



# Our Lady's College Galway

*Excellence Together*



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*The holistic development of each of our students is of the utmost importance to us.*

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## Our School

City centre location

Small class sizes

Book rental for all students

Supervised evening study

Award Winning Canteen (open for breakfast from 8 a.m.)

Wide range of subject choice

After school activities

Zero tolerance of Bullying

Intensive 1<sup>st</sup> Year Induction Programmes

Only school in Galway to offer Polish language tuition at both Junior & Senior Cycle

## A Caring & Supportive Community

Our Lady's College Galway is a friendly, open and inclusive school where your daughter will be happy. A smooth transition from Primary school is supported through an intensive induction & transition programme, which starts in June and continues until the end of first term. Our Big Sisters Programme ensures that all first years have someone to turn to who will be there for them from their first day in the school. Our Student Support Services continue throughout your daughter's education in our school

## Student Support Services

- Excellent Pastoral Care
- Big Sister Mentoring Programme
- One to one mentoring
- Homework Clubs
- Wellbeing classes
- Career Guidance for all year groups
- Year Heads & Student Care Team

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*A commitment to small class sizes in each year group ensures everyone knows everyone.*

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## Extra-curricular & Enrichment Programmes

Students are encouraged to be the very best they can be in all areas of their lives. Sport, music and a variety of extra-curricular activities are central to the life of the school. Students in all year groups participate in our Social Conscience & Outreach Programmes. Some of our programmes and activities include:

- Rowing, Basketball, Swimming & Volleyball
- Choir, Drama & Musicals
- School Tours
- Lunchtime Clubs
- Student Council
- Green Schools
- Face Buddies, Young Hearts
- World Wise Global Schools
- GAISCE Awards
- Student Leadership Programmes
- Debating
- Community Links – IBM
- Skills at Work Programme
- Junior Achievement



# A Learning Community



*Our curriculum is broad and designed to ensure that every student reaches her potential. We work hard to provide the best learning opportunities for all our students, who we expect to work hard, behave well and take responsibility for their learning.*

## Junior Cycle

From September 2019, first year students will study the new Junior Cycle Specifications for all subjects. We offer first year students a Taster Programme where they sample our **three** modern foreign languages and **four** option subjects, before making a final decision.

## Subjects

- English
- Gaeilge
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- Business studies
- SPHE
- CSPE
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Technology
- Visual Art
- Music
- Home Economics
- PE
- New Junior Cycle Short Course in **Polish as a Heritage Language**
- Science
- Wellbeing

*After completing the Junior Certificate, students have the option of three routes of study.*

## Transition Year (optional)

Students follow school designed courses in core subjects and have opportunities to explore new subjects. T.Y provides a one-year personal exploratory journey in which students can learn more about themselves, their talents, abilities and attitudes to others and society in general. Some of the programmes in this year include:

- Chinese
- Development education
- Mini company
- GAISCE Awards
- Face Buddies
- World Wise Global Schools
- Work Experience
- Career Guidance
- Mentoring
- Outreach Art Projects
- Green Schools

## Leaving Certificate

The Leaving Certificate is a two year programme. Subjects offered are based on the needs of the students each year. Subjects are offered at both ordinary and higher level.

- English, Gaeilge, Maths
- French, German, Spanish
- Art, Music
- Home Economics
- Technology
- Geography, History
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Business, Accounting
- RE, PE
- Career Guidance classes
- Tuition in Polish Language for Leaving Certificate

Students can also follow the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

## QQI Level 4 General Learning

Offered as an alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate, this is a two year programme leading to a Level 4 QQI Award. On successful completion, students will have an opportunity to progress to further education/QQI Level 5 Awards.

Modules studied include:

- Communications
- Functional Maths
- Food & Nutrition
- Personal Effectiveness
- Career Planning
- Word Processing
- Information Technology
- Painting
- Work Experience

Students also participate in a variety of outreach and community programmes such as Young Hearts.

