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# TEMPLEMICHAEL COLLEGE

'Longford's Fastest Growing School'

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**“EDUCATION IS  
THE MOST POWERFUL  
WEAPON WHICH  
YOU CAN USE TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD.”**

**NELSON MANDELA**



## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for considering Templemichael College for your child. We would welcome you to a school family which comprises of Teachers, Pupils and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Templemichael College. Our hope would be that if your child joined us that he/she will develop into a mature, happy responsible young adult who is prepared to face the future with confidence.

The school acknowledges that parent(s)/guardian(s) are the primary educators; as a professional body of teachers, the staff of Templemichael work in co-operation with the students and the home, to help each individual pupil to reach his/her potential.

We view education as the development of the whole child – attention/emphasis is placed not just on the intellectual development but also on the pupil's physical, social and spiritual development.

Each student is a unique individual with special gifts and talents – we hope that with motivation, encouragement and hard work that all our students will discover their individual talents.

One of our core beliefs about academic success is that hard work, determination and consistent effort are key elements in achieving success; all of the above is only possible within a firm but fair code of behaviour. We are proud of our students and no doubt your child will make a significant contribution to Templemichael if they join us.

*Sorcha Nic Dhonnacha*

Principal



# OVERVIEW

**Templemichael College is multi-denominational and the only co-educational school in Longford town.**

At Templemichael College we provide a comprehensive range of subjects with a wide range of modern facilities.

We are a rapidly developing and expanding school, with refurbishments including construction of two new science labs and links with 'Longford's Sport and Leisure Centre' at the Mall Sports Complex.

The staff at Templemichael College are committed to enabling students to develop their full potential in a safe and caring environment.



## MISSION STATEMENT

**The mission of Templemichael College is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and qualities required to unlock their potential and create opportunities that will sustain them in a diverse and changing world.**

**This mission will be achieved in partnership with parents, guardians and the wider community.**

**We are committed to providing an environment which leads to the personal development of the individual and promotes the unique talents of our students.**

**We are committed to providing an inclusive and accessible community within Templemichael College where children of every social, cultural, religious and non-religious backgrounds are welcomed and equally respected.**



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## WHAT YOU WILL FIND DIFFERENT:

- Co-educational school
- Commitment to individual achievement
- Small class sizes
- Free school meals
- Diverse range of subjects
- Subject sampling in First Year
- Extra Student Supports
- Warm and caring environment

### Admissions Information

Our Admissions Notice and Policy is made available on the school website in October prior to the year of enrolment. Application to Enrol Forms are available from Open Night (as arranged), on the school website or by contacting the school office.



### School Times:

**Monday – Thursday:  
9.00am to 3.50pm**

**Friday: 9.00am to 1.15pm**

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## Templemichael college students record 'exceptional' results in Leaving Certificate



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# CURRICULUM:

## Junior Cycle

At Temple Michael College we allow each student an opportunity to get a taste of our full range of optional subjects during their first term. At the end of the taster period, students decide on the subjects they wish to take at Junior Cycle Examinations level.

### Junior Cycle Curriculum:

**Core:** English / Irish / Maths / History / Geography / CSPE / SPHE / Wellbeing / Physical Education / ICT

**Optional:** Art / Business / Coding / Digital Media Literacy / Home Economics / Metalwork / Science / Spanish / Technical Graphics / Woodwork

### The Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)

All Junior Cycle Students participate in the JCSP programme. The aim of this programme is to enable students to experience success early in their second level education.

Supports provided by this Programme include:

- Access to Literacy/Numeracy Initiatives
- Recording of student progress and achievements
- Cross-Curricular Statements
- Personal Development Programmes
- Celebrations
- Certification





# CURRICULUM:

## Senior Cycle

Senior Cycle Curriculum		
Leaving Cert Subjects		Leaving Cert Applied Subjects
<b>Core:</b>	<b>Options</b>	English and Communication
English	Accounting	Mathematical Applications
Maths	Biology	Irish
Irish	Chemistry	Career Guidance
Career Guidance	Construction Studies	Craft and Design
ICT	Design & Computer Graphics	Graphic and Construction
Physical Education	French	Horticulture
SPHE	Engineering	Hotel and Catering
	Geography	ICT
	History	Social Education
	Home Economics	Spanish
	LCVP*	Vocational Education
	Physics and Chemistry	
	Spanish	

**Leaving Certificate Applied**  
*Ardleisrimleacahte Fheidhmeach*  
**- A Different Way**

**2 Year Practical Leaving Certificate**

- continuous assessment
- individual talents recognised
- community as classroom
- work & career focus
- success & achievement
- different ways of learning
- pathway to further education & training

<http://lca.slss.ie>

### \*LEAVING CERT VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME (LCVP)

This is a Leaving Cert Programme designed to give a strong vocational dimension to Leaving Cert. The programme combines the traditional Leaving Cert with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and community.



### LEAVING CERT APPLIED (LCA)

This is a two year Leaving Certificate Programme available to students who wish to follow a practical or vocational oriented programme. Regular work experience is a central part of the course. The students' work is assessed over 2 years of the programme and they gain credits as they go along. Forms of assessment include completing tasks, practicals, interviews and terminal written papers.





## FACILITIES:

- Two new state of the Art Science Labs
- Fully equipped Home Economics Kitchen
- Mobile laptop trolley
- Art Room
- Technical Graphics Room
- Two Woodwork Rooms
- Metalwork Room
- School Library
- Two Computer rooms with High Speed Internet access
- ASD Support Classroom (New ASD building sanctioned in 2020)
- Mild GLD Support classroom
- Parents Room
- Meeting Room
- Bright spacious Canteen facilities with hot food available to all students
- Outdoor dining facility
- Three Football Pitches (1 x Hard, 1 x 5-a-side & 1 x Full-size)
- Two Basketball Courts
- All rooms are equipped with High Speed Internet, Wi-Fi capabilities and Data Projectors
- Career Guidance Room
- Use of the Mall Sports Complex







## STUDENT SUPPORTS:

### Wellbeing

We place a strong emphasis on Wellbeing in Templemichael College. All Junior Cycle students have a timetabled class of Wellbeing each week. This is in addition to the PE/CSPE/SPHE aspects of Junior Cycle Wellbeing. We believe that students learn more effectively when they are happy in their work and feel supported by the school.

### School Completion Programme (SCP):

The School Completion Programme provides a wide range of creative and innovative supports and interventions to students who may require additional help in order to complete their second level education.

### Home School Community Liaison Officer (HSCL)

Templemichael College has a Home School Community Liaison Officer. The role of the HSCL officer is to support parents in the education of their child thus providing a valuable link between home and school.

### Book Loan Scheme

The school operates a Book Loan Scheme whereby textbooks may be loaned on a yearly basis for a rental fee. This scheme is available to all students.





## School Meals Programme

Hot School meals are provided to all students in our bright spacious canteen at Lunch times.

## After School Study

Supervised after school study is currently provided four evenings per week. This is based on student demand.

## Student Support Team

The Student Support Team meets weekly to ensure that those who might be experiencing any academic, social or emotional difficulties receive the supports they need to access their full education.

## Learning Support Department

Learning support is provided for students with additional learning needs. In line with current thinking, our school favours the inclusion of students with learning difficulties within their class group. Such students are integrated into regular classes and/or withdrawn for interventions or specialist help when appropriate.

## Mild GLD and ASD Support Classes

In addition to the Learning Support provision in Templemichael College, the school provides designated Support Classes for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Mild General Learning Difficulties. Students who have a recommendation on their report, that this class would best suit their needs, abilities and aptitudes, may apply for admission to the class. Contact the school for more details.





### Career Guidance and Counselling:

Our Career Guidance department is available to help and support students with:

- 1 Study skills, subject choices and career planning advice
- 2 One to one counselling available to all students
- 3 College talks, Open Day trips and Career information Day

### Student Council

The school has an active Student Council, whose main purpose is improving the quality of life for students and staff. They meet regularly with the aim of making the school a better place for all.

### Parents Association:

The Parent's Association in partnership with the Principal and the Board of Management

1. Strives to build supportive and effective links between parents and the school
2. Encourage and empowers parents to be actively involved in their child's educational development
3. Supports fundraising activities and social events





**New First Year students** receive many support which help the to ease the transition from primary to post primary:

- 1 Induction programme
- 2 Book Lending scheme
- 3 Mixed ability classes
- 4 Subject sampling
- 5 Adapted specific learning programmes
- 6 School Completions Programme
- 7 Home, School and Community Liaison coordination
- 8 Mentoring programme
- 9 Extra-curricular programmes





## Extra-Curricular Activities:

At Templemichael College, students are given an opportunity to excel in a range of extracurricular activities. The wide variety of activities encourage students to discover recreational interests which they can take into adult life-

### Social:

- Fundraising for local charities
- Links with the Attic Youth Club
- Young Social Innovators
- Green Flag
- Amber Flag
- Healthy School Programme
- Lego club
- Chess Club
- School concert

### Sport:

- Soccer
- Gaelic
- Basketball
- Spike ball
- Table tennis
- Chess
- Running Club

### Academic:

- BT Young Scientist
- Young Social Innovations
- Public Speaking
- Junk Kouture
- Debating
- School bank
- Credit union
- Mini company
- Table Quiz





## Covid 19 Procedures

At Templemichael College, we strive to create and maintain a safe environment for all our school community through the following practices:

- One-way traffic system in the school building
- Each class has a base room
- Desks are spaced to allow for social distancing in all classrooms
- Staff and Students are required to wear face masks when indoors
- Sanitising stations are located at every entrance and classroom door.
- As students and teachers enter each class, they sanitise their hands with hand sanitiser and use the wipes provided to sanitise their desk and chair before use.





## FIRST YEARS' IMPRESSIONS

In a recent survey the First Years were asked to give their impressions of their first term as students in Temple Michael College. The following quotations are flavours of their responses:

### Students' Comments

- *Different teachers for each subject.*
- *There is a focus on wellbeing*
- *Teachers are helpful and friendly*
- *I love getting free hot food from the Canteen*
- *I enjoy all the practical subjects*
- *A nice atmosphere and easy to make friends*
- *We get to do Coding on the computers*
- *We got a taster of all the subjects in first year before we pick our options*
- *Sometimes there are two teachers in the class so you get more help.*
- *It's not too big so easy to find your way around*
- *Lockers are handy for leaving your books in school*
- *We get to go to the Mall for Sport*
- *We got to go on school outings*



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