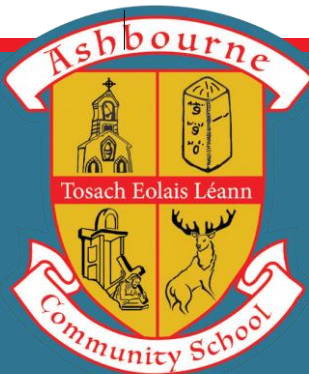


ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1 Deerpark, Ashbourne, Co. Meath



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

**ACS celebrating over 30 years
empowering students & serving the
Community**

Ashbourne Community School is a vibrant, progressive place of learning and personal growth where students are both nurtured and challenged to reach their potential. We pride ourselves on having a caring and inclusive student-centred learning environment, with a strong focus on high quality teaching and learning and a reputation for excellent results. Our teachers are passionate about their subjects and embrace educational initiatives for the benefit of the students.

A love of learning permeates the school. Positive student-teacher relationships have been key to creating a happy and safe environment for students to learn and grow. Students actively participate in their own learning. Student voice is highly valued and shapes the experience in the classroom and contributes to whole school policy.

We are a community of learning that is committed to the development of the whole person.

Our extensive range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities ensures that we create opportunities for students to showcase their talents, while developing skills of communication, teamwork and creativity.

We enjoy the support of an active PTA that contributes to decision making and policy development. We appreciate the ongoing support from the local community. Our past students speak highly of their time in ACS and we are proud of our contribution to their successful working and personal lives.

Pat Moriarty

**Pat Moriarty,
Principal,
Ashbourne Community School.**





Curricular

Through its broad curriculum – delivered by a dedicated and highly qualified teaching staff, Ashbourne Community School is committed to fostering an environment of academic excellence. We offer the widest possible range of subject choices, affording our students the opportunity to become articulate, and literate in the Humanities and Languages, skilled in Mathematics, the Sciences and Technology, well honed at practical subjects and proficient in the Social Sciences.

Our subject offering allows all students to maximise their fullest academic potential.

JUNIOR CYCLE: A BROAD EDUCATION

The new Junior Cycle will place the student at the center of the learning process. It allows for new ways of learning and a broader range of skills to be properly assessed. Eight principles underpin the framework for Junior Cycle. These inform the planning for, as well as the development and implementation of Junior Cycle programmes in all schools. The eight principles of Junior Cycle are:-

1. Learning to Learn
2. Choice and Flexibility
3. Quality
4. Creativity and Innovation
5. Engagement and Participation
6. Continuity and Development
7. Inclusive Education
8. Wellbeing

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS

Artistic Performance	ICT
Business Studies	Japanese
CSPE	Learning to Learn
Digital Literacy	Mathematics
Engineering	Music
English	Physical Education
French	Religious Education (non exam)
Gaeilge	Science
Geography	Spanish
German	SPHE
Graphics	Visual Art
History	Wood Technology
Home Economics	

SENIOR CYCLE

At Ashbourne Community School the following programmes are available at Senior Cycle

- Transition Year (optional)
- Established Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Leaving Certificate Applied

TRANSITION YEAR SUBJECTS

Core Subjects

Business	Language
English	Mathematics
Gaeilge	Religious Education
ICT	Science

Modules

History	Home Economics
Agricultural Science	Japanese
Art	Life Skills
Calligraphy	Music
Design & Communication Graphics	Politics & Society
Economics	Road Safety Awareness
Engineering	Stained Glass
Future Leaders	Wood Technology
Geography	Young Scientist
History	YSI (Young Social Innovators)

Head Students 2025-26



L-R: Liam Tannam Jodi Purcell, Victoria Muntean



LEAVING CERTIFICATE

APPLIED SUBJECTS

Communicating Irish	Mathematical Applications
English & Communications	Modern Language
Engineering	Religious Education & Personal Reflection
Hotel Catering & Tourism	Social Education
Information & Communication Technology	Visual Arts
Leisure & Recreation	Vocational Preparation & Guidance

LEAVING CERTIFICATE
SUBJECTS

Accounting	Gaeilge
Agricultural Science	Geography
Applied Mathematics	German
Art	History
Biology	Home Economics
Business	Japanese
Careers	LCVP Link Modules
Chemistry	Mathematics
Computer Science	Music
Construction Studies	Physical Education
Design & Communication Graphics	Physical Education (LC Exam)
Drama, Film & Theatre	Physics
Economics	Politics & Society
Engineering	Religious Education
English	Spanish
French	SPHE

EXTRA CURRICULAR

The development of a sense of personal well-being through participating in a comprehensive range of extra curricular activities is at the heart of an Ashbourne Community School education. The school' offers a wide programme of sport, music, debating, drama and other leadership-nurturing activities. The aim of our extra curricular programme is to foster a sense of leadership, enjoyment, camaraderie and to develop fully rounded individuals.

Extra curricular activites include:

Annual Ski Trip	Gaisce
Athletics	Golf
Basketball (Boys and Girls)	Green Schools
Badminton	Handball
Book Club	Hurling
Camino Trip	Linguistics
Camogie	Peer Education Mentoring
Christmas Choir	Pitch & Putt
Climate Ambassadors	Rugby
Cultural & Language Trips	School Variety Show
Craft/Sewing	Soccer (Boys and Girls)
Debating	Volleyball (Girls)
Development Education	Young Entrepreneurs
Gaelic Football (Boys and Girls)	



THEN AND NOW

Ashbourne Community School first opened its doors on September 1st 1994. Since then, we have a proud tradition of excellence in education, a school which prides itself on allowing students to grow and develop into lifelong learners and nurturing students to reach their full potential.



First Principal at ACS Ciarán Flynn with David McCarthy -Smyth and An Taoiseach John Bruton at the official opening in 1994.



Today's Management Team:-

L-R: Gillian Casey, Deputy Principal, Joe Gibney, Deputy Principal, Pat Moriarty, Principal and Niamh Kelly, Deputy Principal.

WHAT OUR FORMER STUDENTS SAY.....



"The best years of my life by far, all thanks to my second home, that is Ashbourne Community School. I left this school proud and happy, with valuable life lessons learned, amazing friends (and teachers who I'd now call my friends), great grades, happy memories and super experiences. Sport was brilliant here and the teachers really went above and beyond for me always, to help find that right balance between the extra-curricular activities and grades, and the results don't lie. I left the school with 5 Leinster titles across 3 sports, a perfect Leaving Certificate and the best memories. On my return visits, I still feel so at home at Ashbourne Community School."

David Carr
Leaving Cert Class 2020



"Some of the fondest memories I have are rooted in my time spent in Ashbourne Community School. There is such a unique relationship between the staff and students which establishes a safe and secure environment for both learning and personal growth. A sense of inclusion and fostering a respect for diversity is tangible in Ashbourne Community School. This feeling of belonging, paired with the continuous encouragement I got from the staff, inspired me to do my best and be proud of who I am as I continued forward after secondary school."

Ailish Moriarty
Leaving Cert Class 2013



"Ashbourne Community School really shaped my teenage years and gave me a very supportive environment in which to thrive and grow. The teachers always went above and beyond their roles to develop and encourage the students. On a personal level the school atmosphere was one which nurtured great memories and friendships with other students. Over 20 years later I am lucky enough to still work locally and regularly bump into other ex-students and the strength of our school community means that we enjoy seeing each other and the camaraderie from all those years ago still carries on. "

Fiona Hickey
Leaving Cert Class 2000



"As a past student of Ashbourne Community School I was not the most academic student in the world and so I honestly believe that the extra-curricular part of ACS, in particular the sports helped me throughout my time in ACS. I was fortunate enough to play for the school's football and GAA teams which were both tremendously successful during my time there. I genuinely feel sport played a big part in my education in ACS. My teachers who acted as coaches for the various teams helped me out so much throughout the years. Since leaving school I have chosen a career in football and I now play for Bohemians FC in the League of Ireland and I hopefully will continue to grow in this area in the future."

Dawson Devoy
Leaving Cert Class 2020