

**CruinnTeo** provide an intensive Irish grammar course, designed primarily for students entering 5<sup>th</sup> Year or 6<sup>th</sup> Year in September 2023.

The course focuses on two main elements of the Leaving Cert Irish Examination, namely the Oral Irish which is 40% of the overall result and the Creative Writing section which is 17% of the overall result.

**The Oral Irish section will focus on the 4 elements of the Oral examination.**

- The introduction (5 marks)
- Poetry reading (35 marks)
- General conversation (120 marks)
- Picture sequence (80 marks)

Detailed notes will be given for all sections.

**Creative Writing (100 marks)**

As 80 of the above 100 marks are for richness, accuracy and exactness of language, priority will be given to the teaching of grammar rules, which will not only give students a better understanding of how to write a grammatically correct essay but this knowledge will also give students greater confidence when undertaking Paper 2. Some key grammatical points which will be covered include:

- The Tenses
- Spelling
- The 'urú' and the 'séimhiú'
- The Prepositions
- The Declensions of nouns
- The Tuiséal Gníddeach

A comprehensive book of notes will be provided to all pupils.

With a view to reinforcing the lessons of the day pupils on the Cruinnteo course will be advised to complete short homework assignments throughout the duration of the course.

**Cruinnteo Tutors**

Cruinnteo tutors, **Gráinne Keleghan & Máire Ní Fheinnidh**, both native Irish speakers are highly experienced teachers of Leaving Cert Irish. They each have 25 years plus teaching experience with excellent results. Gráinne and Máire are currently teaching in Calasanctius College, Oranmore and Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiaráin, An Cheathrú Rua respectively.

Course Director, **Brian Ó Maoilchiaráin**, spent many years as an Irish teacher before his appointments, firstly, as Principal of Coláiste Naomh Fheichín, Corr na Móna, and after that as the founding Principal of Coláiste an Eachréidh, Athenry.