



EDUCATE TOGETHER
SECONDARY SCHOOL

WELCOME



CLASS OF 2033!



OUR SCHOOL, OUR VISION & OUR ETHOS



GETSS: AN EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL



In Educate Together schools, everyone will learn in a student-centred, inclusive, democratic, co-educational setting that is committed to **enabling and supporting each student to achieve their full potential** while at the same time **preparing them to become caring and active members of a culturally diverse society.**



WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?

- First names for all
- Respect and kindness
- No uniform (but we have a dress code!)
- Student voice/student participation
- Partnership with parents/guardians
- Innovative teaching and learning
- Authentic inclusion
- Sustainability and social responsibility



THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL

WHERE WILL WE BE SITUATED?

Current Accommodation: Newtownsmith

Department of Education have set upper limit of 72 students for 2027/2028

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
 - Provisional timeline - 6 years (2031/2)
- 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.



GETSS STAFF TEAM

- Principal (Sarah Molloy)
- Deputy Principal (Sinéad Conlon)
- Guidance Counsellor (Ann Marie Greene)
- SEN Coordinator (Katriona Woods)
- School Administrator (Noreen Cooley)
- Year Heads
- Class Tutors
- SEN Link Staff
- Subject Teachers
- Student Support Assistants (SSAs)
- Caretaker
- Community Dog (Peanut)





PEANUT – OUR COMMUNITY DOG



- One of over 20 schools participating in the Community Dog Programme
- Run by the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Joined the team in August 2023
- Peanut works with individual students and small groups to support mental health, emotional wellbeing and reduce stress & anxiety



WHAT WILL THE DAY LOOK LIKE?

- School opens at 8.00am and **lessons begin at 8.30am**
- Hour-long classes
- Students move from room to room
- 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
- No canteen on site – students bring a healthy lunch!
- Our classrooms are called Learning Spaces (LS1, LS2, etc.)

Duration	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 mins	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
1 hour	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1
1 hour	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2
15 mins	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1 hour	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3
1 hour	Class 4	Class 4	Class 4	Class 4	Class 4
30/40 mins	Lunch (40 mins)	Lunch (30 mins)	Lunch (40 mins)	Lunch (30 mins)	Lunch (30 mins)
1 hour	Class 5	Class 5	Class 5	Class 5	Class 5
1 hour	Class 6	Clubs	Class 6	Clubs	

Our school day at Galway Educate Together Secondary School starts at 8.30am. On Mondays and Wednesdays we finish at 3.40pm. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, school finishes at 2.30pm. Each class lasts for 1 hour, except for tutor which is 15 minutes each morning. We take a 15 minute break at 10.45am and a longer lunch break at 1pm for 30 minutes. You will have a slightly longer lunchtime of 40 minutes on a Monday and Wednesday.



WHAT WILL THE LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

- **Active Learning:** Discussions, problem-solving, hands-on tasks
- **Collaboration:** Teamwork, groupwork, pair work and peer support
- **Positive Relationships:** Safe and respectful atmosphere, supportive connections
- **Engaging Curriculum:** Real-world connections, student interests, Global Citizenship Education
- **Student Voice & Choice:** Input and decisions in learning
- **Inclusive Practices:** Supporting all learners
- **Sense of Community:** Everyone feels valued, celebration of successes
- **Creativity & Innovation:** Critical thinking and risk-taking, enhanced by use of technology
- **Phone-Free Environment** – focused, distraction-free learning



TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING



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We use technology to enhance the learning and develop students' skills such as:

- ✓ *Digital literacy*
- ✓ *Collaboration*
- ✓ *Creativity*
- ✓ *Organisation*
- ✓ *Managing information*



Curious about the iPads?

Ask teachers and
students in our
classrooms to show
you how they are
used for learning.

[http://galwayetss.ie/page/
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Distinguished
School

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TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING



Distinguished
School



- Individual devices – all students at GETSS use iPads to access lessons and materials
- Purchased by parents through a third party
- Microsoft Office 365 - Teams and Outlook for Communication, OneNote for lesson content
- **Cost €600 approx.** (not covered by DEY book scheme)
- Personal iPads cannot be used
- Payment plan available

wriggle
Technology for Learning



FLEXIBILITY AND INCUSION



Helping Every Student Learn

UDL is an approach to teaching that recognises students learn in different ways

Teachers support learning by:

- ✓ Presenting information in a variety of ways (videos, discussion, demonstrations, reading)
- ✓ Giving students different ways to show their learning (writing, presentations, projects, practical work)
- ✓ Providing choice and opportunities that help students stay engaged and motivated

PROGRAMMES & CURRICULUM



JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS



Gaeilge (Irish)

English

Maths

MFL

(French or Spanish)
Students choose in advance of
arrival

Core Subjects



Science

History

Short Courses



Physical Ed.

Civic, Social &
Political Ed.

Social, Personal
& Health Ed.

Ethical Ed.

ETHICAL EDUCATION

- Specific to Educate Together schools
- 1 hour per week
- Invites students and teachers to engage with **issues and problems facing society** and aims to develop the skills of critical thinking, discussion and debate
- Involves exploring **different worldviews and beliefs**, considering ethical dilemmas and the process of **ethical decision making (deciding between right and wrong)**



Educate
Together

9 Units or 'Strands':

1. *Values*
2. *Making Moral and Ethical Decisions*
3. *Beliefs and Worldviews*
4. *Different Teachings and Perspectives*
5. *Diversity in Ireland*
6. *Migration*
7. *Power and Participation*
8. *Gender Equality*
9. *Global Citizenship Education*

JUNIOR CYCLE OPTION SUBJECTS



Options Taster Programme until October of 1st Year - Choose Two for study at Junior Cycle

Applied
Technology

Graphics

Home Economics

Business

Music

Visual Art

See GETSS.ie or curriculumonline.ie for further information

ADDITIONAL SHORT COURSE OPTIONS



1 hour p/w, 1st – 3rd Year

Coding



Artistic
Performance



Climate Action



Negotiated
Learning

Only available at GETSS!



Information about these given during induction – students choose during week 1

TRANSITION YEAR

- **Compulsory in GETSS**
- **One-year programme** between Junior Cycle & Senior Cycle
- Focus on **personal development, social skills & independence**
- Opportunities for **work experience, trips, projects & community involvement**
- Encourages creativity, teamwork & self-confidence
- Offers **subject sampling** to help with Leaving Cert choices
- Builds **key life skills** for future study, work & adult life



SENIOR CYCLE/LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS

Core subjects:

Gaeilge (Irish)

English

Maths

MFL
(French or Spanish)

Option subjects currently available:

Physics

Technology

Geography

Music

Chemistry

Design &
Communication Graphics

Business

New! Drama, Film &
Theatre Studies

Biology

Computer Science

History

Life, Community & Work

Home Economics

Art

Politics & Society

Other subjects:
PE, Ethical Ed,
Careers & SPHE

ADDITIONAL SENIOR CYCLE PROGRAMME



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

- A practical, hands-on alternative to the traditional Leaving Cert
- Focus on **skills for life, learning, and work**
- Two-year programme with continuous assessment
- Mix of subjects: general education, vocational preparation & practical work experience
- Emphasis on **teamwork, projects, and real-world learning**
- Prepares students for work, apprenticeships, PLC courses & further training

EXTRA-CURRICULAR



Clubs Schedule

2026/27

Morning Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No morning clubs	8:00am MUN (LS10) Leanne	No morning clubs	No morning clubs	8:00am Junior Volleyball (Hall) James
	8:00am Badminton Club (Hall) Eimear			

Lunchtime Activities

Walking Club – 1:10pm (Meet outside office) – Every day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:10pm Games Club (LS9)	1:10pm Games Club (LS9)	1:10pm Games Club / Chess Tournament (LS9) Ann Marie	1:10pm Games Club (LS9)	1:10pm Games Club (LS9)
1:00pm Green Team (Home Ec Room) Clodagh	1:10pm Club Gaelige (LS10) Chloe, Stephen, Ashleigh, Megan G	1:10pm Anime & Manga Club (LS6) Sophie	1:10pm Senior Concern Debates (LS12) LeighAnn	
	1:10pm Journalling Club (LS7) Megan S	1:10pm Book Club (Library) (1st Wed of the month) Sarah O'N		

After School Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:40pm Senior Volleyball (Hall) Laura C	2:30pm Home Learning Club (LS1) Tara	No after school clubs	2:30pm Home Learning Club (LS1) Marta	2:30pm Junior Debating Club (GP Area)
3:40pm Camogie Club (Meet outside Hall) Megan G	2:30pm Girls Soccer (Hall) Neasa		2:30pm Pilates (Nurture Room) Ashleigh	
	2:30pm Dungeons and Dragons (LS2) Rosaline		2:30pm Science Club (Blue Lab) Olivia	
	2:30pm Table Tennis (GP Area) Stephen		2:30pm Basketball (Hall) Jake	
	2:30pm Jewellery Club (LS3) Niamh P		2:30pm Film Club (LS14) Richard	
	2:30pm Boys Soccer (Meet outside Hall) Gary			

Join a club today!

Sport, Health & Wellbeing

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Camogie
- Pilates
- Athletics
- Walking
- Table Tennis

Creativity & Expression

- Jewelry Making
- School Musical
- Choir
- Anime & Manga Club

Academic Enrichment & Critical Thinking

- Science Club
- Chess Tournament
- Debating Club
- Dungeons & Dragons

Leadership, Citizenship & Sustainability

- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Green Schools
- Games Club (community building and inclusion)
- Amber Flag Team
- Student Council

The students themselves determine the ex.curr. schedule

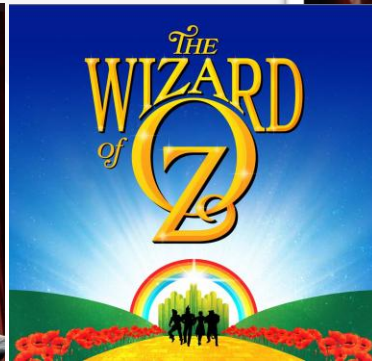
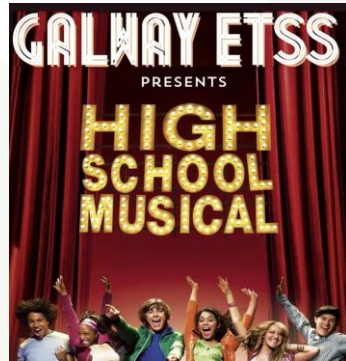
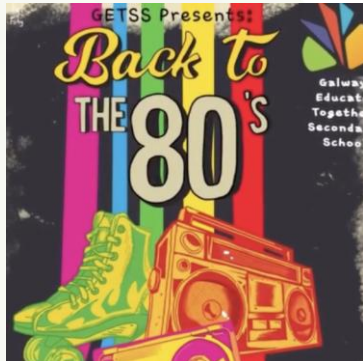
SPORT AT GETSS



Soccer
Volleyball
Athletics
Basketball
Chess



MUSICAL TRADITION



THIS YEAR'S MUSICAL PRODUCTION



Voulez-vous a night filled with music, laughter and ABBA classics?

This year we're excited to present **Mamma Mia!**

Channel your inner dancing queen and join us for a night of music and laughter!

November 25th-26th

OUR PRIORITIES

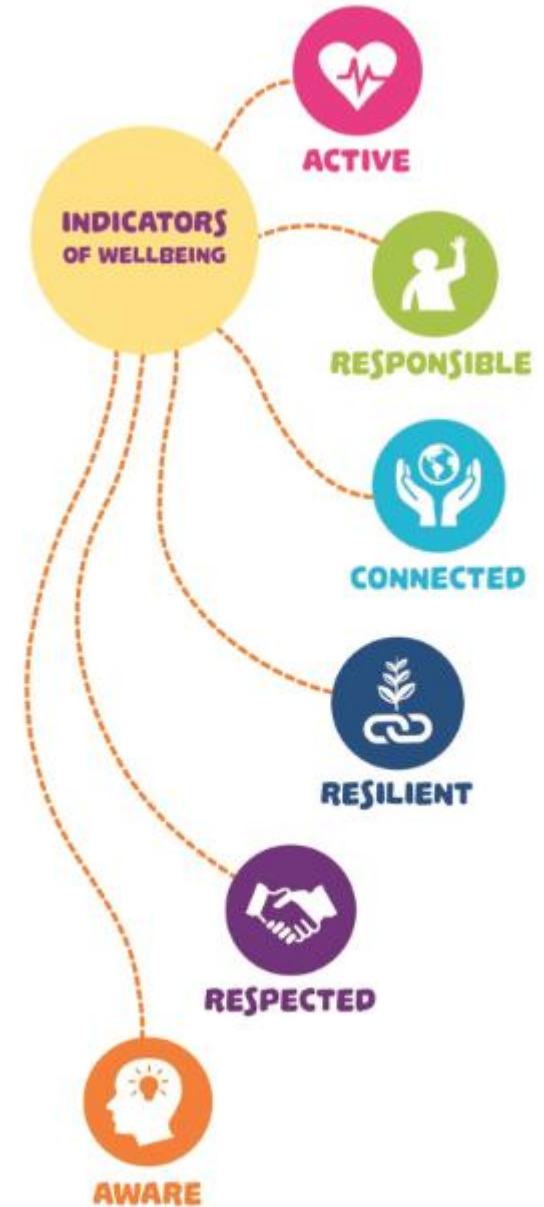


STUDENT WELLBEING

Happy, healthy students learn best. Supporting emotional, social, and mental health is a priority for the school.

Wellbeing programs and initiatives include:

- Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Policy
- Anti Racism Statement
- Amber School Award
- Inclusive practices
- Themed weeks
- Healthy Eating (water only)
- Whole-school Restorative Approach



RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

Building Positive Relationships and Supporting Positive behaviour

What is Restorative Practice?

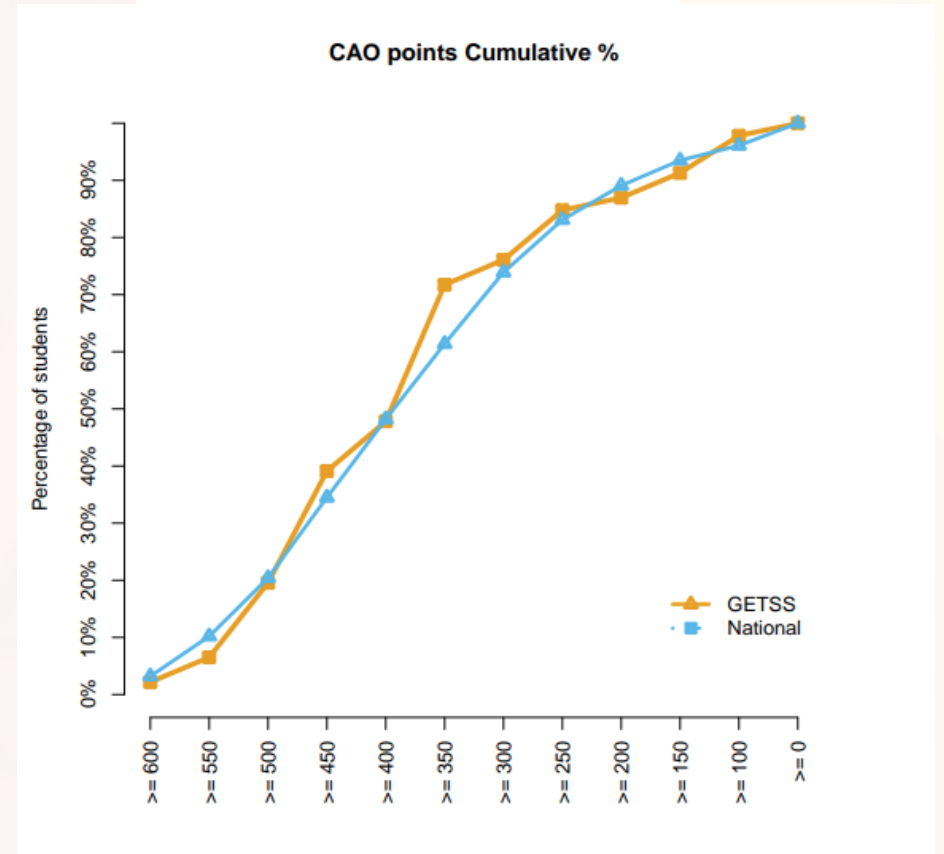
Restorative Practice aims to build positive relationships and friendships. It also help to deal with conflict and arguments, if they do occur, in a healthy way that moves us away from blame and attack to connection and healing.

In our school we will use the RESPECT values to help bring Restorative Practice to life.



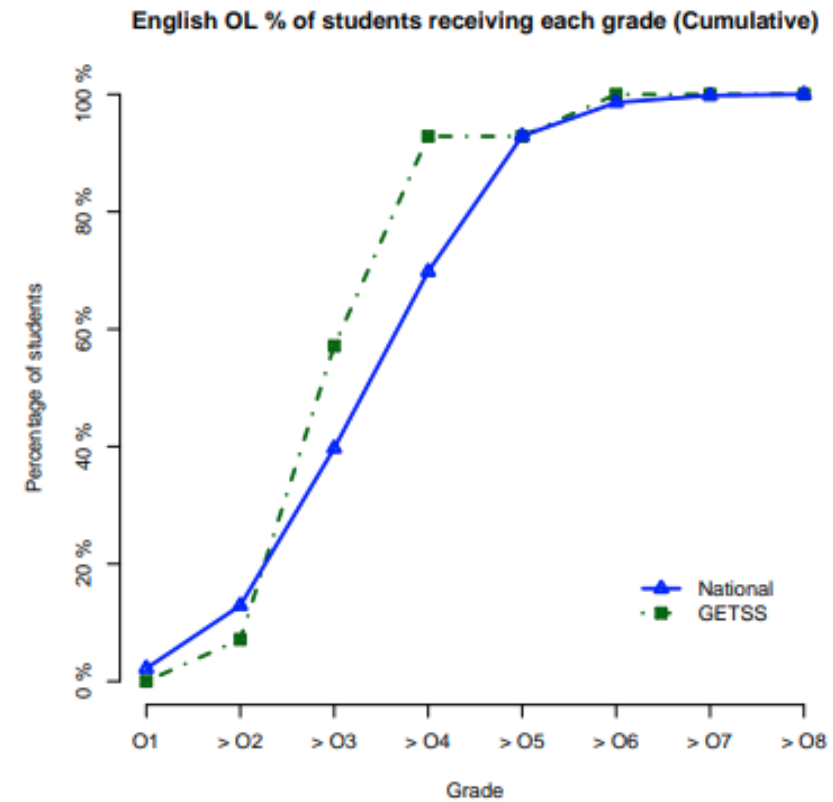
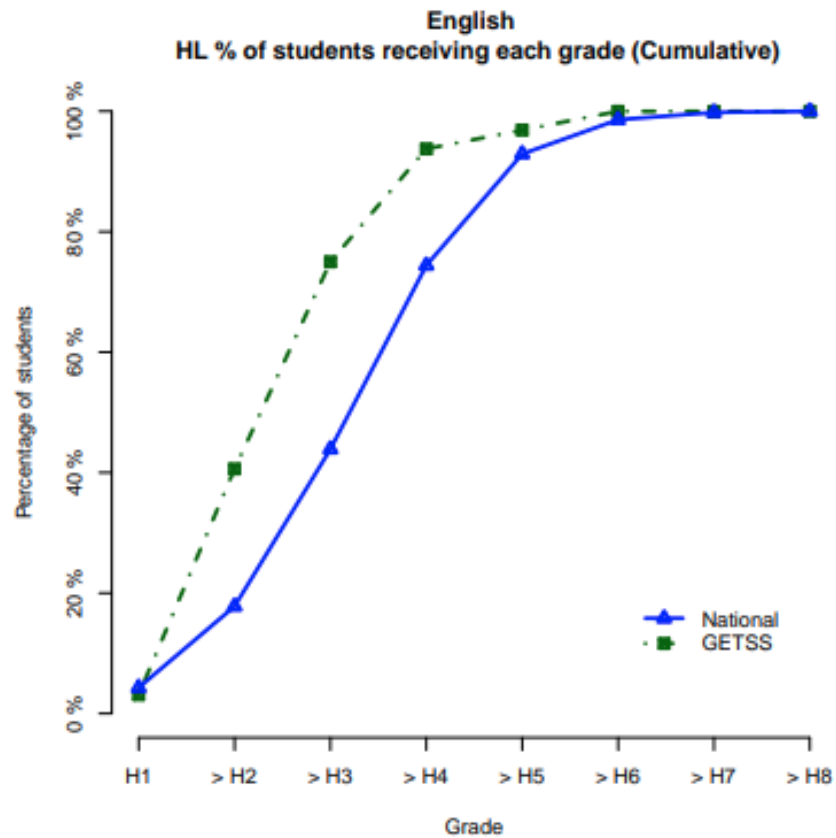
ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS

- High-quality teaching and learning, and academic excellence are priorities, helping every student reach their potential, and succeed with confidence.
- Data from Athena Analytics, our academic tracking software, shows that all of our students are achieving their full academic potential.

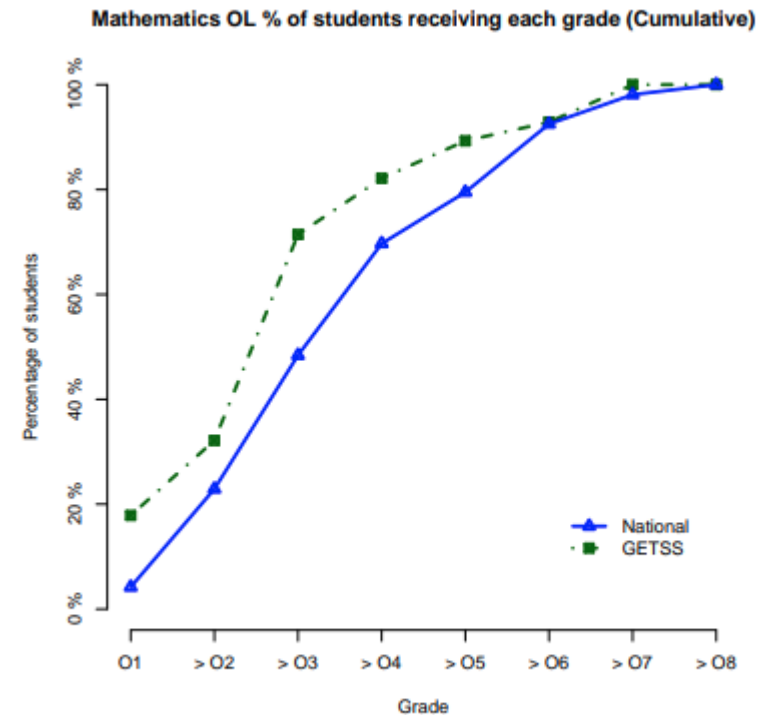
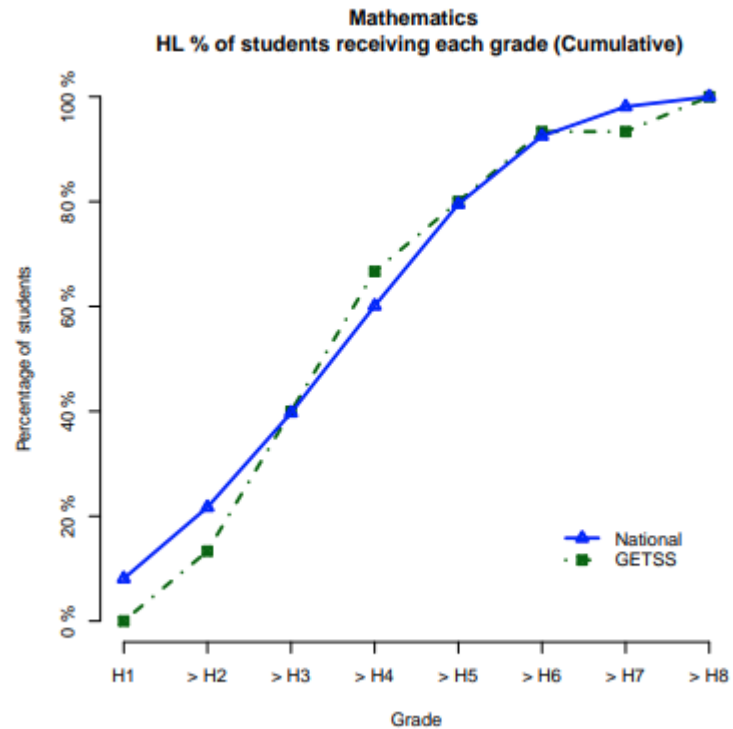


Leaving Cert. Results 2026

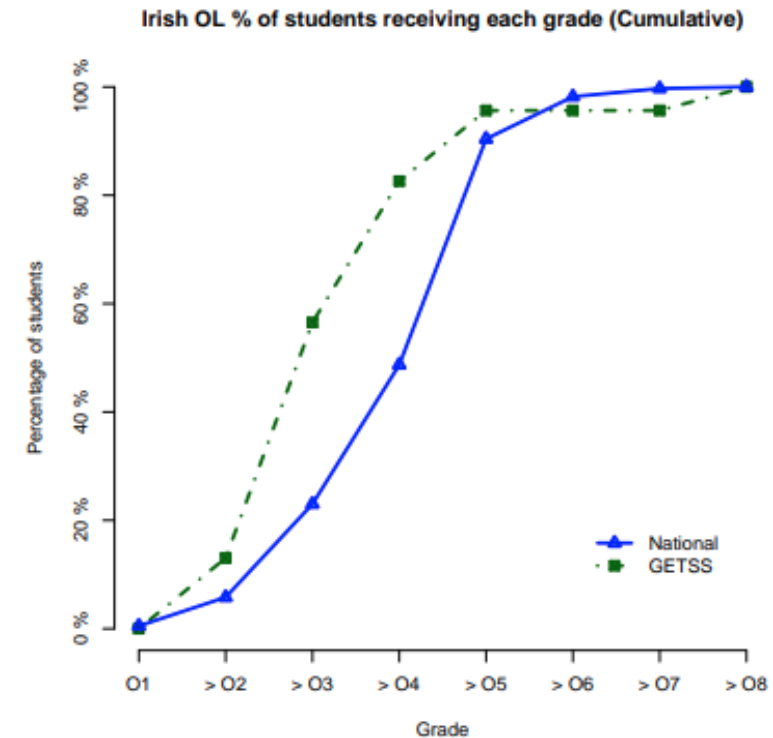
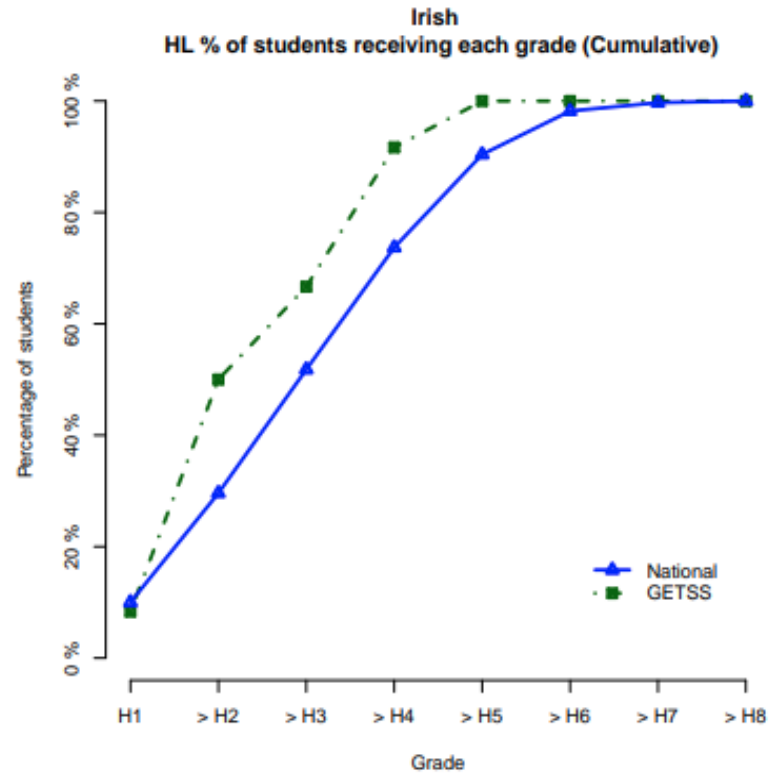
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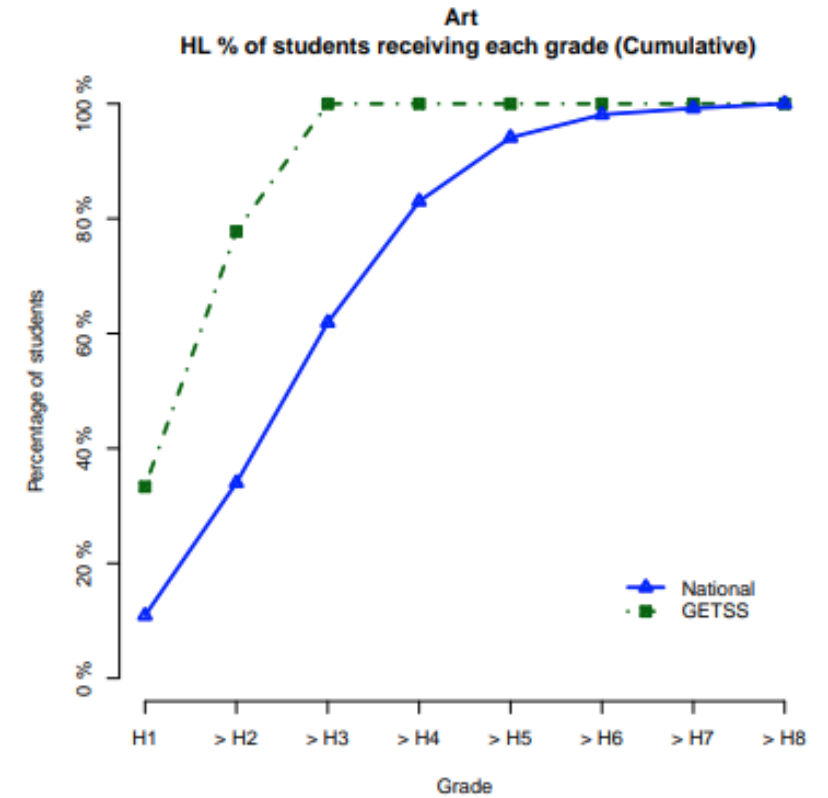
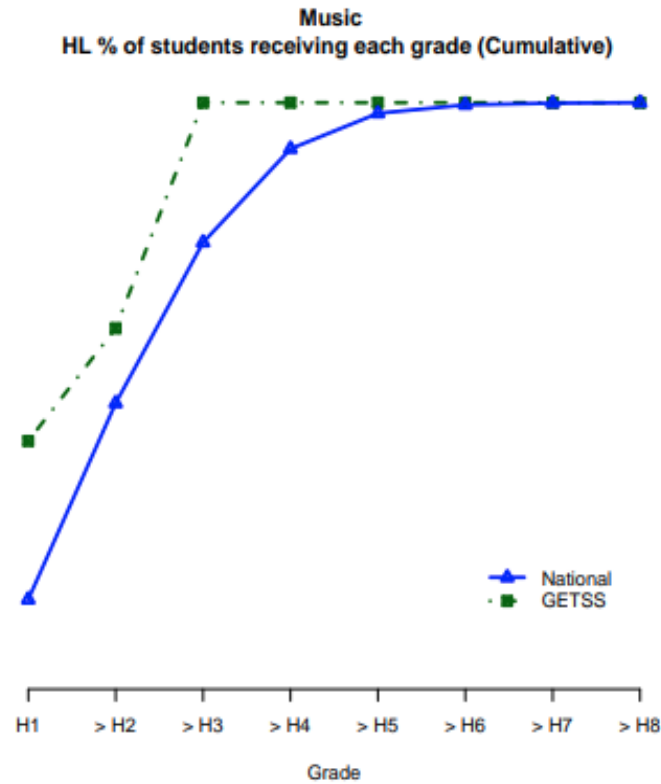
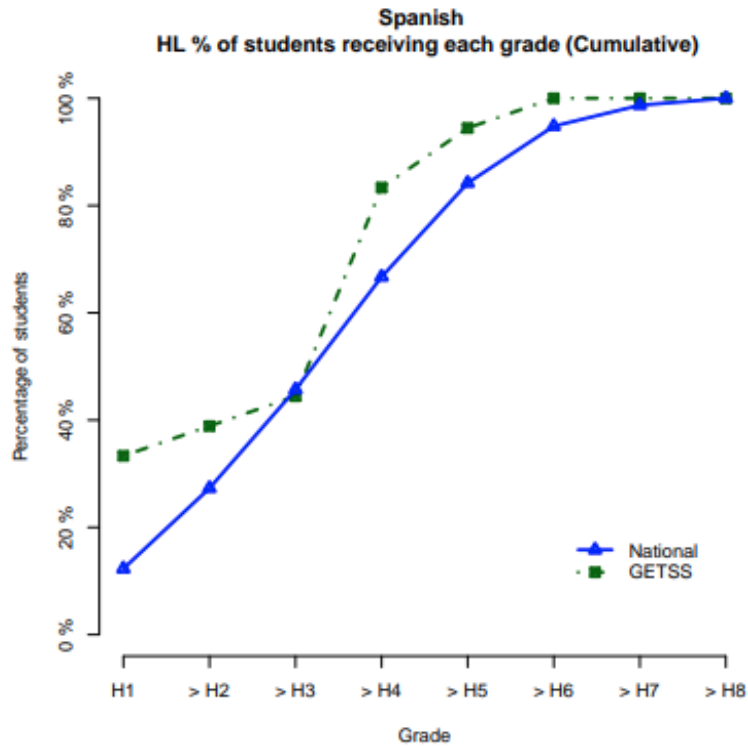
LEAVING CERTIFICATE '26 MATHS



LEAVING CERTIFICATE '26 GAEILGE



LEAVING CERTIFICATE '26



STUDENT DESTINATIONS – LC 2025/26



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GAILLIMHÉ
UNIVERSITY
OF GALWAY



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UNIVERSITY OF
LIMERICK
OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH



Trinity
College
Dublin

The University of Dublin



**University
of Brighton**



Ollscoil
Teicneolaíochta
an Atlantaigh

Atlantic
Technological
University



University of East Anglia



FURTHER EDUCATION
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Galway Community College



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MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE
COLÁISTE MHUIRE GAN SMÁL



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FET College

Ballyfermot, Southwest Campus
Ballyfermot Road | Kylemore Road



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STUDENT DESTINATIONS – LC 2025/26

Area of Study	Courses Chosen by Our Students (2025 & 2026)
 Health Sciences	Medicine, General Nursing, Nursing (UCD), Psychology
 Science & Environment	Zoology, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Freshwater & Marine Biology (ATU), Science, Mathematics
 Engineering & Technology	Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering (ATU), Computer Science, Music Production & Technology (TUS Limerick)
 Law, Society & Humanities	Law, Government, Economics & Law, Children's Studies, Creative Writing, Arts, Arts & Philosophy, Joint Honours Arts (GY101)
 Media & Creative Arts	Arts (Film & Digital Media), New Media, Creative Writing, Music Production & Technology
 Business, Social Care & Sport	Business, Law & Accounting (UL), Social Care, Personal Training



STUDENT PARTICIPATION/VOICE

- **Student Council** - elected representatives from each year
- **6th Year Prefects** - senior students as role models, assisting at school events
- **Peer Mentoring** - older students support 1st years
- **Leadership Programmes** - e.g. GAA Future Leaders, RP Mentors
- **Working Groups/student committees** - Green Schools Team, Amber Flag Team, School of Sanctuary Ambassadors, GCE Team



SUSTAINABILITY

- Reducing waste: waste management system - recycling, compost bins, etc.
- Avoiding single-use plastics
- Avoiding disposable cups
- Eco-friendly transport encouraged: walk, cycle, carpool, buses, etc.
- Sustainability lessons, Green Schools, Climate Action projects
- Responsible purchasing: buy local, recycled, and eco-friendly products
- Mindful use of paper



say **NO** to plastic!



Green-Schools



SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

Welcome, Inclusion, Diversity, Safety, 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.

Tonight - students wearing badges with their languages – please approach them!

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



Schools of Sanctuary Ireland

HOW TO APPLY



HOW TO APPLY

- 72 places are available for First Years 2027/2028
- Online application form on website
- Application Window **September 25th** from **12 noon** to **October 16th, 2026**
- If oversubscribed, a lottery system applies
- Late applications will be added to the waiting list in the relevant category
- Order of Categories:
 1. *Siblings*
 2. *School Planning Area (See map)*
 3. *Outside Planning Area*
 4. *Late Applications*
- All details in the Admissions Policy & Admissions Notice on website (www.galwayetss.ie)

The screenshot shows the website for Galway Educate Together Secondary School. The header includes contact information (091 384262, admin@galwayetss.ie), a language dropdown (English), and navigation links (News, Calendar, Gallery, App). The main navigation bar features links for Home, About Us, Learning & Teaching, Extra Curricular, Parents & Guardians, Students, Vacancies, and a highlighted **ADMISSIONS** link. Below the navigation bar is a large image of students in a classroom. The main content area is titled 'Admissions' and includes a sidebar with links for 'FAQs' and 'Enrolment'. The 'Enrolment' section is expanded, showing 'First Year Enrolment 2026/27'. The text states: 'First Year Enrolment for the 2026/2027 school year will open on **October 1st, 2025**, and close on **October 22nd, 2025**.' It further explains that the online application form will be active on October 1st, with a three-week window for applications. Late applications received after October 22nd, 2025, will be added to the waiting list. A catchment or school planning area map is available for checking. Open Night events are scheduled for Thursday, September 25th, from 7-9 pm. At the bottom, there are three links: 'Admissions Policy', 'Annual Admissions Notice', and 'Catchment Area Map', each with a 'Fill' button. These links are circled in red.

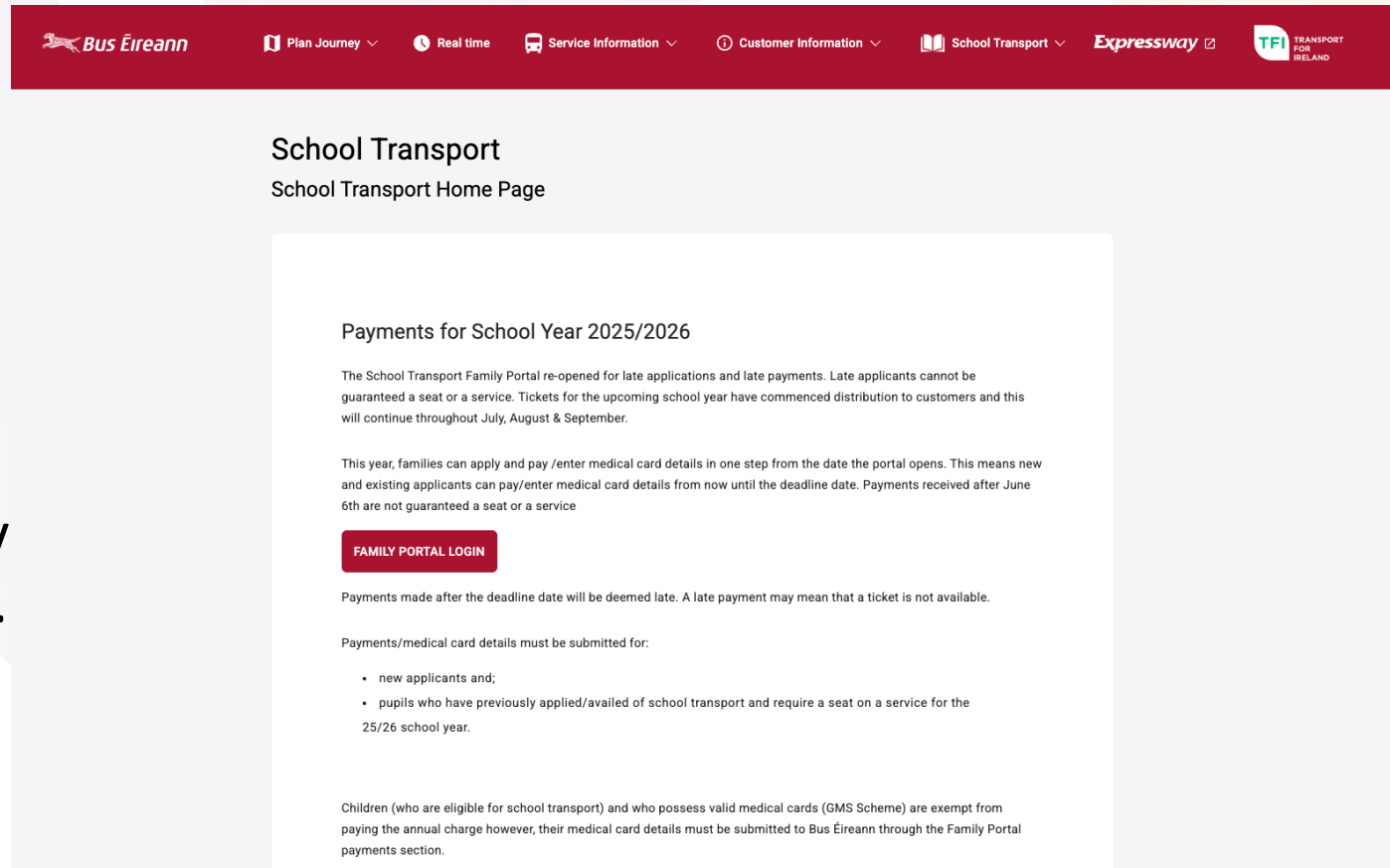
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SCHOOL TRANSPORT

[HTTPS://WWW.BUSEIREANN.IE/SCHOOLTRANSPORT](https://www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport)

- Portal opens in April
- Routes depend on demand
- Apply via Bus Éireann website
- School do not have any information about this.



The screenshot shows the Bus Éireann website's School Transport section. The header is dark red with the Bus Éireann logo and navigation links: Plan Journey, Real time, Service Information, Customer Information, School Transport, Expressway, and TFI Transport for Ireland. The main heading is 'School Transport' with a sub-heading 'School Transport Home Page'. The content area is white and features a section titled 'Payments for School Year 2025/2026'. This section contains two paragraphs of text, a red 'FAMILY PORTAL LOGIN' button, and a list of conditions for late payments. At the bottom, it states that children with valid medical cards are exempt from the annual charge.

Bus Éireann Plan Journey Real time Service Information Customer Information School Transport Expressway TFI TRANSPORT FOR IRELAND

School Transport

School Transport Home Page

Payments for School Year 2025/2026

The School Transport Family Portal re-opened for late applications and late payments. Late applicants cannot be guaranteed a seat or a service. Tickets for the upcoming school year have commenced distribution to customers and this will continue throughout July, August & September.

This year, families can apply and pay /enter medical card details in one step from the date the portal opens. This means new and existing applicants can pay/enter medical card details from now until the deadline date. Payments received after June 6th are not guaranteed a seat or a service

FAMILY PORTAL LOGIN

Payments made after the deadline date will be deemed late. A late payment may mean that a ticket is not available.

Payments/medical card details must be submitted for:

- new applicants and;
- pupils who have previously applied/availed of school transport and require a seat on a service for the 25/26 school year.

Children (who are eligible for school transport) and who possess valid medical cards (GMS Scheme) are exempt from paying the annual charge however, their medical card details must be submitted to Bus Éireann through the Family Portal payments section.



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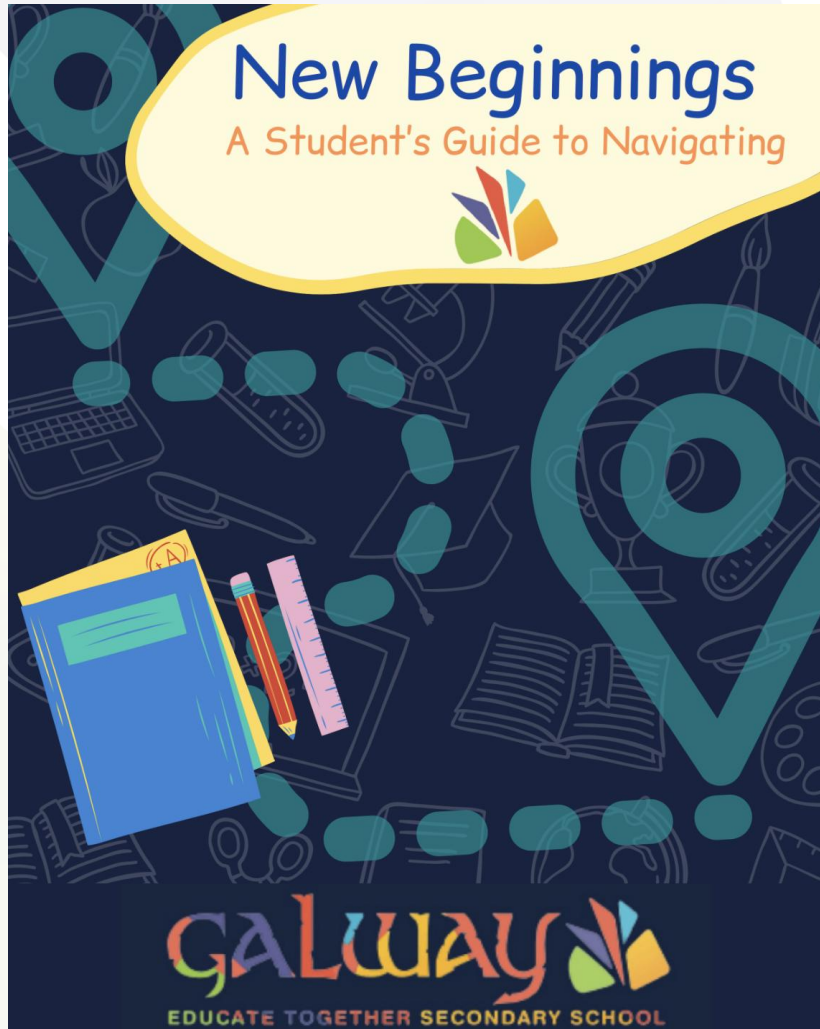


TRANSITION BOOKLET

[Link to Transtion Booklet](#)

Available in multiple languages

- *Mandarin*
- *Hindi*
- *Latvian*
- *Lithuanian*
- *Polish*
- *Portuguese*
- *Spanish*
- *Ukrainian*
- *English*



ENJOY

OUR OPEN EVENING!

- Visit learning spaces and practical rooms and learn about our school - You don't have to go in any order - if you find that a room is full, just move on and come back
- Activities for students in each room
- Scavenger Hunt
- Chat to our subject teachers and Student Support Assistants (SSAs)
- **Chat to our students! They will have lots to tell you about our school!**
- Enjoy performances from the school choir and musicians
- Have some refreshments (don't forget to dispose of your cup in the compost bin near the coffee station!)