

The Junior Cycle curriculum is as follows

Core Subjects (Exam)

- ▶ Gaeilge
- ▶ English
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ French/Spanish

Core Subjects (Non - Exam/Shortcourse)

- ▶ Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE)
- ▶ Civic, Social & Political Education (CSPE)
- ▶ Physical Education (PE)

- ▶ Enrichment Activities (EA)

Taster Programme (Yr 1)

- ▶ Music
- ▶ Art, Craft & Design
- ▶ Religious Education
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Materials Technology Wood (Woodwork)
- ▶ Technical Graphics
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ History

At the end of first year, students indicate their preference for 2 subjects that they wish to continue studying for their JCSEA

The students of Coláiste De Lacy enjoy a growing range of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities that enrich the educational experience, support student personal growth and foster positive relationships. There is a particular emphasis on Music and Sporting activities. The school provides many other learning/development opportunities as part of its unique Enrichment Programme. Such activities include a visitor's programme, collaborative learning projects, student leadership development, and choir ... etc.

Múinteoireacht agus Foghlaim (Teaching and Learning)

Teaching and learning are the core business of schools and as such, a continual focus on the improvement of teaching and learning is a core tenet of Coláiste De Lacy. In keeping with the best national and international practice, it is our whole school policy to encourage the use of various active pedagogic strategies that further the quality of education which our students receive. The staff of Coláiste De Lacy are committed to establishing it as a recognised centre of excellence and innovation. There is an incessant focus on improving teaching and learning in a positive and caring environment.

Enrolment

Students who are due to start first year in 2016 can make an application to Coláiste De Lacy and also to Gaelcholáiste De Lacy for enrolment from **Wednesday 7th October 2015**.

Enrolment Application forms are available from the school website at www.colaistedelacy.ie and also from the school office (*mornings only*). **Fully completed application forms must be submitted to the school.**

Coláiste De Lacy

Killegland Ashbourne County Meath

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3pm on Monday 19th October 2015.

Please note that there will be a limit to the number of entrants that Coláiste De Lacy will be able to accommodate in 2016. The 'Admissions and Participation Policy' of Coláiste De Lacy is available from the school.



Coláiste De Lacy

Under the Patronage of Louth and Meath Education and Training Board

College Prospectus

Príomhoide: Ms Janice Corrigan

Leas-Phríomhoide: Mr David McCormack

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Introduction

Coláiste De Lacy welcomed its first cohort of students in August 2014. It is a brand new co-educational post-primary school located in Ashbourne, Co Meath. Coláiste De Lacy is a school of excellence and as such, it implements a modern and innovative approach to teaching and learning. It aims to provide the best educational experience and developmental opportunities for its students.

The Coláiste operates under the patronage of the Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB), a leader in educational change and the Patron of a wide range of schools, colleges and educational programmes across Meath and Louth. LMETB has a successful history of establishing start-up schools of excellence.

Tumoideachas i gGaelcholáiste De Lacy

The curriculum is delivered through English for the majority of students; however, the curriculum of *Gaelcholáiste De Lacy* (an Aonad lán Ghaeilge) will be delivered through Irish. Gaelcholáiste De Lacy is being established to cater for the strong demand throughout the locality for second level education provision through the medium of Irish. The goal of Gaelcholáiste De Lacy is to provide a comprehensive post-primary education through the medium of Irish in an environment of immersion.

Irish language and culture are extremely important throughout the whole Coláiste.

Suaitheantas Scoile

Although Coláiste De Lacy only commenced in 2014, the philosophical foundations of the coláiste are strong. These principles are represented in the school crest and are explained as follows:



Ár n-Ainm

Coláiste De Lacy is named after **Lord Hugh De Lacy** to reflect the central role played by the De Lacy family in the cultural evolution of the county. Hugh De Lacy, a Norman, donated lands for church, educational and social development throughout County Meath during the 12th Century.

Áras Choláiste De Lacy

The Coláiste is housed in a modern, purpose built, temporary building for the first two years which includes specialist rooms. Coláiste De Lacy is **fully WiFi enabled**, allowing the use of the most up-to-date technologies to facilitate teaching and learning. The plans for a **DES rapid-build programme** for the permanent building are in progress. The permanent building will include a double ASD unit and provision for Gaelcholáiste De Lacy. The permanent building will be constructed in two phases.

Coláiste De Lacy will be a state of the art school designed to the very latest Department of Education and Skills specifications. It will be the **first school in Ireland** to benefit from the revised building specifications which means **larger classrooms** and a **full suite of specialist rooms**. Flexible learning spaces, bright well equipped classrooms and **specialist** rooms for practical subjects, **Science laboratories** and **social spaces** for students will be carefully planned so that the building is attractively designed for optimal learning. The facilities in the permanent building will also include a **music suite**, a **library**, a **gymnasium** with **fitness suite**, **hard core play areas**, a **football field** and a **large canteen/social area**.



Ár bhFís (Our Vision)

An overview of the vision for Coláiste De Lacy and Gaelcholáiste De Lacy is outlined below:

- Student happiness, wellbeing and belonging are core
- Student pride and participation in their school
- Importance of positive relationships and a positive school environment
- Safe and respectful environment supported by good order and organisation
- Valuing of hard work, effort, and creativity
- Focus on positivity, responsibility, relationships and care
- All students achieve their individual best and experience success
- Centres of excellence and innovation for teaching and learning

Coláiste De Lacy is a school where students enjoy coming to school and learn in a safe, respectful, well-structured environment.

Curaclam agus Measúnú (Curriculum and Assessment)

Coláiste De Lacy and Gaelcholáiste De Lacy will offer an extensive range of Department of Education and Skills subjects. The opening of the Coláiste coincides with the implementation of many initiatives including reforms to the Junior Cycle. Coláiste De Lacy is implementing these from day one, putting the school at the forefront of curricular design, innovation and implementation. The school promotes an integrated curriculum, the development of all key skills such as learning to learn, and the use of a range of research based assessment approaches that will not only measure the progress of each student but will also support the learning process. As the school's student cohort expands, the Coláiste will opt to provide the full range of DES programmes at senior cycle level.