

# Midleton College



## New Pupil Entry and Settling in

Pupil entry into first year occurs following application and interview with the Principal. Midleton College does not hold an entrance test and pupils are not selected on prior academic attainment. Pupils in first year are not streamed into classes based solely on academic performance. A recognised standardised test takes place for all first year pupils in the first week of term, however this is not utilised to divide pupils into streamed classes but to identify those pupils who may benefit from additional support from the Learning Support Programme, while also identifying those pupils whose ability, across a range of aptitudes, lies in the gifted range.

New first year pupils are invited to attend one day ahead of all other pupils returning at the start of the New Year. On this day they are allocated a prefect mentor **from 6<sup>th</sup> Year**, who will provide them with guidance and assistance during the first term. New pupils are also introduced to their Form Teacher, the Deputy Principal and Principal on this day.

First form pupils meet with their Form Teacher on each Wednesday morning. Form teachers are provided with weekly updates regarding progress and positive participation by subject teacher colleagues in advance of this meeting. They are thus able to re-enforce success and address emerging difficulties as they arise.

A special 'Welcome Ceremony' for all new first form pupils is held in the month of November. Parents/guardians and family members of new first year pupils are invited to this ceremony.

**New pupils entering in years other than first year also have Form Teachers as their primary point of contact during their induction to the College.** Prefect mentors are allocated to new pupils in all years. Midleton College seeks to ensure that the transition to the College for all new entrants is a successful and positive one. Parents/guardians are requested to make contact with the Form Teacher in the first instance if they have any concerns or enquiries regarding their daughter/son/wards transition into the College.

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