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**Information Evening**  
**Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Year**  
**Students**

# Starting the Leaving Cert

- ▶ Building on the success of Junior Cycle
- ▶ Initial Issues
  - ▶ Option Changes
  - ▶ Pace at Senior Cycle
  - ▶ New Class Groups
  - ▶ Homework/Study vs Personal Time

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***Looking Forward  
to  
June 2019***

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# The Dialann

- ✓ Method of Communication
- ✓ Strengthens Home-School Links
- ✓ Policies/ Contracts-Please Read and Sign
- ✓ Absence Notes/ Early Excuse Notes
- ✓ Record of Student Progress
- ✓ Mol an Óige - Weekly stamp
- ✓ Record of Poor Behaviours/  
Misdemeanours

**Request: Please Monitor Closely and Get  
In Touch if you have any Concerns**

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# Attendance & Punctuality

So far...

- ▶ 97% Attendance
  - ▶ 72 absences
  - ▶ 98% Punctuality
  - ▶ 54 lates
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- ▶ There is a direct link between academic success and positive attendance / punctuality



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# What you need to do...

- ▶ **Encourage** your child to come to school every day - on time-8.20am
- ▶ **Organise** appointments outside of school
- ▶ **No holidays** during term time
- ▶ **Inform** us if you know in advance of planned absences
- ▶ **Contact** the school on the morning of an absence
- ▶ **Blue absence notes / Yellow Early Excuse Notes** in the **Dialann**

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# What we will do...

## ▶ Teaching and Learning

- ▶ Our main goal is for your son/daughter to achieve to the utmost of their potential in the Leaving Cert

## ▶ Care

- ▶ To achieve this, we will work with you to ensure your son/daughter remains happy, comfortable and confident in school

## ▶ Guidance

- ▶ Post-Leaving Cert options; the CAO

## ▶ Communication

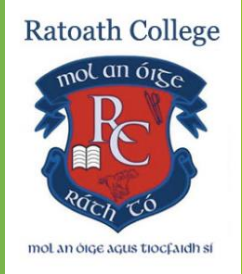
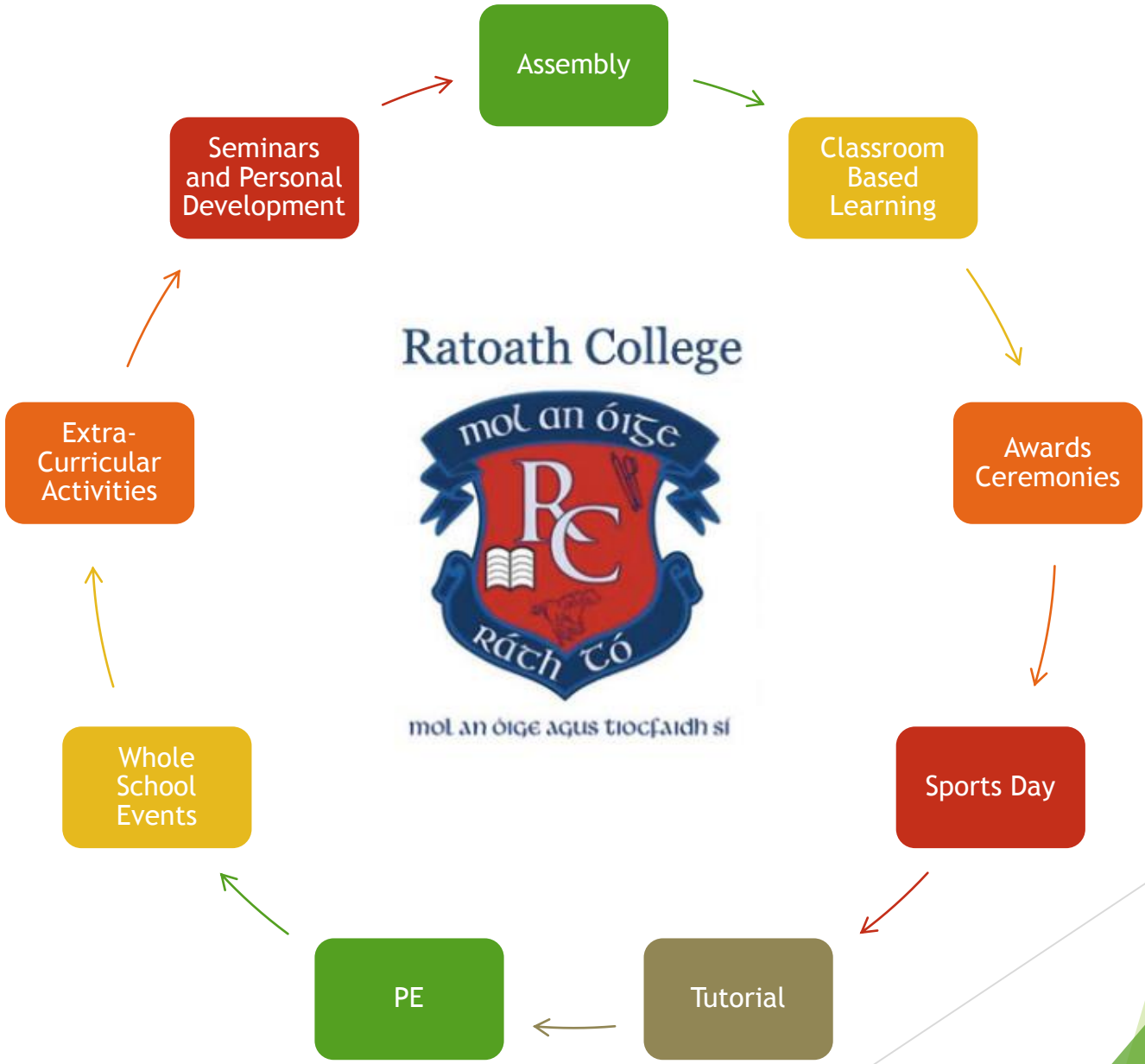
## ▶ A Holistic School Experience

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# A Holistic School Experience





# Goal Setting

Your Child needs  
something to aim for!



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# Good Goals Are:

<b>S</b>	Specific	What, exactly, do you want to achieve. Avoid Generalisation
<b>M</b>	Measurable	How are you going to measure/quantify achievement of this goal?
<b>A</b>	Attainable	Is this goal realistic? Are you in control of it?
<b>R</b>	Relevant	Is this goal worthwhile?
<b>T</b>	Time-limited	What is the realistic timeframe to achieve this goal?

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It starts today



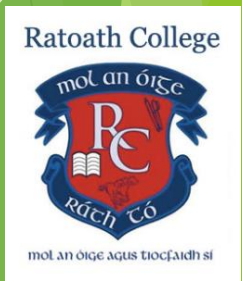
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# The New Leaving Cert Grading System

% Marks		New Grading System
90-100	90-100	H1 / O1
85<90	80-89	H2 / O2
80<85		
75<80	70-79	H3 / O3
70<75		
65<70	60-69	H4 / O4
60<65		
55<60	50-59	H5 / O5
50<55		
45<50	40-49	H6 / O6
40<45		
25<40	30-39	H7 / O7
10<25	0-29	H8 / O8
0<10		

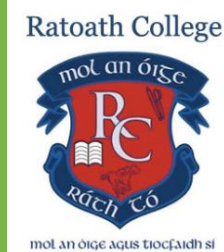


# The New CAO Points System for Third Level Entry

% Band	Grade	HL points	OL points
90-100	1	100	56
80-89	2	88	46
70-79	3	77	37
60-69	4	66	28
50-59	5	56	20
40-49	6	46	12
30-39	7	37	0
0-29	8	0	0

Bonus Points are ONLY awarded for Higher Level Mathematics where it is included as one of the applicants best six subjects

Source: <http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/NewCommonPointsScale2017.pdf>



# Grades, Points and Goals

Subject	Christmas	Summer	Mini-Mocks	Mocks	LC
Irish	36	52	40	36	?
English	42	56	48	45	?
Maths	66	64	57	48	?
History	88	76	68	57	?
Physics	77	79	67	56	?
French	30	27	24	55	?
Points	343	332	280	261	425

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CLASS OF 2019

Academic Tracking &

Target Setting

**NOVEMBER EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed following November Exams.**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>REVIEW</b>	<b>TARGET GRADE</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>
ENGLISH					
MATHS					
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>				<b>TARGET POINTS</b>	



**NOVEMBER EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed following November Exams.**

SUBJECT	GRADE	CREDIT	REVIEW	TARGET GRADE	MAXIMUM CREDITS	PRIORITY
ENGLISH & COMMUNICATIONS					12	
MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS					10	
SOCIAL EDUCATION					10	
GERMAN					6	
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION & CUSTOMER CARE					12	
GRAHICS AND CONSTRUCTION					12	
IRISH					6	
TOTAL CREDITS				TARGET CREDITS		

**NOVEMBER EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed following November Exams.**

**PRIORITY SUBJECT TARGETS**

	<b>Questions I need to ask my teacher</b>	<b>Topics/Skills that need significant improvement</b>
<b>Priority 1:</b> _____		
<b>Priority 2:</b> _____		
<b>Priority 3:</b> _____		

**CHANGES I PLAN TO MAKE TO MY GENERAL ROUTINE/ATTITUDE/APPROACH/WORK ETHIC etc.**

<b>Change 1</b>	<b>Change 2</b>

**NOVEMBER EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed following November Exams.**

<b>CAREERS I'M INTERESTED IN</b>			
<b>COURSES I'M INTERESTED IN</b>	<b>POINTS LAST YEAR</b>	<b>OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>MY RELATED SUBJECTS/TOPICS</b>

**THERE ANYTHING ELSE – COMMENTS/IDEAS/FEELINGS/SUGGESTIONS YOU WANT TO RECORD**

**SUMMER EXAMS, 2017-2018 – To be completed BEFORE Summer Exams**

	<b>Did I get the answers I needed to my questions? Why? Why not? Were they useful?</b>	<b>How have I improved in the topics/skills that I identified as in need of significant work?</b>
<b>Priority 1:</b> _____		
<b>Priority 2:</b> _____		
<b>Priority 3:</b> _____		

**CHANGES I MADE TO MY GENERAL ROUTINE/ATTITUDE/APPROACH/WORK ETHIC etc.**

<b>Did I succeed in implementing Change 1? What did I do? How?</b>	<b>Did I succeed in implementing Change 2? What did I do? How?</b>

*“School is a building that has four walls... with tomorrow inside”*

*Lon Watters*

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