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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 over 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 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 MacGillycuddy's 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 which includes world class all-weather pitches widely used by our community, a highly resourced library, an all-inclusive learning support department and we offer an outstanding transition year programme. It all combines 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 achieving more than just academic excellence – there is something for everyone. While we are proud of our superb 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.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



- School Tours – European Destinations
- Science Week, SciFest and Science Quizzes
- Green Schools
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Student Council
- Foreign Exchanges
- Young Entrepreneur
- Book Club
- Maths Quizzes
- School Masses
- Trips to 3rd Level Colleges
- Chess and Board Games
- First Aid
- Parents' Association
- Spelling Bee
- Table Tennis



MUSIC AND CULTURE



- In-house Fiddle, Guitar and Piano Lessons
- Christmas Carol Service
- Fashion Show/Musical
- Weekly Recitals
- School Choir
- Community Cultural Events
- Trad Group
- K-Fest
- Art Gallery Visits
- Theatre and Cinema Visits



SPORT



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| ● Rugby | ● Soccer |
| ● Tennis | ● Athletics |
| ● Basketball | ● Golf |
| ● Rowing | ● Gaelic Football |
| ● Swimming | ● Hockey |



FACILITIES



40 Minute
Classes



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

A BROAD CURRICULUM



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A WARM HELLO



Friendly Environment ●
'Getting to Know You' Days ●
School Therapy Dog ●
Care Team: Class Tutor, Year Head, ●
Peer Mentors, School Counsellor ●



St. Vincent de Paul ●
Killorglin Tidy Towns ●
School Bank ●
Killorglin Day Care Centre ●
Focus Ireland ●
Archive Society ●
Pieta House ●
Local businesses ●
UHK Palliative Care ●



COMMUNITY LINKS



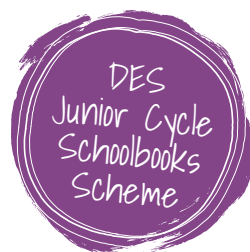
All-weather pitches ●
Indoor & Outdoor Basketball Courts ●
Canteen ●
Specialist Science Block ●
Art Room ●
Tennis Courts ●
Woodwork Room ●
Library ●
DCG Room ●
Computer Suites ●
Dedicated Learning ●
Support Room ●
Cubbie Sensory Hub ●



ISK Variety Show
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FIRST STEPS ON YOUR PATH TO THE ISK



1

Open Evening - Each autumn we invite you in to meet us and view our extensive facilities.

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A 'get to know you' Football Blitz - In the springtime we invite 5th and 6th class pupils from local schools to take part in our Blitz.

2

Application Form - This can be found at the back of your prospectus. Complete and return to school.

5

Information Afternoon - In May, incoming pupils and their parents/guardians are invited in to find out more about starting 1st year at the ISK.

3

Letter of offer - This letter will include an enrolment pack with all relevant documents to be filled in and returned.

6

Introductory Meetings - In June our new families will meet with the Principal or Deputy Principal.



Seefin Mountain Climb
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SETTLING IN AT THE ISK

Half-Day
on
Wednesday

On your very first day you will begin to make lifelong friends. It is an informal half-day to help ease the transition. Your year group will be the only students on campus that day.

- All incoming students will gather in 'The Well' – this open-plan area is the hub of the school and a meeting point for all students.
- Our Principal, Mr. O' Dwyer, will welcome you to the ISK, and Deputy Principal Mr. Conway will talk to you about settling in and what is expected of ISK students. He will also tell you what class group you are in.
- You will then be introduced to your Year Heads and Class Tutors who will be on hand to support you throughout the year.
- Next you will be split into smaller groups and taken on a tour of the school before being shown to your home-room.
- You will break for 30 minutes and meet back in The Well where you will receive your timetable and school diary which also includes study tips and guidance on areas such as wellness.
- On that day, school will finish at 12:30.

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' ACTIVITIES

Days out and fun activities are a great way for us all to get to know each other and we have lots planned, including:

- A fun day of water activities
- Seefin Mountain climb
- Cheerios breakfast morning
- Bake sale
- Annual fun run
- Rugby blitz
- Lunchtime soccer tournament
- After-school sports training
- Table Tennis



Fun Run
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Student
Awards
Ceremony



A TYPICAL DAY AT THE ISK



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:50AM SCHOOL BEGINS	MORNING	11:00AM BREAK TIME	MID MORNING	12:30PM LUNCH TIME	AFTERNOON	4:00PM HOME TIME
-----	9:00 -	-----	-----	-----	1:20 -	-----
Tutor time	1st class	10 minutes	11:10 -	50 minutes	6th class	Leave any
Go to locker	9:40 -	Bring or	4th class	Canteen	2:00 -	books you
Get organised	2nd class	buy a	11:50 -	open	7th class	don't need in
for the day	10:20 -	snack	5th class	Lunchtime	2:40 -	your locker
	3rd class	Go to		activities	8th class	Supervised
		locker		Go to locker	3:20 -	study
					9th Class	Afterschool
						activities

KEEPING PARENTS INVOLVED

FACE TO FACE

- Open evening in October
- Information evening in May prior to your first day
- Annual Parent-Teacher meetings
- Information evenings for parents on subject choices at Junior & Senior cycle
- School tour information meetings for parents
- Internet & phone safety talks for parents and students
- Parents' Association
- End of year BBQ for 1st years and their parents/guardians



CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION

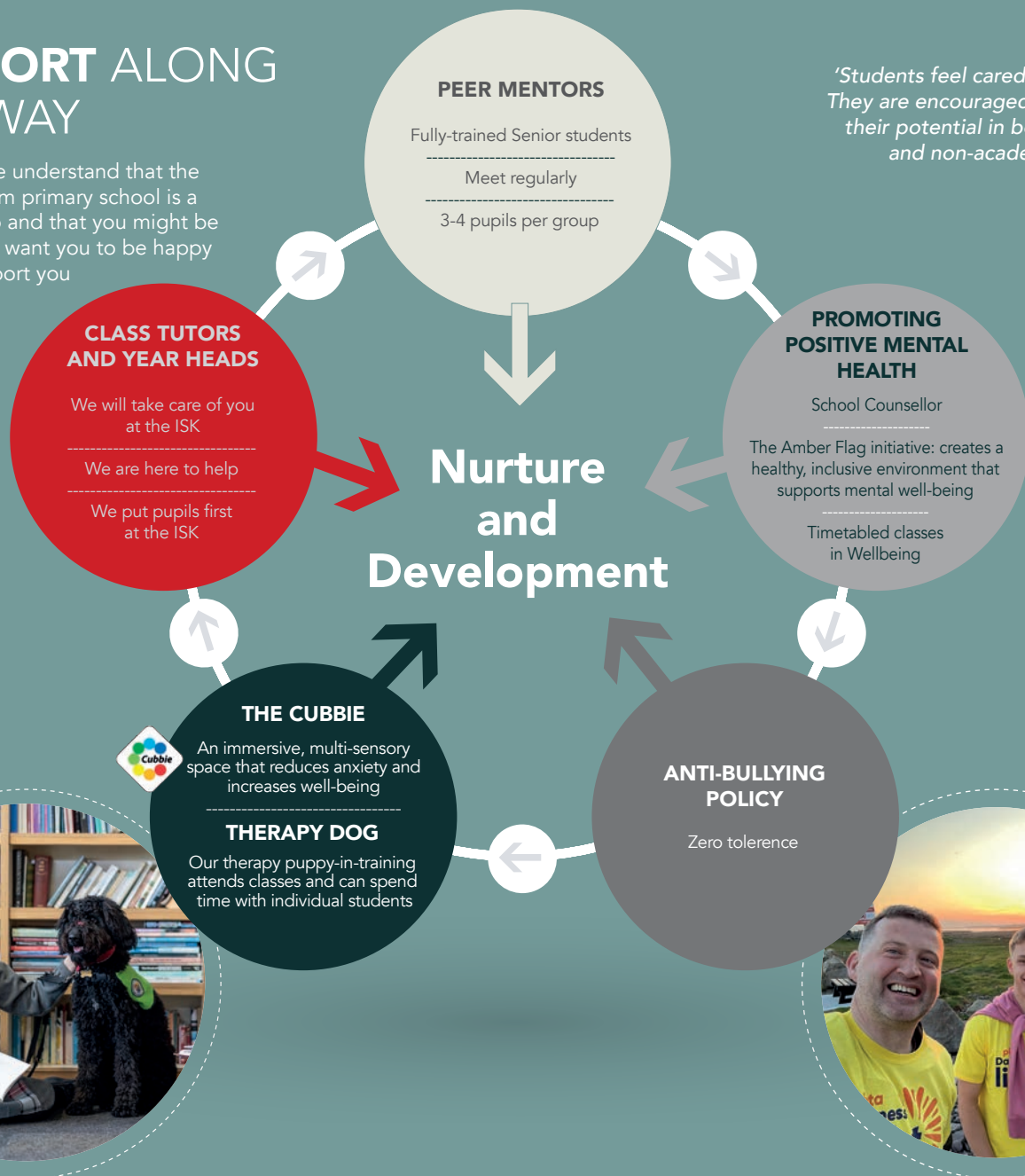
- ISK school app
- ISK website: isk.ie
- Text service for parents
- Report cards available online each term using a personalised password
- Student journal to facilitate Parent-Teacher communication
- Microsoft 365 incl Teams: Each student is set up with a personal email and an Office365 account to utilise Microsoft apps including Word, PowerPoint and Teams on PCs/Macs and/or on any mobile device



All school documents & policies available online at isk.ie

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.



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

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
- Dedicated LS room
- Cubbie Sensory Hub
- Timetabled extra English/Maths classes
- Team Teaching
- Differentiated Teaching and Learning

IDENTIFYING STUDENTS

- Professional reports
- STEN scores from primary school
- 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' - DES

DESIGNING YOUR FUTURE - JUNIOR CYCLE

1st Year Subjects

15 Core Subjects

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



Then Choose ANY 3 from these 8 Options

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



2nd and 3rd 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	Extra Maths & English	Business
German	Home Economics	Art
Spanish	Wood Technology	Music
	Graphics	

'The school is rightly proud of its strong academic achievements and particularly the high number of students who study subjects at Higher Level' - DES

DESIGNING YOUR FUTURE - SENIOR CYCLE

5th and 6th 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 17 Options

Languages	Sciences	Humanities	Practical Subjects	Business
French	Physics	Geography	Home Economics	Accounting
Spanish	Chemistry	History	Construction Studies	Business
	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.



No
restriction
on option
choice

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



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



WHAT IS **TRANSITION YEAR**?

This is a one-year programme that is the first year of a three-year senior cycle. It is a bridge between the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate programmes.

WHY DO **TRANSITION YEAR**?

Pupils have the added bonus of completing 20% of core subject material at Leaving Certificate.

Sample senior-cycle subjects including Sciences, Languages & Humanities to aid subject choice for Leaving Certificate.

The average age of pupils entering 3rd level education has risen to 19.6 years. TY is a constructive opportunity to allow personal development and maturity.

TY offers the opportunity of work experience, developing life-skills, confidence & independence.

Wide selection of modules including driver education, first aid, GAISCE and GAA Future Leaders Programme.

Participation in water activities, drama, Junk Kouture, coding and much more.

"It was the best school year I have experienced" - student

"I truly feel that if I hadn't done TY, I would not have been as focused as I am now in school" - student

"He has become more confident and outspoken, is now focused on his future education and has developed improved organisational techniques" - parent

"The highlights for me were seeing him become more confident and independent, watching his skills develop and seeing him have a very positive attitude to school" - parent



"From a purely academic perspective, our statistics show that students who complete the TY programme achieve higher points in the Leaving Certificate. However, the personal gains are where we truly see the benefits of this programme" - Principal of ISK

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 over a third of our pupils get over 500 points.

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, TUD, DCU, St. Patrick's College, RCSI)

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

CORK (UCC, MTU, Cork College of FET)

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

CLARE (Shannon College)

Hotel Management

LIMERICK (UL, MIC, TUS, Pallaskenry)

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

KERRY (MTU, Liebherr Killarney, ETB, KCFE)

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, ATU)

Home Economics Teaching
Clinical Measurement Science

GALWAY (UG, ATU, TUS)

Arts
Commerce
Engineering
Athletic & Rehabilitation Therapy
Law
Psychology
Science

KILDARE (Maynooth)

Sciences

STUDYING ABROAD

Occupational Therapy
Astronomy
Nursing
Veterinary



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



"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

Former Minister of State for Tourism and Sport



"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 journey through the ISK mirrored my journey through adolescence. I began as a timid first year, unsure of myself and my direction. The supportive environment and encouragement of the teachers helped me to find my own sense of purpose, providing a route that worked for me. I combined training with school-life and the discipline and high standards of both played a key role in shaping the person I am today. I can't overstate how much of a positive influence my time in the school had on me."

Zoe Hyde

Olympic Rower



"The ISK deserves its reputation for excellence. For me, it has been a school that has added value to the learning experience in a way that is unrivalled. The facilities are state-of-the-art with an engaging mix of both practical and theoretical learning opportunities. I have experienced the ISK to be a welcoming space that is both creatively and academically engaging. It is a community with a great sense of identity that is overflowing with supportive, inspiring and motivated students, teachers, and staff. It has exceeded my expectations in every direction. I have particular appreciation for the school's fostering of the Irish language and the unique expertise of the school's science and music staff. I also valued the opportunity to develop my foreign language skills and to take part in the school's extracurricular activities. The school's debate team and the school show were especially enjoyable. The ISK is a positive shared experience between students and staff, many of whom, as a result of their time there, will go on to be some of the most influential people in their chosen sector."

6th 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



"When choosing a secondary school for my child, I was struck from the start by the friendliness and openness of the ISK. From my first visit I felt there was a warm welcome for me and my child. Often when children transition from primary to secondary, the parents can feel a slight remove from the new school, but in the ISK I have found that parents are very much welcomed to be involved. The Parents' Association is encouraged and supported, and the parents' voice is included. I like the fact that the pastoral care of the children is core to the school, and teacher-parent communication is very open. As a parent, the sense that my child is being 'looked after' is very important, and this is strongly evident in the ISK. The children have access to a great range of subjects and extracurricular activities. The trips overseas, the team building activities, the range of options to explore in TY, the cultivation of creativity and the chance to perform, the great variety of sports, the chance to volunteer, are all key aspects of the school, but mostly I value the sense of belonging, community and pastoral care, and that our children feel positive, happy and secure in their school day."

Mary Carroll

Parent



"The ISK was a very natural choice for me. Lots of my primary school classmates made the same decision and we know the school well from training in the Dragon's Den, its many successful past pupils and stories from cousins and neighbours who have attended there. I felt very welcome at the Open Day and was very impressed by the great facilities."

1st Year Pupil





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