well-being: Yoga, mindfulness, and fitness challenges for physical and mental health.
- Sports Coaching: Training for those interested in sports leadership, including LGFA coaching and refereeing course and GAA Future Leaders.

## Creative Arts

- Junk Kouture: Design eco-friendly fashion from recycled materials.
- Drama & Music: Opportunities to perform in plays and participate in the school choir.
- Art & Photography: Exhibitions and workshops in various creative mediums.

## Life Skills

- Driving Theory Classes: Prepares students for driving tests.
- Culinary Skills: Students take part in workshops to receive qualifications in hospitality and barista skills, which are recognised nationwide by hotels and restaurants.
- Community Involvement: Volunteering and charity projects that foster empathy and responsibility.

Whatever your interests or goals are from transition year, there is something for everyone in our comprehensive programme.





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## SCHOOL SUBJECTS

In our school, we offer a wide range of programmes including:

- Junior Cycle Programme • Transition Year Programme
- Leaving Certificate Programme • Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Leaving Certificate Applied Programme

### **The Junior Cycle subjects are as follows:**

- English • Maths • Irish • French/German • Science • History • Religion • Wellbeing
- SPHE • CSPE • PE • Art • Business • Geography • Graphics • Home Economics • Music

### **The Leaving Certificate subjects are as follows:**

- English • Maths • Irish • French/German • Religious Education (exam and non exam)
- Career Guidance • PE (non exam) • Agricultural Science • Art • Biology • Business
- Chemistry • DCG • Geography • History • Home Economics • Music • LCVP

## Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)

If a student is looking for a blended approach to senior cycle education where practical hands-on learning is combined with academic work, then The Leaving Cert Applied (LCA) programme may be the solution. Our award-winning, well-established LCA programme is a two-year fully recognised Leaving Certificate for students who thrive in practical learning environments. It emphasises real-world experiences and the development of transferable skills that are invaluable in today's world. Assessment is continuous throughout and students can build up credits as they learn reducing the pressure where success is dependent on one final exam. Students can progress onto third-level education, apprenticeships or employment.



## PARTNERSHIP with St. Michael's College

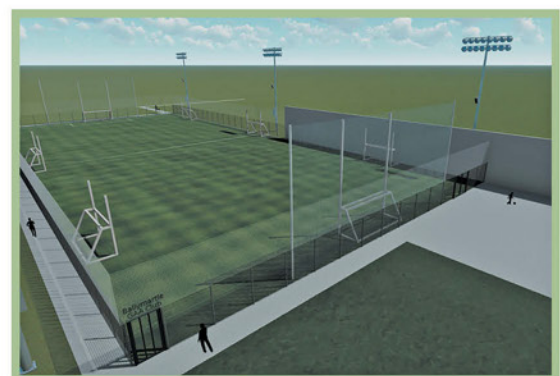
We have a very successful partnership with St. Michael's College, Listowel for Senior Cycle students which affords students with the opportunity to choose a wider range of subject options including Physical Education( exam), Physics, Accounting and Engineering.

St. Michael's College



## ALL-WEATHER FACILITY

Presentation Secondary School and Listowel Emmets Ladies Football Club are delighted to have received funding for the development of a new All-Weather Facility and associated LED lighting for multi-use games purpose. The facility will be located on the grounds of Presentation Secondary School, Listowel. This development will further support our students wellbeing and encourage continued participation in sports. The facility will provide year-round all-weather access to football, soccer and other athletic opportunities for our students.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR & DEBATING

In Presentation Listowel, we strive to find an extra-curricular activity for every student and offer a diverse range of lunch time activities from book club to walking club, science club to debating. These, alongside the vast extra-curricular sports clubs, provide students with the opportunity to forge friendships and immerse themselves in school life.

## Lunch Time Activities

### Monday

Science Club  
1.15 - 1.35

Student Council  
1.30 - 1.50

### Tuesday

Movie Club  
1.20 - 1.40

Mindful Colouring  
1.35 - 1.50

### Wednesday

Book Club  
1.15 - 1.35

Games Club  
1.35 - 1.50

### Thursday

Debating Club  
1.20 - 1.40

Walking Club  
1.35 - 1.55



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## Debating

In Presentation Secondary Listowel, we aim to cultivate student voice and independence in debating. Students are encouraged to partake in various debating projects; from the friendly debating lunch time club to the competitive Concern Schools Debates and Comórtas Diospóireachta An Phiarsaigh. Students are constantly developing their analytical skills and oral confidence.

## School Services

Our school offers students a range of services that greatly add to the experience of school life.

Our canteen offers a wide range of food options that are a great hit with our students.

Our school library, sacred space and our sports facilities are just some of the services that students particularly like.



## School Times:

Monday to Thursday 9.00 – 15.55

Friday 9.00 – 13.15

# Student Council 2024/2025



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# Minister Norma Foley visit to celebrate Leaving Cert 2024 results.



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