



# **Fifth Year Parents' Information Evening**

## **Fáilte**

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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# Starting Senior Cycle

- ▶ Building on the success of Junior Cycle & Transition Year
- ▶ Some Initial Challenges
  - ▶ New Teachers
  - ▶ New Subjects
  - ▶ Homework/Study v. Personal Time
  - ▶ Pace at Senior Cycle



# Attendance and Punctuality

So far...

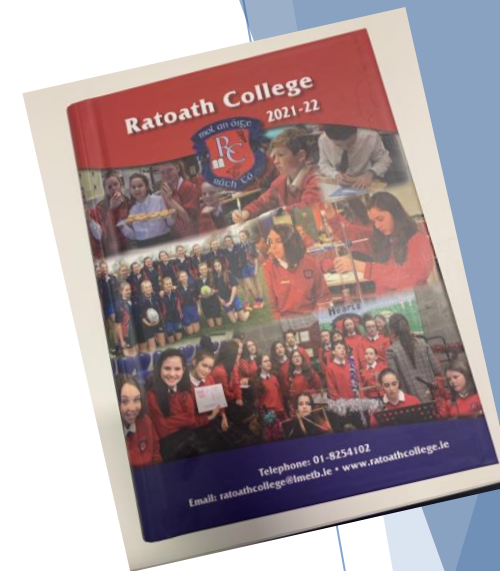
- ▶ 19.3% of school year complete
  - ▶ 89.7% Attendance
  - ▶ 601 absences
  - ▶ 105 lates
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- ▶ There is a direct link between academic success and positive attendance / punctuality



# The Dialann & Compass

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Strengthens Home-School Links
- ✓ Policies/ Contracts-Please Read and Sign
- ✓ *Absence Notes/ Early Excuse Notes\**
- ✓ Record of Homework/Revision
- ✓ Record of Student Progress
- ✓ Mol an Óige
- ✓ Record of Poor Behaviours

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



# Uniform

- ▶ Ratoath College is very proud of its students and the uniform.
- ▶ Our uniform is huge part of identity as a community of learners.
- ▶ Uniform instils pride, sense of belonging and community feeling in our school.
- ▶ Thank you for your support of our uniform policy (p27-32)



# What you need to do...

- ▶ **Encourage** your child to come to school every day – before assembly at 8.40am to organise their books
- ▶ Where possible **organise** appointments outside of school
- ▶ **Contact** the school on the morning of an absence
- ▶ **Absence notes / Early Excuse Notes** on **Compass**
- ▶ **Monitor the Dialann & Compass** closely for positive/poor behaviours
- ▶ Record of Student Progress – have the conversation.



# What we will do...

## ▶ Learning & Teaching

Our first goal is for your son/daughter to achieve to the utmost of their potential in Senior Cycle.

## ▶ Care

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

## ▶ Guidance

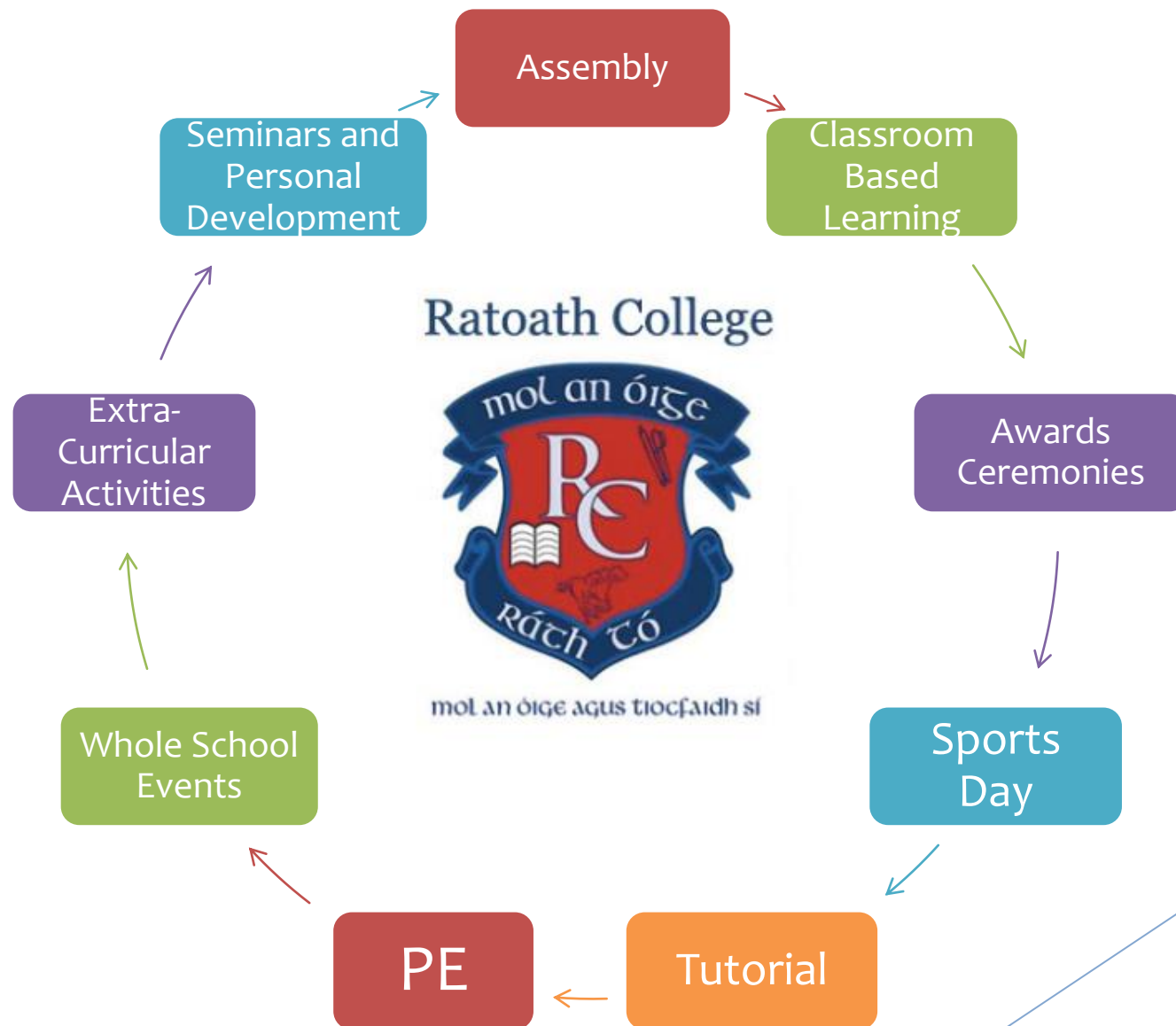
Subject Choices, Pathways, Wellbeing

## ▶ Communication

## ▶ A Holistic School Experience



# A Holistic School Experience







# Academic Tracking

**The Road to June 2026**

% 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		

# Leaving Cert Grades



% Band	Grade	HL pts	OL pts
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

# CAO Points System

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



# Grades, Points and Goals

Subject	Christmas	Summer	Mocks	LC
Irish	36	52	40	?
English	42	56	48	?
Maths	66	64	57	?
History	88	76	68	?
Physics	77	79	67	?
French	30	27	24	?
<b>Points</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>???</b>

SUBJECT	GRADE	POINTS	REVIEW	TARGET GRADE	PRIORITY
ENGLISH					
MATHS					
TOTAL POINTS				TARGET POINTS	



### PRIORITY SUBJECT TARGETS

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

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

Change 1	Change 2





# 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?

# What do we want?

- ▶ The same as you.
- ▶ Your child is happy
- ▶ Your child achieves to the best of their ability and reaches their potential
- ▶ Your child is ready and confident to enter the world after school.



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

*Lon Watters*



# Reminder

- ▶ We in Ratoath College are making efforts to reduce our carbon footprint and waste
- ▶ Use a lunchbox & reusable water bottle





*Looking Forward  
to June 2026*

*“No one can reap the fruit  
without planting the tree”*

