

Daily Timetable

Monday to Thursday: classes commence at 9.05 a.m. and finish at 4.00 p.m.

Lunchtime is from 1.20 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Morning break is from 11.05 a.m. to 11.20 a.m.

On Mondays, assembly takes place from 11:00 to 11:10 so the break is from 11:10 to

11:25. **Friday:** Classes commence at 9.05 a.m. and finish at 1.55 p.m. Morning break is at 11.05 a.m.

The Junior Certificate Programme

The following is a list of subjects provided at Junior Certificate level:

Irish; English; Mathematics; Science; Materials Technology (Wood); Materials Technology (Metal); History; Geography; French; Spanish; Home Economics; Art, Craft, Design; Technical Graphics; Business Studies; Music; Civic, Social & Political Education. Students will also have classes in non-examination subjects Religion, Information Technology, PE & SPHE.

Note: The new Junior Cycle Programme is scheduled to be implemented on a phased basis, starting with a new English syllabus in 2014. Parents will be consulted with regard to other modules/subjects to be provided.

Provision of a **Transition Year programme** will be discussed with parents shortly and may be offered, subject to demand.

The Leaving Certificate Programme

Subjects currently available (all to higher level)

Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Spanish, Construction Studies, Home Economics, History, Physics/Chemistry, Art, Business, Engineering, Design & Communications Graphics, Biology, Agricultural Science, Music, Geography, and the links module (L.C.V.P. see below).

Students normally study 6 to 8 subjects.

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (L.C.V.P.)

Students following this programme study two *Link Modules*, Preparation for Work and Enterprise Education, in addition to the regular Leaving Certificate subjects.

Successful completion of the Links Modules is recognised as a subject for the purposes of entry to third level. The subject is enterprise based and involves visiting local businesses, report writing, establishing a mini enterprise, Curriculum Vitae preparation, as well as work experience and many others practical tasks. The students submit a Portfolio for which 60% of the marks are awarded, before sitting a written exam.

The L.C.V.P. is an attractive option in so far as students can obtain up to 60% of the marks prior to the final exam. It also provides the student with a solid foundation in matters pertaining to the world of enterprise.

Code of Behaviour

Admission to Drumshanbo Vocational School implies acceptance of the rules and policies of that school.

The school discipline policy is based on the principles of natural justice, including the right of the majority in a class to education/instruction without interference. Disciplinary policy is primarily preventative and secondarily corrective. The successful education of all pupils depends on an active partnership between pupils, parents/guardians and the school. The full Code of Behaviour is available in the Student Journal and school policy documents associated with this code may be obtained from the school.

Our school, we are proud to say, has excellent standards of behaviour and discipline, thanks to the support and co-operation of the parents. Poor behaviour is unusual and serious indiscipline is a very rare occurrence.

Some of the supports in place for our students: Pastoral Care Team & Co-ordinator, Learning Support Co-ordinator and programme of Learning Support, Guidance Counsellor, Class Tutors & Year Heads

Facilities

General classrooms – all fully equipped with data-projectors, computer and high speed internet access. There are no classes in prefabs.

Specialist Rooms:

- Two Science Labs (recently re-furbished and fully equipped)
- Engineering Room (extended in January 2014)
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communications Graphics suite with PCs for each student
- Art Room
- Home Economics Room
- Three Computer Rooms
- Library (this has been temporarily partitioned until the new building is completed).

In addition to all the required specialist equipment and machinery, all rooms are equipped with data projector, computer and high speed internet access.

Recent developments:

DVS has secured funding from the DES for two new extensions. These buildings should be completed by February 2015 and will allow for the provision of a fully equipped Music/Drama room as well as new general classrooms and the re-opening of the Library.

School Garden – with polytunnel, used by Science & Biology classes

Sports facilities: Access to the Mayflower Sports Hall & Astra-turf

Lunch facilities: The Mayflower is available where students can have lunch. Soup, sandwiches and snacks can also be purchased there.

Lockers: All students are provided with lockers.

Further information about the school will be available at the Information Evening to be held in June. Our new web-site is to be launched by Easter.



Celebrating 50 years in 2014

Enrolment / Open Evening for First Years 2014/15

Friday, February 7th

3:15pm to 6:30pm

Please bring Birth Cert and completed Application Form

Alternatively, completed Application Form can be submitted to the school before February 14th.

Information Evening to be held in June for all accepted applicants