



School Prospectus

# Presentation Secondary School Wexford

Established in 1818

**“Our Best, Always.”**



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# Foreword



On behalf of all the staff here in our school a very warm welcome to our School Prospectus. Our school here on Grogan's Road in the heart of Wexford, is a vibrant community of 999 students and over 70 staff. We have wonderful students, staff, and a modern campus, with 3 buildings & excellent sporting & extra-curricular facilities.

We are very proud of our broad curriculum, our excellent academic results, our excellent facilities, our vast array of co and extra-curricular activities but more importantly our excellent staff and our fantastic students.

We look forward to our new extension come to fruition over the next few years, the extension will include 4 classrooms, a science lab, 2 home economics rooms, a technology room, multimedia room, DCG room, and 4 special classrooms with sensory garden. These new facilities will add to our ever growing campus & our school curriculum.

We offer Leaving Cert Established with over 22 optional subjects, Leaving Cert Applied, Leaving Cert Vocational Programme & Transition Year.

We offer a supportive, inclusive & caring environment where we set high standards for learning & teaching, high personal standards for our students all done with mutual respect for all members of our school community.

We strive each day to in-still in our students a sense of pride & belonging & the belief that each & every student is unique & can succeed.

All at our school believe that respect is at the heart of creating a climate where all can succeed. We insist on a smart uniform, good behaviour, good manners & politeness. When all are in situ our vision for all our students to achieve their personal excellence can be achieved.

As Principal, I am extremely proud to be part of our wonderful community, to witness the growth of our students from 1st year to Leaving Certificate & see them leave as happy, confident, respectful young people, having reached their full potential with us, heading on different journeys, and following their dreams to make a difference in our world.

In 2018/2019 our school community underwent a Whole School Evaluation by the Inspectorate. I am proud to say that their report affirmed all the great practices carried out here on our campus daily.

Billy Ryan  
Principal



# Overview

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# School History

The Presentation Congregation was founded in Cork in 1775 by Nano Nagle, a daughter of one of the oldest families in the country.

The aim was to help downtrodden citizens by the only means in her power – to provide them with schools and education.

The story of Presentation, Wexford, started in October 1818, when two sisters came from the already established convent in Kilkenny.

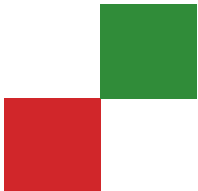
They started by opening a Primary school. About 1940 a second-level school was established and in the following years the school became a fully recognized Secondary school.

The Presentation order was established in Wexford town in October 1818, being the first religious order to come to the town after the Penal Laws.

In the 1820s, the Presentation Sisters established a school, which has, over time, developed into the Presentation Secondary School. We marked 200 years of providing education to the town of Wexford in 2018.



# School Profile



The school currently operates under the trusteeship of C. E. I. S. T. (Catholic Education an Irish Schools Trust). As such, it supports the Religious and Educational Philosophy of its Founder, Nano Nagle. Religious Education takes a central place in the life and curriculum of the school. We are an all-girl, voluntary secondary school and are situated in a primarily residential area of Wexford town.

Presentation School Wexford aims, with the resources available, to provide the best possible environment in which to facilitate the cultural, educational, moral, physical, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual values and traditions of all students.

Presentation Secondary School, Wexford provides for a wide range of artistic, cultural, social and sporting activities to develop the talents of all students and to provide them with the confidence to be involved in various activities in later life. The school also places great emphasis on the development of competitive games for all its students.

Working together as a school community, the Board of Management, parents, staff and students aim to provide an environment that will allow each student to develop intellectually, physically, morally, socially and spiritually so that she will be able to fulfil her role in society.

# What we can offer



A long-standing tradition and culture of success, achievement and excellence in the academic, sporting, artistic and scientific arenas.

A vibrant, enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to helping students achieve their potential.

High expectations of students, academic, sporting or cultural.

A welcoming and friendly environment for pupils.

Outstanding success in Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations.

A strong sense of community within the school and the wider community.

A wide ranging curriculum.

Excellent care and support systems.

A wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Excellent facilities with 3 Buildings on our campus.

Our past-pupils have become successful in all the professions including medical, legal, business, journalism, education, engineering, art, drama and many others.

We do all that we can to make sure our students achieve their full potential

# Aims of our School



To provide an environment that will enable us to recognise all individuals and cater for all needs.

To provide a comprehensive social, personal & health education programme that will enable students, to be well informed, responsible, healthy & well adjusted adults.

To promote & support the Catholic ethos of the school, while facilitating the spiritual & personal development of all students, whatever their religious experience.

To provide a variety of programmes in order to cater for the different needs of our students.

To provide the best possible facilities for Physical Education so as to enable our students pursue a healthy lifestyle, encourage teamwork, learn social skills, build resilience, and learn the importance of recreation in their lives.

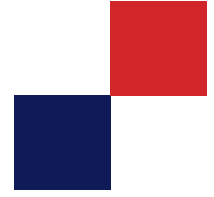
To provide as wide a range as possible of extra-curricular activities & co-curricular activities.

To provide opportunities for staff to enhance their professional & personal development so as to achieve the above aims.

To provide open channels of communication to parents so as to keep them informed, to invite feedback, and to foster mutual support & partnership in achieving our aims.



# Vision, Mission, Standards



## Mission

## Vision

We strive each day to in-still in our students a sense of pride & belonging & the belief that each & every student is unique & can succeed.

All at our school we believe that respect is at the heart of creating a climate where all can succeed.

We insist on a smart uniform, good behaviour, good manners & politeness. When all are in situ our vision for all our students to achieve their personal excellence can be achieved.

“Inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle, our school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring, respectful and inclusive community.”

## Standards

- Happy students and staff
- Caring and supportive towards each other
- Support
- High quality learning
- High personal standards
- Christian ethos
- Respect and manners
- Care and support
- High quality teaching
- High standards of behaviour
- Positive Reinforcement
- Homework
- Prefects and leadership
- Professionalism and respect



# School Curriculum



## Our School provides the following

Junior Cycle Programme  
Transition Year Programme  
Leaving Cert Programme  
Leaving Cert Applied Programme  
Leaving Cert Vocational Programme

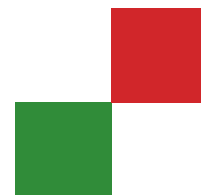
**Leaving Certificate Results 2025**  
82% went on to 3<sup>rd</sup> level in Ireland

10% achieved over 600 points

38% achieved over 500 points

69% achieved over 400 points

# Our Curriculum



## 01

One of the great advantages of a large school, such as ours, is that we can provide a wide range of subjects. In Junior cycle students study a broad range of subjects, since it will allow them to identify their strengths and preferences before having to focus their choices in second year and indeed into Leaving Certificate.



## 02 State Examinations

The school is committed to supporting each student to achieve their potential in State Examinations. An Academic Council has been set up to oversee the change of levels for students between higher and ordinary level. It is expected that the majority of students will take examination subjects at higher level.

We expect that our pupils will achieve higher than the national average marks in all their subjects. To this end a report showing examination results achieved by Presentation Wexford pupils compared with national statistics will be prepared annually and will be reviewed by each subject department and each teacher.



## 03 Mixed Ability Classes

It is school policy to have 'mixed ability' classes in first year so as to allow students to settle into the school and to achieve their potential. Students will be banded in second year in core subjects like English, Irish and Maths on the basis of the Christmas and Summer results and on the recommendations of their teachers. At senior cycle students are streamed in 5th year for English, Irish and Maths.



## 04 Additional Educational Needs

Additional Education is available to students who have been granted hours by the Department of Education on the basis of an educational assessment by a Department-recognised psychologist. If any student has been assessed in Primary School, please submit the assessment to the school on or before Admissions Day, so that we can request the hours from the Department. Please arrange to speak to a member of the AEN Department regarding any special needs requests.



## 05 Physical Education & Wellbeing

Our Physical Education and Wellbeing programme emphasizes the importance of physical & mental fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It offers a range of sports and programmes to promote a healthy lifestyle. Sports and Wellbeing subjects promote physical & mental well-being, teamwork, and leadership skills.



## 06 Extra Curricular

We have a proud tradition of academic excellence, & we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and students, of the vast amount of extra-curricular activities that are available here in Presentation Wexford, from camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Equestrian, Couch to 5K, Badminton, Soccer, Debating, Athletics, Deep-green, Games Club, Choir, Green Schools, Library Club & the Feminist Society there is something for everyone on offer. We encourage all students to try at least one of the many activities offered to our students by the wonderful staff of the school.



# Junior Cycle



## The Junior Cycle is a 3 year programme

### 1st Year

Core Subjects	Optional Subjects Students Choose 4	Non Exam Core Subjects
Irish	French	SPHE
English	German	CSPE
Maths	Spanish	ICT
Science	Home Economics	PE
History	Visual Art	
Geography	Graphics	
Religion	Business Studies	
	Music	

# Junior Cycle



## The Junior Cycle is a 3 year programme

2nd & 3rd Year

Core Subjects	Optional Subjects Students Choose 3	Non Exam Core Subjects
Irish	French	SPHE
English	German	CSPE
Maths	Spanish	ICT
Science	Home Economics	PE
History	Visual Art	Friends for Youth
Geography	Graphics	Drama
Religion	Business Studies	Enviromental Studies
	Music	

# Transition Year



The school offers Transition Year as an optional one year programme, which is designed to bridge the gap between Junior and Senior Cycles and to prepare students for adult life.

Numbers are determined annually by the Board of Management.

Admission criteria for interested students is outlined in the specific Admission Policy for Entry into the Transition Year Programme.

## Core Subjects

English

Irish

Maths

PE

Religion

Pastoral Care

## Dedicated Subjects

History/Geog/Politics

Acc/Bus/Econ

Physics/Chem/Bio/Ag Sci

Music/Art/Home Ec/DCG

Modern Languages

Mini Co/Junkkutoire/YSI

## Modular Subjects

ICT/RSE/Careers

Cookery/Crafts

Woodwork/EnviroSt

Classics/Spanish

Digital Media/CSI

Community/Journalism



# Leaving Certificate



## All students study

English  
Irish  
Maths

## Non Exam Subjects

Religion  
RSE  
PE  
Guidance  
ICT

## Students Choose 4 from

Accounting  
Ag Science  
Applied Maths  
Art  
Biology  
Business  
Chemistry  
DCG  
Economics  
French  
Geography  
German  
History  
Home Economics  
LCPE  
LCVP  
Music  
Politics & Society  
Physics  
Religious Education  
Spanish

# Leaving Certificate Applied

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a two-year Leaving Certificate, available to students who wish to follow a practical or vocationally orientated programme.

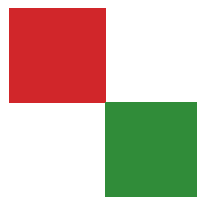
The Leaving Certificate Applied is made up of a range of courses that are structured round three elements: Vocational Preparation, Vocational Education and General Education.

**Students study the following over two years:**

<b>Vocational Preparation &amp; Guidance</b>	Social Education	Religion
English & Communication	Modern Language	2 Vocational Specialisms
Leaving Cert Maths	Arts Education	Hair & Beauty Childcare
ICT	Leisure & Recreation	Community Care Hotel Catering & Tourism



# Pastoral Care



Presentation Secondary School Wexford has a Student Support Team in place that deals with students whose need for support might exceed those of other students in the school.

The Student Support Team comprises the Principal, Deputy Principal, the Guidance Counsellors, the Special Education Needs and Learning Support coordinators.

The Student Support Team meets each week and reviews the needs of all the students who receive extra supports in the school.

The Student Support Team having reviewed the needs of the individual student may decide to link in with the student in school but may also decide to seek extra supports outside of the school.

Year Heads, Class Tutors and Subject Teachers may raise their concerns with regard to particular students and may refer students to the Student Support Team. Members of the Student Support Team act as link people for different students who have individual needs.

They check in with these individuals on a regular basis to monitor their needs and to ensure the appropriate supports are in place.

# Extra Curricular & Student Leadership



## 01 Sporting

ATHLETICS	RUGBY	EQUESTRIAN
BADMINTON	BASKETBALL	SWIMMING
CAMOGIE	SOCCER	GOLF
GAELIC FOOTBALL	FRISBEE	ROUNDERS



## 02 Non Sporting

DEBATING	GAMES CLUB	SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY
DRAMA	LIBRARY	GREEN SCHOOLS
PUBLIC SPEAKING	CHOIR	COUCH TO 5K
DANCE	MATHS CLUB	EXCHANGES



## 03 Student Leadership

HEAD GIRL TEAM	STUDENT COUNCIL	SVP
SENIOR PREFECTS	LIBRARY PREFECTS	JOHN PAUL
MEITHEAL LEADERS	ETHOS AMBASSADORS	YSI
PEER MENTORS	CLASS PREFECTS	CHALLENGE TO CHANGE





# Student Voice



Student leadership empowers students to have a voice and make a difference. It encourages them to identify issues within our school community and take proactive steps to address them.

By nurturing initiative and encouraging student-led initiatives, our school fosters an environment where students feel empowered to initiate positive change. This not only enriches the school experience but also instills a lifelong commitment to making a difference in the world.

We are very proud of the fact that we have over 200 students in leadership roles in our school.

These include; Head Girl Team, Senior Prefects, Peer Mentors, Meitheal Leaders, Student Council, Junior Prefects, Student Council, Learning Hub Leaders, Library Prefects, Ethos Ambassadors, Positivity Group, Green Schools, Students Across the Globe, & our Feminist Society

# Extra Curricular



## Basketball

Presentation Wexford enter four teams in the Basketball Ireland competitions, senior, under 16, first year and second year. We have won numerous southeast league titles over the past few years. Last year, we qualified out of the region at u16 level and reached the All-Ireland quarter final in the National Basketball Arena, Dublin, which was a great achievement and honour for everyone involved.

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## Badminton

Held every Friday l from 3-4 PM offers a fantastic opportunity for students to engage in social badminton, fostering both physical fitness and camaraderie. Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner, the Badminton Club welcomes everyone to join in the fun and improve their skills in a supportive environment.

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## Soccer

We have had great success recently. Our 1st years having success in the Leinster Shield final in 2022 to our U-17 team winning the Leinster A League final in 2024 with many of the same team narrowly missing out on winning an All-Ireland Final in 2023. Dedicated students & coaches have provided a positive environment vital to the school's success.

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## Choir

Rehearsals are held both after school and during lunchtimes, offering students flexible options to participate. The choir regularly performs at events across the county, including the esteemed Wexford Opera House. They have collaborated with Nathan Carter, Michael Londra, & Liam Bates, providing students with valuable performance experience.

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## Students Across the Globe

The group meet regularly & organise a wonderful Multicultural Day. The students work to represent Multiculturalism in the school. In 2023 the school was awarded Champion School of Sanctuary status which is a huge honour. The group aim to create a warm, inclusive & welcoming atmosphere in the school, where all cultures are valued & recognised.

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## Green Schools Committee

Promote environmental awareness & sustainability in our school. Projects include waste reduction, recycling initiatives, & raising awareness about global environmental issues. We have received our 6th Green Flag. They have won two ECO-UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards.

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## Equestrian

Competitions are mainly focused on showjumping. There are 2 levels which are based on experience level rather than age. Novice competitions are over an 80cm showjumping track with the open competition over a 100cm track. Teams consist of 4 members with the best 3 scores to count. Students need their own horse or pony and mode of transport to shows.

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## Athletics

Our Cross Country and Track & Field teams offer students the opportunity to compete at both local and national levels. We have enjoyed success in recent years with students earning medals at county, provincial and national events. A number of our athletes have also had the honour of representing Ireland internationally, a testament to their hard work and dedication.

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## Swimming

Our swim team includes all students who can swim two lengths of the pool or are members of a swimming club. They compete at the Leinster Senior School competition individually and in relays. In 2024, we were one of the biggest teams of non-club swimmers at the Leinster competition and we finished 8th out of 80 girls schools.

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## Science Club

Members explore any area of science within the curriculum or outside. Weekly experiments and demonstrations led by the students in any area of science. Students have an opportunity to prepare projects for Sci. Fest or Young Scientist.

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# Extra Curricular

## Debate Club

Students develop their skills of argument & persuasion. The club meets each week in room 2 with Mr Sultana as our Debates mentor. In the club we look at a range of topics including child poverty and climate change. We spend time researching our topics and then work together to form coherent arguments and informed counterpoints. We have recently been approved as a Concern Worldwide Debates competition school.

## Camogie

We have a rich history in Camogie competing at Leinster & All Ireland level. We have teams competing in 1st year, minor (1st and 2nd year), junior (u16 1/2) and senior (u19) competitions. We compete at A & B level, reaching and winning numerous Leinster and All Ireland finals in the last 10 years. We also compete in the Gort 9's invitational, winning it in 2024. Trips have been to New York & upcoming to Dubai.

## Gaelic Football

Gaelic Football is an extremely popular extra curricular activity in Presentation Wexford. With students representing the school 1st yr, U14, Junior (U16), TY and Senior (U19) competitions

## Feminist Society

Femsoc provides our senior students with a safe space to discuss issues affecting both their age group and the wider world. Topics discussed include female empowerment, politics and equality for all. Students in FemSoc also fundraise and donate to worthy causes.

## Library Club

Our library is a readers for life award recipient. We have a beautiful, well stocked library of which we are very proud. It is the favourite room in the school for many of our students. Our library is run by a team of 20 student leaders who meet regularly to organise events. Our library places a strong emphasis on writing initiatives and Presentation has a vibrant writing community. Writing for competitions, local & national is encouraged and facilitated throughout the year.

## SVP

By participating in this school club, students learn the importance of empathy, social responsibility, and the impact of charitable work on their local community. Involvement in the St. Vincent de Paul Charity group allows students to develop leadership skills, collaborate with peers, and organize fundraising events or volunteer activities, fostering a sense of teamwork and accomplishment.

## Rugby

We have a junior & senior team. The juniors reached a Leinster final. Our Junior Team won the Leinster final in 2023. Then, they progressed to the National Finals. Here, they came up against some of the giants of school rugby. However, the team's biggest achievement is introducing new players to the game of Rugby.

## Learning Hub

The Learning Hub is a group for students who are curious about and want to be active in all areas of their education. The group organises teach-meets on extra curricular topics of interest, study skills, exam skills, positive mental health and well-being activities. The Learning Hub also fosters relationships with like minded students and schools around the country with visits to other schools as well as hosting other schools who want to know about the Learning Hub.

## Board Games Club

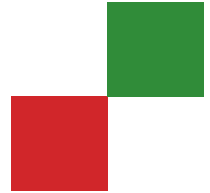
The club offers students a unique opportunity to engage in social interaction, critical thinking and teamwork outside of the traditional classroom setting. By participating in this club, students can develop essential skills such as strategic planning, problem-solving and effective communication while enjoying a variety of games.

## Drama

All students in all years are welcome in Drama club. We develop our performance skills and confidence through a variety of games and improvisation activities. Some weeks are experimental and fun, other weeks we work to practise our presentation and performance skills through short scripts or devised pieces. No experience is necessary, the main objective is fun.



# Student Life





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# Our School



- High-standard classrooms and learning spaces equipped with state-of-the-art technology.
- Modern library with an extensive collection of books.
- Well-equipped science laboratories.
- Computer labs with high-speed internet access and the latest software.
- Concert Hall with stage and audiovisual facilities for events and performances.
- Sports Hall
- Fully equipped Sports Gym with audiovisual equipment.
- Art Rooms
- DCG/Technology Room
- Home Economics Rooms
- Sports field, including an astro turf.
- Music room with musical instruments
- Canteen with healthy food options.
- Sensory Room
- Nurture Room
- Prayer Room



# Our School



# Admission Process

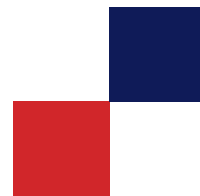


## Further Information

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- 01** Complete the online application form, providing personal information, contact details, and academic history.
- 02** Timelines for the application process are on our website.
- 03** Parent/Guardians will be informed usually November regarding an offer a place in 1st Year
- 04** Acceptance of place indicates that Parent/Guardians accept our schools Code of Behaviour & School Ethos
- 05** Please read our Admissions Policy and Annual Admissions Notice on our website before the enrolment process commences.

# What our Students Say



**I liked the homely feel of the school**

**I came to the Open Day and I loved the look and atmosphere of the school**

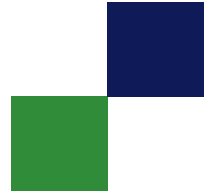
**The teachers and students are friendly and accommodating.**

**I chose to attend here because of the subject options and extracurricular activities really appealed to me.**

**It had a lot to offer with trips, extracurricular activities, etc. There is something for everyone.**

**It gave a very positive and joyous atmosphere**

# What our Students Say



Welcoming atmosphere provided by every teacher and student at the Open evening which made the transition into secondary school much easier.

The inspiring environment and dedicated teachers

My sister thought it was a lovely school, so I decided to follow in her footsteps. I have not looked back since

Friendly and welcoming atmosphere and to be a part of a community that does their best always.

Because my older cousins previously came here, and they praised the school and the teachers. They also got into their college of choice

I heard it's a very good school. It prepares you for university and it makes learning fun



# What our Students Say



I chose to come here because of all the good feedback from my friends and my family.

The positive atmosphere that would put a smile on anyone's face

The range of extracurricular activities and clubs offered & the iPads are great in class rather than books

I chose to come here because the teachers seemed very friendly. It has a nice, friendly environment, where I wanted to spend my six years

The friendly, caring atmosphere created by students, staff and everyone that is part of the Presentation family

The great facilities offered & the school has a warm atmosphere.



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