



**OUR  
LADY'S  
SCHOOL**  
TERENURE



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Dear Parent/Guardian

In Our Lady's we aim to support our students in the best way possible so they can reach their full potential. To do this we have put in place a whole school academic tracking programme, alongside our mentoring programme for 6th Years, after school study, supported study and the GATE programme (Gifted and Talented Education) across the school.

### **Academic tracking**

There is a committed team of staff with responsibility for overseeing all students' academic progress through data analysis, systems and staff collaboration. Students who are not achieving their academic potential are identified and a range of interventions are implemented to assist the student to overcome their academic difficulties. This programme is available to all students.

Should an identified student require additional support in reaching their academic potential they will meet with a member of the academic tracking team and, with input from their subject teachers, a plan will be implemented to support the student's progress and address the academic difficulties that the student may be encountering. A teacher is available every day after school to meet identified students to assist them to address challenges and provide that extra help where possible.

Academic tracking gives the student an opportunity to reflect on their learning and provides them with encouragement and advice on how to work more effectively and how to improve their grades. 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th Year students have an academic progress booklet which helps them to monitor their progress and identify areas for improvement under the direction of their subject teachers, form teachers and Year Head.

Academic tracking encourages the student to develop ownership over their learning experiences and realise their full potential. During the academic year if you feel that your daughter requires further intervention to improve their academic performance please contact the tracking team via the email [tracking@olschool.ie](mailto:tracking@olschool.ie) stating your

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daughter's name and the specific issue(s) that she is having around academic subjects.

### **Mentoring programme**

Every 6th Year student has been assigned a mentor teacher. A comprehensive mentoring programme has been devised by the staff through the use of academic booklets and other supports to assist students to navigate 6th Year. The focus of this programme is to focus on life and study skills, time management and promote well being and balance throughout the school year. A strong emphasis is placed on supporting study habits to maximise Leaving Cert results to help students to reach their academic potential.

### **After School study**

The after school study programme is available for 3rd, 5th & 6th year students. It provides students with a quiet place to complete their homework and engage in further study. The students have access to a quiet learning environment with supervision. This ensures that students are kept on task during the sessions and distractions from mobiles phones and other devices are at a minimum.


#### **Supported Study**

In addition to this we also provide supported study for some students who may require further attention in specific subject areas. Many of these students have been identified through our tracking programme. These students are then matched with a subject specific teacher that can help them in the areas they require the most.

### **Gifted and Talented Education**

At Our Lady's it is a priority that all students' academic needs are appropriately met and this includes exceptionally high ability students. In order to support these students we have a staff mentor who will support and encourage these students to reach their full potential and develop a stretched learning plan to share with their subject teachers. If you feel that your daughter may be in this category please contact the tracking team via the email [tracking@olschool.ie](mailto:tracking@olschool.ie) stating your daughter's name and the subject area of her talent.

Yours sincerely



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