

Some Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I get a bus ticket?

- A. All applications must be made online to Bus Eireann (copy link):
<https://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=522>
The closing date each year for a bus ticket application is **usually** the last Friday in April (Friday April 24th, 2026)
You will need to set up a Family Portal **in advance** on this site if you do not already have one.

Q. Can the school organise bus tickets?

- A. The school has no authority to issue bus tickets or accept an application for one. Bus Eireann must be contacted directly.

Q. What subjects do I study?

- A. All our Junior Cycle students study:
English, Irish*, Maths,
History, Geography, Science,
PE, Wellbeing, Religion, CSPE, SPHE and Digital Literacy.
You also will study three Option/Choice Subjects.

You can get details about subjects on the links below:

[Subject Information Link 1](#)

[Subject Information Link 2](#)

*Some students have an exemption from studying Irish.

Q. How do I know if the combination of my three choice subjects is available?

- A. We will contact a parent by phone and/or email should the chosen Options not fit. On the student's Induction Day visit (date to be confirmed) we will remind them of their options combination. Provision is subject to allocation from the Department of Education and Youth.

Q. Can I change my mind about Option Subjects after submitting the form?

- A. If you want to change a subject after having submitted the form, please have a parent/guardian email mhession@glencs.ie and cc reception@glencs.ie

Do this as soon as possible please.

Include:

The student's name.

The two subjects you want to keep.

The swap you would like to make.

Q. Can I change my mind?

- A. You can request to change subjects at any point. We will always work towards the best outcome for our students. Please note that requests may not always work, but we do our best to allow the change if it makes educational sense and if resources allow it.

Q. What if the class I want to move to is already at full capacity?

- A. You can request to go on a waiting list and consider the move again should a place become available. We will always consult with a parent before any move takes place.

Q. Can I go to a new subject after the school year has started?

- A. We will always consider a request to change subjects, and work towards the best outcome. We take many things into account and will always talk to parent/guardian about a request to change subject.

Q. What is the best way to find out about a subject?

- A. There are several good websites which will inform you and your parent/guardian:

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/Junior-Cycle-Subjects/>
<https://ncca.ie/en>

Talking to older siblings and their friends is sometimes useful.

Remember, you are choosing what is right for you and your future!

You are welcome to seek further advice from someone at school.

Mail reception@glencs.ie or call 094 96 59 315

Q. Will I get Learning Support?

- A. Please fill all out the sections in the Enrolment Form regarding Additional Needs. Our aim is to address known needs, monitor the progress of all our students, and provide supports wherever needed to the best of our ability.

Q. Is there a School Book Scheme?

- A. Students can avail of our School Book Scheme. Currently the Rental Scheme for all students is being funded by the Department of Education and Youth.

Q. Are iPads used in classes?

- A. Many, but not all of our students use iPads. See the iPad tile on the bottom of our website homepage.