

Excerpt from Plan 2016-2020
Priorities identified for Development by 2020

At the end of each school year these priorities will be reviewed and added to or changed.

The ICT Plan and the Junior Cycle implementation plan, in particular are largely dependent on outside factors beyond the control of the Board of Management.

Enrolment

- New Prospectus

Administration, Leadership & Management

- New Year Heads' Office
- Information Evening for Parents on HEAR, DARE and RACE
- Review of Post Holders duties
- Evacuation Policy to be reviewed following opening of extension
- Review Staff Hand-Book – digital
- Policies and procedures to be reviewed and updated if necessary
- Policies to be completed, some currently in draft form:
 - School Attendance strategy
 - Internet safe use policy
 - Whole School Policy on Inclusion
 - School Trips Policy
 - Administration of Medicines Policy
 - Data Protection Policy
 - Any other policies identified by management or recommended by the DES

Communications

- Review and update School Web-site, allowing for more access to teachers
- Parents e-mail data base so that reports can be communicated by e-mail
- Feasibility of e-zine for students and parents
- New VoIP phone system

Facilities and Infra-structure

- Equipping the new Music/Drama Room to the highest standard
- Alternative location for the Staff Room
- Installation of blinds in the extension
- Fume press for new science lab
- Landscaping to front and around extension, re-surfacing of the main yard and numbering in the car park
- ICT Plan - Data projectors and PCs in extension and update old
- ICT Plan – Review types and best use of tablets /PCs for teaching and learning
- ICT Plan -Wifi provision
- Suitable recreational space for PLC students separate from mainstream
- Utilisation of Managed Print Services to decrease the use of paper throughout the school
- Re-surfacing of volleyball courts. Ample facilities available in Mayflower in the mean-time

Teaching and Learning

- SSE and implementation of Assessment for Learning practices
- Implementation of the new Junior Certificate in accordance with DES requirements
- Review the demand and feasibility of introducing Transition Year Programme
- Facilitate and encourage effective use of ICT to enhance teaching & learning and to enable easier collaboration.

Health Promotion and Pastoral Care

- Utilise TUSLA's Home School Liaison Service and evaluate for next year
- Make the Pastoral Care and Student Support Team more visible and accessible to the students
- Introduce the Health Promoting Schools project. This is a HSE initiative and should link in with the new 'Wellbeing' module of the new Junior Cycle.

Relationships within the school community and links with the wider community

- Formalise the alumni network by promoting class re-unions and develop presence on school web-site
- School choir to perform locally & link up with the Drumshanbo Adult Choir
- Review the programme for evening classes
- Opportunities to develop closer links with feeder primary schools
- Promote greater involvement of the Parents Association in fundraising and helping organise relevant events for students and parents – eg: seminars on cyber bullying, coping with transition to Third Level, mock interviews, study skills etc.

