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Daily Timetable

Monday to Thursday: classes commence at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 4.00 p.m.

Lunchtime is from 1.20 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Morning break is from 11.00 a.m. to 11.20 a.m. **Friday:** Classes commence at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 2:00 p.m. There is one 20 minute break. Each class group has a 10 minute assembly weekly with the Class Tutor on Mondays. All class periods are 40 minutes in duration.

The Junior Certificate Programme

The following is a list of subjects provided at Junior Certificate level:

Irish; English; Mathematics; Science; Materials Technology (Wood); Materials Technology (Metal); History; Geography; French; Spanish; Home Economics; Art, Craft, Design; Technical Graphics; Business Studies; Music; Computer Studies * ; Religious Education.

The new area of Wellbeing will comprise the following subjects, in addition to extra-curricular activities: Civic, Social & Political Education*, PE* & SPHE*.

(Subjects marked * are non-exam subjects)

Note: The new Junior Cycle Programme is being implemented on a phased basis, and has started with a new English syllabus from 2014.

Students get to study all subjects in First Year and make their choices at the end of that year. (Except for modern language – students have to choose between French and Spanish from the beginning).

“Parents, students and teachers reported very favourably on the arrangements for sampling subjects in first year” - comments by the Inspectorate in the WSE-MLL Inspection Report 2016.

Provision of a **Transition Year programme** may be offered, subject to demand. Currently a very significant proportion of our students defer entry to Third Level and do one of our PLC programmes after the Leaving Certificate.

The Leaving Certificate Programme

Subjects currently available (all to higher level)

Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Spanish, Construction Studies, Home Economics, History, Physics/Chemistry, Applied Maths (Pilot basis), Art, Business, Engineering, Design & Communications Graphics, Biology, Agricultural Science, Music, Geography, and the links module (L.C.V.P. see below).

Students normally study 6 to 8 subjects.

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (L.C.V.P.)

Students following this programme study two *Link Modules*, Preparation for Work and Enterprise Education, in addition to the regular Leaving Certificate subjects.

Successful completion of the Links Modules is recognised as a subject for the purposes of entry to third level. The subject is enterprise based and involves visiting local businesses, report writing, establishing a mini enterprise, Curriculum Vitae preparation, as well as work experience and many others practical tasks. The students submit a Portfolio for which 60% of the marks are awarded, before sitting a written exam.

The L.C.V.P. is an attractive option in so far as students can obtain up to 60% of the marks prior to the final exam. It also provides the student with a solid foundation in matters pertaining to the world of enterprise.

Leaving Certificate Applied

This programme is currently running for Year 1 candidates 2018-'19 and may be available subject to demand and resources.

At DVS, “subject choice for students is very broad and balanced” and “the school curriculum is complemented by a wide and holistic range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities”;

“students have obtained a number of national awards based on performance in the Leaving Certificate examination ... these considerable achievements reflect positively on the school’s pursuit of academic excellence” – comments by the Inspectorate in the WSE-MLL Inspection Report 2016.

Code of Behaviour

Admission to Drumshanbo Vocational School implies acceptance of the rules and policies of that school.

The school discipline policy is based on the principles of natural justice, including the right of the majority in a class to education/instruction without interference. Disciplinary policy is primarily preventative and secondarily corrective. The successful education of all pupils depends on an active partnership between pupils, parents/guardians and the school. The full Code of Behaviour is available in the Student Journal and on our web-site.

Our school, we are proud to say, has excellent standards of behaviour and discipline, thanks to the support and co-operation of the parents. Poor behaviour is unusual and serious indiscipline is a very rare occurrence.

“Classroom management and student behaviour were of a very high standard” - comments by the Inspectorate in the WSE-MLL Inspection Report 2016.

Pastoral Care & Student Support

The Pastoral Care and Student Support Team comprises the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Year Heads, Principal, Deputy Principal, Guidance Counsellor, Sligo Leitrim Home School Liaison Service, Learning Support Co-ordinator & SPHE Co-ordinator. The work of this team is complemented by the Class Tutors. The Pastoral Care and Student Support Team meet on a weekly basis.

“The overall quality of student care” at DVS “is a significant strength”. – comment by the Inspectorate in the WSE-MLL Inspection Report 2016.



Enrolment / Open Evening for First Years 2019/'20

Friday, February 8th

3:30pm to 7:30pm

Information Sessions with School Principal at 4:15 pm and again at 6:15 pm.

- Enrolment Packs will be distributed in local primary schools and Application Forms are also available to download from our web-site: www.dvs.ie
- Please bring Birth Cert, PPS Number and completed Enrolment Application Form
- Alternatively, completed Enrolment Application Form should be submitted to the school before March 4th.
- For information / queries regarding Learning Support, please contact Ms Lorraine McLoughlin – Learning Support Co-ordinator (Lorraine.mcloughlin@msletb.ie)
- If you cannot make it to the Open Evening, please contact the school and we will arrange to meet you.

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