

# Business Studies

The Business Studies Curriculum at Coláiste na Mí will provide students with the foundation for developing important business skills that will benefit them greatly in the future. A knowledge of Business Studies is proven to provide a grounding that will enhance job prospects in many aspects of future employment, and it is the aim of this course to introduce students to many of these fundamental core skills. Students have the option of studying Junior Cycle Business from 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Year and then select Business, Accounting, and Economics as separate subjects for the Leaving Certificate.

Junior Cycle Business is split into three strands focusing on Personal Finance, Enterprise, and Economics. In Personal Finance, students will link many necessary life skills to the classroom including 'How to Open a Bank Account', 'The Difference between Income and Expenditure', 'Managing my Money', 'Insurance' and 'Consumer Rights'.

In Enterprise, students will also examine key components of setting up a business through topics such as 'Marketing', 'Business Ownership', and 'Employer and Employee Rights and Responsibilities'. Students will also examine the fundamentals of 'Bookkeeping' and 'Financial Statements'. As part of their Classroom Based Assessment in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, students will be able to work in groups and gain experience in developing a new product for the market.

In Economics, students will be able to relate current economic issues such as 'Inflation' and 'Government Income and Expenditure' to their classroom learning. Students will develop an understanding how key economic decisions can influence their day-day lives.

Students will also be encouraged to be active participants in their own learning and will take part in group challenges and activities within their class groups that enables them to build on and develop core skills such as leadership, time management, public speaking and self-motivation that will incorporate the use of the theory from many of the above topics. Learning is greatly supported using ICT, with OneNote, teacher YouTube channel, key word quizzes and tests developed by our teachers for both Junior and Senior Cycle that aids students in learning both inside and outside the classroom.

