

COLÁISTE COIS  
SIÚIRE



GRADUATION  
2023

MAY. 25, 2023  
COLÁISTE COIS SIÚIRE HALL

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# W E L C O M E

I take this opportunity to welcome you all to Coláiste Cois Siúire's celebration of Graduation for the Class of 2023.

We gather here this morning to reflect, to look ahead, and to express gratitude. This celebration is a time to be thankful for our families, the friends we have made, and the dedicated teachers and staff of Coláiste Cois Siúire.

We are here to support each other, to wish for peace of mind and happiness, and to acknowledge the mixed emotions of moving forward while leaving behind memories and experiences.

We hope for success in our upcoming exams and look forward to a promising future, knowing that our parents and friends will continue to accompany us in our journey.

I am pleased to introduce our celebrant for this morning: Fr Tobin, Parish Priest of Mooncoin.

To share some highlights of the class of 2023, Ms Gannon will provide a brief overview while some symbols of our time spent here in Coláiste Cois Siúire are displayed.



# PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS



Becky is presenting a smiley face pillow, symbolizing the joyful camaraderie we've shared since our first days as First Years, the happiness we feel as we culminate our journey tonight, and the happiness we will feel in reminiscing about our cherished memories of Coláiste Cois Siúire.

Cayla brings forth a timetable, and Ryan brings up a school jumper, signifying the structured routine we've followed and the pride we've taken in representing our school's image.

Lee, Hayley, and Ciara each bring forward a sports item - a hurley, basketball, and football - representing the outstanding athletic accomplishments of our year group over the past six years, particularly in hurling, Gaelic, soccer, and basketball.

Alex contributes a Sky Sports T-Shirt, emblematic of our participation and support of Coláiste Cois Siúire fundraisers, including the Annual 5KM run held at our school.

Ross presents a hamper overflowing with the names of the charitable organizations our year has proudly supported during our six-year tenure at Coláiste Cois Siúire.

Kyle steps forward, bearing artwork as a testament to the integral role that creativity has played in our collective journey. It's evident in the vibrant mural adorning the walls behind us, as well as in the numerous projects our year group has completed throughout the years.

Brian holds up a bag of pick and mix as a symbol of the diversity that characterizes our year group. It's a reminder of the tolerance and acceptance that we've cultivated while at Coláiste Cois Siúire.

Sophie proudly presents a rock, which serves to embody the support and camaraderie that we've fostered amongst ourselves as a year group - in our friendships, our studies, and our collective community.

Lastly, Sinead brings forth a dream catcher, representing the dreams that we've shared and accomplished during our time at Coláiste Cois Siúire, as well as the aspirations that we hold for the future. After all, as the saying goes, "the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."





## GRADUATION THEME: 'GO YOUR OWN WAY'

Fr Tobin: Graduation is a significant milestone in a person's life. It marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. It is a time of celebration, reflection, and anticipation for the future.

As you stand at the cusp of completing your secondary school journey, there's one phrase that can sum up the spirit that will help you navigate the path ahead - "Go Your Own Way". This phrase holds true in many different contexts, and is especially relevant to your graduation day. Graduation is a time of reflection and celebration. You have come so far, achieved so much, and now you stand on the threshold of new beginnings. As you move forward, remember that the choices you make will shape the rest of your life. And so, it's important to remember that the best path forward is the one that is uniquely yours.

"Go Your Own Way" means to chart your own course, to follow your own instincts, and to trust your own voice. It means to pursue your passions, to take risks, and to embrace the unknown. It means to be true to yourself, even when others may not understand or agree with your choices.

As you embark on the next phase of your life, whether that means college, a gap year, or entering the workforce, remember that you are the only one who knows what's right for you. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, take detours, or change your mind. Every experience is an opportunity to learn and grow.

Going your own way also means recognizing that you don't have to go it alone. Seek out mentors, friends, and allies who can support you, offer guidance, and provide a sounding board for your ideas. Collaboration can be a powerful force, and often leads to new insights and discoveries.

In the end, "Go Your Own Way" is about owning your life and your choices. It's about being true to yourself, and pursuing the things that matter most to you. As you leave secondary school behind, remember that you have the power to shape your own destiny, and to make your mark on the world in your own unique way.





'GO YOUR OWN WAY'

PREPARED BY  
THE GRADUATING CLASS  
OF 2023



# GRADUATION POEM

MS CUMMINS

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AS YOU LEAVE THE HALLS OF COLAISTE COIS  
SIUIRE BEHIND, AND SET OUT TO MAKE YOUR  
MARK, REMEMBER TO STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF,  
AND LET YOUR INNER FIRE SPARK.

"GO YOUR OWN WAY" IS THE MOTTO, THAT WILL  
GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE YEARS, IT'S A CALL  
TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH, AND LET YOUR  
PASSIONS STEER.

FOR TOO LONG YOU'VE WALKED THE BEATEN  
TRACK, OF STANDARDIZED TESTS AND  
ROUTINES, BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO SPREAD YOUR  
WINGS, AND CHASE YOUR WILDEST DREAMS.

IT WON'T BE EASY, THAT'S FOR SURE, AS YOU  
NAVIGATE THE UNKNOWN, BUT WITH COURAGE  
AND DETERMINATION, YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY  
BACK HOME.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE A RISK, OR MAKE A  
BOLD MOVE OR TWO, FOR IT'S IN THE MOMENTS  
OF UNCERTAINTY, THAT YOUR GREATEST  
STRENGTHS SHINE THROUGH.

AND THOUGH THE ROAD AHEAD IS LONG, AND  
THE CHALLENGES ARE MANY, WITH EVERY STEP  
YOU TAKE, YOU'LL GROW STRONGER AND MORE  
STEADY.

SO GO FORTH, GRADUATES, AND CONQUER, THE  
WORLD THAT LIES AHEAD, AND LET THE SPIRIT  
OF "GO YOUR OWN WAY", BE THE FORCE THAT  
DRIVES YOU AHEAD.





# PARTING GLASS

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Of all money that ever I had  
I spent it in good company  
And of all the harm that ever I done  
Alas! It was to none but me  
And all I've done for want of wit  
To memory now, I can't recall  
So fill to me the parting glass  
Goodnight, and joy be with you all  
Of all the comrade that ever I had  
They are sorry for my going away  
And of all the sweethearts that ever I had  
They would wish me one more day to stay  
But since it falls unto my lot  
That I should rise and you should not  
I gently rise and softly call  
Goodnight, and joy be with you all



**Fr Tobin Homily**



# CANDLE CEREMONY

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Lighting candles is a beautiful and symbolic way to mark the end of one journey and the beginning of another. As we gather here today to celebrate the graduation of these students, we invite you to participate in this Ceremony of Light.

Each candle represents the unique light that each of these graduates brings into the world. As we light these candles, we recognize and honor the gifts and talents of each individual and the impact they will have on the world.

On behalf of the staff of the school, Mr Luttrell offers you the light of wisdom.

[Light the first candle]

Priest: As this candle burns, we are reminded of the power of knowledge and the responsibility that comes with it. We ask that these graduates use their knowledge to make a positive impact in the world.

Students: On behalf of the students in the school Larry offers the light of friendship.

[Light the second candle]

Priest: As this candle burns, we honour the friendships and connections that have been formed and the community that has supported these graduates. We ask that they continue to foster these relationships and to build strong communities wherever they go.

Parents: On behalf of the parents and guardians here this evening Breda offers the light of hope.

[Light the third candle]

Priest: As this candle burns, we are reminded of the power of hope and the importance of inspiration. We ask that these graduates be a source of hope and inspiration to others, to never give up on their dreams, and to strive for excellence in all that they do.

Priest: We now invite each of the graduates to come forward and light their own candle from the three candles that we have lit. As you light your candle, think about the light that you bring into the world, the impact you want to make, and the commitments you have made today.

Priest: As we look at the sea of candles before us, we are reminded of the unique light that each of these graduates brings into the world. We ask that they continue to shine their light brightly and to make a positive impact in the world.





# CEREMONY OF COMMITMENT

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Welcome, graduates, to this ceremony of commitment. Today, we gather to celebrate the end of one journey and the beginning of another.

Throughout your secondary school years, you have worked hard, faced challenges, and grown in countless ways. Now, you stand at the threshold of a new phase of life, one that will require even greater dedication, perseverance, and courage.

Today, we invite you to make a commitment to yourselves, to your families, to your communities, and to the world. A commitment to use your talents, skills, and knowledge to make a positive impact, to leave your mark, and to strive for excellence in all that you do.

We ask that you commit to the pursuit of your passions, to never give up on your dreams, and to embrace the unknown with curiosity and a sense of adventure. We ask that you commit to being lifelong learners, to seeking out knowledge and wisdom wherever it may be found, and to using that knowledge to make a difference.

We ask that you commit to being kind and compassionate, to treating others with respect and dignity, and to standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. We ask that you commit to being leaders, to using your voices to inspire and empower others, and to being the change you wish to see in the world.

Finally, we ask that you commit to yourselves, to taking care of your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, and to never losing sight of who you are and what you stand for.

As you move forward into this new chapter of your lives, know that you are not alone. You have the support of your families, your friends, your teachers, and your communities. And as you make this commitment, know that you are also making a commitment to each other, to work together, to support each other, and to build a better world.

So, graduates, we ask you to stand and take this commitment with us:

*We, the graduating class of Colaiste Cois Siuire commit to using our talents, skills, and knowledge to make a positive impact, to leave our mark, and to strive for excellence in all that we do.*

*We commit to the pursuit of our passions, to never giving up on our dreams, and to embracing the unknown with curiosity and a sense of adventure.*

*We commit to being lifelong learners, to seeking out knowledge and wisdom wherever it may be found, and to using that knowledge to make a difference.*

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Congratulations, graduates, on this momentous occasion. We are proud of you and we believe in you. May this commitment guide you as you embark on the next chapter of your lives.





# ADDRESSES

I. PRINCIPAL

II. HEAD PUPILS





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