

# Coláiste an Eachréidh



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Bunaíodh Coláiste an Eachréidh i Lúnasa 2006. Is iarbhunscóil lán-Ghaeilge í atá faoi choimirce Coiste Ghairmoideachais Cho. na Gaillimhe.

Múintear gach ábhar trí mheán na Gaeilge agus is í an Ghaeilge teanga chumarsáide an Choláiste.

Suite go lárnach i mBaile Átha an Rí déanann Coláiste an Eachréidh freastal ar cheantar a shíneann ó Thuaim go Béal Átha na Sluaighe, ó oirthear na Cathrach go Baile Locha Riach agus ó dheas go Gort Inse Guaire.

Is dul chun cinn nádúrtha é clárú i gColáiste an Eachréidh dóibh siúd a d'fhreastail ar bhunscóileanna lánGhaeilge. Cuirtear fáilte freisin roimh dhaltaí ó bhunscóileanna eile ach caighdeán shásúil Gaeilge a bheith acu.

'Sé Coláiste an Eachréidh an chéad iarbhunscóil lán Ghaeilge a bunaíodh i gContae na Gaillimhe (Iasmuigh den chathair) agus go deimhin i gCúige Chonnachta.

*Coláiste an Eachréidh was founded in August 2006. It is an all-Irish post-primary school under the auspices of County Galway Vocational Education Committee.*

*It is a co-educational, multi-denominational school in which Irish is the language of communication and all subjects are taught through the medium of Irish.*

*Centrally situated in Athenry, Coláiste an Eachréidh serves a catchment which extends from Tuam to Ballinasloe, Oranmore to Loughrea and south to Gort.*

*Enrolling in Coláiste an Eachréidh is a natural progression for students who have attended All-Irish primary schools. However, students from all primary schools are welcome subject to having a satisfactory level of Irish. Indeed, a third of all students enrolled in All-Irish post-primary schools had not previously attended All-Irish primary schools.*

*Coláiste an Eachréidh is the first school of its kind to be established, not only in County Galway (outside Galway city) but in Connacht.*

## Fás i nGaelscolaíocht / Growth in Irish Medium Education

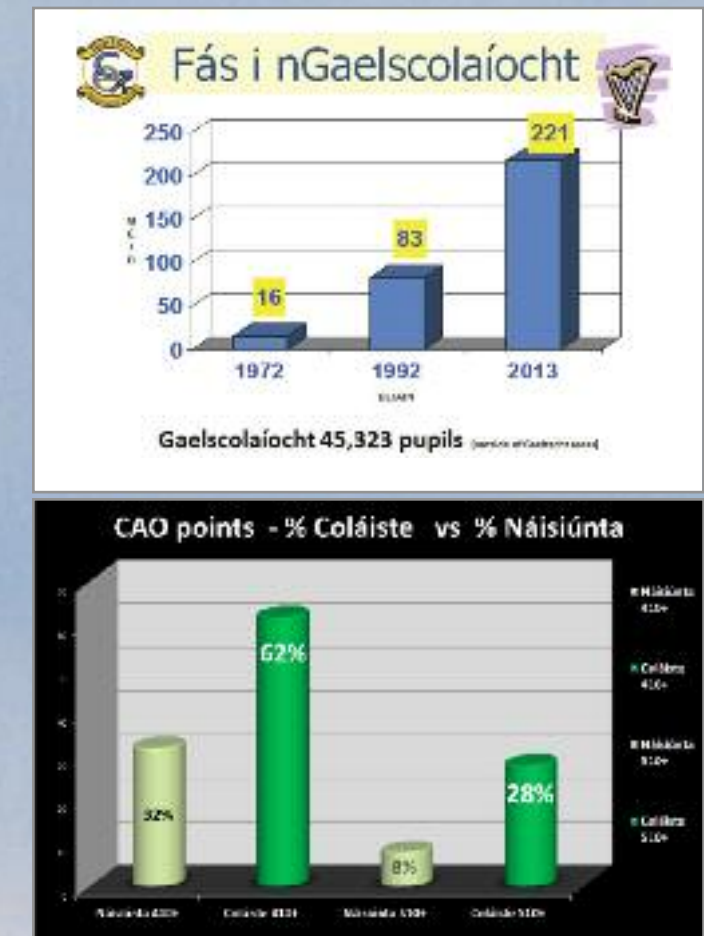
Indeed evidence is now so strong that **Professor Colin Baker**, Pro-vice Chancellor of Bangor University, Wales and one of the world's foremost authors on bilingualism recently (2011) stated at an Irish-medium conference "...

The benefits of Irish-Medium Education must not be underestimated by society at large, be that parents, educators, business and government...

The question is not should there be Irish-Medium Education but, because of the proven success...

*The question now should be...*

Is any child not educated bilingually in Ireland being disadvantaged?"



## Ráiteas Misin / Mission Statement

I gColáiste an Eachréidh déantar gach dícheall timpeallacht thaitneamhach shlán shábháilte a chur ar fáil ina ndéantar oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge a sholáthar. Díritear aird ar fhorbairt acadúil, shóisialta agus chultúrtha na scoláirí le súil lán-chumas a bhaint amach. Aithnítear tréithiúlacht ar leith na scoláirí agus déantar gach iarracht iad a oiliúint le bheith ina saoránaigh measúla, réasúnacha, fiúntacha.

*Coláiste an Eachréidh endeavours to create a safe secure environment for staff and students in which education, through the medium of Irish will be provided, focusing on the students' academic social and cultural development. Each students' uniqueness and individuality will be recognised and nurtured so that they may become respectful, balanced and valuable members of society.*



## Éileamh ar Oideachas Lán-Ghaeilge

Is léir go bhfuil éileamh ollmhór ar fud na tíre ar oideachas lán-Ghaeilge ag an gcéad agus an dara leibhéal. I staidéar a rinne Institiúid Teangeolaíochta na hÉireann (2004) fuair siad amach go roghnódh 25% de thuismitheoirí na tíre oideachas lán-Ghaeilge dá bpáistí dá mbeadh an rogha ar fáil dóibh. Tá an t-éileamh seo ann mar gheall ar a lán fáthanna agus déantar cuid acu a léiriú thíos.

Cuid de na cúiseanna go roghnaíonn thuismitheoirí oideachas lán-Ghaeilge:

- Ábaltacht na bpáistí labhairt, léamh agus scríobh in dhá theanga agus na buntáistí a théann leis sin
- Tá sé fíorthábhachtach dóibh go mbeidh Gaeilge ar a dtoil ag a bpáistí
- Aithníonn siad go bhfaigheann an páiste léargas ar leith ar a c(h)ultúr féin agus ar chultúr eile
- Cothaítear bród na bpáistí ina dteanga, ina gcultúr agus iontu féin
- Forbairt i bhféinmhuinín agus i bhféiniúlacht na bpáistí
- Ón méid thuas is léir go bhfaigheann na daltaí oideachas iomlánach a chiallaíonn go bhfuil

forbairt á déanamh ar shaoránaigh a chuirfidh go mór le sochaí na tíre seo

- Cuirtear oideachas acadúil den scoth ar fáil i scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge. Léirítear é seo bliain i ndiaidh bliana sna torthaí a fhaigheann na daltaí sna Gaelcholáistí de réir an ráta aistrithe go dtí an tríú leibhéal (Sunday Times, Márta 2011)

De réir taighde ar an oideachas dátheangach seo a leanas cuid de na torthaí do na daltaí a théann tríd an gcóras:

- Éiríonn níos fearr leo go hacadúil (Gallagher & Hanna, 2002)
- Éiríonn leo an tríú agus an ceathrú teanga a fhoghlaim níos éasca (Cenoz & Valencia 1994)
- Tuiscint agus oscailteacht do chultúir eile (Gallagher & Hanna, 2002)
- Feabhas ar fheidhmiú cognaíochta ó thaobh cruthaíochta agus ábaltacht cumarsáide de (Bialystok et al. 2005)

## An Teastas Sóisearach / Junior Certificate

Gaeilge / Irish  
Béarla / English  
Matamaitic / Mathematics  
Fraincis / French  
Gearmáinis / German  
Stair / History  
Tíreolaíocht / Geography  
Eolaíocht / Science  
Líníocht / Technical Drawing  
Gnó / Business  
Miotalóireacht/Metalwork  
Eacnamaíocht Bhaile / Home Economics  
Adhmadóireacht / Woodwork  
Ealaín / Art  
Saoránaíocht / C.S.P.E.  
Ceol / Music

### Ábhair Eile / Non-Exam Subjects

Spóirt / Sport  
Feabhas / Resource Classes  
Creideamh / Religious Instruction  
Ríomhaireacht / Computer studies  
Oideachas Sóisialta Pearsanta & Sláinte / S.P.H.E.  
Corp Oideachas / Physical Education



## Éidí Scoile / School Uniform

- Geansaí Scoile Gorm / Blue School Jumper
- Bríste Dubhghorm / Navy Trousers
- Léine Bán / White School Polo Shirt
- Rogha Bróga Néata / Neat Footwear
- Plain Navy/Black (no logos) coat or jacket
- The school uniform is available at the 'National Schoolwear Centre'
- School Crested Jacket or Coláiste Half-Zip  
Galway 091-755515 Tuam 093-52240
- The trousers/ polo shirts can be purchased in other retail stores.

## Imeachtaí Breise / Extra Curricular Activities

Cluichí / Games- Sacar/Gaelic  
Football/Basketball/Spikeball/ Volleyball/  
Handball/Athletics  
Scléip, Gael Linn  
Drámaíocht / Drama  
Ceol / Music  
Díospóireachtaí / Debates / Public Speaking  
Fichell/Chess

## Áiseanna / Facilities

- Each Student has his/her own personal locker
- Basketball area and the use of nearby playing fields
- One-Wall Handball Court
- Supervised After-School Study



## Advantages of Irish Medium Education

Irish will be the language of communication in the school among pupils, staff and board of management and a very high standard of education will be provided in all subjects, including English. The immersion system applies because it is recognised that this is the most effective system to acquire the language. There are many advantages associated with bilingual education and they are described below.

### Bonus Marks Answering through Irish

Subject	Mark (%)	Grade	Points	Mark (%) + Bonus	Adjusted Points
Irish	81	B1	85	-	85
English	76	B2	80	-	80
Maths	88	A2	90	90	100
French	83	B1	85	86	90
History	87	A2	90	91	100
Biology	89	A2	90	92	100
Business	86	A2	90	90	100
Total points for best 5 subjects			530		575 Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy

Advantages associated with bilingualism include the following:

- Higher self confidence.
- Increase in cognitive ability and greater ability in the second language.
- Immersion education promotes bilingualism in a natural way, as well as developing dual literacy at the same time.
- This develops and expands the pupils' creativity and communicative sensitivity.
- The child experiences an increase in self confidence as a result of bilingualism, which fosters a deeper understanding of their self identity.



- The pupils are immersed by the Irish medium college ethos in Irish culture, on both a formal and informal basis. As a result of this, a deeper understanding and respect is fostered for the multiculturalism of today's society.
- Research evidence published by the Department of Education in the North of Ireland has shown that past pupils of Irish medium schools have a very positive view of the educational and cultural experience they gained at school.
- It was indicated also that they were more open to cultural diversity and that they had deeper tolerance for these cultures because of the experience of cultural enrichment they had gained.

## Riachtanais Speisialta

Tá riachtanais ar leith ag gach dalta. Aithneofar na riachtanais seo agus cuirfear pleananna indibhidiúla ar fáil dóibh. Déanfar mar sin soláthar oideachais a dhéanamh do gach dalta bunaithe ar an contanam cabhair molta ag NEPS agus ag cloí leis an Acht Oideachais 1998, Acht EPSEN 2004, chomh maith le treoracha agus ciorcláin éagsúla na Roinne i leith tacaíocht foghlamtha.

## Special Needs Education

*All pupils have particular needs. These needs will be recognised and individual plans will be provided for them. Education provision will therefore be made for all pupils based on the continuum of assistance recommended by NEPS and adhering to the Education Act 1998, the EPSEN Act 2004, as well as various Department directives and circulars on learning. Assistance is provided to pupils to ensure they do as well as possible in the school.*

## Pastoral Care

*The purpose of our pastoral care system is to ensure that the academic, physical, moral, spiritual, emotional and social needs of the students are catered for in a meaningful way by the school. To achieve this, the school is divided into year groups and class groups led by a Year Head and a team of Class Tutors.*

*Each class has a class tutor and each year has a year head. Each class in First, Second and Third year has a SPHE (Social Personal Health Education) class once a week.*

*The SPHE programme includes modules on substance abuse and prevention, relationships, care and respect for personal and school property, general health and safety, study skills, attendance, classroom behaviour and other issues.*



## An Idirbhliain

Is bliain í an Idirbhliain atá dírithe ar dhaltaí atá tar éis an Teastas Sóisearach a chur díobh. Tugann an Idirbhliain deis do na daltaí sin fás, forbairt agus foghlaim saor ó shrianta scrúduithe poiblí sula dtugann siad faoi chúrsa na hArdteiste. Ina theannta sin, cuirtear réimse leathan ábhar ar fáil dóibh a thugann dúshlán intleachtúil do na daltaí agus a dhéanann a gcumais fhoghlama a shaibhriú.

### Aidhmeanna

- Cumais agus inniúlacht na ndaltaí a fhorbairt go hintleachtach, go mothálach, go spioradálta, go sóisialta agus go gairmiúil trí chleachtaí struchtúrtha foghlama.
- Daoine óga a ullmhú don ról mar chomhaltaí neamhspleácha, rannpháirteacha agus freagracha sa tsochaí.
- Scileanna na ndaltaí a fhorbairt chun a gcuid buanna, ábaltachtaí agus cumais féin a aimsiú
- Freastal ar riachtanais agus inniúlacht taobh istigh de réimse oideachais atá leathan, acadúil, gníomhach agus praiticiúil.
- An deis a thabhairt don dalta trasnú a dhéanamh ó struchtúr docht an Teastais Shóisearaigh go dtí struchtúr neamhspleách na hArdteiste le dearcadh níos aibí.

## Transition Year

*This is a year directed at students who have completed the Junior Certificate. It gives students an opportunity to grow, develop and learn free from the pressures of State Examinations before they begin their Leaving Certificate Cycle. A wide range of subjects is offered that present a stimulating intellectual challenge and enrich their learning experience.*

### Aims

- To develop the students intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and socially.
- Through a structured learning environment.
- To prepare young people for their role as responsible independent citizens in society.
- To improve and develop the students' talents, skills and abilities.
- To provide an educational environment that is broad, academic, active and practical.
- To give the opportunity to students to make a smooth transition from the Junior Cycle to the Senior Cycle with greater ease.



## Ardteistiméireacht / Leaving Certificate

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 Ceimic / Chemistry  
 Bitheolaíocht / Biology  
 Stair / History  
 Tíreolaíocht / Geography  
 Gnó / Business  
 Ealaín / Art  
 Líníocht T4 / Design and Communication Graphics  
 Innealltóireacht / Engineering  
 Foirgníocht / Construction Studies  
 Eacnamaíocht Bhaile / Home Economics

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## Educational Technology

Our aim at Coláiste an Eachréidh is to provide a high quality education for all our students. Society is becoming increasingly technological and education must prepare learners to be confident and competent users of technology. At Coláiste an Eachréidh we endeavour to ensure that our students have access to the latest educational technology - each student has a tablet for use in their learning and teaching. There is now a comprehensive suite of digital books available to schools and these are cheaper than print editions and will fall in price as more companies provide digital editions of their books. Over the past number of years Coláiste an Eachréidh has been developing its ICT infrastructure to provide a platform capable of delivering one-to-one provision and we now have a functioning online 'virtual learning environment'. Coláiste an Eachréidh is ideally placed to incorporate all 6 of the Key Skills proposed in the Junior Cycle reforms which will see an increased emphasis on the use of digital technology to work with others, to manage one's learning and to communicate while at all times being safe and ethical in the use of digital technologies.



## Tuismitheoirí

Tá luach an-ard ar ionchur na dtuismitheoirí sa choláiste. Tugann rannpháirtíocht na dtuismitheoirí agus comhpháirtíocht na foirne léargas suntasach do na daltaí ar chomhoibriú praiticiúil sa chomhphobal. Tacaíonn sé seo leis na luachanna a chuirfear chun cinn sa scoil agus spreagann sé na daltaí a bheith ag obair le chéile i réimse leathan suíomhanna chun aidhmeanna comhaontaithe a bhaint amach.

## Parents

A high value is placed on the input of parents in the Coláiste. The involvement of parents and partnership of the staff give a significant perspective to the pupils on practical cooperation in the community. This supports the values that will be promoted in the school and it encourages the pupils to work together in a wide range of settings to achieve agreed aims.

