

GALWAY



**EDUCATE TOGETHER
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



**WELCOME
CLASS OF 2031!**



GALWAY ETSS - AN EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL

This means that we are:

Equality-based (changed from 'multi-denominational' in 2015)

i.e. all children having **equal rights** of access to the school, and children of all social and religious backgrounds being **equally respected**

Co-educational

committed to **gender equality**

Child-centred (Learner-centred)

encouraging **all children** to explore their **full range of abilities and opportunities**

Democratically-run

with **active participation** by parents and students in the daily life of the school, whilst **positively affirming** the professional role of teachers



WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?



- First names for all
- No uniform
- Respect and kindness
- Student voice
- Parent voice
- Innovative teaching and learning
- Creativity
- Sustainability
- Positive Relationships



WHERE WILL WE BE SITUATED?

Current Accommodation 2024 /2025: Newtownsmith (Years)

Department of Education have set upper limit of 72 students for 2024/2025

Permanent Accommodation:

- Permanent site has been confirmed at Garraun, Oranmore (Very close to train station which is currently being developed)
- New build to facilitate 1000 students
- We do not have a date for the move, we will update you as soon as we have news.

Permanent Location will be accessible to all sides of school planning area via school and public transport. This is a priority of Department of Education.



SUPPORT TEAM

- Sarah Molloy principal@galwayetss.ie
- Sinead dp@galwayetss.ie
- Noreen admin@galwayetss.ie

- Guidance Counsellor: Ann Marie Greene amgreene@galwayetss.ie
- AEN Coordinator: Katriona Woods kwoods@galwayetss.ie



OUR COMMUNITY DOG

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PROGRAMME FOR
SCHOOLS



**Irish
Guide
Dogs**
for the blind



Peanut





PEANUT – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Highly trained dog, interacts with lots of different people, in many scenarios.
- **Will not** approach or interact with students, unless instructed to do so by the handler.
- Will never be walking by herself - always with a handler and never off a lead on school premises.
- We understand that some students may have an allergy or fear of dogs. Anyone who would prefer not to interact with Peanut will have their wishes respected.



SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

Recognition as a school that is committed to creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment that benefits everybody, including anyone in its community who is seeking sanctuary.

- Irish Education System information (for families who may be unfamiliar with the Irish context)
- www.getss.ie/ Google Translate
- PBL, workshops and events in the areas of identity and anti-racism
- Curricular elements (Ethical Ed, CSPE, Art and English)
- Turning the Tide campaign for Traveller Movement campaign (intercultural workshops for 1st Years)

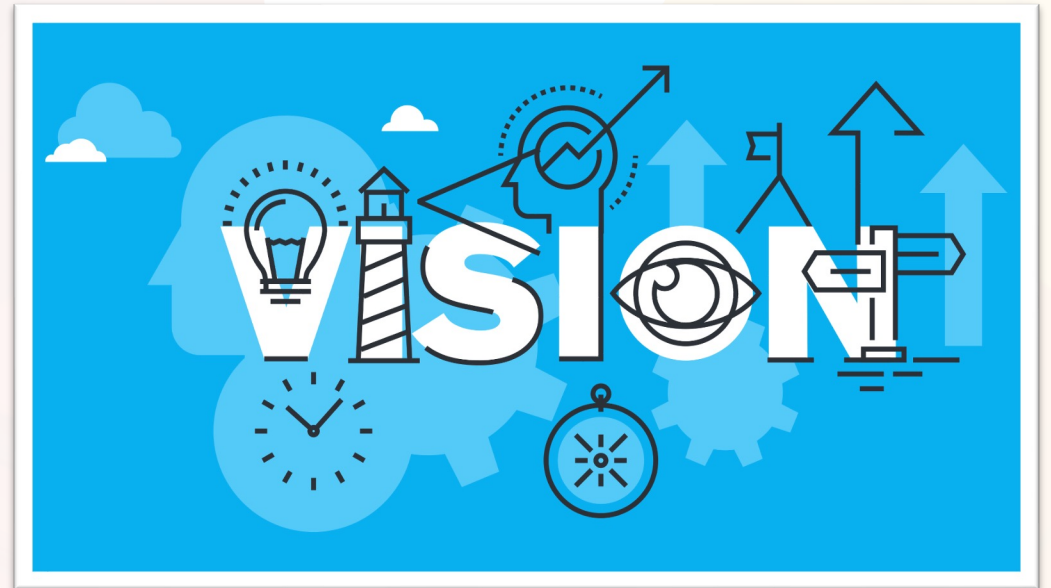


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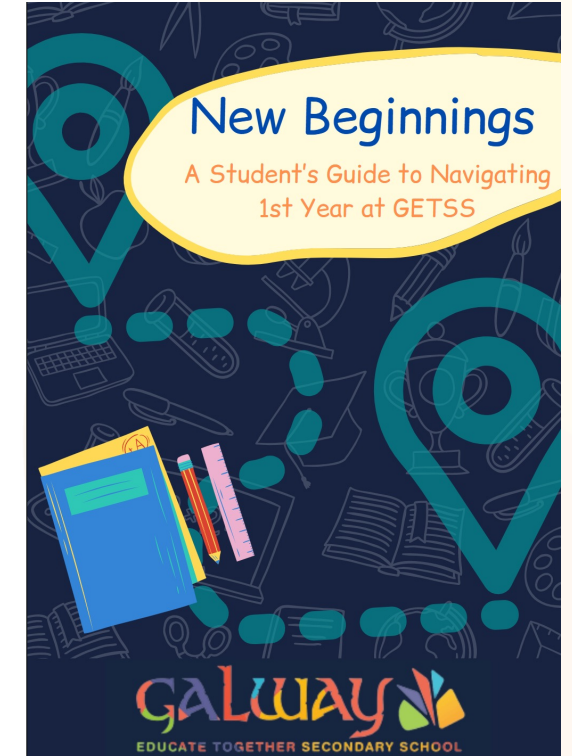
OUR VISION

- Cultivate a love of learning
- Build an inclusive community
- Cultivate and maintain positive relationships
- Create a sustainable environment



WHAT WILL THE LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

- Mixed Ability
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Co-teaching
- Collaborative/Team Based
- Cross Curricular
- Phenomenon/Project Based Learning/Negotiated Curriculum
- ICT mediated
- Teacher as facilitator
- Varied styles of assessment based on learning outcomes



TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING

- Office 365
- Individual devices – iPads (to be purchased through Wriggle)
- Microsoft Teams/Office 365
- Cost €600 approx.
- Payment Plan available

The technology is not the focus of the learning rather the medium through which students learn.



TECHNOLOGY-BASED LEARNING

The technology is not what is important - we use technology to enhance the learning and develop students' skills.

<http://galwayetss.ie/page/Apple-Distinguished-School/60789/Index.html>



Collaboration
Creativity
Accessibility
Creation of content
Organisation



Distinguished
School

WRIGGLE INFORMATION – PARENT PACK

What's included in your child's Wriggle Technology Bundle?

- iPad 9th Gen 64GB €415 / iPad 9th Gen 256GB €599
- Heavy Duty Case for iPad €50
- Wriggle Services and Support for 3 years €120. See what's included [here](#).
- Device Management license included
- Educational apps (chosen by school) preloaded to your device
- FREE access to 100s of short training videos in safely using technology for learning for parents and students on Wriggle Connect. See what you have access to [here](#).
- Insurance offering available at time of purchase or alternatively at <https://wriggle.ie/parents/ordering/insurance-repairs/>.



KEY DATES

Wriggle Store opens:
2nd April 2024

Wriggle Store closes:
June 11th 2024

Wriggle Parent Pack has been shared by email

For more information about Wriggle and setting up devices [CLICK HERE](#)



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Tuesday After School Clubs 2.30 – 3.30pm



Home Learning Club LS1

Musical Rehearsals and Set work- Back to the 80's

Debating Club with Rowie and Elana LS5

Boys Basketball Training – Meet at Sports Hall - Martin

Coding/Robotics/Minecraft Club With Peadar in Tech room

Soccer Training – meet at Sports Hall – Gary, Laura

Thursday After School Clubs 2.30 – 3.30pm



Home Learning Club LS1

Musical Rehearsals and Set work- Back to the 80's

Arts and Crafts Club with Donna and Paula – Home Ec Room

Dungeons & Dragons Club with Matthew in LS6

Girls Basketball – Rowie and Leanne
Volleyball – James and Hazel
Tabletennis - Evan

Science Club – James – Blue Lab
Yoga - Gabrielle

Lunchtime Clubs



1. Each lunchtime – Games Club & Chess Club LS8 with Matthew/ Library LS9
2. Monday – Lego League with Evan and James in the Tech Room, School Magazine Club – With Esther and Orlaith in LS2, Green Team with Clodagh in LS4
3. Wednesday – Languages Club with Karin LS1
4. 1st Year Buddy Lunchtime with Ann Marie & Katriona – details to be confirmed
5. Pride Club with Richard – day to be confirmed
6. Lunchtime Walking Club with Katriona/Ann Marie – Tues/Wed/Thurs 1.10

Registers will be taken by teachers at each session. School bus will leave school at 2.30pm so you will need to arrange another way home if staying for a club.

Meeting point for all Sports clubs is in Sports Hall.

No clubs on days when there is a Staff meeting or Parent/Teacher/Student Meeting or School event


Students choose the activities!



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STRUCTURE OF THE DAY AND SUBJECTS



	Tutor 8.30 – 8.45	1 8.45 – 9.45	2 9.45 – 10.45	Break 10.45 - 11.00	3 11.00 – 12.00	4 12.00 – 1.00	Lunch & Clubs	5 1.40 – 2.40	6 2.40 – 3.40 Mon & Wed
Monday							1.00 – 1.40		
Tuesday							1.00 – 1.30	1.30 – 2.30	Clubs & Active Study 2.30 – 3.30
Wednesday							1.00 – 1.40		
Thursday							1.00 – 1.30	1.30 – 2.30	Clubs & Active Study 2.30 – 3.30
Friday							1.00 – 1.30	1.30 – 2.30	School finishes at 2.30 Friday

What will the day look like?

School opens at 8am and lessons begin at 8.30

Our classrooms are called Learning Spaces

Hour-long classes

No bells except at breaks

Morning break: 15 mins

Lunch-time: 30 or 40 mins

Senior Students can leave the premises at lunch-time. Juniors stay on site.



TUTOR

- ✓ Starts at 8.30am and is a critical part of a student's day
- ✓ Pastoral/Caring/Support Role
- ✓ Daily contact with students
- ✓ Key point of contact for students and parents
- ✓ Different theme each day:

Mon: Organisation, Tue: Literacy/Numeracy, Wed: Mindfulness, Thur: Reflection Time, Fri: GCE theme discussion

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING



Guidance Counsellor: Ann Marie
Greene amgreene@galwayetss.ie

Educational Guidance & Counselling: Providing support at key moments during students' time at school

Vocational Guidance & Counselling: Career and college choices

Social and Personal Guidance & Counselling: One to one/group meetings to talk about any issues which may arise, relationships, building resilience, feelings, etc.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS



AEN Coordinator: Katriona Woods

kwoods@galwayetss.ie

MAKING THE TRANSITION INTO FIRST YEAR

- Longer Days
- Timetable
- Home Learning
- Meeting New People
- Making Friends
- New Building
- Different Teachers
- New Subjects
- Induction Programme for 1st Years



What can parents do to help?

- Read the *Transition To Second School* booklet
- Contact the school with any concerns : Class teacher, tuto SEN Department, Guidance Counsellor

Transition booklet available on our website

GOOD HABITS FROM THE START

- **Healthy Eating** Policy - bring healthy lunches and snacks
- **Single use plastic** policy - all students must have a reusable bottle/cup and lunch box and we encourage all to avoid excess packaging e.g. cling film, tin foil
- **Green School** – working together for a sustainable future
- **Active School** – physically educated and active community
- **Amber School** – mental health & wellbeing
- **Community and Social Involvement**
- **Kindness and Respect** for each other, our school and our environment
- **RP (Restorative Practice)** approach

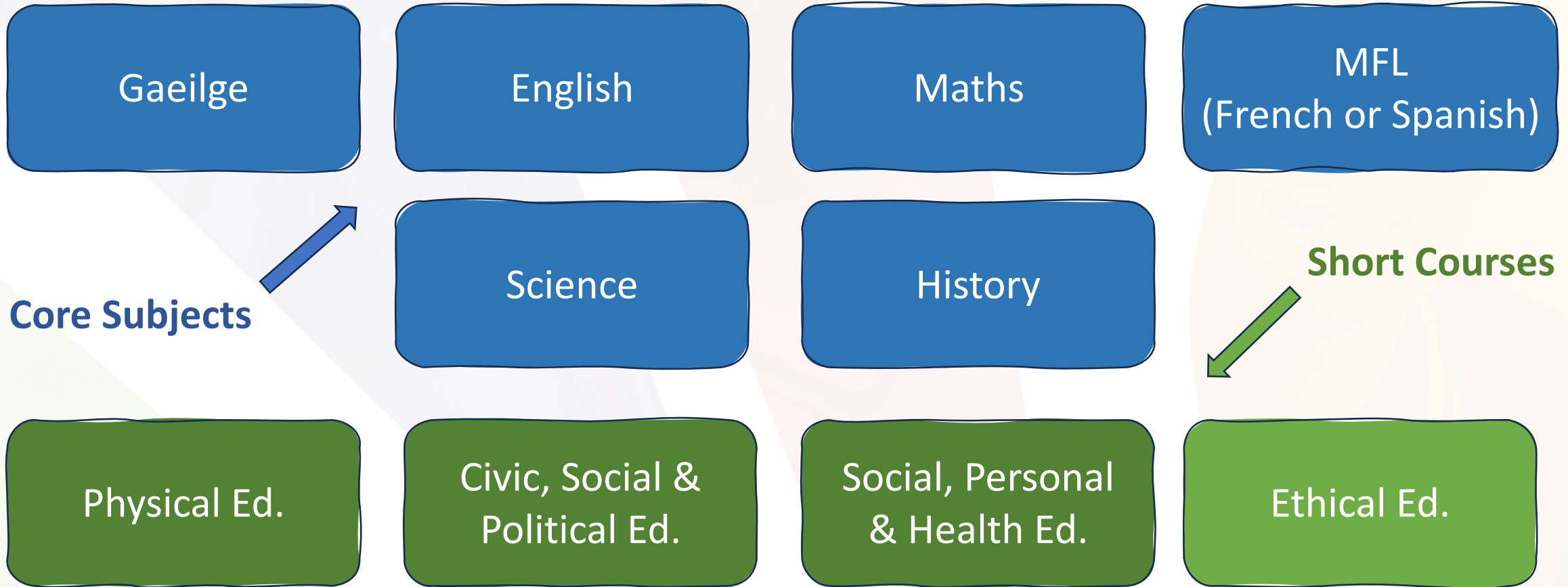
MOBILE PHONES & DEVICES

CODE OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR & ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY:

- No unauthorised use of phones on school premises
- No unauthorised use of iPads
- Please use the office to contact students during the school day



WHAT SUBJECTS WILL I STUDY?



AVAILABLE JUNIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

Options Taster Programme until October of 1st Year - Choose Two

Visual Art

Applied
Technology

Graphics

Home Economics

Business

Music

Geography

See GETSS.ie or curriculumonline.ie for further information

AVAILABLE SHORT COURSES

Taster during induction – choose one

Coding



Artistic
Performance



1 hour p/w, 1st – 3rd Year

Climate Action



ETHICAL EDUCATION

- Specific to Educate Together schools
- 1 lesson per week.
- Involves exploring **different worldviews and beliefs**, considering ethical dilemmas and the process of **ethical decision making (deciding between right and wrong)**.
- Invites students and teachers to engage with **issues and problems facing society** and aims to develop the skills of critical thinking, discussion and debate.
- **9 Strands:** Values; Making Moral and Ethical Decisions; Beliefs and Worldviews; Different Teachings and Perspectives; Diversity in Ireland, Migration; Power and Participation; Gender Equality; Global Citizenship Education

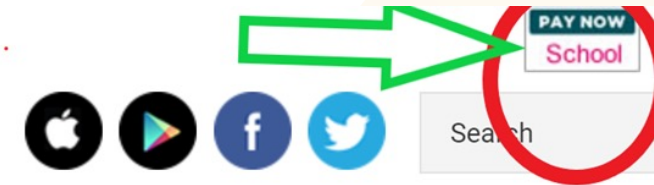


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GENERAL HOUSE KEEPING

- School open from 8am and school starts at 8.30am
- Use admin@galwayetss.ie email address for communication.
- If student is absent for a planned event e.g. hospital appointment, then please use the VShare app.
- If student is absent for due to illness then please email the school before 8.30am if possible.
- Tutor is first point of contact
- Students are not allowed to use mobile phone in school so all communication to and from should be through office
- Equipment list will be sent out in May/June (*basic list – copies, calculator, pencil case items etc.*)
- Child Protection

ONLINE PAYMENTS – EASY PAYMENTS



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GETSS is a cashless school
Payments can be made online or
through Payzone points in local shops

CALENDAR DATES AND ADMIN FEE

- **Calendar on Website**
- **Provisional Return to School Date :**
23rd August 2024 (Induction)
- **Wriggle Store Dates: 2nd April – June 11th**
(after that late fee applied by Wriggle)
- **Annual Admin Fee: €150, payable by end of September**
 - School Journal
 - Locker
 - Insurance
 - Standardised Testing
 - Some Classroom and Activity Resources
 - A limited number of local bus trips for school events/activities

The screenshot shows the website header for Galway Educate Together Secondary School, including navigation links like 'About Us', 'Admissions', 'Learning & Teaching', 'Extra-Curricular', 'Parents & Guardians', 'Calendar', 'Contact Us', and 'Vacancies'. Below the header is a calendar for February 2022, spanning from January 31 to March 27. The calendar highlights several key dates and events:

Jan	Feb 2022					Mar
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Safer Internet Day	10 Assessment Week	11 Assessment Week	12 Assessment Week	13 Assessment Week
14 Assessment Week	15 Assessment Week	16 Assessment Week	17 Assessment Week School Closure - JCI Cluster	18 Assessment Week	19	20
21 Mid-Term Break	22 Mid-Term Break	23 Mid-Term Break	24 Mid-Term Break	25 Mid-Term Break	26	27
28 End-of-Term Footnight						

CHILD PROTECTION

Designated Liaison Person (DLP) Sarah Molloy

Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) Sinead Conlon

Social Media



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