

Glengormley High School
Edmund Rice College
Mossgrove Primary School
St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School
St. Bernard's Primary School
Ballyhenry Primary School



Inter-school Citizenship and Relationship Enhancement (I-CARE) Project

- Over 500 pupils participating in KS3 Citizenship
- Over 150 pupils participating in KS2 Physical Education

I-CARE involved pupils from Glengormley High School and Edmund Rice College working together on KS3 Citizenship, classes were held using a variety of innovative techniques including large scale classes, the use of mediascape and alternating venues. The partnership also includes 4 local primary schools and the provision of KS2 Physical Education, using the Glengormley High School facilities and staff with older pupils from the post-primary schools who are completing GCSE PE acting as mentors.

Focus Box - Despite being in close proximity, the post-primary schools involved in this partnership had no history of sustained long term collaboration, by harnessing the drive and commitment of key senior teaching staff the partnership has provided enhanced citizenship learning for over 500 pupils. Local Primary Schools have benefited from access to facilities and teaching resources in the post-primary schools; this aspect of the partnership has also been beneficial to those pupils completing the GCSE PE course in the two post-primary schools as they have had access to key practical aspects of the subject.

The partnership demonstrates the capacity of teachers to be drivers of change within institutions, overcoming obstacles and re-imagining how key aspects of the curriculum could be delivered.



KS3 Citizenship - Glengormley High School, Edmund Rice College

During the first year of the partnership, aspects of the KS3 Citizenship were delivered to both sets of Year 8 pupils, this cohort of pupils continued to share classes in the subsequent Years 9 and 10. The partnership expanded in the second year to include all Year 8 pupils in both schools sharing aspects of the KS3 Citizenship curriculum. This face to face contact between large groups of pupils was one method developed, a second technique was the innovative use of ICT to deliver citizenship, this involved smaller numbers of pupils meeting more regularly and sharing blogs and forums etc.



KS2/4 Physical Education - Glengormley High School, Edmund Rice College, Mossgrove Primary School, St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School, St. Bernard's Primary School, Ballyhenry Primary School

Pupils from the primary schools availed of the facilities and teaching resources from the post-primary schools through a series of sporting activities and tournaments. These activities were also supported by pupils from Edmund Rice College and Glengormley High School that were completing GCSE Physical Education, fulfilling the practical aspect of the subject. This provides an excellent example of the mutual benefits arising from shared learning, with the educational benefits front and centre.

