



# INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL KILLORGLIN

## PROSPECTUS



## OVER A CENTURY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A school where the holistic education of Students  
is the focus of the entire school community

The Department of Education & Science



## MISSION STATEMENT

The School is open to all young people acknowledging their different beliefs. The School wishes to educate its pupils, in happy and pleasant surroundings and to achieve their potential, to develop their talents, to strive for excellence and to search for truth.

The aim of the School is to produce a concerned Christian who is conscious of their dignity as a person, is familiar with their heritage and is equipped to take their place in their own environment.

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The Intermediate School Killorglin is a unique, family-run school that has always been proud of its place in our community. We have always sought to instil in our students a strong work ethic, a feeling of comradeship, a sense of dedication and conviviality. We understand the pressures faced by young people and provide help and encouragement to all. After 100 years of educating the young men and women of the region we have a thorough understanding of what teaching is about, but we are always learning, that is one of the many great aspects of education. We strive to live up to the values of our Mission Statement and our school crest, *Virtus et Veritas* (Truth and Courage). We understand the importance of nurturing individual aspiration, whatever that may be, as well as contributing to our community. Generations of families have come to the school for over a century and we have been privileged to provide each student with a unique education. We are immensely proud of all our pupils, past and present and if you choose to continue your education with us, you will be joining us in exciting times.

From humble beginnings on Market Street we have progressed to a state-of-the-art campus overlooking the stunning MacGillycuddys Reeks. Our science block is the most recent addition in a new era at the Intermediate School Killorglin; a three floor development that has not only transformed the façade of the school but also greatly enhanced our capabilities in the fields of science and technology.

This is the latest stage in our expansion including world class AstroTurf pitches which are widely used by our community, a new highly resourced library, an all-inclusive learning support department, transition year and several new classrooms. All of which combine to enable us to provide a broad spectrum of subjects and activities.

I am proud to lead a highly experienced staff who continuously aim to achieve success for all of our students. I wish you well on your educational journey and hope that you will be part of our new generation on the path to continued success.

I look forward to welcoming you in September.

Joe O'Dwyer

Joe O'Dwyer  
Principal



# WHY THE ISK IS FOR YOU

The Intermediate School Killorglin prides itself on more than just academic excellence – there is something for everyone. While we are proud of our unequalled results, the Intermediate School Killorglin offers a life experience that stands to our graduates long after they leave our doors. There are many reasons for this and in these pages we explain how our experienced staff, broad curriculum and cutting-edge facilities combine to create a holistic approach to education.



40 Minute Classes



- Unrestricted Choice of Options ●
- 22 Subjects in 1st Year ●
- 22 Subjects at Junior Cycle ●
- 23 Subjects at Senior Cycle ●
- Transition Year ●
- LCVP Options at Senior Cycle ●

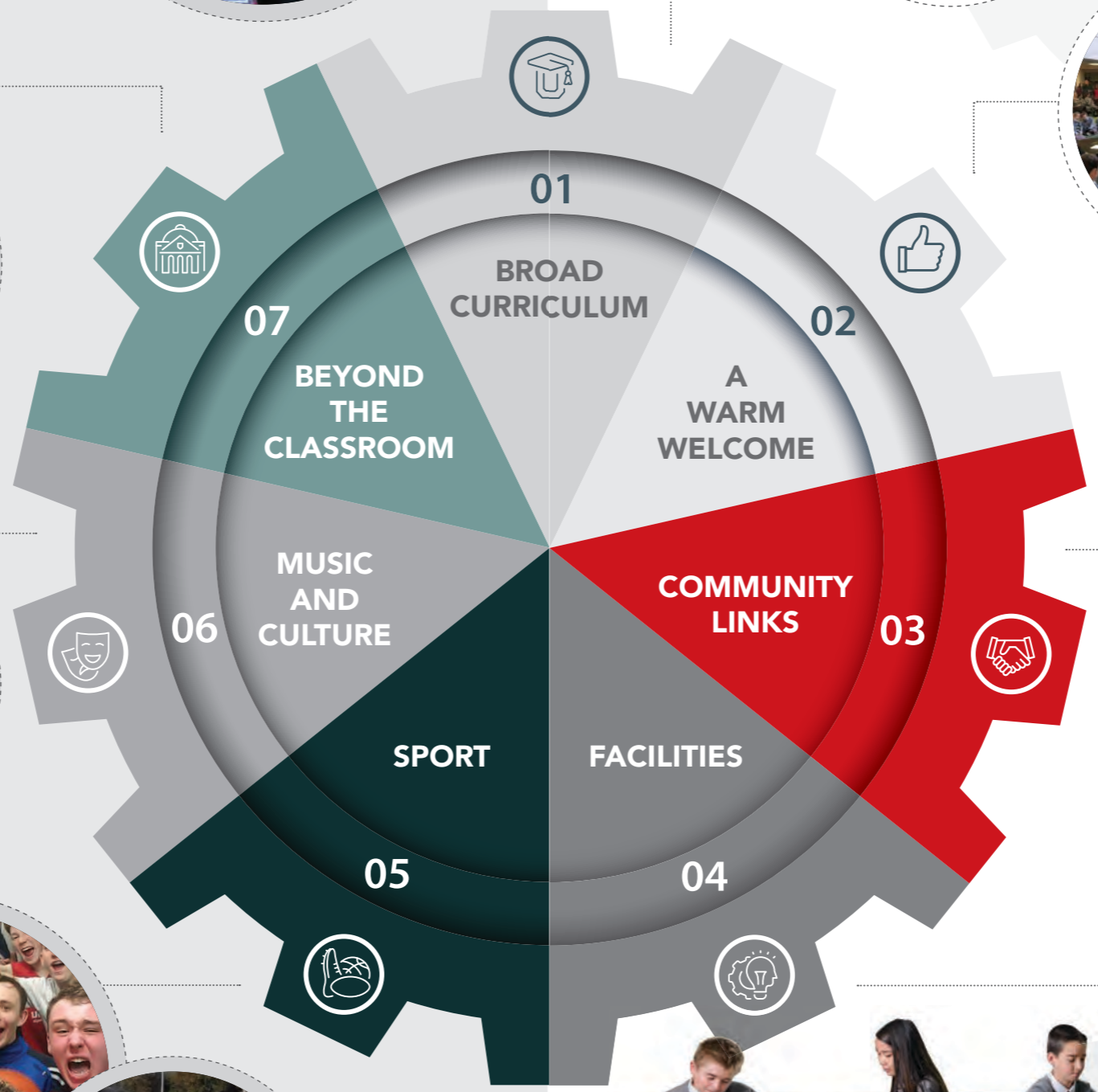
- School Tours – Spain, Italy, France, Germany, The Netherlands
- Science Week, SciFest and Science Quizzes
- Green Schools
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Student Council
- Young Scientist of the Year
- Foreign Exchanges
- Young Entrepreneur
- Book Club
- Maths Quizzes
- School Masses
- Trips to 3rd Level Colleges
- Chess
- First Aid



- In-house, drum, guitar and piano lessons
- Christmas Carol Service
- School Show/Musical
- Weekly Recitals
- School Choir
- Arts Festival
- Trad Group
- Set Dancing
- K-Fest
- Art Gallery Visits
- Theatre and Cinema Visits



- Rugby
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Horse-riding
- Futsal
- Rowing
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Golf
- Gaelic Football
- Athletics



- Friendly Environment ●
- “Getting to Know You” Days ●
- Care Team: Class Tutor, Year Head, Peer Mentors, School Counsellor ●



- St. Vincent De Paul
- Killorglin Tidy Towns
- Fexco
- Supervalu
- Astellas
- Bank of Ireland
- Killorglin Rowing Club
- Killorglin Day Care Centre
- Focus Ireland
- Archive Society
- Cappanalea Outdoor Education Centre



- Astro Turf pitches
- Canteen
- New Science Block
- Art Room
- Tennis Court
- Woodwork Room
- Basketball Court
- New LS Room
- Library
- DCG Room



# FIRST STEPS ON YOUR PATH TO THE ISK



**1**  
**OPEN DAY - AUTUMN**

This is your opportunity to view the school buildings and all that's on offer at the Intermediate School Killorglin.

**2**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Enclosed in your pack you will find: an application form, an image consent form and an internet acceptable usage form, all to be completed and returned to the school.

**3**

**ASSESSMENT DAY - SPRINGTIME**

Pupils are invited to the school to take an assessment. Don't worry, this is not an exam, it's just a way for us to get to know you better, support your learning and prioritise your strengths.

**4**

**TERM 1 ACTIVITIES**

Days out and fun activities are a great way for all of us to get to know each other. We have lots planned for this first term, including: a trip to Cappanalea, climbing Seefin Mountain and the Cheerios breakfast morning, as well as a bake sale, a fun run, a public speaking competition, sporting events and much, much more.



## WHAT HAPPENS ON YOUR VERY FIRST DAY

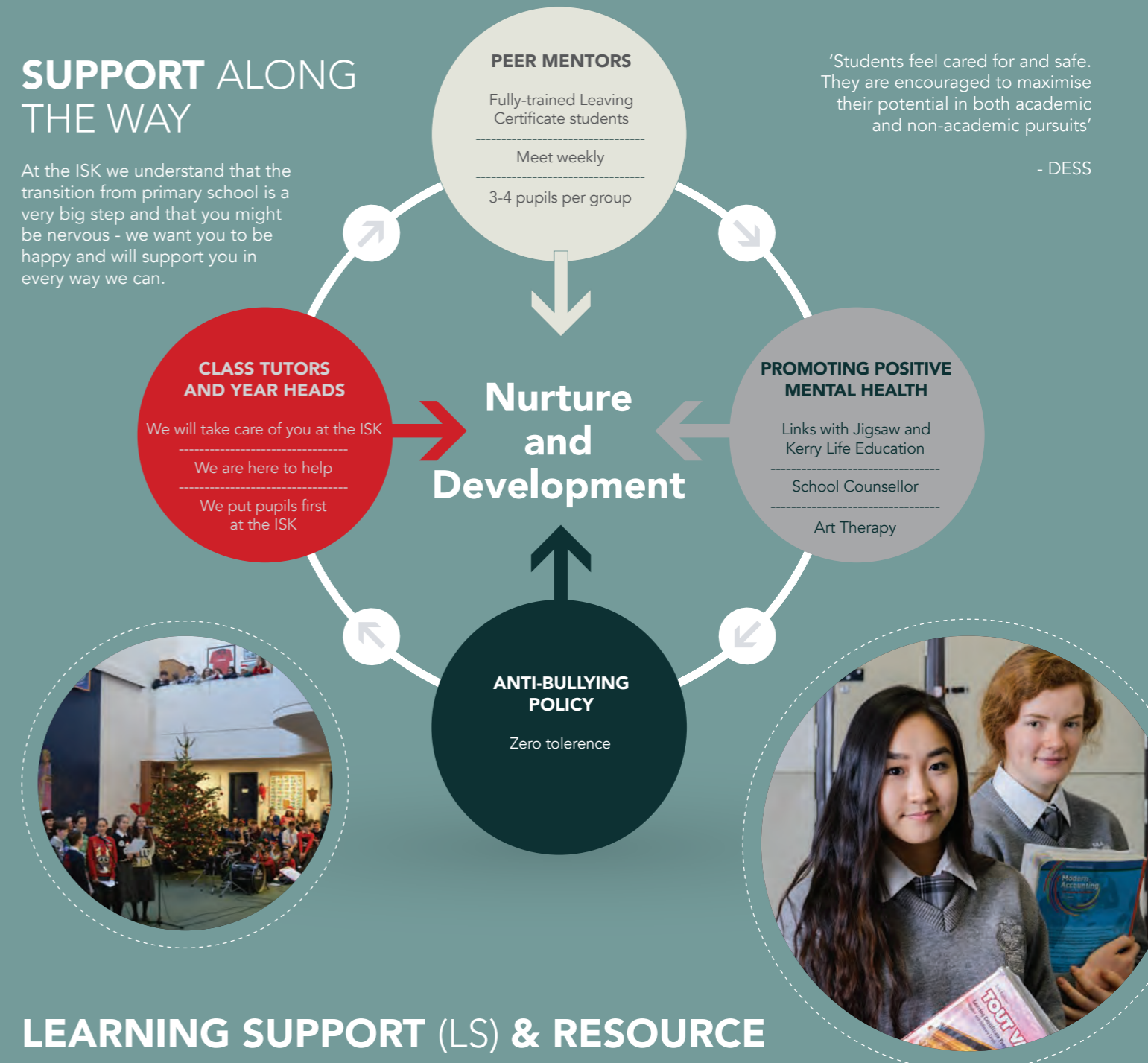
We all gathered in the area just inside the main door which everyone knows as 'The Well'. We were welcomed by our Principal, Deputy Principal and Year Head and we were then assigned to our class group, here we met our Tutors for the first time. After that, we were taken on a tour of the school by our teachers and shown to our home-room where we received a school journal. It's one of the many new books we have this year and we were also assigned a locker to help store them. It was a busy first day but our teachers and mentors made us feel really welcome.

- First Year Student



## SUPPORT ALONG THE WAY

At the ISK we understand that the transition from primary school is a very big step and that you might be nervous - we want you to be happy and will support you in every way we can.



**PEER MENTORS**

Fully-trained Leaving Certificate students

Meet weekly

3-4 pupils per group

'Students feel cared for and safe. They are encouraged to maximise their potential in both academic and non-academic pursuits'

- DESS

**CLASS TUTORS AND YEAR HEADS**

We will take care of you at the ISK

We are here to help

We put pupils first at the ISK

**Nurture and Development**

**PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH**

Links with Jigsaw and Kerry Life Education

School Counsellor

Art Therapy

**ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**

Zero tolerance



## LEARNING SUPPORT (LS) & RESOURCE

### WHO WE ARE

- Highly skilled core team
- Exceptional SNAs
- Open-door policy
- Very positive attitude towards LS

### PROVISION OF LS

- Withdrawal system from non-academic classes
- LS tailored to meet the individual needs of the child
- Student Support Files
- Differentiated timetables
- Transfer meetings with primary schools

### IDENTIFYING STUDENTS

- STEN scores from Primary school
- Professional reports
- Standardised tests
- In-house exam results
- Listening to parents
- Liaising with mainstream teachers

If your child received Learning Support in primary school, has a Professional Report or simply needs that extra bit of help, contact the school at any time and a member of the LS team will speak with you. If a need is identified we will act where necessary and your child will receive the support needed. Please send in any Professional Reports or language exemptions as soon as possible as your child may be eligible for support.

'An excellent rapport between teachers and students was evident' - DESS

# A TYPICAL DAY AT THE ISK

## 8:50AM SCHOOL BEGINS

Tutor time  
Go to locker  
Get organised for the day



## MORNING

9:00 - 1st class  
9:40 - 2nd class  
10:20 - 3rd class

## 11:00AM BREAK TIME

10 minutes  
Bring or buy a snack  
Go to locker

## MID MORNING

11:10 - 4th class  
11:50 - 5th class

## 12:30PM LUNCH TIME

45 minutes  
Canteen open  
Lunchtime activities  
Go to locker

## AFTERNOON

1:20 - 6th class  
2:00 - 7th class  
2:40 - 8th class  
3:20 - 9th Class

## 4:00PM HOME TIME

Leave any books you don't need in locker  
Supervised study  
Afterschool activities

Half Day on Wednesday

Student Awards Ceremony

## AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Music & Drama  
Sport  
Public speaking  
Afterschool study  
Club de Francais  
SciFest



## KEEPING PARENTS INVOLVED

### FACE TO FACE

- Open day
- Annual Parent-Teacher meetings
- Information evenings for parents on subject choices at Junior & Senior cycle
- School tour information meetings for parents
- Internet safety talks for parents and students
- Parents' Association

## CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION

- [www.isk.ie](http://www.isk.ie)
- Text service for parents
- Newsletter each term
- Report cards available online each term using a personalised password
- Student journal to facilitate Parent-Teacher communication
- ISK School App

All school documents & policies available online at [www.isk.ie](http://www.isk.ie)



End of year BBQ for 1st years and their parents

# DESIGNING YOUR FUTURE



## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Subjects

### 14 Core Subjects

English	Science	CSPE
Irish	Art	SPHE
Maths	Music	Wellbeing
History	Computers	RE
Geography	PE	

### Then Choose ANY 3 from these 8 Options

French	Home Economics	Business
German	Wood Technology	Extra Maths & English
Spanish	Technical Graphics	



## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Subjects - Junior Cycle

### 12 Core Subjects

English	Geography	CSPE
Irish	Science	SPHE
Maths	Computers	Wellbeing
History	PE	RE

Parents/Guardians of 1st year pupils will be invited to a meeting in February to offer advice on subject choice for the Junior Certificate

### Then Choose ANY 3 from these 10 Options

French	Home Economics	Business
German	Wood Technology	Art
Spanish	Technical Graphics	Music
		Extra Maths & English

*'The school is rightly proud of its strong academic achievements and particularly the high number of students who study subjects a HigherLevel' - DESS*

# Transition Year



## Transition Year Programme

Core	Subject Sampling	Modules	Sample of Activities
Irish	Physics	Gaisce	Microsoft Dreamspace
English	Chemistry	Community/Entrepreneurship	Ploughing Championships
Maths	Biology	Performance & Culture	Mock Trial
PE	Agricultural Science	Driver Education	Yoga
Languages	Geography	Car Maintenance	Mallow Driving School
Mindfulness	History	Coding	Careers Day
Religion	Music	Digital Media	Farm Walk
	Art	School Magazine	Listowel Food Fair
	Home Economics	GAA Future Leader Programme	Killarney Musical Society Show
	Accounting		Art Gallery
	Business		Carol Singing
	Economics		Kerry Co Enterprise Awards
			Tralee Bay Wetlands
			Fashion Show
			3 one week blocks of work experience
			First Aid
			Balance Expo



# DESIGNING YOUR FUTURE

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Subjects - Senior Cycle



### 5 Core Subjects

English	Maths	RE
Irish	PE	

Parents/Guardians of 3rd year pupils will be invited to a meeting in February to offer advice on subject choice for the Leaving Certificate

### Then Choose ANY 4 from these 18 Options

Languages	Sciences	Humanities	Practical Subjects	Business
French	Physics	Geography	Home Economics	Accounting
German	Chemistry	History	Construction	Business
Spanish	Biology	Music	DCG	Economics
	Agricultural Science	Art		
	Applied Maths			

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is another option at Senior Cycle at the Intermediate School Killorglin.

Study Skills for 1st, 3rd and 6th years



No restriction on option choice

School Masses



'High expectations are set for students and they are encouraged to study subjects at higher level whenever possible' - DESS

# THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

The Intermediate School Killorglin prides itself on an excellent record of academic performance. This is achieved by encouraging high expectations through hard work and dedicated teaching. Our students consistently excel in State Examinations.

On average 93% of our Leaving Certificate students are offered 3rd Level courses in universities and colleges throughout Ireland and the UK.

A high proportion of our Leaving Certificate students are awarded Third-Level entrance scholarships based on outstanding academic and sporting achievements.

A number of our past pupils have been awarded the prestigious JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship.

Past pupils have also received entrance scholarships to:

- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University of Limerick
- Mary Immaculate College
- University College Dublin



# WHERE OUR STUDENTS GO

### DUBLIN (TCD, UCD, DIT, DCU, St. Patrick's College, Baldonnell)

- Actuarial Science
- Air Corps Cadetship
- Architecture
- Commerce
- English History & Philosophy
- Economics
- Finance
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Primary Teaching
- Veterinary

### CLARE (Shannon College)

- Hotel Management

### LIMERICK (UL, MIC, LIT, Pallaskerry)

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Construction management
- European Studies
- Law
- PE Teaching
- Physiotherapy
- Primary Teaching
- Quantity Surveying
- Science Teaching
- Sports Science

### GALWAY (NUIG, GMIT, AIT)

- Arts
- Commerce
- Engineering
- Athletic & Rehabilitation Therapy
- Law
- Psychology
- Science

### STUDYING ABROAD

- Occupational Therapy
- Astronomy
- Nursing
- Veterinary

### CORK (UCC, CIT, Coláiste Stiofán Naofa, St. John's College)

- Arts
- Biological and Biopharmaceutical Science
- Business Information Systems
- Biological and Chemical Science
- Commerce
- Engineering
- Finance
- Finance and Accounting
- Law
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Nutritional Science
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychology
- Science
- Social Care
- Social Science
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Sociology

### KERRY (IT Tralee, Liebherr Killarney, ETB, KCCE)

- Animation
- Agricultural Engineering
- Business
- Computers
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Engineering
- Event Management Studies
- Mechanical Automation
- Media Studies
- Metal Fabrication
- Nursing
- PLC Courses

### SLIGO (St Angela's College)

- Home Economics Teaching



Inspiring Excellence

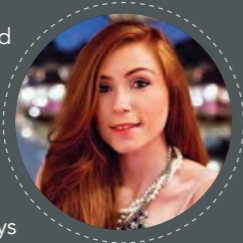
## TESTIMONIALS

"I knew I was in the right place when I walked through the front door of the school and the first thing I saw was a beautiful Grand Piano. I can remember days where I would finish school football training and go straight to practice for the school's concert, no need to warm up the voice in those days. The whole architecture of the school is designed like Shakespeare's Globe, we like to call it 'The Well', and the halls are filled with poets and artists, who happened to also be teachers"



**Muiris Crowley**  
Actor and Director

"I run my own business here in New York and there's a quote that has always stuck with me 'fail to prepare, prepare to fail', a mantra used by Mr. Moynihan at every training session. I learned many of life's lessons at the Intermediate School Killorglin and I couldn't recommend my experience there enough. From academics to sports, I was always encouraged to go the extra mile and I'm forever grateful for those five years that I spent there surrounded by positive, encouraging and inspiring people."



**Erica Fox**  
New York based Fashion Blogger

"My progression into political life was helped enormously by the experience I got in debating and public speaking at the Intermediate School Killorglin, just some of the broad range of skills on offer there. The Intermediate School Killorglin gave me a great start in life by providing a well-rounded education that focused on personal development in parallel to academic achievement. I am always impressed by the constant investment and development of facilities at the school whenever I visit"



**Brendan Griffin TD**  
Minister of State for Tourism and Sport

From my first day walking into the Intermediate School Killorglin until my last, I encountered an environment that was varied, challenging and supportive, perfect for any young student to learn. My time spent in the school played a key role in shaping the person I am today and I can't overstate just how much of a positive influence my time in the school had on me from a sporting, academic and, most importantly, personal perspective. The craic was good as well!"



**Peter Crowley** -  
Kerry Senior Footballer

"What I appreciate most about the Intermediate School Killorglin is the amount of opportunities that opened up to me when I walked through the doors, including the wide choice of subjects and the range of extra-curricular activities. Teachers are always ready and willing to do their utmost to help me and this has allowed me to reach my full potential as a student. - **6th Year Pupil**



"I chose the Intermediate School Killorglin as I rightly believed it would be the place where my academic and sporting activities could thrive. I had already trained in the Dragon's Den every weekend, so I was very familiar with my surroundings. When I asked past pupils and parents about the school, I was met with words such as 'fantastic and inspiring'. One past pupil said he never wanted to leave; now



I understand his feeling! From day one the teachers were understanding, warm, helpful, kind, considerate, friendly, personal and open. No wonder the atmosphere is buzzing." - **1st Year Pupil**

"The Intermediate School provides a cosmopolitan education in rural Kerry, inspiring its students to lift their eyes and their aspirations beyond the local to embrace a wider world with limitless horizons. All students are welcome in the school. There is an ethos of care and understanding for each one, together with encouragement and guidance to reach his/her full potential. The rich innovative and inclusive curriculum, incorporating the humanities, the arts, the sciences, business studies and sports, facilitates the development of the all-rounded young adult with a quiet self-confidence, ready to face the world." - **Mary Clifford** - Parent & Grandparent



You always worry when your children travel new paths but it was obvious from an early stage that there was little to fear when they started at the ISK. Discipline was the building block upon which respect was fostered and this, to quote my eldest, ultimately helped make the Intermediate School "a very happy place".



From the very beginning, fun events are incorporated into the academic year. Climbing Seefin was one of the first challenges for the young teenagers and visits too to Cappanalea offered a welcome change from the classroom.

A wide variety of subjects provided an opportunity to explore so many areas of interest, music being one example, something I took particular delight in as the house was filled with endless melodies. That passion for music was instilled by the teachers and the promotion of traditional music allowed a variety of musicians to get together and friendships ensued. Recitals in 'The Well' were also treasured memories and their popularity testament to the confidence instilled by the teaching staff. Sports too were well catered for with great input from teachers who cultivated teamwork as well as individuality within the class room walls and beyond. From my kids' perspective, they were delighted that visits to athletics and cross-country events were encouraged with dedicated training after-school, while the school was passionate about football, rugby and hockey too.

Public speaking and debating gave my kids the chance to participate - or simply listen to opinions - and this further embellished the student experience.

One of the highlights of their tenure was the 4th Year visit to Paris - they were given the freedom to travel the Metro, galleries were visited and the wonderful architecture of the city observed.

All through school my kids were reminded of people less fortunate and the importance of giving. It's all thanks to the standard of teaching which I found to be exceptional over all these years.

The ISK is a large family with great role models and this allows the young person to develop and learn skills that will endure. I can certainly vouch for that. **Mary Clifford** - Mother of five past pupils



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