Gortnor Abbey School Development

What is SSE?

S.S.E. stands for School Self-Evaluation. Every year our school community work together to identify areas of teaching and learning that we can improve on. The SSE team meet regularly to review and evaluate this process. For 2020 our key targets remain the same, **Formative Feedback and Digital Literacy** but are intrinsically linked

Teaching and Learning Initiatives

Leaving Cert Applied

This year we have introduced the LCA, a 2yr Programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. It recognises talents and provides opportunities for developing personal responsibility and self-esteem

Curriculum Development

We continue to expand our subject options with the introduction of Computer Science at Senior Cycle. We also have achieved our target of 400hrs of Wellbeing for current first years

JCT

The CBA Calander has been published and students have had a presentation on the new Junior Cycle

Staff CPD is ongoing at a local and National level

School Improvements

The Thevenet Garden is up and running

Work continues on our Football Pitch

Building work will commence on our brand new Claudine Centre in the new year where we will continue to provide inclusive education

Useful links:

LCA: https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/6.%20a.%20LCA%20Overview%20leaflet.pdf

JCT: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EG6fdK48tHJ5KONIL_BweruCqx65IET4tjPjsywtv74/edit#

We have learned some valuable lessons from Lockdown which have resulted in some positive initiatives
Action taken so far
Investment in individual teacher iPads to support technology in the classroom and to assist in providing online feedback.
New Technological Device Policy.
Student Wi-Fi code to facilitate use of technology in the classroom.
Staff led CPD
Where do we go from here?
We are now engaging in providing Digital feedback. Both targets are linked.
Students have established good practices in accessing online assignments.
Teachers are setting good digital strategies by setting work on Google Classroom.
Teachers are also ensuring that all first years are familiar with G-Suite.

Some exciting school infrastructure developments are coming!