Coláiste Árainn Mhóir 2020

Eolas Riachtanach /Essential Information for Parents and Students

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

Travel information

- Buses will leave Dublin on Sunday the 12th of July
- ***Your departure is from the back of the car park at Tesco Clare Hall, Malahide Road, at 11:30 a.m.***
- Buses will be clearly marked COLÁISTE ÁRAINN MHÓIR and students should not board buses until instructed to by college staff.
- **Baggage is restricted to one large bag or case per student which should be clearly labelled with student's name**
- **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 5 45pm and 6.00pm (see rule 10)
- To contact college administration during the course please ring 086 3692627 between 5pm – 6:30pm
- or ring Nollaig 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 amounts of cash.**

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 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 1st of April.
Course fee € 915, including €85 travel.
Deposit € 200. Remainder of fees €715.
Cheques 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/ email to Coláiste Árainn Mhóir prior to your visit**.

Health

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 from.

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*.

Riail na Gaeilge

A student is in breach of *riail na gaeilge* if he/she deliberately converses in engish. In the case where the student is not adhering to riail na gaeilge the following steps are implemented.

Step 1: The student is spoken to re *riail na gaeilge* and given a verbal warning.
Step 2: A second verbal warning is given.
Step 3: If the student continues to disregard *riail na gaeilge* the principal of the college will contact parents/guardians and inform them that their child is not complying with *riail 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 *riail na gaeilge*.

All college rules must be adhered to in order to ensure a safe, enriching and happy holiday.
Parents/guardians must study these rules with their son/daughter to ensure that they understand and are willing to comply with them.
Parents /guardians should study all of our policies and familiarise their child with same.
All Coláiste Árainn Mhóir policies can be accessed at www.colaisteam.com under parents area.

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 principal 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. 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 phone**s is restricted to calling parents or receiving calls from parents between 5 45and 6.00 p.m. 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 Students should always be accompanied by at least one other student.

13. Intimidation/bullying of any kind of fellow students shall be dealt with firmly.

14. Students should be punctual for all meals and all college activities.

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.