



Christ King Girls' Secondary School

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"Believe you can and you're halfway there"



As the Principal of Christ King Girls' Secondary School, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to view our prospectus, which I hope will give you a sense of what makes Christ King Girls' Secondary School an exceptional school.

The School's Mission Statement speaks of respecting the uniqueness of the individual. Each one of our girls is valued and encouraged. Our aim is to create an open, happy, stimulating, mutually respectful community environment in which young girls are able to develop the full range of their individual talents and abilities in a balanced, integrated and generous way.

The statement further stresses our commitment to providing an environment within which the development of intellectual and spiritual values is of prime importance. We are pledged to an ever-renewed faith, which actively promotes the struggle for greater justice in the world. Traditional values

are at the heart of the Christ King's school community, which, at the same time, is forward thinking and vibrant as we seek to meet the challenges of a changing world.

The profile of our ideal Christ King graduate is someone who is open to growth, intellectually competent, socially able, culturally aware, physically developed, inspired by the values of the Gospel, flexible and adaptive, actively concerned about justice and peace, committed to striving for excellence.

It is a central part of my role, working with the Trustees CEIST, the Board of Management, Parents Council and Student Council, to ensure that these ideals are realised as fully as possible in our students, and in the life of the school community as a whole.

I hope that you will be enthused and excited by the world that you see here and that you will be inspired to pay us a visit that we may show you what it is that makes Christ King such a special place in which to educate your daughter.

Richel Long
Principal

Christ King is a Catholic Secondary School under the trusteeship of CEIST.

Our mission is to respect the uniqueness of each person within the school community.

We are committed to providing an environment within which the development of intellectual and spiritual values is of prime importance.

Our hope is that this mission will be fulfilled in co-operation and partnership with pupils, parents and the wider community.

- School Mission Statement

Our History

The Presentation Story spans more than two hundred and fifty years. Having set up her first schools in 1754, Nano Nagle founded her congregation on Christmas Eve 1775. Nano Nagle was a remarkable woman who pioneered the education of Catholic women.

*“In the face of fear she chose to be daring,
in the face of anxiety, she chose to trust,
in the face of impossibility, she chose to begin”.*

Sr. Raphael Considine

Inspired by her example, other women, in circumstances at once amazingly different, amazingly similar, have down the centuries, brought to the developing story their own unique contribution in every continent.

Today, Presentation Secondary Schools in Ireland are under the trusteeship of CEIST, Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust.



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Sacred Heart School, now Christ King Girls' Secondary School, opened in Sunview House in September 1965. The main school structure was finally begun in 1971 and completed in September 1974, when the first classes occupied the new school. The new extension finally came to fruition in 2003 consisting of a state of the art P.E. Hall, Stage, two Science Laboratories, Computer Room, Art Room, Multi Media Presentation Room, Science Demonstration Laboratory, Library, Geography Room, Guidance Suite, Staff Room and a new modern Administration Office.

The school is now run by a Board of Management consisting of a Chairperson, three trustee nominees, two parent nominees and two staff nominees. The Board operates within the guidelines of the Articles of Management of Voluntary Secondary schools and the educational philosophy of CEIST.



*"Non vox sed votum"-
"Not words but deeds".*

- Nano Nagle



School Vision and Aims

Christ King Girls' Secondary School is a contemporary school that builds on rich traditions of the past to provide girls with a quality, progressive and dynamic education which becomes a foundation for their future. We strive for academic excellence, while never losing sight of the individual within – providing a modern education designed to support both achievements and challenges faced by girls who are learning in a global society.

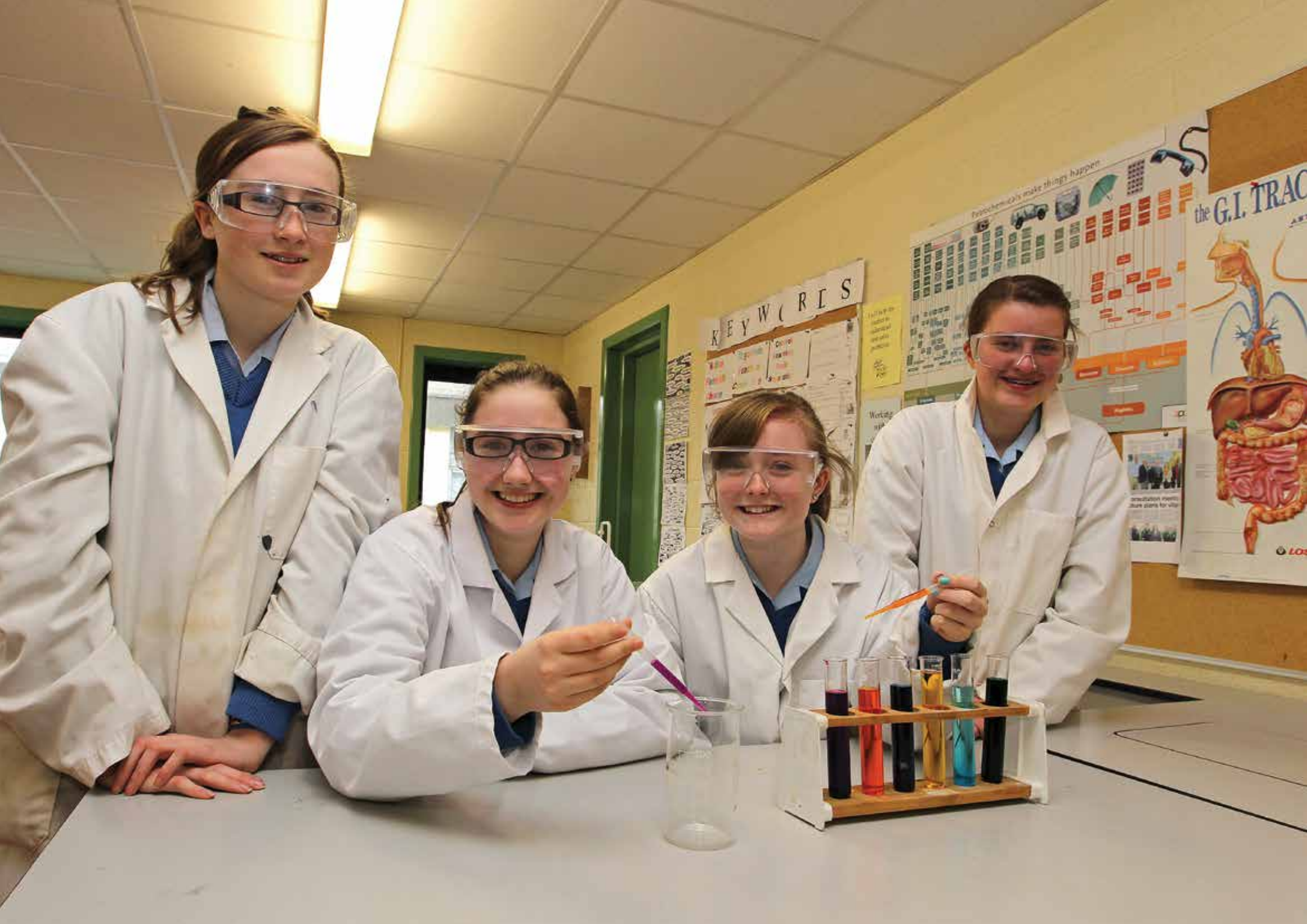
The Christ King Girls' Secondary School philosophy of education is built on the CEIST core values of:

- Promoting Spiritual and Human Development.
- Achieving Quality in Teaching and Learning.
- Showing respect for every person.
- Creating Community.
- Being Just and Responsible.

In Christ King we aim to make the school an educational community where the system of teaching and learning is such that each girl feels accepted and encouraged as a unique individual, so that her potential as a person is fully realised in the context of a school faith community...

This educational community also aims to ensure that:

- the school environment fosters self-discipline, responsibility, honesty, respect for others and the environment.
- an understanding of the Gospel and its implications for action are integral to learning.
- there is an awareness and concern for the disadvantaged and underprivileged at local, national and global level.
- the Parents' association reflects our recognition of the importance of the parents in the effective functioning of the School.
- The Association of Christ King Past Pupils taps into the experience of past pupils.



*"It's not that I'm so smart,
it's just that I stay
with problems longer."*

- Albert Einstein



Curriculum

A comprehensive curriculum is offered at our school which underpins our school's vision for developing the student as an individual.

Junior Cycle

At Junior Cycle our First Year girls study English, Mathematics, Gaeilge, French or German, Geography, History, PE, Religious Education, CSPE, SPHE and students choose three subjects from the following:-

- Science, Business, Music, Art, Home Economics, Technical Graphics, German.

In Second and Third Year students study English, Mathematics, Gaeilge, French, Geography, History, PE, Religious Education, CSPE, SPHE and choose three subjects from Art, Home Economics, Science, Music, Technical Graphics, Business and German.

Senior Cycle

Students study English, Gaeilge, Mathematics, French, Religion, PE, Personal Development, Health Education, Career Guidance and three subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business Studies, Accounting, Economics, German, History, Geography, Design and Communication Graphics, Art, Music, Home Economics, Japanese, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics .

Transition Year

The Transition Year programme is an option offered to students after Junior Certificate. This course is intended to cater for students' needs and capacities within a framework of a broad, general education which would include and integrate academic study and careers education.

The above curriculum will be offered subject to demand.

We offer supervised study on four days after school.



*"Many receive advice, but
only the wise profit from it!"*



Pastoral Care and Our Care Team

The care of each student, in all aspects of her well-being and development, is a central tenet in the philosophy of Christ King. Our pastoral structure revolves around all the teaching staff and The Class Teacher, The Year Tutor and The Guidance Counsellor.

A Year Tutor is assigned to each year group and a Class Teacher to each class group. The Class Teacher and Year Tutor ensure that the welfare of every pupil and her progress in studies are looked after.

Spiritual Development and Social Awareness

As a Catholic school within the Presentation / CEIST tradition, an essential part of what Christ King offers is the development of an intelligent, reflective and committed religious faith. There are regular liturgical celebrations in the course of the year, with opportunities for Mass, and other prayer experiences. A Retreat programme is organised to help our students develop a richer understanding and practice of their faith. Various fund-raising ventures are undertaken for charities associated with the school, for particular needs in Ireland and the Third World.

Meitheal Team

The Meitheal Team are a group of fifth year students who operate at many levels throughout the school year. They particularly help with first year induction to school life. A peer mentoring system is operated by these girls. Another mentoring system is operated through the Big Sister Programme operated in conjunction with Foróige.

The Student Council

There are twenty six students on the Council comprising of the prefects and vice-prefects of 5th and 6th year and the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl. The Council usually meet once a month with their teacher co-ordinator. The council also act as mentors to second year students.



"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm"



Facilities

The modern facilities provided at Christ King Girls' Secondary School set the stage for academic excellence. It is this excellent infrastructure that allows us to deliver our comprehensive curricular and co-curricular programmes in a wide-range of subject areas.

Our extensive grounds and sports areas offer the opportunities to participate in sporting endeavours as well as providing quiet places for relaxation, reflection and conversation. These facilities include a state of the art PE hall with balcony, training gym and stage/dance room, a multi-media room, a science demonstration theatre, a prayer room, two specialist art rooms, five fully-equipped science laboratories, two computer laboratories, two modern home economics rooms, a library, a music room, a dedicated career guidance room, a geography room, a canteen serving hot and cold lunches at 11.30am and 1.05pm, spacious recreation grounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, the use of the adjacent playing pitch, 39 classrooms – Each student is assigned a base classroom for the year, where her locker is also located. Each classroom is equipped with a computer, data projector and interactive whiteboard serviced with 100 megabyte broadband connection.

Sport and Co-Curricular Activities

Our school has a celebrated sporting history and an extensive sports programme is carried on throughout the school year. This is coordinated by the PE teachers with the assistance of coaches and parents, offering our students an opportunity to take part in basketball, camogie, hockey, aerobics, dance, athletics, volleyball, Gaelic football, soccer, tennis, swimming and more.



Our co-curricular activities underpin our school ethos and offer our students the opportunity to develop through involvement with activities like the Annual School Show, the President's Award (Gaisce), Student Council, Comhairle na nÓg, European Youth Parliament, the Green School's Committee, Young Enterprise, German and French Exchanges, fundraising events and more.



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