



Ballymakenny College will be to the forefront of curricular design and innovation

# Ballymakenny College Coláiste Bhaile Mhic Éinigh

an Educate Together and County Louth VEC partnership school

## Accommodation

Flexible learning spaces, bright, well-equipped specialist classrooms and labs, sports areas, social spaces for students, areas for extra-curricular activities, even storage facilities have all been carefully planned so that students are enabled to learn in a building that is attractively designed and suits their needs. Ballymakenny College will also be fully WiFi enabled, allowing Information and Communications Technology to be integrated into the learning environment. It will be used as a learning tool and to link school, home and the local and global community.

- ◆ Multimedia learning laboratory
- ◆ Full range of practical rooms
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Full size gymnasium
- ◆ Fitness suite
- ◆ Music room
- ◆ Special education needs suite



## Location

Ballymakenny College will occupy a state of the art building on Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda. The school will be constructed on the same campus as Scoil Oilibhéir Naofa Primary School.

- Castle Manor
- Ballymakenny College
- Scoil Oilibhéir Naofa



**Drogheda's New 1,000 Place Post-Primary School**

**Commencing  
September 2014**

Contact Details  
**Ballymakenny College**  
c/o County Louth VEC Offices  
King Street  
Drogheda  
Co. Louth



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Ballymakenny College is a **new type** of Community School. It is the first of its kind in the country, drawing on the experience of **two innovative educational bodies** and **implementing important reforms**.

The new school's vision is anchored in both Co. Louth Vocational Education Committee's 10 Point Plan for Louth's new schools and on Educate Together's Blueprint for Second-level Schools.

### Vision

Our vision is of a welcoming, vibrant school community, to which every member feels a real sense of belonging and which is:

- ◆ Co-educational and **multi-denominational**
- ◆ Based on **values of equality, human rights and citizenship**
- ◆ Learner-centred
- ◆ **Innovative** in its approaches to teaching and learning
- ◆ Bright, modern, with **attractive learning spaces**
- ◆ Providing **excellent sporting** and community facilities
- ◆ Delivering a rich range of **extra-curricular activities**
- ◆ Providing a **broad and balanced** curriculum
- ◆ An **e-mature** school



### Aim

Ballymakenny College aims to provide an education that will **enable all students to contribute meaningfully to their communities, embrace the rights and responsibilities of citizenship** in a democratic society and **develop the knowledge and skills necessary to live their lives and to build their careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

### School Ethos

Ballymakenny College, through its Board of Management, will uphold the ethos ensuring the school

- ◆ takes a learner-centred approach
- ◆ is democratically run
- ◆ is multi-denominational and co-educational
- ◆ ensures all students reach their full potential

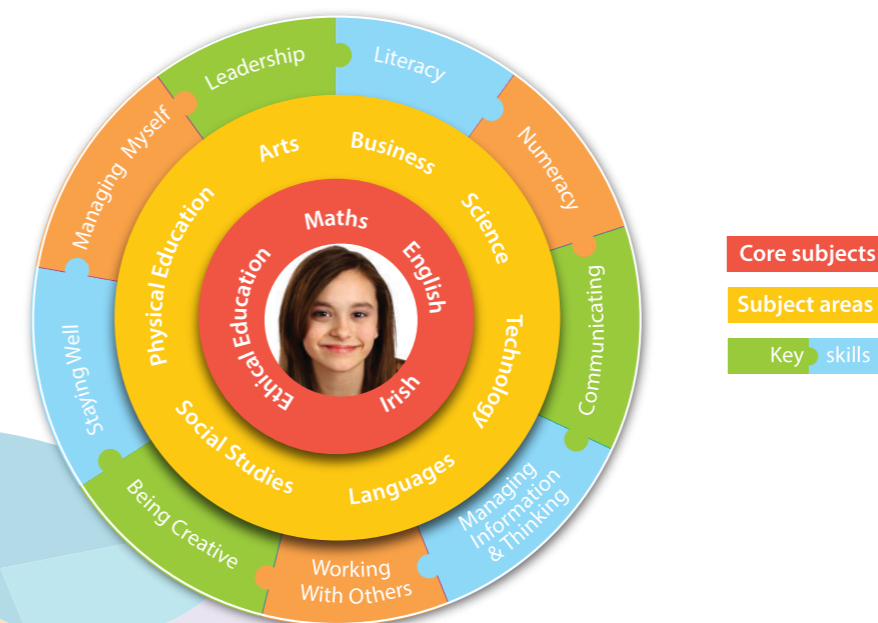
The Principal will keep the ethos and vision of the school visible and alive for everyone, so that they are lived by all members of the school community and experienced by visitors to the school. A broad ethical education curriculum based on values of equality, human rights and active citizenship will permeate all teaching and learning in the school. Students will be challenged to develop their own strong moral code and ethical stance.

The ethos will affect everything in the daily life of the school. Management will be democratic and relationships respectful. The school will provide a caring, nurturing, safe and supportive environment, with positive teacher-student relationships. No one will feel like an outsider and everyone will be supported to reach their full potential.



### Curriculum

Ballymakenny College will offer the **full range** of Department of Education and Skills subjects at **Junior** and **Senior Cycle levels**, including the **core subjects** and the **widest range of optional subjects**. The school's opening coincides with the implementation of important reforms to the Junior Cycle and the school will be implementing these from day one putting it at the forefront of **curricular design and innovation**.



The widest range possible of extra and co-curricular activities will be provided at the school. Sports such as, **GAA, soccer, rugby, athletics, basketball, swimming, tennis and badminton** will be included to appeal to all students. Students will be provided with the opportunity to engage in activities such as **debating, drama and musicals**. Students will engage in local, regional, national and international school trips and excursions.

### Enrolment

Students who are due to start first year in post-primary school in September 2014 can make an application to Ballymakenny College from May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013. The closing date for receipt of applications is October 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 4pm. To enrol, **complete the form and attach the student's birth certificate**. Completed applications should be delivered to:

**Ballymakenny College** c/o Co. Louth VEC Offices, King Street, Drogheda.

Enrolment forms are also available from:

Ballymakenny College website **www.ballymakennycollege.ie**

**Co. Louth VEC**, Chapel Street, Dundalk, County Louth.

**Educate Together National Office**, 11-12 Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

Further information in relation to enrolments is outlined in our Admissions Policy which is available at **www.ballymakennycollege.ie**.

### Management

The day to day running of the college will be the responsibility of the principal. The board of management will be responsible for the good governance of the school and will consist of representatives of parents, students, staff as well as nominees from Educate Together and Co. Louth VEC. In Ballymakenny College, the school management process will ensure that parents, students and teachers all participate in decision-making in the school.

The school will facilitate, support and develop student participation in school affairs. By facilitating students' age-appropriate active involvement in decisions that affect them, the school will develop in learners those competencies necessary for lifelong learning and active civic engagement.



### Role of Parents

Ballymakenny College will recognise the central role of parents in their children's education and will foster close links with parents and guardians. Parents will be involved with their children's journey through Ballymakenny College and their views and ideas will be represented by an active, democratically elected Parents' Association.

