



Holy Faith Secondary School Clontarf

VOLUNTARY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

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Mission Statement

Holy Faith Secondary School Clontarf, aims to provide an excellent all round education in a Christian environment. Through a learning community of Faith and Justice, based on respect, we seek to form integrated and self-reliant persons who will be moved to work for a better world.

Objectives

- To pursue excellence in all areas of school life; academic, creative and practical.
- To nurture a friendly and caring environment which allows each student to develop her own natural talents and gifts.
- To recognise our responsibility towards the wider community and develop a spirit of service
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- To offer opportunities for the spiritual development of each member of the school community.

Structure of School

Trustees

Board of Management

Principal – Deirdre Gogarty

Deputy Principal – Mary Molloy

Academic Staff

Student Council/Senior Mentors

Parents' Association

Administrative Staff

Part time staff

Ancillary Staff

Principal (Deirdre Gogarty) – principal@holyfaithclontarf.com

Deputy Principal (Mary Molloy) – deputy@holyfaithclontarf.com

Office – admin@holyfaithclontarf.com

Guidance - guidance@holyfaithclontarf.com

Child Protection & Safeguarding

Protection and welfare of children of paramount importance and the school is compliant with its statutory obligations

Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment are available on school website

Reports of concerns regarding abuse and or neglect are reported to:

1. Designated Liaison Person: Deirdre Gogarty
2. Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Mary Molloy

Important dates

1st year students start school on Monday 28th August.

School closed 25th September

Mid-term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

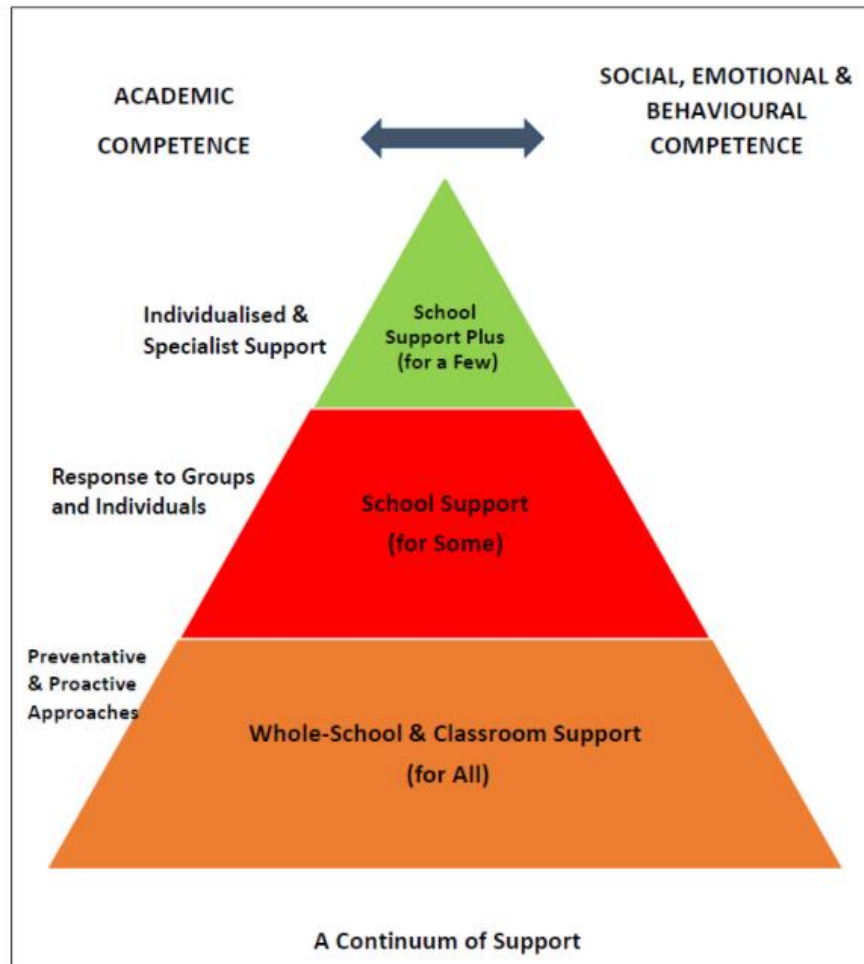
Christmas holidays: School closes Friday 22nd December and reopens Monday 8th January

Calendar information on school app.

Student Supports

- Year Head
- Guidance Counsellor
- Wellbeing programme (400 hours over Junior Cycle)
- Learning Support
- Senior student mentors
- Anti Bullying Programme
- Study Skills Workshop
- Student Council
- Amber Committee
- Green Schools Committee
- Extra- curricular activities

Learning Support



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Support is flexible, a student may move in and out of support as their level of need changes

The subject teacher has primary responsibility for support

The Additional Educational Needs team is in regular contact with parents

Accommodations can be applied for at the Junior and leaving certificate exams

Students' additional needs are visible to their teachers using the VSWare platform

Any testing necessary is only done with parents' permission

Class Divisions

In First Year, students are divided alphabetically (horizontally).

In Second Year this arrangement continues except for option subjects (by choice)

Student Seating Plans

School Day

- Currently 42 periods of 40 minutes
Mon, Tues, Thurs x9, Wed x8, Fri x7
- Review Committee looking at 1 hour classes (28 periods)

Sport and Extra-curricular

Athletics

Badminton

Basketball

Camogie

Gaelic Football

Hockey

Drama

Choir

Debating

Model United Nations

Violin

Students who sail, horse ride, swim or play golf, cricket or tennis are also facilitated to participate in inter-schools competitions

Good Study Habits

- Habit & routine important
- 1st Year: 1 to 1.5 hours per night Mon to Fri
Weekends-Plan
- Room Regular room, lighting, heating, table.
Box for resources.
- Notice board for reminders – P.E. Home Ec. Art etc

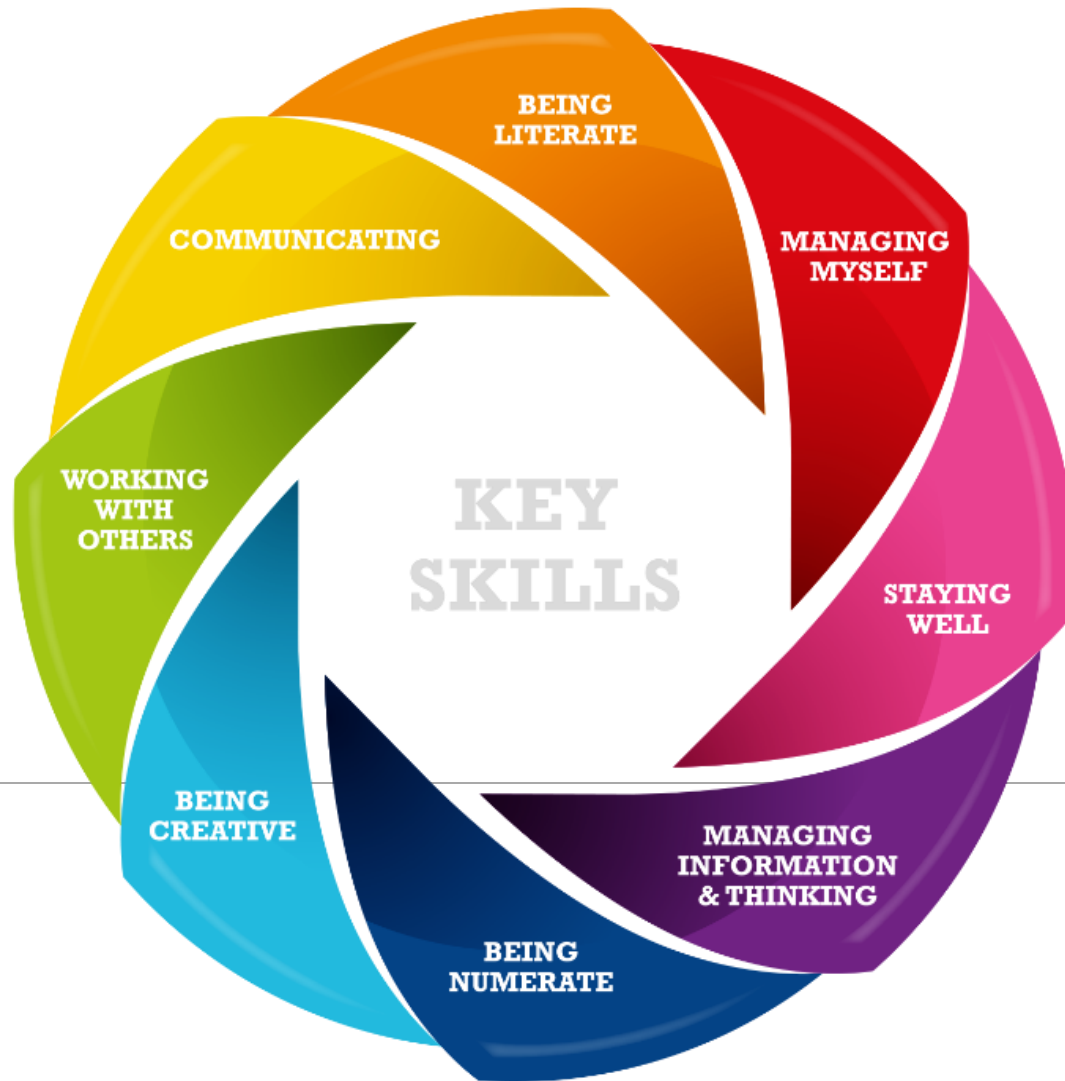
General Guidelines

- Encourage responsibility
- Reading
- Hobbies
- Sports
- Overall involvement in school activities
- Set boundaries
- Monitor phone usage & social media

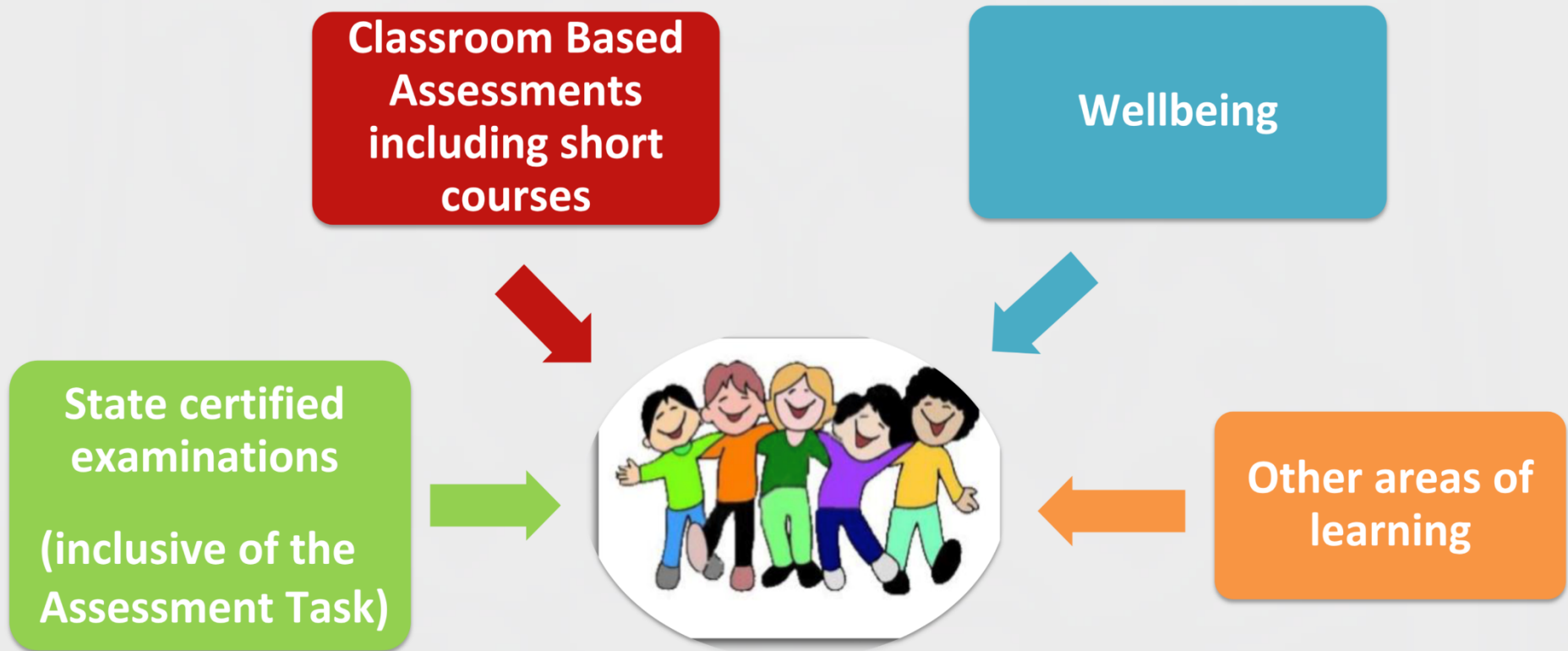
Junior Cycle

- At present Junior Cycle consists of three year preparation for the Junior Cycle Examination taken at the end of the third year in school.
- Students are given an opportunity to study a wide range of subjects in first year. They are not obliged to choose their optional subjects before they begin first year.

www.juniorcycle.ie



Assessment in the Junior Cycle



Descriptors

State Examinations

GRADE	RANGE (%)
Distinction	≥ 90 to 100
Higher Merit	≥ 75 and < 90
Merit	≥ 55 and < 75
Achieved	≥ 40 and < 55
Partially Achieved	≥ 20 and < 40
<i>(not graded)</i>	≥ 0 and < 20

Classroom-Based Assessments

- Exceptional
- Above expectations
- In line with expectations
- Yet to meet expectations
- Not reported



School Communications

- Vsware: timetable, monitor attendance and reports
- School App: calendar, absences, early pass, late arrival, permission and notifications. Notification of events and news of achievements
- Website: calendar, policies, updates etc.
- Teacher: re subject issue
- Year head: first port of call re student issues.

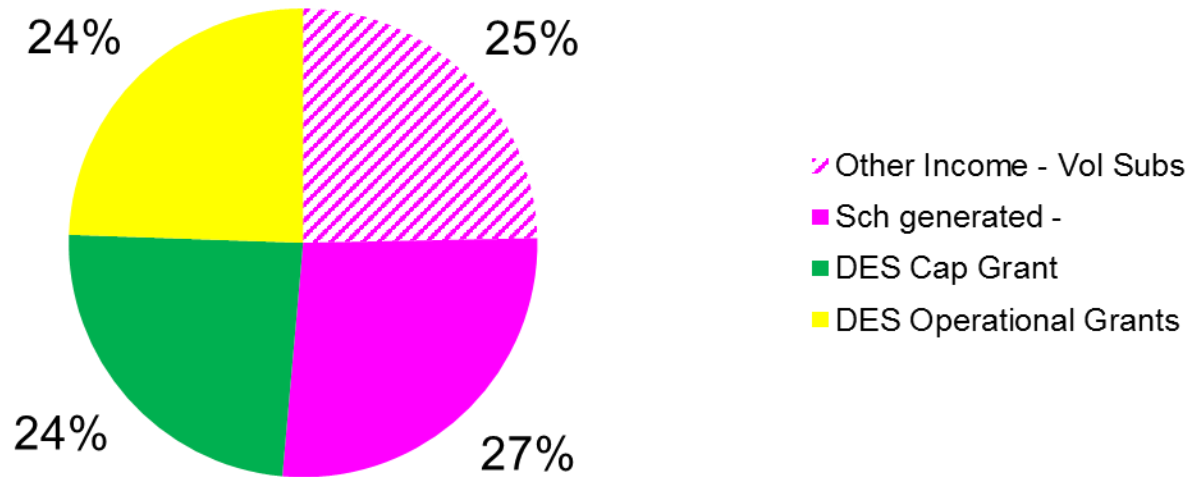
Book Scheme & Lockers

- Purchase books for compulsory subjects and book rental for option subjects
- Lockers
- Students to provide a strong lock at the start of the year

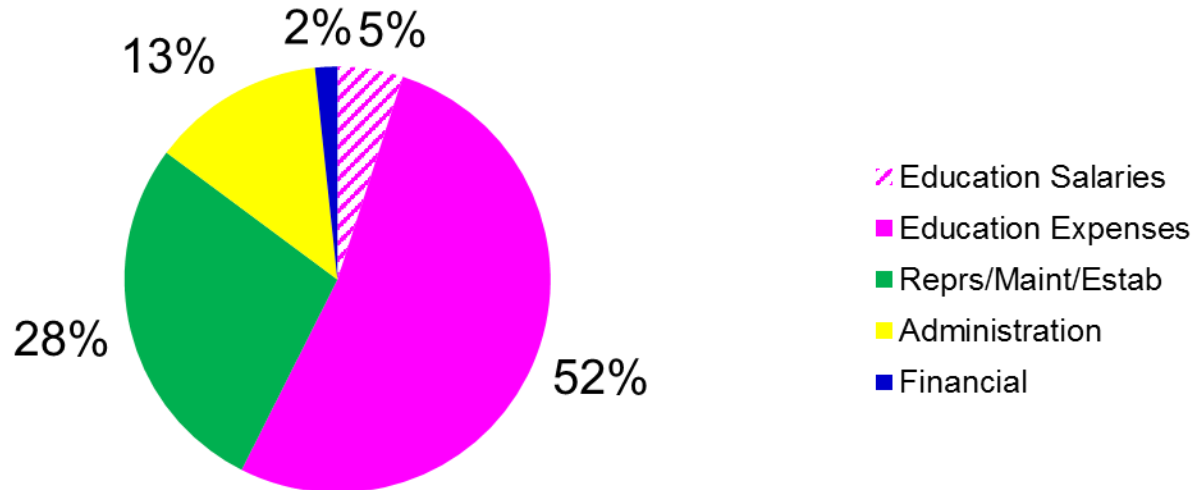
Contributions 2023/24

Holy Faith Secondary School, Clontarf, is a voluntary secondary school operating within the free education scheme. As you can appreciate, the cost of running the school exceeds the funding received from the Department of Education. The subscriptions and contributions of parents enable us to provide the students with opportunities and facilities above and beyond the basic curriculum. We would ask for your support if possible in the following areas:

Income



Expenditure



Subscriptions

Amenities Subscription of €140.00 covers the following services to students:

the use of the library, lockers, educational equipment, copying of supplementary course materials, tests and house examination papers, guidance tests (CATs, Drumcondra), term reports, App/attendance forms, guest speakers, audio-visual and other teaching aids, e.g. films, DVDs, software etc.

Games & Extracurricular Subscription of €125.00 contributes to:

After-school coaching, affiliation and entry fees, cost of buses for training and matches, pitch/venue hire, referee fees, team jerseys and use of equipment.

Voluntary Contribution

A contribution of €275 or other amount assists with the payment of part-time teaching hours which ensures that we can continue to offer the range of subjects, levels and services currently provided. The fund also supplements the amenities and games offered as well as contributing towards curricular and co-curricular activities which benefit the whole school community.

I wish to contribute to the following:

- AMENITIES SUBSCRIPTION €140.00
- GAMES/EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUBSCRIPTION €125.00

Amenities and Games/Extra-curricular Subscriptions are not eligible for tax relief

Donation

- VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION €275.00
- VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION - Other amount € _____

Voluntary Contributions of €250 or more are eligible for tax relief

I wish the school to maximise the value of my voluntary contribution by reclaiming the tax relief on my donation of €275 or other amount (€ _____)

- YES
- NO



PAYMENT MADE

.. 'SHOP ON SCHOOL APP'

NO CASH ACCEPTED

Signed: _____ Parent(s)/Guardian

Daughter's Name _____