



# DAVITT COLLEGE

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COLÁISTE DHAIBHÉID  
*CAISLEÁN AN BHARRAIGH*



**A DYNAMIC AND VIBRANT CENTRE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**  
**IS LÁRIONAD É INA BHFUIL MÚINEADH AGUS FOGHLAIM BEOMHAR AGUS FUINNIÚIL**



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# MISSION STATEMENT

*RÁITEAS MISIN*

Davitt College aims to provide a caring community which, in partnership with parents/guardians, caters for the educational, emotional, physical and spiritual development of its students and facilitates them in reaching their full potential.

## VISION

Davitt College will provide a comprehensive education, which will promote the personal, social, academic, spiritual and vocational development of its students so as to prepare them for their roles as responsible members of society. This will take place in the context of an ethos based on mutual respect between staff and students.

## AIMS

To maintain high standards in all areas of school life.

To uphold high educational attainment and good relationships.

To maintain a positive climate where mutual respect and co-operation are fostered throughout the school community.

To ensure that the educational needs of all students, including those with a disability or other special educational needs, are identified and provided for.

To ensure that students have access to appropriate guidance to assist them in their educational choices.

To promote the moral, spiritual, social and personal development of students.

# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

*FÁILTE ÓN bPRÍOMHOIDE*

I am very pleased to introduce you to the Davitt College Prospectus. We are a co-educational, non-denominational and multicultural school. Our school is a dynamic and innovative centre of teaching and learning. In Davitt College our talented, dedicated and caring staff has created an environment where our holistic approach to education provides all our students with a wide range of academic and practical subjects, together with an extensive range of extracurricular activities as well as programmes in social, health and physical education.

There is something for every student at Davitt College. We have a school community where all students are cared for and are helped reach their full potential. We encourage and expect hard work from our students so that their potential can be attained. We prepare our students for the world of further education, apprenticeships and for future life by preparing them to make the best of their talents and skills. Students consistently achieve distinction in examination results, sports, debating and public speaking, music, art, projects and competitions. Davitt College has a comprehensive suite of school policies and procedures relating to various aspects of school business which are both implemented and reviewed regularly.

We wish all of our new students the very best and hope that they will have a very enjoyable and rewarding time in Davitt College.

**Conor O'Reilly**

*Principal*

*Príomhoide*

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**William Rowan**

*Deputy Principal*

*Príomhoide Tánaisteach*

**Anita Gallagher**

*Deputy Principal*

*Príomhoide Tánaisteach*



# JUNIOR CYCLE

SRAITH SHÓISEARACH

DAVITT COLLEGE OFFERS AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF ACADEMIC AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS AT ALL LEVELS

## SUBJECTS OFFERED:

|                                                |                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Business Studies                               | History                                        |
| Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE) * | Home Economics                                 |
| Digital Media Literacy *                       | Mathematics                                    |
| Engineering                                    | Music                                          |
| English                                        | Wellbeing                                      |
| French                                         | Physical Education *                           |
| Gaeilge                                        | Religious Education                            |
| Geography                                      | Science                                        |
| German                                         | Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) * |
| Graphics                                       | Visual Art                                     |
| Guidance Counselling                           | Wood Technology                                |

\* These subjects form the Wellbeing Curriculum for the Junior Cycle.

## Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP)

This programme is an intervention within the Junior Certificate Programme and provides a curriculum frame-work with an emphasis on active learning and on the development of basic skills. Students are encouraged to enjoy the experience of improvement and success.



# TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

## CLÁR IDIRBHLIANA

Transition Year is available to students who wish to take time before moving into fifth year to build self-confidence, to gain competence in the core academic subjects and to develop personal skills. This one-year optional programme offers the potential for the holistic development of young people as flexible learners, active citizens and workers in the future. It is an interdisciplinary programme with an emphasis on self-regulated learning, personal development, social awareness and entrepreneurial skills. The Transition Year subjects and modules encourage the need for independent analysis and critical thinking.

### SUBJECTS AND MODULES INCLUDE:

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Art                       | History             |
| BT Young Scientist        | Home Economics      |
| Build a Bank Project      | Mathematics         |
| Business                  | Mentoring Programme |
| Career Guidance           | Mini Company        |
| Coaching Courses          | Music               |
| Clár Idirbhliana          | Outdoor Pursuits    |
| Computer Studies          | Peer4Peer Programme |
| Construction Studies      | Physical Education  |
| Debating/ Public Speaking | Politics & Society  |
| Defibrillator Training    | Religious Education |
| Economics                 | Road Safety         |
| Engineering               | School Musical      |
| English                   | School Tour         |
| First Aid                 | Science             |
| French                    | Scifest Project     |
| Gaeilge                   | Social Studies      |
| Gaisce                    | Volunteerism        |
| Geography                 | Work Experience     |
| Green Schools             | Young Entrepreneur  |



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Excellence  
in teaching  
and learning

# LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

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## Leaving Certificate Established

### SUBJECTS OFFERED:

|                                                                                                                             |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Accounting                                                                                                                  | French               |
| Agricultural Science                                                                                                        | Gaeilge              |
| Applied Mathematics                                                                                                         | Geography            |
| Art                                                                                                                         | German               |
| Biology                                                                                                                     | History              |
| Business                                                                                                                    | Home Economics       |
| Chemistry                                                                                                                   | Links Modules        |
| Construction Studies                                                                                                        | Mathematics          |
| Design and Communication Graphics                                                                                           | Music                |
| Economics                                                                                                                   | Physical Education   |
| Engineering                                                                                                                 | Physics              |
| English                                                                                                                     | Politics and Society |
| Non-Exam Subjects: Career Guidance, Physical Education, Relationships & Sexuality Education, Religious Education & S.P.H.E. |                      |

## DAVITT COLLEGE OFFERS THREE LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES:

1. Leaving Certificate (Established) (LCE)
2. Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
3. Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

## Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme involves taking the established Leaving Certificate Examination with additional link modules of Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work. Students wishing to take the LCVP must include specific subject combinations in their choice of subjects for the Leaving Certificate Examination.

## STEAM

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to guide student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. At Davitt College we believe this approach is one which will give pupils life skills which encourages students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process. Here in Davitt College, we prepare our students to be innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!





# Leaving Certificate Applied

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a two-year Leaving Certificate, available to students who wish to follow a practical orientated programme. It makes use of active and student-centred learning methodologies.

## SUBJECT LIST:

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Arts Education                   | Horticulture                        |
| Career Guidance                  | Hotel, Catering and Tourism         |
| Engineering                      | Information Technology              |
| English and Communications       | Maths Applications                  |
| French                           | Physical Education                  |
| Gaeilge                          | Social Education                    |
| German                           | Technology                          |
| Graphic and Construction Studies | Vocational Preparation and Guidance |
| Hair and Beauty                  | Work Experience                     |

“The best is demanded of and expected for each student



# SCHOOL FACILITIES

## ÁISEANNA SCOILE

- State of the art Sports Hall & Gym
- Top of the range data projector in every classroom
- All classrooms networked for internet and wifi access
- Two bright, well equipped Art Rooms with electrically operated kilns
- Five modern, fully equipped Science Labs
- Three fully equipped Woodwork and Construction Studies rooms
- Two fully equipped Engineering Rooms complete with state of the art laser cutter & 3D printer
- Two State of the art DCG/Graphics Rooms
- Two fully equipped Home Economics Rooms
- Music Room
- In specialist classrooms, students have the use of the most up-to-date equipment and machinery to complete coursework
- Fully stocked library catering for study, leisure reading and research
- Assembly hall with canteen facilities
- Career Guidance & Counselling Rooms
- Additional Educational Needs Rooms
- Parents Room
- On-Campus: Gaelic and Soccer Pitches, Basketball Court & Running Track
- Continuous substantial investment & development of ICT infrastructure and equipment

## Recent Campus Developments



**NEW** Science Laboratory & Prep Area



New Art Room



**7 NEW** General Classrooms



Upgrade to Special Classes



**NEW** SET rooms



Additional Toilets



Upgrade to Construction Studies Rooms

# SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

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## Pastoral Care

Students are encouraged to develop self-confidence, take personal responsibility and show respect for self and others. We provide Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.) as part of the formal timetable at Junior Cycle. Davitt College also provides a Pastoral Care System which aims to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being of the student as well as providing pastoral support for parents and guardians. Counselling is part of the Pastoral Care Programme and a counselling service is available to all our students. A student may approach the counsellor or may be referred to the counsellor by a concerned member of the pastoral care team or a concerned parent. The Care Team meets once a week to discuss and address students needs and requirements.



## Mentoring Programme

A Mentoring Programme runs very successfully in the school, in conjunction with Foróige, where First Year students are matched with Senior Students in the school, with a view to making the transition from Primary School to Secondary School as easy as possible.

- Home School Community Liaison Co-Ordinator
- School Completion Programme
- Big Brother/Big Sister Mentoring Programme



## Career Guidance

Guidance Counsellors work with all year groups. In particular, each student is monitored and advised throughout fifth and sixth year on an individual basis. Students are helped with study plans, exam targets, college applications, career options, and when required, personal counselling.



## Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

The HSCL works in an integrated way with all support services. It is the role of the HSCL to support a whole-school approach to improving attendance, participation and retention in education by liaising parents & guardians. They also has a critical role in supporting the development, implementation, evaluation and review of the school's DEIS Action Plan. This is through parental involvement in education and relevant initiatives and interventions that are designed to improve literacy, numeracy and positive engagement.

- Tutor and Year Head System
- Care Team which meets once a week
- Guidance Counsellors
- Learning Support and Resource Teachers for Students with Special Educational Needs



## Additional Educational Needs (AEN)

The AEN Department is central to the success and holistic development of all students who have learning or additional needs. Our school has a highly qualified team of Additional Educational Teachers and Special Needs Assistants who work tirelessly to optimise the teaching and learning process for our students with Additional Educational Needs. The team work closely with students, parents and subject teachers to ensure that these students can maximise their achievements in personal, social and academic spheres. The AENCo will liaise with the Primary Schools, NEPs, parents & students prior to the transition into First Year.



## Models of Provision

- One to one support
- Small group support
- Team teaching
- Specialised Curriculum
- Behavioural Support
- JCSP
- Social and Emotional Support



## School Meals

The School Meals Programme provides healthy free school lunches and snacks for every student throughout the year.

### Special Class

Davitt College have established two Special Classes to cater for the special educational needs of students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Please see the Davitt College Admissions Policy for further information.



# SPORT & ICT

## SPÓRT & TFC

Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities and students learn to lead healthy and active lifestyles which will benefit them as they move through life. We encourage students to take part in a variety of activities both during their PE classes and during extra-curricular activities. Opportunities exist for students to enjoy a wide and varying range of sporting activities throughout the curriculum. There are also regular training sessions for both boys and girls run by the staff during lunchtimes and after school, where everyone is welcome. There is a strong fixture-list for Gaelic Football, Basketball, Soccer, Badminton, Rugby, Swimming, Hurling and Athletic teams throughout the school year. We have a state-of-the art Sports Hall and Gym on campus as well as Gaelic and Soccer pitches, a Running Track and Basketball Court.

“Promoting  
a caring  
community”



## Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

Davitt College has experienced a revolution in innovation in the classroom in recent years. Modern information technology has transformed teaching and learning with the use of projectors, whiteboards and visualisers. ICT is firmly integrated into teaching and learning with ICT rooms, hosting multi-media computers, complete with e-mail and internet access. Classrooms have internet access and are equipped with additional computers, data projectors and interactive whiteboards. Davitt College is a recognised test centre for Microsoft Office (MOS).

Students will be equipped with a range of skills from using mathematics to fostering critical thinking and will become “digital creators” rather than just “digital users”. The new Junior Cycle, aims to ensure that our students develop key skills that are necessary for lifelong learning. It will give our students more opportunities to engage actively in their own learning and to use their clever and creative energies.

Davitt College uses Microsoft Office365 as the main IT platform for teaching and learning to enhance collaboration in all subject areas. Every student upon enrolment to Davitt College will obtain a school email address. This provides access to free Microsoft Software such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint that can be downloaded on students and parent’s personal devices.





# SCHOOL STRUCTURE

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## Board of Management

Davitt College is a Second Level School under the auspices of Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board and has a Board of Management comprising of representatives from Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim ETB, Parents' Council and staff.



## Parents Council

The Parents' Council is an active and supportive feature of the school community. Membership of the council is open to parents/guardians of all students attending Davitt College. The Parents' Council is elected annually at the A.G.M. in September/ October and meets once a month throughout the school year.



## Student Council

The Student Council consists of a representative body elected from and by the general cohort of students in the school. The Student Council gives students the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns and also to play an active role in decision making in the school.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR

SEACH-CHURACLAIM

- BT Young Scientist Competition
- Scifest Project
- Gaisce Awards
- Peer4Peer Programme
- Build-a-Bank Challenge
- Junk Kouture Project
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Annual School Musical
- European School Tours
- Green Schools Programme
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Chess
- Horse Riding and Equestrian Events
- Choir and Carol Recital
- Literary and Poetry Competitions
- Defibrillator Training
- Golf
- Swimming
- Volunteerism
- First Aid Training
- Crochet & Craft
- Ciorcal Comhrá

## The Arts

Davitt College prides itself on its long-established involvement with the Arts. For many years the school has produced school musicals of outstanding quality. The involvement of so many dedicated staff interacting, coaching and encouraging the students has given the school its outstanding reputation. Our school choir and orchestra perform at official school functions and community events.



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## Davitt College Admissions Process

Please visit [www.davittcollege.com/enrolment](http://www.davittcollege.com/enrolment) for all information regarding the Admission Process and the timeline for the application process.

## Special Class Admission

Parents Notify is an online form to let the NCSE know that you are seeking a place for your child in a Special School or Special Class. Once the form is submitted, the NCSE will review your information. If the reports provided meet the criteria, you will receive an eligibility letter. This letter is required when applying for a Special Class or a Special School. This process is outlined in Department of Education Circular 0039/2025. Please visit [www.ncse.ie](http://www.ncse.ie) for more information.