

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL LISTOWEL



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



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.

WHY CHOOSE PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL, LISTOWEL?

- Excellent academic results
- Strong, caring ethos
- Friendly atmosphere
- Excellent rapport between students and staff
- Dedicated staff that bring out the best in students
- Extensive range of extra-curricular activities on offer
- Wide range of curricular programmes and subjects at Junior and Senior Cycle
- Listed as the top non-fee paying school and the top girls feeder school in Ireland



TOP NON-FEE PAYING SCHOOLS IN IRELAND			TOP GIRLS FEEDER SCHOOLS IN IRELAND		
School	Students	%	School	Students	%
Presentation Secondary School, Listowel	36	119%	Presentation Secondary School, Listowel	36	119%
Muckross College, Donnybrook	111	113%	Muckross College, Donnybrook	111	113%
Mount Mercy College, Cork	109	112%	Mount Mercy College, Cork	109	112%
Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise	108	111%	Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise	108	111%
Coláiste Muire, Ennis	140	111%	Coláiste Muire, Ennis	140	111%
Coláiste na Toirbhirte, Bandon	62	110%	Coláiste na Toirbhirte, Bandon	62	110%
Our Lady's Bower, Athlone	100	108%	Mount Anville, Goatstown	99	109%
Coláiste Iosagáin, An Charraig Dhubh	77	108%	Our Lady's Bower, Athlone	100	108%
Sacred Heart, Clonakilty	73	107%	Coláiste Iosagáin, An Charraig Dhubh	77	108%
Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne	61	107%	Sacred Heart, Clonakilty	73	107%
Presentation School, Mitchelstown	52	106%	Loreto High School, Rathfarnham	103	106%



INTRODUCTION

Fáilte romhaibh go léir.

Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, proudly shares the rich tradition of the Presentation Sisters and the CEIST ethos in the heart of our vibrant cultural town. We are an inclusive and forward-thinking community where academic excellence is achieved through a deep commitment to the holistic development of each student.

Every day, we model the values of respect, justice and courage, encouraging our students to embrace opportunity and strive for personal growth. Our school culture is one of high expectations, where creativity, effort and achievement are recognised and celebrated.

Our recent Whole School Evaluation – Management, Leadership and Learning (WSE-MLL), conducted by the Department of Education, affirmed the **“excellence”** of our provision. The report commended the school’s **“very good quality of support for students’ wellbeing”**, describing it as a **“hallmark of the school,”** and praised our **“strategic and proactive leadership”** for creating an environment that is **“educationally progressive and deeply aligned with the school’s ethos”**. Inspectors highlighted our multi-tiered support systems, inclusive culture, and integrated guidance structures as exemplary in meeting the needs of all learners.

We believe that each student brings unique qualities and talents to our community. These are nurtured in an environment that is both innovative and supportive, ensuring that every student flourishes. Inspired by Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters, we light the lantern of faith each day, going ‘one step beyond’ for every student.

As a Catholic school, we affirm our ethos in the context of a modern Ireland that welcomes diversity, promotes inclusivity and models respectful relationships. Presentation Secondary School provides a safe and ordered environment where partnership between home and school is highly valued. Together with our dedicated staff and supportive parents/guardians, we encourage the growth of each individual, developing wide-ranging skills and talents that empower our students to lead happy, fulfilled lives as responsible and creative citizens.

We look forward to welcoming your daughter to Presentation Secondary School, where she will be supported to grow, thrive and shine.

I look forward to welcoming you and your daughter to our school.



Katherina Broderick,
Principal



Katherina Broderick
Principal



Marguerite Linnane
Deputy Principal



Jessica Keane
1st Year Head



**Whole School Evaluation:
Management, Leadership and
Learning
Report**

WHOLE SCHOOL EVALUATION

A recent WSE-MLL (Whole-School Evaluation – Management, Leadership and Learning) inspection report, published in September 2025, identifies the school as an example of excellence. The report highlights exemplary practices across key areas including leadership and management, the quality of teaching and learning, and the overall school environment. This recognition reflects the strong commitment of staff, students, and the wider school community to maintaining high standards and fostering a culture of continuous improvement and educational excellence. The following is a summary of some of the key findings in the report. The full report can be accessed on Department of Education’s website:

www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/school-inspection-reports/

and the school’s website:

presentationsecondarylistowel.ie

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

“The overall quality of teaching and learning was very good and included the provision of some excellent learning experiences.”

“Students demonstrated curiosity and a sense of agency in advancing their learning.”

“Teachers planned lessons that provided students with wide-ranging, engaging activities... and created spaces where students felt safe to express themselves.”

EMPOWERED LEADERSHIP & VISION

“The quality of leadership and management was excellent... forward-thinking and educationally progressive.”

“Senior leadership placed high regard on the holistic development of each student as unique individuals, while respecting their dignity, agency and cultural diversity.”

“The school improvement plan... ensured students left the school as resilient, capable, empathetic and agentic citizens.”

STUDENT WELLBEING & SUPPORT

“A hallmark of the school was the holistic nature of student support... aligned with key wellbeing indicators.”

“A multi-tiered support approach helped students feel connected and understood.”

“Wellbeing initiatives, such as mindfulness programmes and student-led mental health campaigns, contributed to a positive school culture that prioritised self-care and resilience.”

INCLUSIVE & INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENT

“Digital technologies were used to activate prior knowledge, conduct independent research, collaborate on projects, and present work in a variety of modes.”

“The agency of students in the life of the school was noted as a particular strength.”

“Communication within and beyond the school was excellent... staff and parents felt informed and consulted.”

FIRST YEARS

share their thoughts
on school life in
Presentation Listowel



I was nervous starting school because I didn't know anyone but I have made lots of new friends. I am also working on a STRIPE Young Scientist project with my new friends.
- **Beibhín (Dromtrasna)**



I love all the activities and sports clubs in the school. I really like the basketball and the football. I have made new friends from the different teams. - **Shauna (Dromclough)**



Everyone is really kind and the teachers have helped me a lot since I started in Pres.
- **Ella (Dromclough)**



I am so happy in my new school. I love how welcoming and friendly everyone is. I am very excited to learn new things and make new friends. My favourite subject so far is Graphics. - **Micah (Presentation Primary)**



I am really enjoying football and soccer. I also am enjoying playing music for different events like the school mass. I also really like cooking in Home Economics.
- **Ruby May (Dromclough)**



I was excited to come here, all of the teachers are so kind and helpful and all the students are friendly - **Emilin (Presentation Primary)**



EXCELLING IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

At present, Presentation Secondary School, Listowel offers five programmes:

- Level 2 Learning programmes
- Junior Cycle
- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

The school has an allocation of 1 special class to support students with autism.



JUNIOR CYCLE

The Framework for Junior Cycle, provides the basis for post-primary schools to plan quality, inclusive and relevant education programmes with improved learning experiences for all students, including those with special educational needs. This enables all learners to achieve their full potential and contribute to Ireland's economic, social and cultural development. Students study compulsory subjects like English, Gaeilge, and Maths, a significant Wellbeing Programme, and may also engage with Level 2 Learning Programmes for different learning needs.

CORE SUBJECTS:

English
Gaeilge
Mathematics
History
Science
Religion

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

Business Studies
French
Home Economics
Geography
Music
Graphics
Visual Art

WELLBEING SUBJECTS:

Social, Personal
and Health Education

Civic, Social and
Political Education

Physical
Education





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.

Category	Key Activities
Mentoring & Leadership	Mentoring training & events with 1st years, GAA Future Leaders, LGFA coaching & refereeing.
Adventure & Trips	Burren Adventure Centre, Ballyhass Adventure Centre, Trip to Lake Garda & Milan.
Workshops & Classes	Music, dance, drama, bodhrán, percussion, arts & crafts, personal safety, sustainability workshops.
Certificates & Courses	Food Safety, Languages Week, Hospitality certification, KCCE certified courses.
Career & Work Experience	Drivers Education, Deloitte & UHK work experience, Microsoft Dream Space, iWISH, MTU Engineering Day, Apple HQ visit, STEM Passport for Inclusion, Mini Med RCSI.
Enterprise & Innovation	Enterprise talks & competition, BT Young Scientist, Sci-Fest, Junk Kouture Finals.
Charity & Community	Cliona Foundation Camino Walk, Jigsaw training
Wellbeing	Tobar Nua Retreat, RSE Southwest counselling workshop, relationship and navigating conflict workshop
Specialist Workshops	Beautician & special effects makeup workshops
Events & Awards	National Ploughing Championships, Young Journalist Awards, Law Society Awards, Young Scientist competition, Debating competition, Press Pass award

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 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.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Along with the core subjects of English, Gaeilge and Mathematics, we provide a wide range of subject for the Leaving Certificate.

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.

Presentation Secondary Listowel	St. Michael's College
Agriculture Science Art Biology Business Chemistry DCG French Geography German History Home Economics Music Religious Education LVCP link modules	Accounting Applied Mathematics Computer Science Construction Studies Engineering LC PE Physics St. Michael's College



DEDICATED LEARNING SUPPORT

There is a deep commitment in this school to supporting students with Additional Educational Needs (AEN) through a caring, inclusive, and student-centred approach. Guided by the Department of Education's Continuum of Support framework, we provide structured and flexible One-to-one teaching interventions tailored to each student's needs.

Support is delivered at three key levels:

Support for All: High-quality, differentiated teaching ensures that all students benefit from a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Support for Some: Targeted interventions are provided for students who require additional support in specific areas of learning, wellbeing, or behaviour.

Support for a Few: Individualised, intensive support is offered for students with more complex or long-term needs, often in collaboration with external agencies and specialists.

Working closely with parents, students, and professionals, our AEN team ensures that every learner is supported to reach their full potential - academically, socially, and emotionally - within the inclusive ethos of our school.



	Supports for mainstream students with Learning Difficulties/Special Educational Needs include but are not limited to:
	One-to-one teaching
	Small group resource
	Team teaching in core subjects (Maths & English)
	Assistive technology (where applicable)
	SNA support (where applicable)
	Reasonable accommodation for state exams

SPECIAL CLASS (ASD)

This class caters specifically for students with a diagnosis of autism and allows for specialised, individual, and small group teaching for students, who also remain integrated with the mainstream student body. Our class reflects the inclusive ethos in Presentation Secondary School which is based on the belief that students with special needs should receive their education within the most supportive environment. The focus on realising the full potential of each individual student will endeavour to develop the students' life skills and prepare them for life after school in an ever-evolving model of best practice. Students who have written confirmation from the National Council for Special Education of their eligibility for the special class are entitled to apply for a place in the class as per the admissions policy.

Supporting Exceptionally Able Children

In addition to providing for students with additional learning needs, we recognise and support Exceptionally Able Students. All staff have received training in supporting the exceptionally able and a dedicated team to supporting the students.

SNAs

Our Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) provide invaluable shared support to students with additional care needs, enabling them to access the curriculum and fully participate in school life. Working under the guidance of the SEN team and classroom teachers, SNAs offer practical assistance in areas such as mobility, communication, and organisation while also fostering independence and self-confidence in students.

The SNA team work together to ensure that all students feel safe, supported and respected, while encouraging independence and celebrating the unique strengths and abilities of each individual.

NEW FACILITIES

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH

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 four 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.

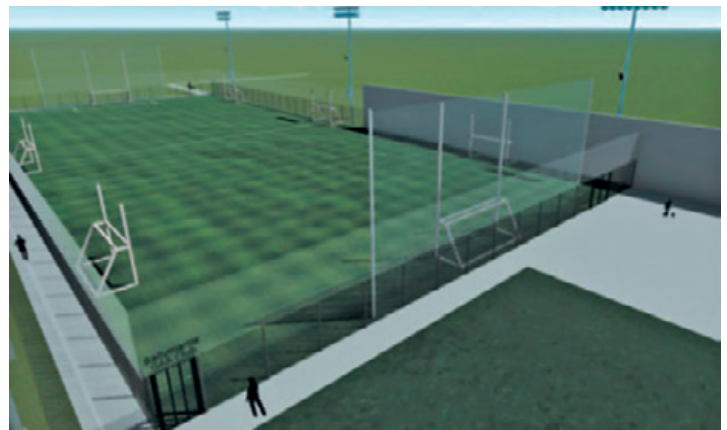
As a lead school for STEM, the new Science labs will ensure that the students continue to achieve at the highest level in this area. The school is delighted to be chosen to participate in the STEM Passport for Inclusion and students from the school have successfully presented projects at Sci Fest and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



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.





CREATING A CARING SCHOOL

How do we help
Students settle in :-

- Support
- Class teacher
- Year head
- Guidance Counsellor
- Mentoring Programme with TY students
- 1st Year Induction programme

Subject Choice:

1st year students have a taster of all subject options before they decide what subjects they wish to study in Junior Cycle.

One-Hour Classes:

One-hour classes support effective teaching and learning.

Focus on Key Skills:

We support 1st year with a dedicated Wellbeing class each week focusing on :-

- Study skills
- Team Building
- Guidance
- Building Resilience

Helping Hands programme:

This is an award winning, new approach to Student Wellbeing and Early Identification of Hidden Bullying that is leading new ways of thinking.

HELPING HANDS ABP

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 and Year Heads access relationship dynamics hidden in the peer group. 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.



Bí Cineálta

**PRESENTATION
SECONDARY SCHOOL
LISTOWEL**

If you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied, you need to tell a teacher or another adult that you trust! They will know what to do to help!

We want everyone at our school to feel safe and happy.

Be Kind

Our school has a 'Bí Cineálta' policy to try to stop bullying behaviour!

We look at this policy every year to see what is working well or what could work better!

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.

WELLBEING

The wellbeing of our students is at the core of what we value, as it is vital in order for students to achieve their full potential. We nurture positive relationships with peers and staff to help our students feel safe, supported and connected to the school community.

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!



GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING

Whole School Guidance aims to provide comprehensive support to students throughout their academic and personal development. It aims to:

- Set out the learning experiences and activities relating to Guidance and Counselling throughout their years in the school.
- Reflects on the needs of both Junior and Senior cycle students.
- Achieve a balance in the provision of personal/social, educational and career guidance offered to students.
- The school recognises the uniqueness, inherent worth and dignity of each pupil.
- The pupils are encouraged to know themselves, to acknowledge and use their gifts, to recognise and accept their limitations and to share their talents with others.
- The school environment encourages recognition of the potential of each individual pupil, responding to the needs and differences of each.
- The inter-relating of knowledge will help pupils to see the relevance of their studies in today's world.
- Enjoyment of learning and commitment to the development of independent life-long learning are fostered.

LEADING THE WAY WITH RESULTS

Our overall average 2026 CAO points results were above the national comparison, at both Higher and Ordinary Level, while 84% of our students reached over 300 points, 10% higher than the national average. The number of our students sitting Higher Level exams also exceeded the national average by up to 13%.

PROGRESSION

Our students have progressed to many exciting destinations. Some courses chosen include, Engineering, Occupational Therapy, Biomedical Science, Primary Teaching, Law, Commerce, Business Studies, Arts, Agricultural Science, Midwifery, Digital Media, Business & Marketing, Social Studies, Beauty and Spa Management, Beauty Therapy. We wish all of our students the very best in their future studies.

LEADERSHIP THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

At Presentation Secondary School Listowel, we believe leadership flourishes best in a culture of collaboration. By nurturing strong partnerships between students, staff and parents, we create a school community where everyone has a voice and every voice matters. Our student council is central to this ethos, giving students a real say in school life. From shaping school policies to leading initiatives in sustainability and wellbeing, our students take on meaningful responsibilities that develop their confidence, critical thinking and sense of purpose.



Student Council 2026



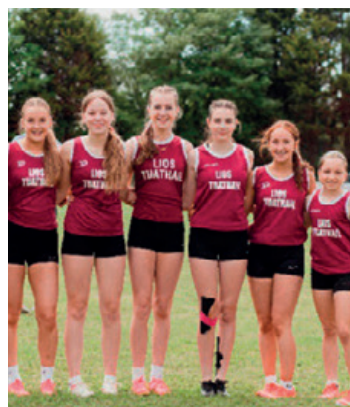
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are dedicated to the holistic development of every student. Through a vibrant blend of co-curricular and extracurricular activities, we offer our students countless opportunities to grow beyond the classroom.

From academic competitions, student leadership, environmental initiatives, and cultural events, to sports, music, drama, and creative arts, our programmes are designed to nurture confidence, teamwork, and a sense of community. These activities enrich the educational experience, allowing students to explore their passions, develop key life skills, and become well-rounded,

resilient individuals prepared for the future. We believe in nurturing the whole student—mind, body, and spirit, and these activities play a vital role in this mission, offering students the opportunity to explore their passions, develop new skills, and build lifelong friendships outside the classroom. Our co-curricular programmes also help students apply their classroom knowledge in meaningful, real-world contexts. These opportunities empower our students to become confident, well-rounded individuals prepared for the challenges of the future.







CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We are very proud to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students in all aspects of school life. Whether it's academic excellence, sporting triumphs, creative accomplishments, or acts of leadership and kindness, we take pride in acknowledging the hard work, dedication, and talents of our students. Celebrating success not only boosts confidence and motivation, but also fosters a positive and supportive school culture where every student is encouraged to strive for their personal best.



STARTING FIRST YEAR AT PRESENTATION LISTOWEL A SMOOTH AND SUPPORTIVE TRANSITION

Moving from primary to secondary school is a major milestone in a young student's life. At Presentation Listowel, we understand that this can be both an exciting and daunting time for students and their families. That's why we go above and beyond to make the transition into First Year as smooth, supportive and reassuring as possible. We pride ourselves on creating a warm, inclusive environment where every student feels welcome, valued and understood from the very beginning.

Through strong relationships with our feeder primary schools, we take the time to get to know each student's individual needs, strengths and interests – even before they set foot in the building as First Years.



At Presentation Listowel, we are deeply committed to nurturing the personal growth and emotional wellbeing of each student. We want every student to feel a true sense of belonging and to know that they are supported every step of the way. From day one, our ethos is clear: you are cared for and you are part of a supportive learning community.

- **Early Induction** - Sixth class pupils visit Presentation Secondary School multiple times, taking part in fun team-building activities, Open Evenings and Induction Days while getting to know teachers, classmates and the layout of the school.
- **Parental Involvement** - We value partnership with parents, holding information sessions both before and after entry to keep families fully informed and involved.
- **Pastoral Support** - Every First Year class is assigned a caring Class Tutor, overseen by a dedicated Year Head, who monitors both academic and personal development.
- **Mentoring Buddy System** - Our trained Transition Year mentors provide First Years with friendly faces, helpful advice and daily support to help them feel secure and confident.
- **Academic Guidance** - Wellbeing classes cover study techniques and time management,
- **Tailored Learning Support** - Our Special Education team provides personalised plans and in-class assistance for students with additional learning needs.
- **Activities** - From team-building days to First Year trips, interclass camogie and basketball leagues and club introductions, students have every opportunity to build friendships and feel part of school life.





Welcome to Presentation Secondary School Lios Tuathail



SCHOOL TIMES

Monday to Thursday: 9.00am - 4.00pm Friday: 9.00am - 1.20pm

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