Travel information 2015
- Boats will depart from Burtonport at 4pm on Friday 19th of June.
- Please check the college website 12 hours before departure for travel updates.

Contact Details
- Letters to students during the course should be addressed to Coláiste Árainn Mhóir, Árainn Mhór, Leitir Ceanainn, Co. Dhún na nGall.
- Parents may telephone students on their mobiles between 6:30pm and 7:00pm (see rule 10)
- To contact college administration during the course please ring 086 3692627. between 5pm – 6:30pm and 0868293122 between 10.00am -1.00pm.

Pocket Money
There is a post office beside the college for those who wish to bring a savings book for pocket money. Limited AIB banking facilities are also available. Students should not bring large sums of money.

Students should bring
- An adequate supply of warm protective leisure type clothing including: waterproof clothing with reflective armband, swimwear, sportswear.
- Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, towels. Students should only use their own personal towel at all times.
- Hardback notebook, pen.
- Remember to bring your musical instruments.

Laundry.
The bean an tí will do one wash once a week for students.

Fees
Please ensure all fees are paid by Wednesday 7th of May.
Course fee € 795 + €30 to include ferry travel and a shopping trip to the mainland with the college.
Deposit - € 200. Remainder of fees - € 625 (to include travel).
Cheques etc. should be made payable to Coláiste Árainn Mhóir

Visits
Parents are encouraged to visit their children though it is important not to interfere with college activities.
Parents are asked not to visit their children for the first week to give them a chance to settle in.
College authorities must be informed of time of departure and return of any student going out with their parents.
Saturday and Sunday afternoons are ideal times to visit. Students should not be taken out overnight.
Parents must come to the island to collect their children and if leaving Arranmore, accompany them back to the island. A consent form regarding parental visits is enclosed and also available online. Please forward by post to Coláiste Árainn Mhóir prior to your visit.

How to succeed in Colaiste Árainn Mhóir
The key to each learner’s success while attending Coláiste Árainn Mhóir lies in his/her willingness to speak as gaeilge during the course. The responsibility rests on learners to ensure that on arrival at Coláiste Árainn Mhóir they are properly motivated and have a positive outlook towards speaking gaeilge.

While classwork and formal sessions are important, the heart and soul of a cúrsa gaeilge is for the language to be used in a casual and informal manner and in situations where learners are not in the immediate presence of a teacher or Bean an Tí.
Please read through these rules with your son or daughter. It is important that they be adhered to in order to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

**Riaｉl na Gaeilge**

A student is in breach of *riaiл na gaeilge* if he/she deliberately engages in a conversation that is totally in english, with no attempt to incorporate any *gaeilge* into the conversation. In the case where the student is not adhering to riaiл na gaeilge the following steps are implemented.

Step 1: The student is spoken to re *riaiл na gaeilge* and given a verbal warning.
Step 2: A second verbal warning is given.
Step 3: If the student continues to disregard *riaiл na gaeilge* the principal of the college will contact parents/guardians and inform them that their child is not complying with *riaiл na gaeilge*. Parents/guardians will be asked to speak to their child and inform them that they will have to leave the course if they are found once again to be in breach of *riaiл na gaeilge*.

**Rialacha an Choláiste**

1. Coláiste Árainn Mhóir insists that the pupils speak Irish at all times during the course.
2. No student may enter licensed premises, and at no time may a student consume, be in possession of, be associated with or show signs of having consumed alcohol.
3. Students may not take, be in possession of, be associated with or show signs of having taken drugs or any other intoxicating substance.
4. Serious company keeping is not allowed and it is left to the discretion of the headmaster to deal with this sensibly.
5. No student is permitted to leave the *Bean an tí’s* house between supper time and breakfast time the next morning.
6. Students are forbidden to seek or accept lifts in cars.
7. Students are forbidden to smoke.
8. All activities are supervised by college staff. Under no circumstances may any pupil go swimming, fishing, to the seaside or elsewhere, except when supervised.
9. Students are not allowed to leave the college during the course except when authorised by the Ardmhaistir.
10. Use of mobile phones is restricted to calling parents or receiving calls from parents between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m. from the students accommodation. Students are strictly forbidden to carry a phone at any other time. *Phones are not allowed in the students’ bedrooms.*
11. All aerosol sprays are prohibited.
12. Students should exercise caution when walking on public roads by walking on the right hand side in single file.
13. Verbal or physical intimation of fellow students shall be dealt with firmly.

Failure to comply with these rules, or any behaviour putting the student or others at risk, will warrant immediate expulsion and no reimbursement of fees is permitted.

**Health**

In the event of your child having a minor ailment during their stay, it may be necessary to offer them an over the counter remedy from the chemist. Examples: Strepsils, Calpol, Paracetemol, Neurofen, Motilium. Please inform us in writing should you not wish that we offer your child such remedies. A doctor is available in the morning and through the Now Doc system in the afternoon and night for serious illnesses/accidents. Parents/guardians are responsible for medical fees and related expenses. Parents are asked to inform the college in writing of any health conditions/recent operations/allergies/personal or social problems your child may suffer.

**Website**

All of this information and duplicate forms are available on our website. Please keep an eye on this leading up to and during the course as it will be the most up to date source of information. www.colaisteam.com