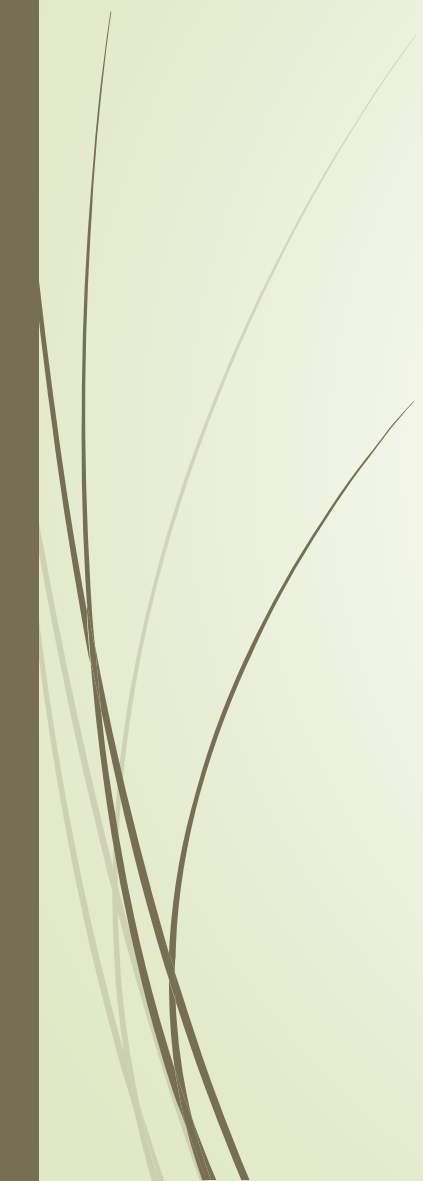


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**Presented to the school community  
October 2020**

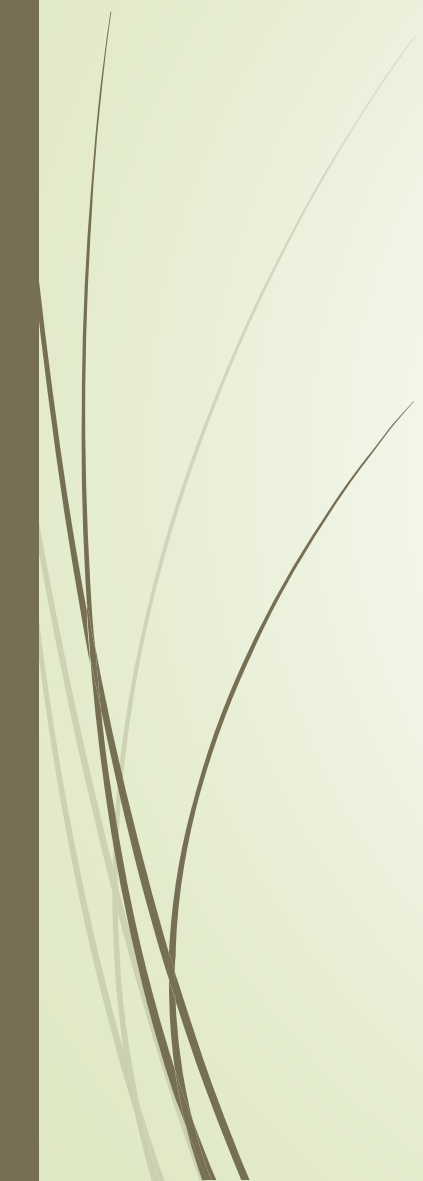


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# Students

- 808 students – the third year with a 150 intake into 1<sup>st</sup> year
- 4.32 teaching posts for Special Educational Needs – new model
- Absent for more than 20 days (up to 11 March): 72
- Transition Year students: 119
- LCVP students: 6



# Students

## Leadership:


- **Head Girls 2019/2020 – Alanna Fusciardi Wallace and Minduli Senevirathne**
- **Students' Council – 17 members**
- **Prefects' Council – 12 members**
- **Green School Committee – maintained 3 flags**
- **Justice and Peace Group**



# Students

## Support Systems:

- Student Care Co-ordination Team (SCCT)
- Student Support Team (SST)
- Class Teacher System
- Year Heads in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years
- Meitheal System
- 2 Guidance Counsellors
- Chaplaincy – Fr. Jim Fegan and Ms. Linda Jordan
- Cara System introduced – continuation of the Meitheal System, 6<sup>th</sup> years looking after 2<sup>nd</sup> years until Halloween but at more of a distance



# Staff 2019/2020

- Total teaching staff allocation: 53.76
- Special Needs allocation: 4.76
- Special Needs Assistants: 2.5
- Secretary – full time: 1
- Secretary – part time: 1
- Receptionist: – full time: 1
- Receptionist – part time: 1
- Facilities Management Staff: 2.5



# Staff

**New appointments summer 2020:**

**Niamh Kelly, Tanya Whelan, Daniel Cornejo, Michelle McLean**

**Resignations/Retirements summer 2020:**

**Noeleen Goggin (Secretary)**


**Student teachers – Monitored by senior staff and 3<sup>rd</sup> level colleges**





# Parents

- **Active Parents' Council – Mock Interviews, guest speakers**
- **2 parents on BOM: Liam Gaynor and Annette Cahalane**
- **Parents represented on School Planning Group**
- **Excellent attendance at all PTMs and Information Talks**
- **Appointments on request**



# Parents' Council

- **Meet on the first Monday of each month (term time only)**
- **Meetings take place on Microsoft Teams – 18.30 – 19.30**
- **A Deputy Principal attends each meeting**
- **Representatives from each year group on the Council**
- **A forum for parents to play a greater role in the life of the school**
- **Members of the Parents' Council are involved in various school activities and school planning initiatives**

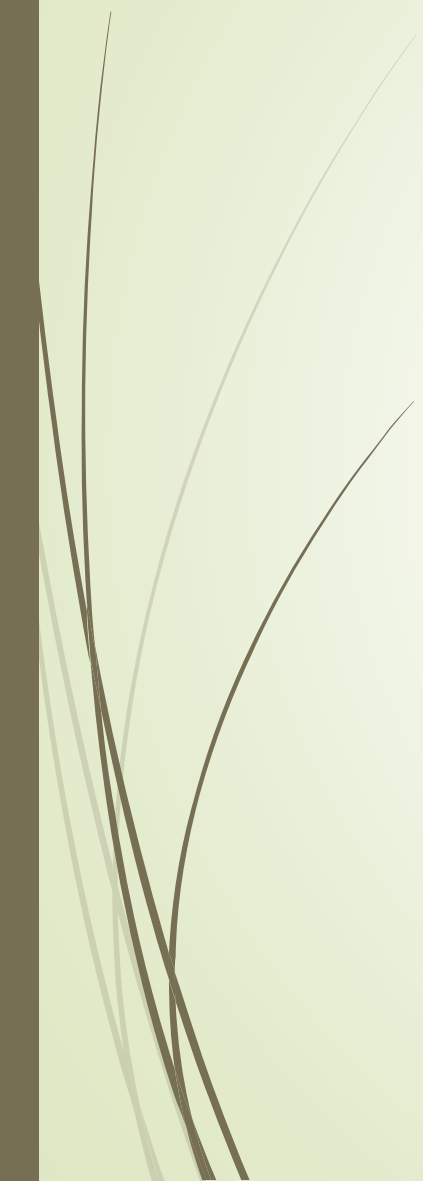


# Parents' Council

- ▶ A report of each meeting is available on our website, [www.loretoxford.com](http://www.loretoxford.com).
- ▶ New members are very welcome
- ▶ To join, simply e-mail [parentscouncil@loretoxford.com](mailto:parentscouncil@loretoxford.com) or [deputymcginnity@loretoxford.com](mailto:deputymcginnity@loretoxford.com)



# Loreto Ethos

- **School Mission Statement: Truth, freedom, justice, sincerity and joy – as relevant today in Loreto, Wexford as for Mary Ward in 1609.**
  - **Rooted in gospel values of love, understanding and respect**
  - **Aim is to live out these values in daily interactions in the school**
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# Charitable Fundraising - Top 9

- **Mary Ward International**
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
- **Concern**
- **Wexford Hospice Homecare**
- **Hope Centre, Enniscorthy**
- **Irish Cancer Society**
- **Pieta House**
- **Paediatric Ward, Wexford Hospital**
- **Friends of the Earth**

**Combined total: €11,705**



# Religious Formation

- Religion taught to all junior cycle students as an examination subject
- Religion taught as both examination and non-examination subjects at senior cycle
- Liturgical events through the year
- Retreats for 1<sup>st</sup> years in Ballyvaloo
- In-school retreats for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years



# **Junior Cycle Curriculum**

**New specifications are now in place  
for all JC subjects in 2019/2020**

**The school meets the full requirement  
for 400 Hours of Wellbeing at JC level**





# Junior Cycle Curriculum

Detailed information may be found on the following websites:

➤ [www.jct.ie](http://www.jct.ie)

➤ [www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie)

➤ [www.loretowexford.com](http://www.loretowexford.com)





# Senior Cycle Curriculum 2019/2020

<b>Irish</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Religion – exam and non-exam</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Home Economics</b>
<b>German</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Japanese</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>LCVP</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>Physics</b>	<b>Economics</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
	<b>P.E. – exam and non-exam</b>	<b>Wellbeing</b>



# Extra-/Co-Curricular Activities

- Debating and public speaking
  - hockey
  - basketball
  - badminton
  - tennis
  - yoga
  - rounders
  - athletics
  - football
  - Camogie
  - equestrian
  - self-defence
  - tag rugby
  - German exchange
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# Extra-/Co-Curricular Activities

- educational tour to Barcelona - cancelled
- Ski tour to Northern Italy
- field trips
- theatre trips
- school choir
- school show
- supervised internet access
- Log-on learning for senior citizens
- Justice and Peace Group
- Green School Committee – 3 green flags already achieved
- School library



# **Academic**

## **Leaving Certificate 2020**

**Written examinations cancelled  
due to Covid-19**

**System of Calculated Grades  
implemented based on  
estimated marks from teachers  
and a national standardisation  
process**

**School analysis of results awaited**



# **Academic**

## **Junior Certificate 2020**

**Written examinations cancelled due to Covid-19**

**Replaced by school-based report issued in *May***


**School-produced certificate to be presented in *October***



# Academic

## Academic Council

- Established in 2015
- Monitors and seeks to award academic excellence
- Seeks to intervene positively with students in cases of notable disimprovement
- Compares Loreto outcomes in state examinations v. National outcomes



# School Planning and Self-Evaluation

- School Plan is on [www.loretoxford.com](http://www.loretoxford.com)
- 433 pages
- All policies and self-evaluation exercises



# School Planning and Self-Evaluation

**Suicide Prevention/Substance Use/Wellbeing**

**Student Empowerment and Representation**

**Leadership and Management (April 2020)**

**Whole School Assessment**


**Review of SIP 2016-2020**

**School Improvement Plan post 2020**

**Class Teacher and Year Head System**

**Uniform**





# School Planning and Self-Evaluation

- Co-ordinated by weekly meetings of the “Friday Group”, representative of staff, parents and students
  - Research carried out by frequent online surveys
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# Board of Management

## Trustee nominees:

Sr. Helen O' Riordan, I.B.V.M. (chairperson)

Mr. Patrick Quigley

Mr. Daniel Gayer

Ms. Barbara Foley

## Parent nominees:

Ms. Annette Cahalane and Mr.  
Liam Gaynor

## Teacher nominees:

Ms. Siobhan O' Donoghue and  
Ms. Aoife Doyle

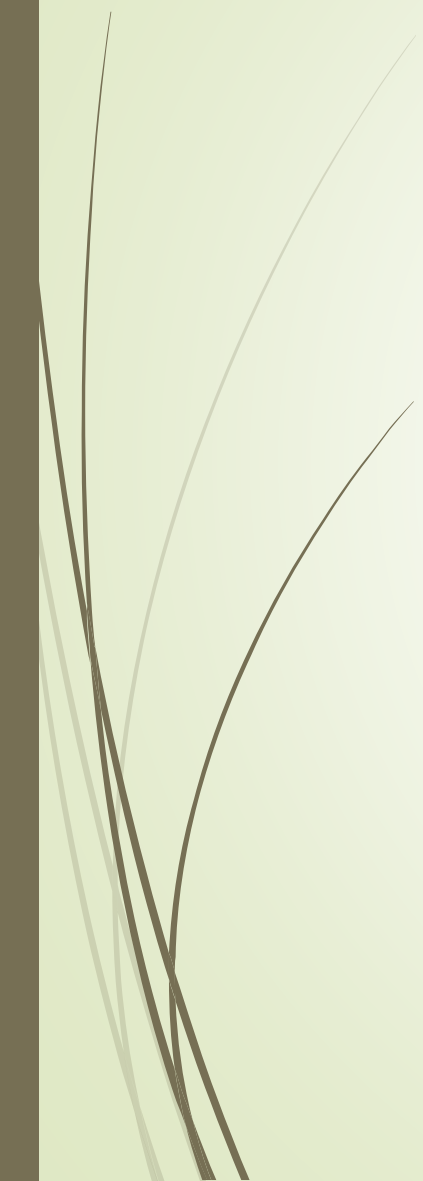


# Board of Management

- 11 meetings in 2019/2020
  - Child Protection Report at every meeting
  - Agreed Report placed on [www.loretoxford.com](http://www.loretoxford.com) within a week of each meeting
  - Present Board serves until October 2022
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# Financial Report

- **Finances overseen by Finance Committee**
  - **2019/2020 audit to be carried out w/b 19 October**
  - **Voluntary Contribution yielded €40,306**
  - **Administration Charge yielded €72,785**
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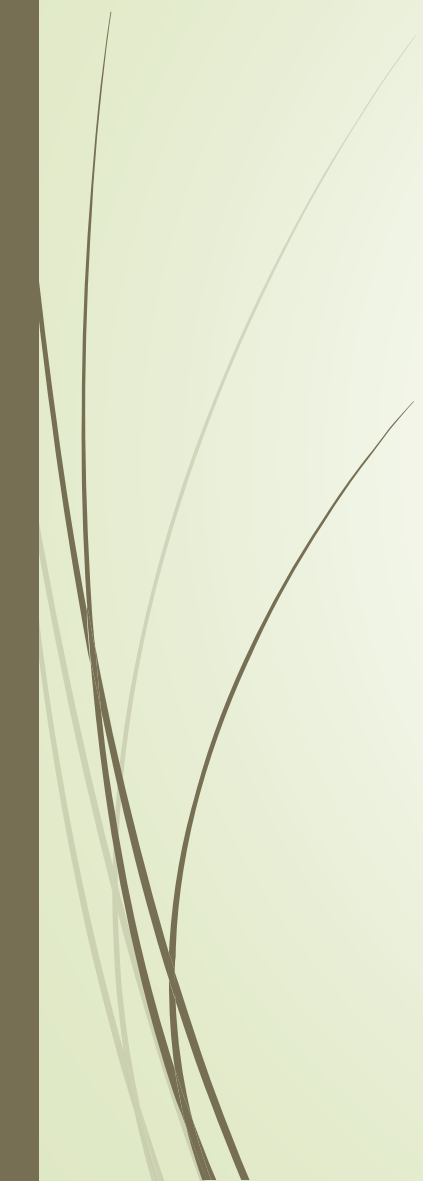
# **DES Inspections**

**No inspections were  
conducted in 2019/2020**



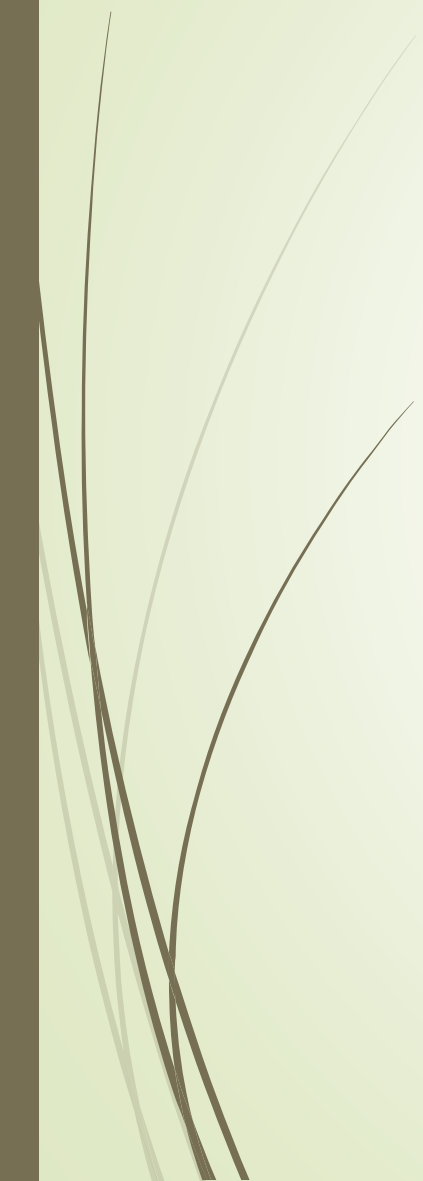


# Covid-19

- Unprecedented crisis
  - School closed from 12 March
  - JC and LC written exams cancelled
  - Remote teaching and learning
  - Worrying sense of disconnect
  - Importance of school's communication systems – 17 letters to families issued
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# Covid-19

- Huge effort and financial support to re-open on 31 August
  - Covid-19 Response Plan
  - Concentration on wellbeing, teaching and learning
  - Curtailment of many extra-curricular activities
  - Readiness for future closure
- 



# Current Issues – October 2020

- **Staying well; caring for all**
- **Hockey pitch – ready to use again**
- **Opening of Min Ryan Park**
- **Traffic management**
- **Framing of a new School Improvement Plan (SIP), 2021-2025**
- **Keeping the school personal / maintaining ethos**