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## Grennan College

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*Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny*

also see:

- [Grennan Mill Craft School](#)
- [Grennan College Equestrian Centre](#)

Grennan College was established as Thomastown Vocational School by Co. Kilkenny Vocational Education Committee in 1958. Today Grennan College is a progressive second level school which provides an excellent educational service to the students of Thomastown and its environs.

We offer a comprehensive range of subjects all at Higher Level across a broad curriculum, thus catering for the full scope of student ability, academic, practical, creative and technical.

The College has an extensive Pastoral Care programme which aims to provide a caring supportive school community allowing for the full development of all its students. The entire teaching staff is involved in the pastoral care approach. However special responsibility is given to; Class Tutors, Support Studies Teacher, Pastoral Support, Discipline Co-ordinators, Chaplain, Guidance Counsellor, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, and Assistant Pastoral Care Co-ordinator.

A "Cara" (friend) System operates where new students are adopted by a senior student to ease the transition of a new student into the College.

The College supports a Student Council, whereby each class elects its own representative whose functions it is to communicate with the general student body. The students are involved in promoting and maintaining a disciplined society. They are encouraged as much as possible to be responsible for their environment. This is achieved through: - class elections, School Council and Pastoral Care Council.

A most effective Parents Council is elected every year and we are continuously developing this partnership in

the interests of the student, the development of facilities and the promotion of all aspects of student requirements in the College.

## **Guidance and Counselling**

Grennan College has a professionally qualified guidance counsellor to assist students in making choices about their future. As part of this service information is provided on a wide range of careers. Students attend career seminars and open days in third level institutions.

## **Supervised Evening Study**

Students are offered the opportunity of attending evening study from 4.15 to 6.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Teachers in the College supervise this study.

## **Learning Support**

A programme of Learning Support is provided for students who are in need of additional tuition in the core subjects. A full time Remedial/Intervention Service is available to support students who are in need of such support

## **Book Rental Scheme**

A Book Rental Scheme is in operation at Grennan College whereby, for a nominal annual charge, books are provided for each student. This has proven to be a major cost saving for parents in view of the ever-increasing costs of schoolbooks.

## **Supervision**

Students are supervised from their arrival at the College in the morning until they leave at 4.00 p.m. Only those students who actually return to their homes for lunch may leave the College at lunchtime. Students may purchase lunch in the School canteen.

## **Facilities**

The College has an extensive range of facilities. The specialist rooms have all been refurbished in 2005 and newly equipped, to provide our students with the most modern up to date facilities thus providing them with the best possible learning environment. Students have access to the specialised facilities of Grennan Mill Craft School and Grennan Equestrian College.

## **Sports/Extra-Curricular Activities**

A wide range of activities is available to all our students including; Athletics, Basketball, Camogie, Canoeing, Drama, Equestrian, Gaelic Football (male and female), Hurling, Music and Folk Choir, Soccer (male and female) The College supports as many activities as the student body requests.

Students are regularly taken on visits to such places of interest as the National Art Gallery, Cinema, Theatre or historical landmarks. Guest speakers also attend the College and give workshops on various disciplines, i.e. drumming or creative writing. As part of some of the programmes offered, the student body have raised considerable sums of money for many charitable organisations in the area.

## Curriculum Offered

### Courses

#### Junior Certificate

### Subjects

**All Students:** Irish, English, Maths, C.S.P.E. (Civic, Social and Political Education), Computer Studies, French, Geography, History, Physical Education, Religious Education, S.P.H.E. (Social, Personal and Health Education), Science. **Choices:** Art Craft and Design, Business Studies, Home Economics, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork (Materials and Technology), Technical Graphics. *All subjects are taught are to Higher Level*

#### Transition Year Programme

Transition Year is available to 4th year students, which is highly organised and developmental in nature.

#### Leaving Certificate

All Students: English, Irish, Mathematics, Careers Development Programme, Computer Studies, Physical Education, Religious Studies. Choices: Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Construction Studies, Engineering Studies, French, Geography, Home Economics (Social and Scientific), Technical Drawing. *All subjects are taught to Higher Level in Leaving Certificate.*

#### Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

In addition to the seven examination subjects, students have the option to pursue this programme which includes modules on Enterprise Education, Preparation for the World of Work, this give students the opportunity to go on work placement.

## Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLC)

The College also offers FETAC (Further Education and Training Award Council) certified courses in **Art Craft and Design. (Craft Studies)** at Grennan Mill Craft School ([www.grennanmill.net](http://www.grennanmill.net)) **Business Studies - Secretarial (Reception and Tourism)**, which is also accredited by the internationally recognised OCR (Oxford, Cambridge and Royal Society of Arts), **Horticulture**, *in conjunction with Kilkenny Co. Co. and Woodstock Gardens* and **Equestrian and Stable Management Studies**, also accredited by the British Horse Society.

Evening classes are provided each term in a variety of subjects. In recent years classes in Art Metalwork, Bridge, Computers, Flower Arranging, Life Drawing, Pottery, and Spanish have proven very popular.

## Adult Education Programmes

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