

Margaret Aylward Community College



Providing Post-Primary
Education **since 1969**



Junior Certificate | Transition Year | Leaving Certificate
Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme | Leaving Certificate Applied



Mission Statement

Margaret Aylward Community College seeks to encourage all to achieve their full potential in a supportive atmosphere which respects diversity.

The school welcomes the involvement of parents and community in developing the skills necessary for students to become self-motivating members of society.

About

Margaret Aylward Community College, an all-girls post primary school, was established by the Holy Faith in September 1969. Today the college is one of twenty three colleges under the auspices of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb). The school provides a wide range of subjects at Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate level. A well developed system of student supports, combined with the promotion of extra-curricular activities, promotes the holistic development of all students.

Student Support

A structured system of pastoral care supports students throughout their time in school. Student Support Services include Subject Teachers, Form Tutors, Programme Co-ordinators, Guidance Counsellors, Resource / Learning Support Teachers, Special Needs Assistants, CDETb Educational Psychologist, Junior Certificate School Programme, School Completion Programme and Care Team. Students also avail of a School Meals Scheme and a Book Rental Scheme.

Progression of Students after Leaving Certificate

95% of our student progress to either Third Level or Further Education after the Leaving Certificate. The school has developed close links with DCU through their Access Outreach Programme. Students avail of the DCU pre-sixteen, UniTY, and U-First programmes. Close links also exist with Dublin Institutes of Technology and CDETb Colleges of Further Education.

Code of Behaviour

A high standard of conduct and attendance is expected of students. The expected behaviour of students is to Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Responsible. Punctuality, regular attendance, good manners and a serious attitude to study are regarded as essential. Good behaviour is recognised through the school's Awards System.

Special Needs

The school has an open and inclusive admissions policy. As a community school we cater for the needs of all students in our local community and beyond. The school offers additional support to students with special educational needs and also caters for the needs of very able students.



Curriculum

The learning at the core of Junior Cycle is described in twenty-four Statements of Learning and eight Key Skills.

Junior Certificate

Core Subjects of Junior Cycle:

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- French/Spanish
- Civic Social & Political Education
- Social Personal Health Education*
- Physical Education*
- Religion
- Guidance

** non-examination subjects*

Four of the following Subject Options:

- History
- Geography
- Home Economics
- Art, Craft & Design
- Music
- Science
- Business

8 Key Skills of the Junior Certificate are:

1. Communicating
2. Being Literate
3. Being Numerate
4. Managing Myself
5. Staying Well
6. Managing Information & Thinking
7. Being Creative
8. Working with Others

Transition Year

Transition Year is a bridge between Junior and Senior Cycle which provides a learning structure aimed at promoting maturity. As well as studying core subjects Transition Year students are involved in experiential learning which challenges students in all areas of development. Core subjects include Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Physical Education, Social Personal & Health Education and Guidance. Subject sampling may include Food & Nutrition, Environmental Studies, Science, Art Craft & Design, Philosophy and Business. Transition Year specific modules may include Multimedia, Employability, Student Empowerment, Photography, Market Day, Green Schools, Outdoor Education and Work Experience. The course involves project work, assignments and research.

Leaving Certificate

Core Subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- Guidance*
- Physical Education*
- Social Personal Health Education*
- Religion*

** non-examination subjects*

Four of the following options:

- History
- Geography
- French
- Home Economics Social & Scientific
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Business
- Music
- Art Craft & Design

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

LCVP is a Leaving Certificate with a vocational dimension. LCVP prepares students for life after school - for further education, the world of work and the business of making a living.

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

This an alternative two year Leaving Certificate modular programme which combines continuous assessment and a terminal examination. The course is available to students who wish to follow a practical programme with a vocational focus. An emphasis is placed on preparation for the world of work and life-long learning. Modules may include Arts Education, Child Care, Mathematical Applications, Hotel Catering & Tourism, French, Social Education, Enterprise, English & Communications, Gaeilge Chumarsáideach, Work Experience, Information & Communication Technology, Leisure & Recreation and Guidance.



Sports & Physical Education

In addition to timetabled Physical Education students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of sporting and outdoor activities including Athletics, Hillwalking, Soccer and Basketball. The school has access to an astro turf playing pitch and tennis courts in Ellenfield Park.

Extra/Co-Curricular Activities

The school promotes many activities which help ensure the holistic development of our students. These activities include Development Education, Green Schools, Literacy Initiatives organised by the School Librarian, Drama, Music Lessons and Creative Engagement through the Arts. The school has developed an extensive Sports and Cultural Outdoor Education Programme.

Home School Liaison / Parental Involvement

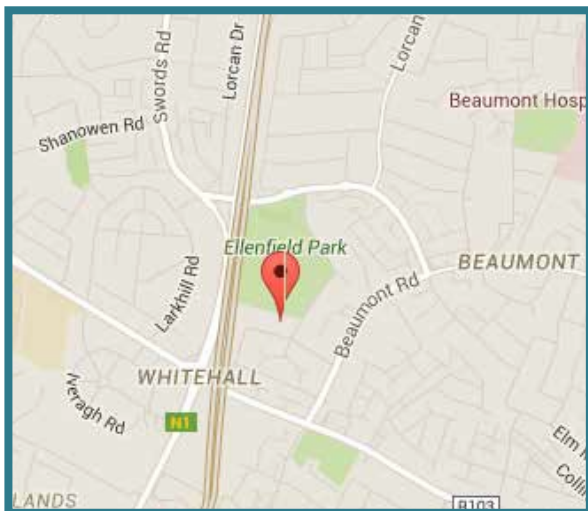
Our school HSCL Teacher encourages, supports, and facilitates partnership between parents and teachers in the education of their children. Parents attend Maths, Science and Cookery classes and produce a 'Parents Connect' newsletter.

Scholarship Programme

Students apply for scholarships on an annual basis. First Year students apply for Scholarships of Excellence. Second and Fifth Year students apply for CDETB Scholarships to attend the Gaeltacht during the summer months. Students apply for funding to support activities they are involved in outside school under CDETB Sports and Cultural Council Scholarships. Senior Cycle students are awarded CDETB Senior Cycle Scholarships. National College of Art and Design Scholarships are also awarded each year.

Bus Routes to Margaret Aylward Community College

Details of the School Bus route are on our website. The school is also served by the following public buses: Numbers 1, 14, 16, 41, 41A, 41B, 41C, 33, 44.



For more information on all school activities please refer to our website:

www.margaretaylwardcc.ie

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