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FÁILTE WELCOME

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Le blianta beaga anuas, tá feabhas suntasach tagtha ar Choláiste Pobail Acla, agus táimid an-bhródúil as éachtaí ár ndaltaí. Is mór an teist í, ar ár dtiomantas don oideachas iomlánaíoch, a bhfeabhas go hacadúil, in imeachtaí seach-churaclaim, in idirghníomhaíochtaí sóisialta, agus lasmuigh de thimpeallacht na scoile.

I gColáiste Pobail Acla, táimid tiomanta d'ardchaighdeán oideachais a sholáthar, a fhreastalaíonn ar riachtanais éagsúla ár ndaltaí. Ní hamháin go gcothaíonn ár dtimpeallacht chothaithe barr feabhais acadúil ach freisin scileanna praiticiúla agus forbairt shóisialta. Tugann ár mbaill foirne díograiseacha páiseanta tacaíocht ó chroí do mhic léinn chun a gcumas a uasmhéadú laistigh agus lasmuigh den seomra ranga.

Is cuid lárnach dár n-éiteas é ár gcóras tréadchúraim láidir, a chinntíonn atmaisféar cineálta tacúil ina bhfaigheann gach mac léinn an cúram agus an treoir a theastaíonn uathu. Tá ár múinteoirí dírithe ar gach dalta a threorú chun a lánacmhainneacht a chomhlíonadh, cothú aibíochta, muiníne, agus tacar leathan scileanna dá dtodhchaí.

Is í an fhís atá againn ná gach céimí de chuid Choláiste Pobail Acla a fheiceáil ag teacht chun cinn mar dhuine oilte, muiníneach, a bhfuil na scileanna agus an inspreagadh acu le cur go gníomhach leis an tsochaí.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Selecting the right secondary school for your child is a significant decision, influencing their educational journey. Our school prospectus serves as a window into Coláiste Pobail Acla, offering insight into our ethos, programs, and educational offerings.

In recent years, Coláiste Pobail Acla has undergone remarkable improvements, and we take immense pride in the achievements of our students. Their excellence academically, in extracurricular pursuits, social interactions, and beyond the school environment is a testament to our commitment to holistic education.

At Coláiste Pobail Acla, we are dedicated to providing a high standard of education that caters to the diverse needs of our students. Our nurturing environment fosters not only academic excellence but also practical skills and social development. Our passionate and devoted staff members wholeheartedly support students in maximising their potential both in and out of the classroom.

Central to our ethos is our robust Pastoral care system, ensuring a kind and supportive atmosphere where every student receives the care and guidance they require. Our teachers are focused on guiding each student to reach their full potential, cultivating maturity, confidence, and a broad skill set for their future.

Our vision is to see every graduate of Coláiste Pobail Acla emerge as a well-educated, confident individual, equipped with the skills and motivation to actively contribute to society.

"Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine"

Jason Ó Mongáin
Príomhoide



COLÁISTE POBAIL ACLA

Coláiste Pobail Acla is situated in Polranny, Achill, Co. Mayo. It is in the heart of the Achill Gaeltacht. It was founded in 2011 after an amalgamation between Scoil Damhnait and McHale College. It is under the management of Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education and Training Board. (MSLETB)

SCÉIM AITHEANTAIS SCOILEANNA GAELTACHTA - GAELTACHT RECOGNITION SCHEME

Tá Coláiste Pobail Acla páirteach sa Scéim Aitheantas Scoileanna Gaeltachta. Is í príomhaidhm na scéime seo ná úsáid na Gaeilge a chothú i measc timpeallacht na scoile agus sa phobal i gcoitinne.

Cuirtear oideachas d'ardchaighdeán ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge i roinnt ábhar. Tá muid ag obair go dícheallach spriocanna na scéime a bhaint amach.



An Bord Bainistíochta The Board of Management -

Coláiste Pobail Acla is a Community school under the auspices of MSLETB. The school is managed by the Board of Management which consists of representatives from teaching staff, parents/guardians, trustees and nominees of MSLETB. The school Principal acts as Secretary to the Board.

Cén fath Coláiste Pobail Acla? Why choose Coláiste Pobail Acla?

- Small student teacher ratio and excellent facilities in Coláiste Pobail Acla.
- Students achieve excellent academic results.
- We have a dedicated class for students with autism.
- Coláiste Pobail Acla has an enthusiastic and dedicated staff.
- A holistic education is provided in Coláiste Pobail Acla.
- A wide range of extra-curricular activities are catered for.
- Coláiste Pobail Acla has excellent in-school supports such as: Chaplain, Career Guidance, HSCL (Home School Community Liaison) and Pastoral Care Team.
- As a DEIS school Coláiste Pobail Acla avails of many of its supports including School Meals, smaller Student:Teacher Ratio, access to HEAR (Higher Education Access Route) and School Completion Programme (SCP).





RÁITEAS MISIN MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to motivate our school community to realise its full potential academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally in a safe, supportive learning environment.

Coláiste Pobail Acla is a centre of learning, a place where everyone is treated as an individual. Staff and students work together in the pursuit of excellence in student learning, in a safe and friendly environment. Coláiste Pobail Acla puts mutual respect and teamwork between staff and students to the fore.

Coláiste Pobail Acla encourages creativity and embraces diversity in a positive learning environment. We support and encourage all students to become responsible citizens that excel in their personal and academic careers.

In Coláiste Pobail Acla, we set a high standard of education for all students. We are a Community College, and the community is at the heart of the school.

"Ní neart go cur le chéile"

Ionduchtú na Chéad Bhliana - First Year Induction

Coláiste Pobail Acla takes special care to enable first year students make the transition from primary school to secondary school with care and attention. Our open day/night gives Parents/ Guardians and students an opportunity to come to our school and see our facilities and ask any questions necessary. We then hold an induction day for all first-year students where students will meet their teachers, familiarise themselves with the layout of the school and go through timetabling etc.

Éide scoile - School Uniform

Coláiste Pobail Acla school uniform consists of: Crested School Jumper, Grey Trouser, White Shirt and Black Shoes. In Transition Year the uniform changes slightly it is a: School Crested Hoodie and Grey Trouser. The uniform is compulsory for all students and must be worn at all times, unless instructed otherwise by school management.

Comhairle na nDaltaí - Student Council

Coláiste Pobail Acla has a very active Students' Council comprising of democratically elected representatives from each year group. It is the official voice of the students. The council holds monthly meetings during which the students can raise issues that concern them or their classmates. A designated teacher attends the meetings and the Principal also attends at various stages throughout the year. Students' council elections are held every September.

Cúram Tréadach - Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is the care and concern for the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical wellbeing of the entire school community. This care permeates the whole life of the school including the curriculum. It is promoted through the code of behaviour rooted in a deep concern and respect for the uniqueness of each individual in our school. The school has a full time chaplain and access to other services that are involved in the Pastoral Care team.

"Molann an obair an duine"



ÁBHAIR SCOILE SUBJECT CHOICE

Teastas Sóisearach Junior Cycle

- Gaeilge
- English
- Mathematics
- French
- History
- Geography
- Science
- Business Studies
- Wood Technology
- Engineering
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Art, Craft & Design
- Music
- C.S.P.E. - Civic, Social & Political Education
- S.P.H.E. - Social, Personal & Health Education
- Physical Education
- Religious Education

Idirbhliain Transition Year

Transition Year is available to students who wish to take time before moving into fifth year. Transition Year in Coláiste Pobail Acla strives to provide a learning programme which promotes maturity, builds selfconfidence, and encourages students to gain competence in the core academic subjects and to develop personal skills. The Transition Year programme aims to strike a good balance between the academic and the practical dimensions.

Ardteistiméireacht Leaving Certificate

Each student studies **seven subjects** for Leaving Cert. The core subjects are:

- English
- Gaeilge
- Mathematics
- LCVF

and four other subjects.

We offer a choice from the following subjects:

- French
- Geography
- History
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Business
- Accountancy
- Biology
- Physics & Chemistry
- Agricultural Science
- Art
- Home Economics
- Engineering
- Music

Non examination subjects for Leaving Certificate:

- Physical Education
- Career Guidance



IMEACHTAÍ EISCHURACLAM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Gaelic Football, Soccer, Table Tennis, Cross-Country, Rugby, Hurling, Athletics, School Choir, Traditional Music, Drama, Debating, Film Production, Trath na gCeist, Young Scientist, Educational Tours, etc.

“An té nach sguireann san earrach ní bhaineann sé san fhómhar”





ASD CLASS

Our ASD class opened in September 2011. This class caters specifically for students with a diagnosis of autism and allows for specialised, individual teaching for students, who also remain integrated with the mainstream student body. Our teachers have years of experience in ASD specific settings. Our SNA's (Special Needs Assistants) are very experienced and highly skilled in all areas including intimate care needs. The room incorporates the TEACCH principles which were designed by the University of Carolina to guide structured teaching for autistic students.

What supports do we offer?

Enrolling in our ASD class provides the student with a dual enrolment in Coláiste Pobail Acla. This means the student has access to the mainstream timetable but can also be withdrawn for support in our ASD class for as much of the day as is needed. Each student enrolled in our ASD class has a timetable that responds to their needs and adapts dynamically as needs change. Clear and constant communication is fostered between the ASD Co-Ordinator and parents/guardians to ensure that the academic, social and emotional needs of their child are being supported.

There is a dedicated teacher present in our ASD class at all times, and students have access to SNA support when and where this need is identified. There is continuous communication between ASD staff and mainstream teachers to ensure a continuity in support and scaffolded learning. Supports and targets are specific for individuals. For some this support may be additional literacy or numeracy interventions. For others, it may be a quiet and calm space to regulate emotions or take time out. For all our ASD class students, social skills are prioritised to develop emotional literacy. Life skills are an integral part of the curriculum. The class can cater for a maximum of six students. Any parent who is seeking a placement for their child for the next academic year is encouraged to apply promptly due to the limited capacity.



Our school's central purpose is the intellectual, moral, physical and social development of each student.

*Tús maith
leath na hoibre*

A good start is half the battle

COLÁISTE POBAIL ACLA

- Encourages students to take part in extra-curricular activities.
- Encourages students to pursue both personal and community targets.
- Provides students with excellent facilities.
- Helps students to get the maximum benefit from their school life.
- Encourages creativity and embraces diversity in a positive learning environment.
- Provides a broadly based curriculum that responds both to the individual student and society.
- Provides a holistic education for all students.



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