

**COLÁISTE NA MBRÁITHRE CRÍOSTAÍ**

Cill Chainnigh R95 X6CX



SCIENTIA

AC LABORE

**CBC KILKENNY**

Dunningstown Road, Kilkenny R95 X6CX  
An Edmund Rice School

# Christian Brothers College Kilkenny

## Incoming 1st Year Information Evening

April 2026

# Objectives

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- To identify the **changes** involved
- To support you with **subject choice**
- To alleviate your **concerns**

# Order of Speakers

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- Deputy Principal **Tomás de Buitléir**
- Guidance Counsellor **Joanne Kelly**
- SENCO **Anna Colleton**
  - General Information, Subject Choice, CAT4
- Deputy Principal **Derarca Maguire:**
  - Communication - VShare, CBC App, [cbckilkenny.ie](http://cbckilkenny.ie)
- Principal **Tom Clarke:**
  - Conclusion



# Who We Are

Mr Clarke - Principal



Ms Maguire - Deputy Principal



Mr de Buitléir - Deputy Principal



Mr Mulhall - Guidance Counsellor



Ms Kelly - Guidance Counsellor



# Who We Are - contd



1st  
Year  
Head

Ms Anna Colleton  
SENCO

A portrait of Ms Anna Colleton, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a pink blazer over a black top.

School Office Staff

Emma                      Patricia                      Rachel

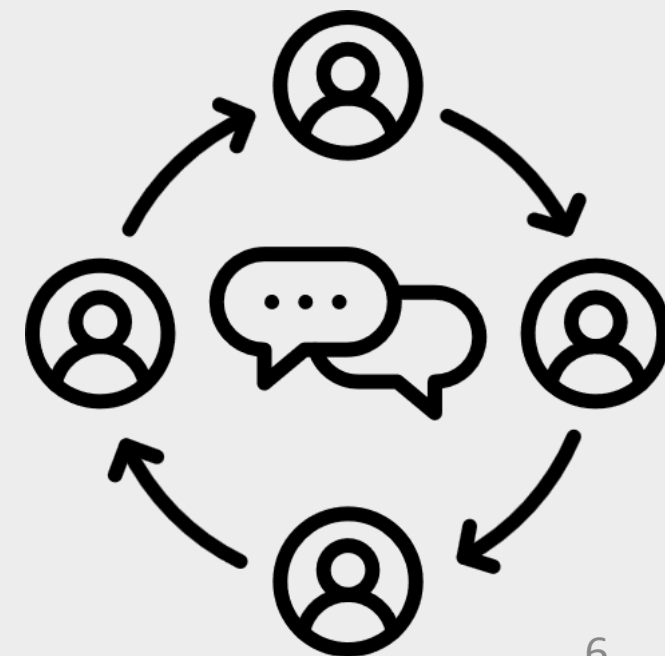
A portrait of Emma, a woman with dark hair, wearing a white cable-knit sweater over a blue shirt.A portrait of Patricia, a woman with dark hair, wearing a maroon sweater.A portrait of Rachel, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a black and white striped shirt.

# Communication



**Very important!**

- By **phone** or **email**
- Through **VShare** and **App** (more later)
- Make an **appointment** to meet in school
- In this order, contact **Subject Teacher, Class Tutor, Year Head & Guidance Counsellor, Deputy Principals, Principal**



# The Transition from Primary to Secondary

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- Strong emphasis on **smooth transition** at CBC Kilkenny
- Guidance Department, Wellbeing Programme, AEN Department
- Student Support
  - **Cairdeas** Programme – TY students mentor 1st Year students
  - **Wednesday** Activities - mandatory
  - **Student Support Team**
  - **Class Tutors** – remain with students from 1st – 3rd Year

# Reducing Anxiety for the Boys



- **Label** everything
- **Lock** for bikes
- **No valuables** – priceless items
- Have **diary** prepared
- Copy **timetable**



# Reducing Anxiety for the Boys



- **Locker**
- **Colour code** books and copies if necessary
- Be on **time** for school, **adhere** to school rules
- Get **involved** in all aspects of school life – something for everyone.  
This is important for **OAL** (more later) and for **admission to TY**.



# Junior Cycle - Subject Choice



## Core Subjects

1st-3rd Year

All students study these

- English
- Gaeilge
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Religion
- Digital Literacy  
(non exam)

## Wellbeing Subjects

1st-3rd Year

All students study these

- Turas
- Physical Education  
(PE)
- Civic, Social & Political  
Education (CSPE)
- Social, Personal &  
Health Education  
(SPHE)

## Choice Subjects

- Applied Technology
  - Business Studies
  - Home Economics
  - Graphics
  - Music
  - Wood Technology
  - Art
- Modern Foreign Languages:**
- German
  - Spanish
  - French

# Junior Cycle Choices linked to LC subjects



## Junior Cycle

- Applied Technology
- Business Studies
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- Music
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- Science



## Leaving Certificate

- Technology
- Business/Economics/Accounting
- Home Economics
- DCG (Design & Communication Graphics)
- Music
- Construction
- Chemistry/Biology/Physics/AgScience
- Art

**Other subjects available at Leaving Certificate include:**

Applied Maths, History, Geography, Computer Science, Physical Education, Religion, LCW, three Languages (French, German, Spanish)



# First Year Choices

## Subject Preference Form

1<sup>st</sup> Year 2026 - 2027

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to their core subjects, students will do "Option subjects" for their Junior Cycle.

**Core subjects** include: Irish, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Religion, and an EU Language.

**Wellbeing** forms a key part of the curriculum but is not examined by sitting a State Examination.

### Section 1:

Students must select a European Language as a core subject. Please indicate your language preference by putting a number from 1, 2, 3 in the box next to each language. 1 indicates your first preference, 2 your next preference and 3 your last preference.

French

German

Spanish

# First Year Choices



## Section 2:

- Students must choose two subjects from the list below:
- Every effort will be made to provide students with their preference however this will depend on school resources and option bands.
- The boxes should be marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 where "1" means the most desired subjects and so on.

**All numbers from 1 - 7 must be used.**

WOODWORK	<input type="checkbox"/>	BUSINESS	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOME EC	<input type="checkbox"/>	ART	<input type="checkbox"/>
MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	TECHNOLOGY	<input type="checkbox"/>	TECHNICAL GRAPHICS	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return in paper form to CBC Kilkenny office by Friday May 1st 2026 at 16:30**

# Assessment and Terminology



## Junior Cycle

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CBA</b></li></ul>	<b>Classroom Based Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>State exams</b></li></ul>	<b>Hons/Ord</b> in Irish, English and Maths <b>Common</b> papers in all other subjects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>OAL/OAW</b></li></ul>	<b>Other Areas</b> of Learning/Wellbeing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>JCPA</b></li></ul>	Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement ( <b>State Cert</b> )

# Other Areas of Learning



## Other Areas of Learning



Represented CBC Kilkenny on the Juvenile and Junior Hurling teams. Through this he learned about teamwork, commitment and nutrition.

Took part in a field trip to 'The Burren' in County Clare. This helped him to develop an appreciation for natural Geography.

Was an active member of the Soccer team which won the Carlow/Kilkenny Cup. He learned about health, fitness and the commitment required to perform at this level.

Visited France on the annual school trip to Paris. This developed his appreciation of other cultures and improved his French speaking skills.

# Understanding your son's report

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**CAT4** scores reveal your child's cognitive abilities across four areas:

- **Verbal Reasoning:** ability to understand and process language, which supports skills like reading, writing, communication.
- **Non-Verbal Reasoning:** ability to identify patterns and relationships in shapes or symbols, highlighting problem-solving, logical thinking skills.
- **Quantitative Reasoning:** the ability to work with numbers, recognise patterns, solve mathematical problems.
- **Spatial Ability:** ability to visualise and manipulate objects in space, crucial for subjects like geometry, design, technology.

# Sample CAT4 Report



<b>Name:</b> Peter Adetunde			
<b>School:</b> Test School			
<b>Group:</b> Year 7			
<b>Date of test:</b> 13/09/2019	<b>Level:</b> D	<b>Age:</b> 11:01	<b>Sex:</b> Male

## Profile

Verbal	
Quantitative	
Non-verbal	
Spatial	

# Summary of CAT4 Report



## Summary

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Peter's profile of scores from *CAT4* suggests he may have a slight preference for a learning that uses visual images – pictures, diagrams, moving images, etc. rather than learning by reading, writing and talking about topics.

- Peter should use online resources, videos and books with plenty of pictures that will help him remember key facts and information.
- Peter may find some of his schoolwork challenging, particularly where a high level of reading and writing is required.
- Peter's stronger spatial skills can be used across the range of subjects and can help support relatively weaker verbal skills in subjects like English and history.
- When you are helping with homework, make sure Peter understands each step of the task before moving on. It is important that Peter learns at a pace that is right for him.
- Tell Peter to ask the teacher to explain anything that is not clear.



# Communication - CBCKK APP, VSware APP, website

## **CBC Kilkenny School APP**

**News:** Policies, Booklists, General

**Notifications:**

**Personal Notifications:** Consent Forms



## **VSware APP**

Attendance, Absence Requests

Behaviour, Pay charges

Reports, Timetable



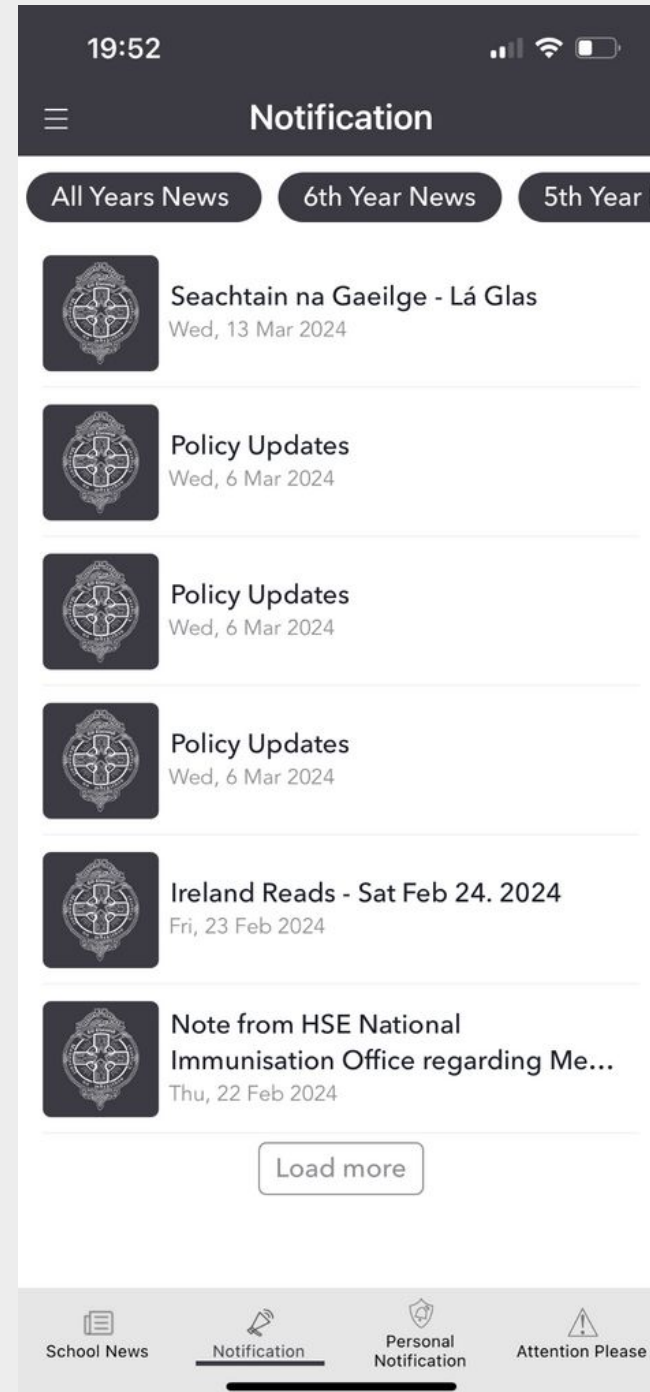
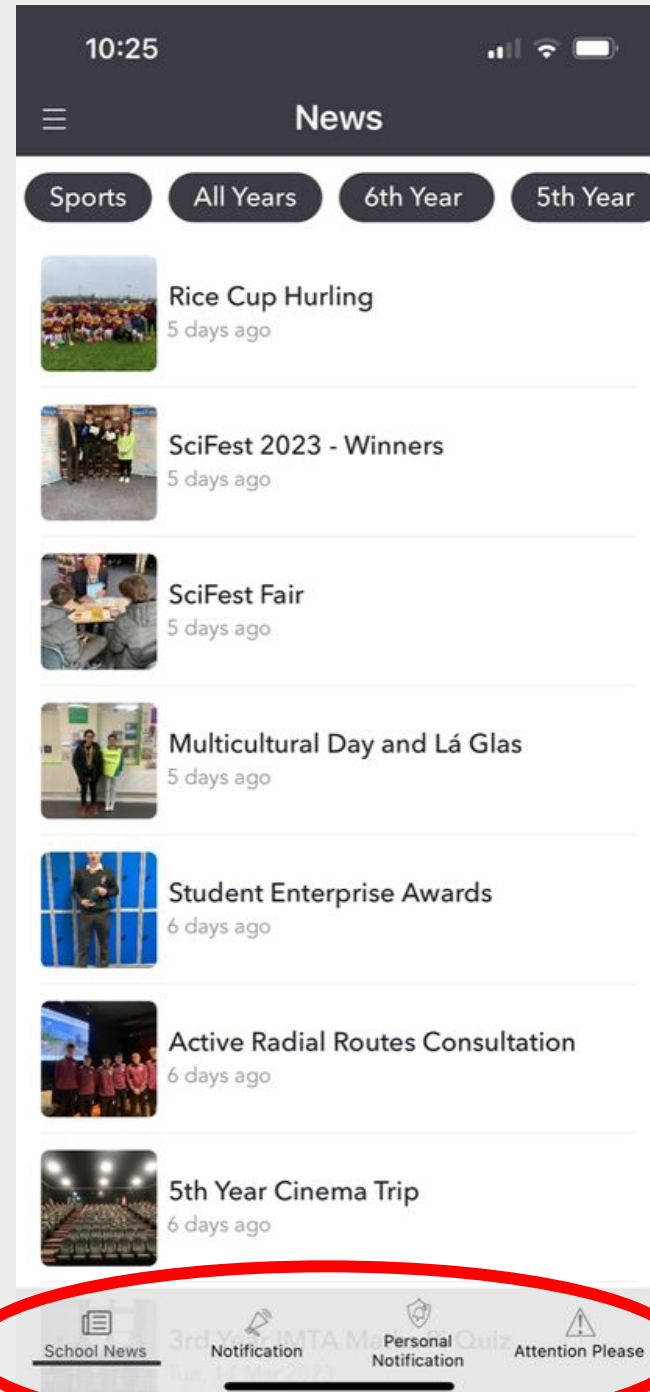


# Communication - Website and Social Media

Web: [cbckilkenny.ie](http://cbckilkenny.ie)



# CBC Kilkenny APP



Important message personally to you and maybe others.



Short message personally to you that needs **action**, eg. Consent to go on a trip.



News	Notification	Personal Notification	Attention!
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# CBC Kilkenny APP



- Click for help with installation
- Click for useful video
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE **NOTIFICATIONS** TURNED ON!

# VShare – Guide for Parents



- Key communication system and data management system
  - **Access** through APP or PC
  - **Attendance** tracking
  - **Absence Request**
  - **Assessment**
  - **Behaviour**
  - **Timetable**
  - **Pay School Charges**

A screenshot of the login page for Christian Brothers College Kilkeny. The page features the college's crest at the top, followed by the text 'Log in to Christian Brothers College Kilkeny'. Below this, there are two input fields: 'Username \*' with a placeholder 'Your username' and 'Password \*' with a placeholder 'Your password' and a toggle icon for visibility.

[Link for parent guidance:](#)

# VShare – Guide for Parents



- Click for installation [HELP](#)
- Click for Parent [Guide](#)

## TEXT FROM CBC:

Download VShare app. For school name, type in **Christian Brothers College** and select the one which says **Dunningstown Road, Kilkenny**. Once selected, please enter username which is #USERNAME  
Click RESET PASSWORD. Follow instructions.

# VShare - Dashboard



Pick an area to explore



## Attendance

Monitor your student's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson.

[Learn More](#) →



## Assessment

View your student's full academic record, track progress over time and download term assessments.

[Learn More](#) →



## Behaviour

Keep track of your student's behaviour, monitor progress & teacher feedback.

[Learn More](#) →

# VShare - Dashboard



## Timetable

View your student's timetable, see realtime data for which lesson they are in at any given time.

[Learn More](#) →



## Personal Info

Overview of your student's key info. Ensure that this is up to date.

[Learn More](#) →



## Fees

Overview of school fees for the year, pay directly via card online.

[Learn More](#) →

# VShare - Timetable



	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11	FRI 12
	<b>Construction</b> 08:45 - 09:25 Eoin Menton R32	<b>Biology</b> 08:45 - 09:25 Caroline Mercer R24	<b>Maths</b> 08:45 - 09:25 Aine Kinsella R30	<b>Technology</b> 08:45 - 09:25 Patrick James McCormack R04	<b>Maths</b> 08:45 - 09:25 Aine Kinsella R30
	<b>English</b> 09:25 - 10:05 Ger O'Brien R16	<b>Biology</b> 09:25 - 10:05 Caroline Mercer R24	<b>Maths</b> 09:25 - 10:05 Aine Kinsella R30	<b>Technology</b> 09:25 - 10:05 Patrick James McCormack R04	<b>Irish</b> 09:25 - 10:05 Emma Raggett R14
	<b>Biology</b> 10:05 - 10:45 Caroline Mercer	<b>Technology</b> 10:05 - 10:45 Patrick James McCormack	<b>PE (LC)</b> 10:05 - 10:45 Mary Sinnott	<b>Agric. Science</b> 10:05 - 10:45 David O'Heney	<b>Biology</b> 10:05 - 10:45 Caroline Mercer

# VShare - Attendance



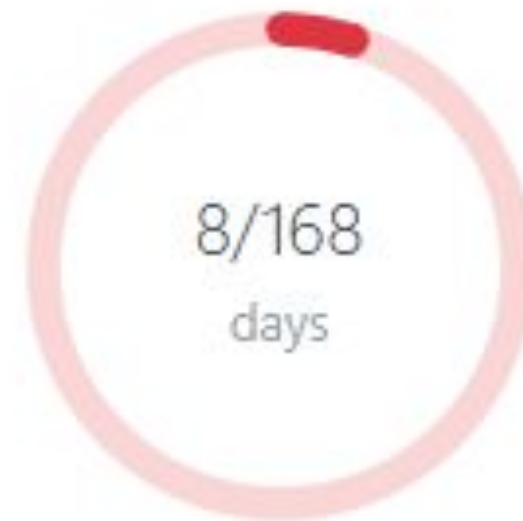
## 2025/2026 Overview

**i** **1 Late.** There has been 1 reported late this academic year.

### Present Days



### Absent Days



### Partial Absences



# VShare - Attendance



## Lesson Attendance details

Monday, 13th April 2026

Time	Subject	Attendance mark
08:45	German	Present
09:25	English	Present
10:05	Maths	Present

# VSware - Attendance

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- Children do not **control** attendance — **parents do**
- **First few absences** are the most important
- It is not about **rules** — it is about **outcomes**
- **Every absence matters**

# VShare – Absence Request



## Absence Requests

Filter by Attendance Type:

All

Pending

✓ Approved

Rejected

Dates

Status

Absence Reason

24/04/2026

Approved

Sickness

21/04/2026

Approved

Sickness

- Do NOT give your log on details to your son.
- Add him as a user if you want to.

# VSware - Charges



## Fees Overview



- Paid (€510.00)
- Overdue (€0.00)
- Upcoming (€350.00)



# VSware - Assessment, Behaviour

Spring 2026: 5th Year  
(2025/2026)

Actions ↓

**Irish**

**H4** / 62%

**TEACHER**

Edward O'Gorman

**LEVEL**

Higher

**APPLICATION**

Excellent

**ATTITUDE**

Excellent

**Disruptive behaviour**

-1 points

**Date**

25th March 2026 10:38

**Subject**

Geography

**Raised By**

Hannah Holden

**Comment**

Constant talking in class.

# Year Head: Supporting New 1st Year Students



- Routine
- Organisation
- School diary
- VSware
- School APP



# Year Head Role

- **Team**
  - Class Teacher
  - Turas Teacher/ Tutor
  - Year Head
- **Pastoral care and support**
- **Behaviour management**





# Code of Behaviour

- All policies are **reviewed** and **updated** regularly and are accessible on the school website
- **Promotes** good behaviour
- Outlines **sanctions**
- **By enrolling your son you are accepting our Code of Behaviour**





# What next?

- Submit Choice Form by **Fri May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 at 16:30**
- **Photo Consent Form, Medical Form** through CBC App
- Students start in late August **2026 (date to be confirmed)**
- Booklet prepared by the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Head on **Transitioning** to CBC Kilkenny
- Students will need **€30 for their locker**
- **1st Year expenses** - payable on VShare from August (insurance, texts, app, photocopying, postage, team bus transport)
- Bring a **pencil case, copy, keyring, a drink and a light snack** on the first day.



# Important Dates

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Submit Choice Form by **Fri May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 at 16:30**

PE Uniform fitting and order/purchase on afternoon of **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 (times later but probably 14:00 - 16:00)**

**JC Book Scheme:** All books, some stationery, **Collection DATE** to be confirmed

# Frequently Asked Questions

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We hope we have answered any questions which you may have, however if you have any outstanding query please email:

[j.kelly@cbckilkenny.ie](mailto:j.kelly@cbckilkenny.ie)

We will compile an answer sheet to the **FAQs** and circulate it to everyone.



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