Rialacha Speisialta / Special College Rules

The primary aim of our courses is to enable the students to achieve real progress in Irish in an atmosphere of relaxation and enjoyment. However, there are a few rules which have to be strictly, though fairly, enforced and we wish these to be brought to the students and parent’s attention before coming to the College, since contravention of any of these will result in expulsion from the course and forfeiture of fees.

1. Students must speak Irish throughout the course.
2. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is strictly forbidden.
3. Entry into licensed premises or the consumption or possession of alcoholic drink or drugs at any time during the course is strictly forbidden.
4. Students are not allowed to leave the jurisdiction of the college without special permission.
5. Students may not be absent from guesthouses after 10 p.m. without special permission.
6. Serious company-keeping is not allowed and it is left to the discretion of the Principal to deal with this sensibly in the best interests of students, parents and the college.
7. Misbehaviour, verbal or physical intimidation, intentional or otherwise will not be tolerated. Students who cause serious disruption or who refuse to accept normal discipline will be expelled from the course.

Full terms and conditions are available on our website.
Online booking is also available on our website www.colaistechonnacht.com

Foireann • Staff
The College is staffed by a Principal, Teachers and Ardchinnirí (senior student assistants). The ratio of students to staff averages 1:12. The Department of Education determines the qualifications and sanctions the appointment of staff. The courses are inspected regularly by the Department of Education inspectors. The majority of the staff are native Irish speakers and all staff are required to have suitable experience in teaching Irish to students of varying levels of competency.

Cúrsaí • Courses
5th Year / Pre-Leaving Certificate Students on Cúrsa B and C

Intensive preparation for oral Irish examinations by teachers who are experienced examiners for these examinations. This course will be available on Cúrsa B and C.

Junior Certificate Courses on Cúrsa A, B and C

The Junior Certificate course requires the student to have a good knowledge of spoken Irish. Our courses at Coláiste Chonnacht are prepared by teachers with the exam format in mind. We will place special emphasis on topics linked to the students own life and surroundings. This course will be available on Cúrsa A, B and C. Cúrsa A will cater for 1st and 2nd year post primary students only.

Cúrsa B and C will cater for all students from 10-19 years of age.

Special Course for Primary School Students on Cúrsa B & C

We prepare a special course for primary school students paying particular emphasis on students going into second level during the coming school year. This course will be available on Cúrsa B and C.

Gnéithe Ginearálta • General Features

• Céilí Dancing: 4 nights per week. Instruction given by teachers.
• Supervised Swimming: safe, sandy beaches near colleges. Students are always accompanied by teachers on visits to the beach.
• Special Coaching: in hurling, camogie and football.
• Outdoor Laser Tag: in Eile Mental Activity Park

Clothing and Travel Arrangements

It is very important that every student should observe our guidelines regarding the speaking of Irish throughout the course. Special help and encouragement will be given to students with little or no fluency in the language but a sincere effort can work wonders. Students who do not co-operate in this regard will be sent home without refund of fee as they deprive other students the opportunity of benefiting fully from the course.

Táille • Fee
Cúrsa A & B €970, Cúrsa C €680. This covers full accommodation, tuition fees and local transport where and when necessary.

Éarlaí • Deposit €200
Balance to be paid at interview or forwarded on receipt of notice from the Coláiste. Balance can be paid in installments prior to interview. Full balance must be paid prior to commencement of course.

Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to Coláiste Chonnacht. You can also pay by online bank transfer or credit card (details on our website).

Refunds: At least four weeks’ notice in writing of any cancellation must be given. Refund of fees will only be considered on medical grounds and such applications for refunds must be accompanied by a medical certificate. A registration and administration fee (of €50) is non-refundable in all cases. No refund can be made in the case of non-completion of course or in cases of dismissal from course.

• Optional extra:
  − Tour to Aran Islands

Check out our new video at www.colaistechonnacht.com