



# 5<sup>th</sup> Year Parents Information Evening

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# Starting the Senior Cycle

- ▶ Building on the success of Junior Cycle
- ▶ Initial Issues
  - ▶ New Class Groups
  - ▶ Different Teachers
  - ▶ Homework/Study v. Personal Time
  - ▶ Option Changes
  - ▶ Pace at Senior Cycle



# Attendance and Punctuality

So far...

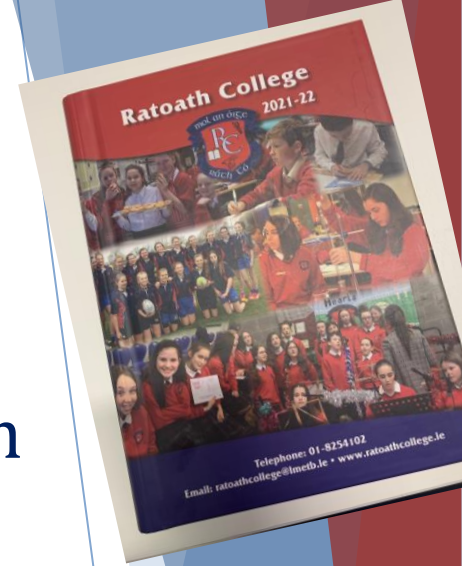
- ▶ 88% Attendance
  - ▶ +500 absences
  - ▶ 105 lates
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- ▶ There is a direct link between academic success and positive attendance / punctuality



# The Dialann

- ✓ Method of Communication
- ✓ Strengthens Home-School Links
- ✓ Policies/ Contracts-Please Read and Sign
- ✓ Absence Notes/ Early Excuse Notes
- ✓ Record of Homework/Revision
- ✓ Record of Student Progress
- ✓ Mol an Óige
- ✓ Record of Poor Behaviours

**Request: Please Monitor Closely and Get In Touch if you have any Concerns**



# Uniform

- ▶ Ratoath College is very proud of its students and the uniform.
- ▶ Our uniform is huge part of identity as a community of learners.
- ▶ Uniform instils, pride, sense of belonging and community feeling in our school.
- ▶ Thank you for your support of our uniform policy (p27-32)



# What you need to do...

- ▶ **Encourage** your child to come to school every day –before assembly at 8.40am to organise their books
- ▶ Where possible **organise** appointments outside of school
- ▶ **Contact** the school on the morning of an absence
- ▶ **Absence notes / Early Excuse Notes** in the **Dialann**
- ▶ **Monitor the Dialann** closely for positive/poor behaviours
- ▶ Record of Student Progress

# What we will do...

## ► Teaching and Learning

Our main goal is for your son/daughter to achieve to the utmost of their potential in Senior Cycle.

## ► Care

To achieve this, we will work with you to ensure your son/daughter remains happy, comfortable and confident in school

## ► Guidance

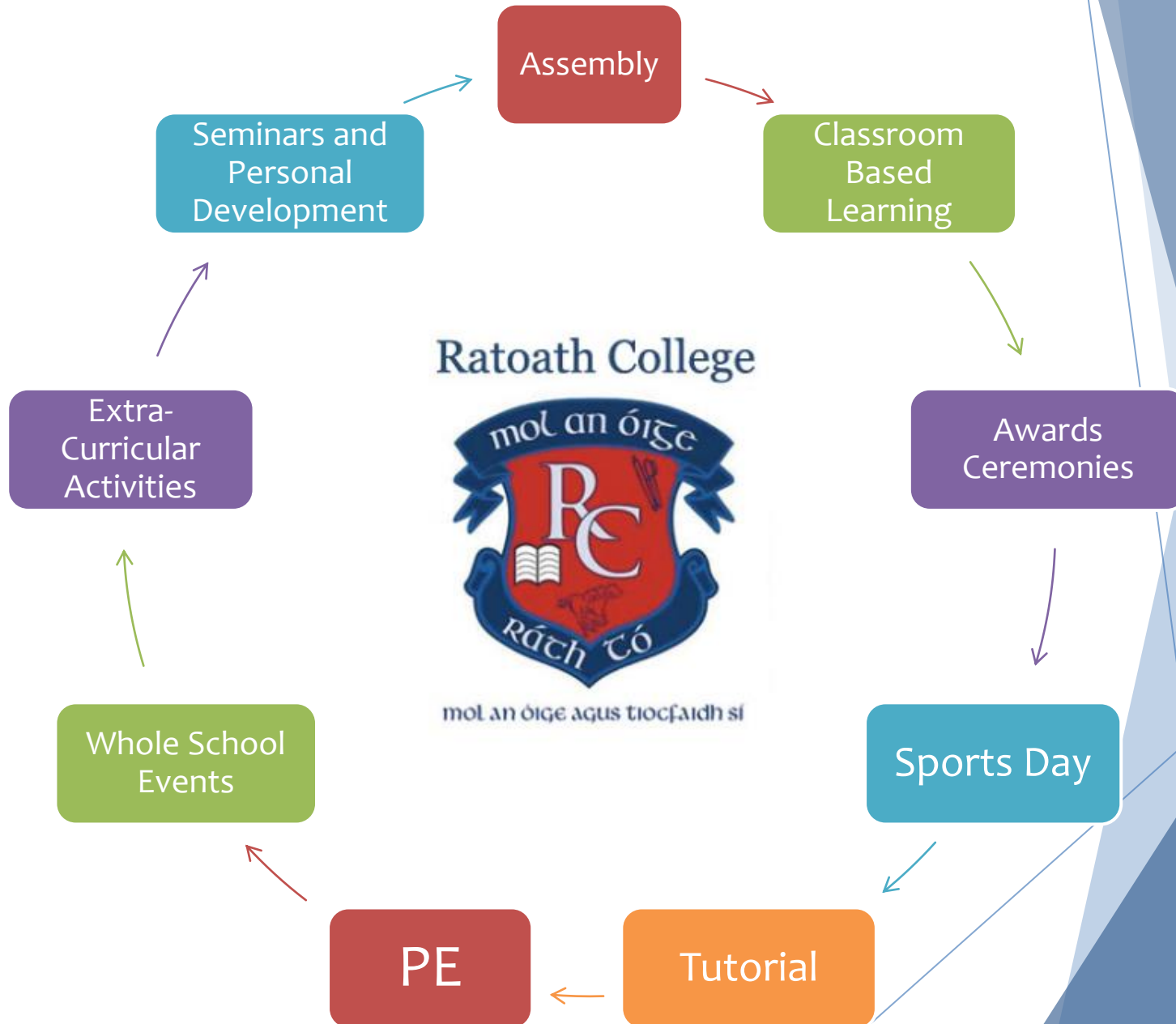
Subject Choices, Pathways, Wellbeing

## ► Communication

## ► A Holistic School Experience



# A Holistic School Experience





# Good Goals Are:

**S**

Specific

What, exactly, do you want to achieve. Avoid Generalisation

**M**

Measurable

How are you going to measure/quantify achievement of this goal?

**A**

Attainable

Is this goal realistic? Are you in control of it?

**R**

Relevant

Is this goal worthwhile?

**T**

Time-limited

What is the realistic timeframe to achieve this goal?



# Academic Tracking



# The Leaving Cert Grading System

% Marks		New Grading System
90-100	90-100	H1 / O1
85<90	80-89	H2 / O2
80<85		
75<80	70-79	H3 / O3
70<75		
65<70	60-69	H4 / O4
60<65		
55<60	50-59	H5 / O5
50<55		
45<50	40-49	H6 / O6
40<45		
25<40	30-39	H7 / O7
10<25	0-29	H8 / O8
0<10		



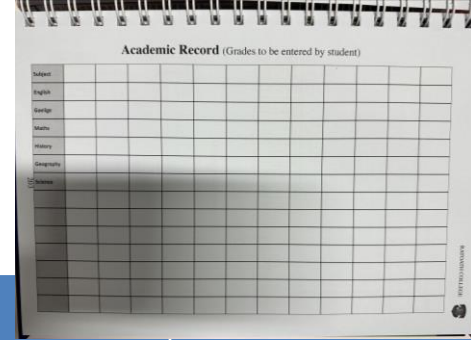
# The CAO Points System for Third Level Entry

% Band	Grade	HL points	OL points
90-100	1	100	56
80-89	2	88	46
70-79	3	77	37
60-69	4	66	28
50-59	5	56	20
40-49	6	46	12
30-39	7	37	0
0-29	8	0	0

Bonus Points are ONLY awarded for Higher Level Mathematics where it is included as one of the applicants best six subjects



# Grades, Points and Goals



Subject	Christmas	Summer	Mini-Mocks	Mocks	LC
Irish	36	52	40	36	?
English	42	56	48	45	?
Maths	66	64	57	48	?
History	88	76	68	57	?
Physics	77	79	67	56	?
French	30	27	24	55	?
<b>Points</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>425</b>

**NOVEMBER EXAMS, 2023-2024** To be completed following November Exams.

SUBJECT	GRADE	POINTS	REVIEW	TARGET GRADE	PRIORITY
ENGLISH					
MATHS					
TOTAL POINTS			TARGET POINTS		



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**PRIORITY SUBJECT TARGETS**

	Questions I need to ask my teacher	Topics/Skills that need significant improvement
Priority 1: _____		
Priority 2: _____		
Priority 3: _____		

**CHANGES I PLAN TO MAKE TO MY GENERAL ROUTINE/ATTITUDE/APPROACH/WORK ETHIC etc.**

Change 1	Change 2





# What do we want?

- ▶ The same as you.
- ▶ Your child to be happy
- ▶ Achieve their best and reach their potential
- ▶ Be ready for the world after secondary school.

*“School is a  
building that has  
four walls... with  
tomorrow inside”*

*Lon Watters*



# Reminder

- ▶ We in Ratoath College are making efforts to **reduce our carbon footprint and waste**
- ▶ Use a **lunchbox & reusable water bottle**





*Looking Forward  
to June 2025*

*“No one can reap the fruit  
without planting the tree”*

