

Salesian Secondary College, Pallaskenry.

Welcome.

1st Year Parents Registration Night

Wednesday, March 3rd 2021

By Zoom

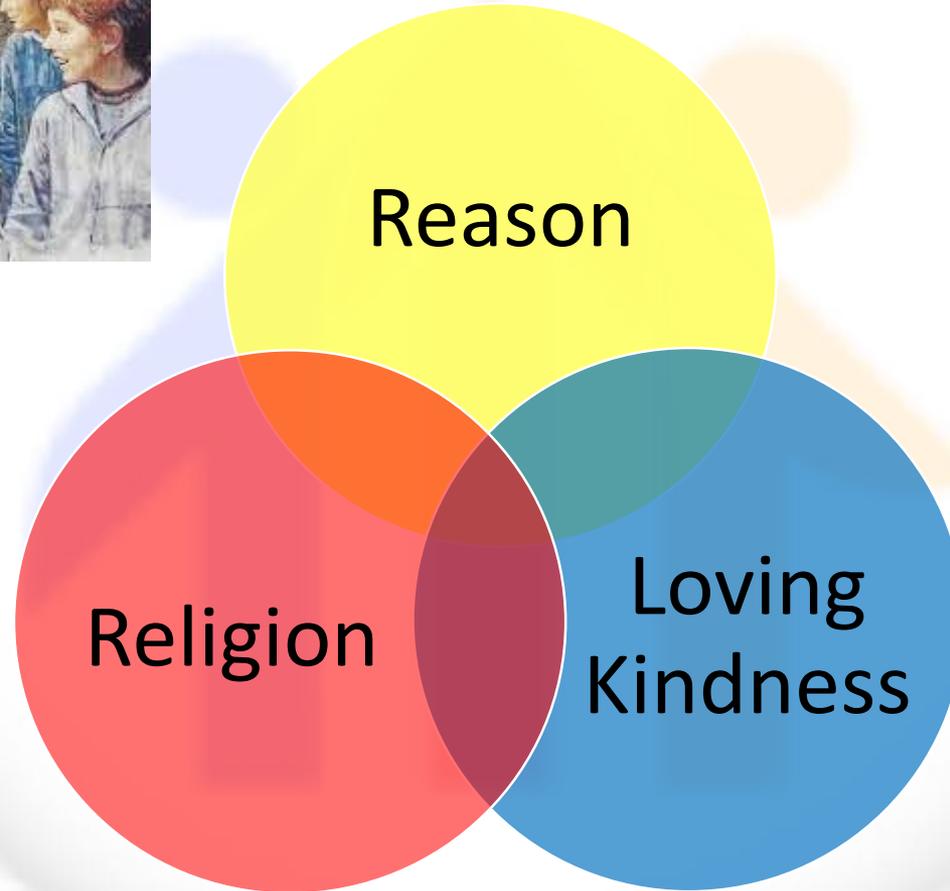
What is a Salesian School?

- Our school is a Catholic, co-educational school, with a Salesian ethos.
- Our ethos is based on the teachings of the founder of the Salesian order, Don Bosco.
- Don Bosco lived in Italy in the 1800s and worked with poor, marginalised and in need of family care.
- Our school motto: “Students are at the heart of everything we do.”
- Mission statement:

“Salesian Secondary College is a voluntary, catholic, secondary school under the trusteeship of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Our school dedicates itself to educational excellence taking into account the uniqueness and complexity of each individual pupil. We strive to create an atmosphere where pupils are happy and thrive in an environment imbued with St. John Bosco’s three educational principles of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness.”



The Preventive System



The Four Elements of the Salesian School:

School



Church



Playground



Home



Transition to Secondary School

- Transfer from Primary to Secondary is hard for every member of the family.....but it is EXCITING and full of opportunities!
- Change in day to day routine
- Change from one teacher to several teachers; every 40 minutes
- Change of location from class to class
- Change in classmates: “be friendly” versus “make friends”
- “New – ness’ can cause worry: parents, try to be supportive and understanding, while encouraging resilience
- Ensure your child eats well and gets plenty of rest: no mobile in the bedroom!
- Organisation of school bag, uniform and locker
- Homework increase – time management: written hw, learning and revision
- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)– School Journal
- Extra Curricular activities

Role of Parents / Guardians



1. Download VSWare and the School App. Details will be emailed to you tomorrow.
2. Keep contacts up to date through the office
3. Please insist on excellent attendance and punctuality: send absence notes on VSWare
4. Insist on perfect uniform every day
5. Show interest in your child's school day; ask questions!
6. Check for school reports and assessments on VSWare and Google Classroom
7. Check homework and Journal (sign on Friday, please)
8. Attend Parent Teacher Meeting
9. Work with school and staff to bring your child to his / her potential
10. Monitor online behaviour, especially the mobile
11. Consider getting involved in the Parents' Council

Settling In To Pallaskenry

- Tutor Class: “I belong”
- Role of the Year Head
- Ceangail Mentors
- Student Council
- Locker area
- Change of mind (subjects)
- SPHE / RE / PE / CSPE
- Group work
- Day Trips
- Tours

Michael Rua

Michael Rua was born on the 4th of June in 1837, the youngest of nine children. His parents were Giovanni Bartolotti and Giovanni Maria Rua. He met Don Bosco while he was attending school. Don Bosco was helping children in the neighbourhood at the time and built his workshop. He was one of the first people who Don Bosco shared his plan of starting a religious assembly with. This congregation was the Salesian Society. He joined the order in 1852 at the age of 15 to finish his education.

He is known for being one of Don Bosco's closest collaborators in helping the Salesian Society to grow and develop. His nickname was the 'Living Word'. This was because he showed unwavering devotion. He accompanied Don Bosco on many journeys and became his successor in 1888. He visited many Salesian houses which spanned in 15m travelling across many European countries. He visited Portugal, the Netherlands, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Malta and Poland.

Don M. Rua
5th year Rua
King of Kindness

Don Rua died on the 6th of April 1910 at the age of 73 due to illness. He greatly inspired the early growth of the Salesian Society. He was known as a 'father of God'.

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Hand-drawn poster featuring a winding road, various drawings, and handwritten text. The text includes: "Dugan that's a man who... The house was built in 1810... They are for Dicks & Co...".

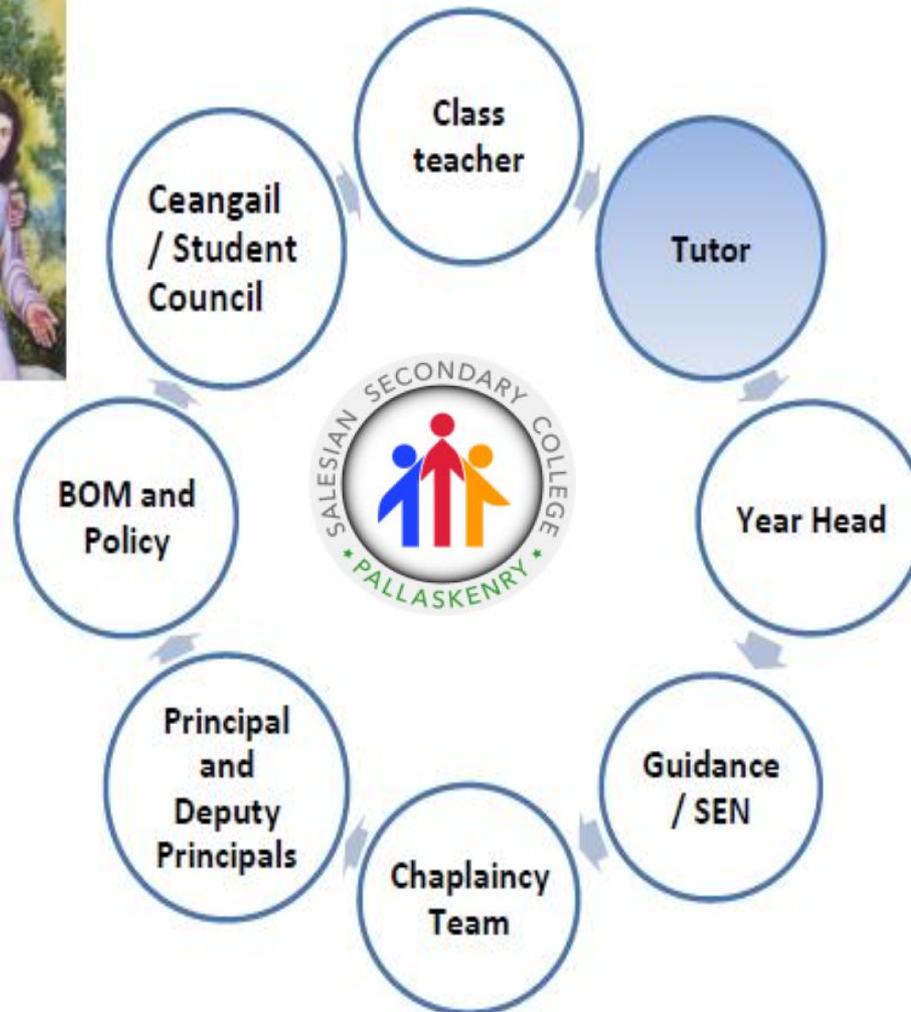
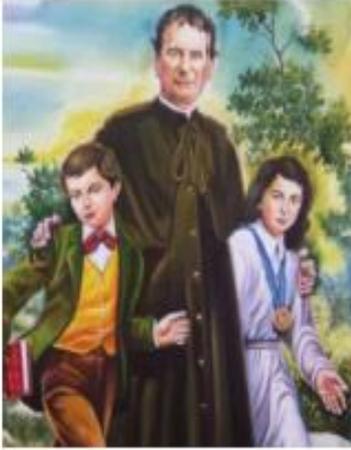
Hand-drawn poster featuring a group photo of students, balloons, and a quote by Don Bosco. The quote reads: "It is not enough to love the young; They must know that they are loved. DON BOSCO". Below the quote are drawings of balloons and the word "celebration".

It is not enough to love the young; They must know that they are loved.
DON BOSCO

celebration

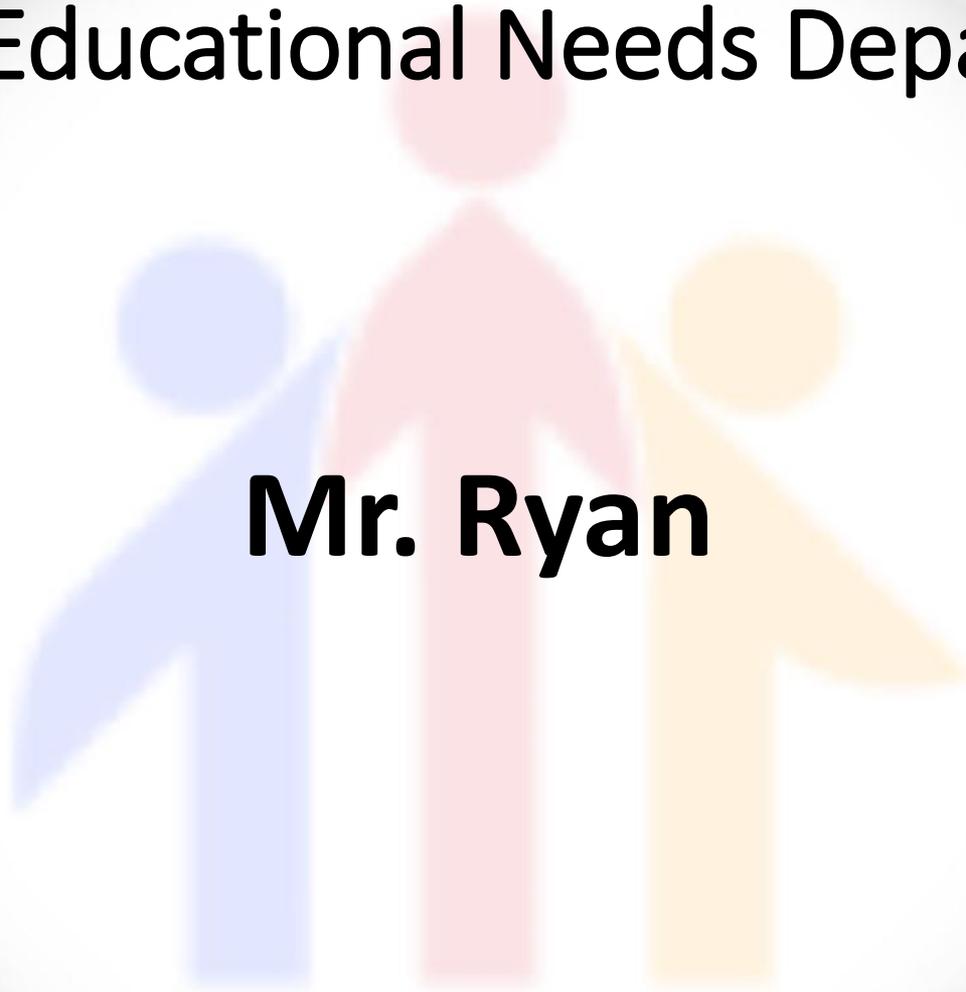
Pastoral Care Team

Our pastoral care structure is the bedrock of all we do in Pallaskenry.



Special Educational Needs Department

Mr. Ryan



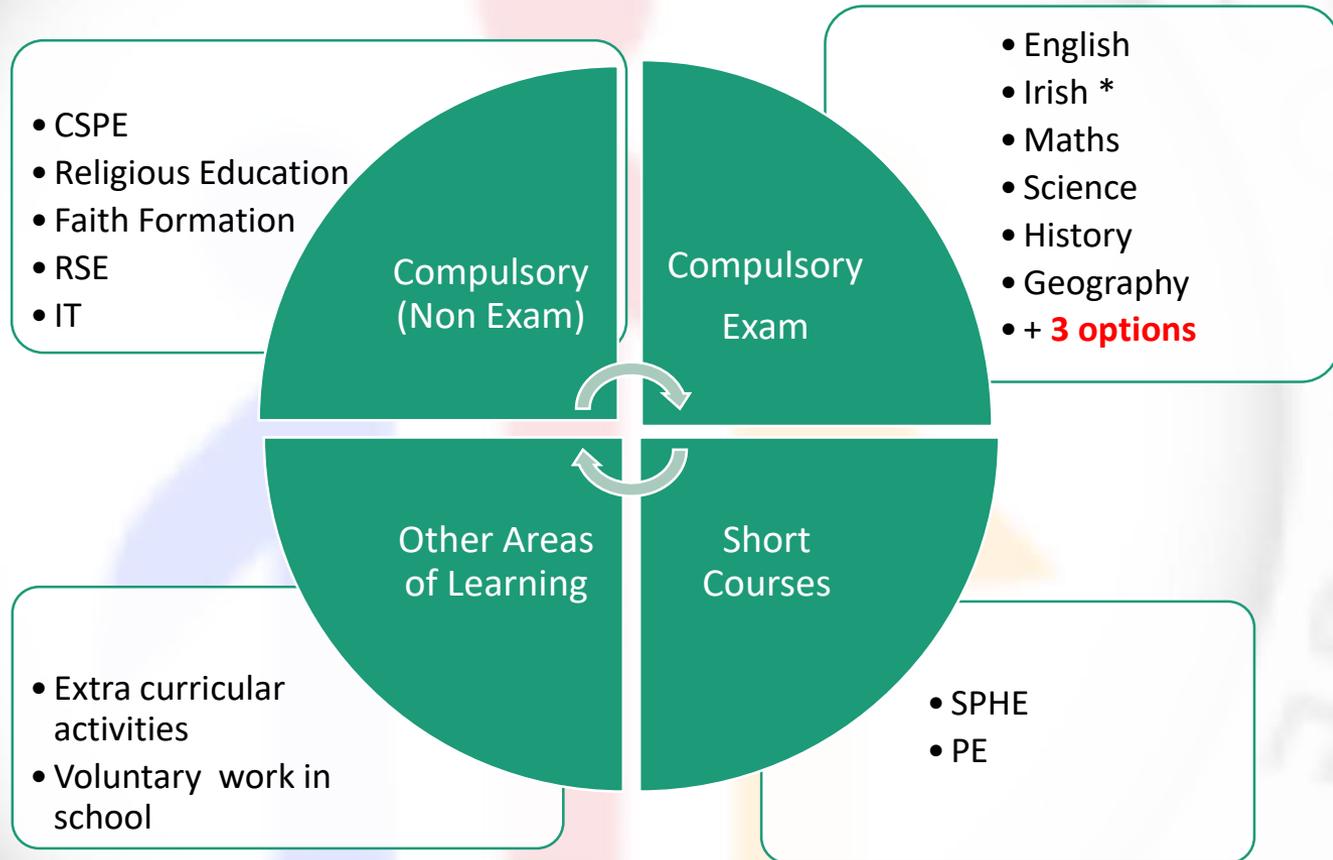
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Mr. Ryan

The background features a large, faint watermark logo of the Salesian Society of the Philippines. The logo is circular and contains three stylized human figures in blue, red, and orange, standing side-by-side. The text 'SALESIAN SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES' is written around the perimeter of the circle, with 'SALESIAN' on the left, 'SOCIETY' at the top, 'OF THE PHILIPPINES' at the bottom, and 'COLLEGE' on the right. There are also two small green stars at the bottom of the circle.

Junior Certificate

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Home/Junior-Certificate-Fact-sheets>



Optional Subjects.

Students take 4 optional subjects.
Indicate 1 to 9, in order of preference.

- Art
- Business
- French
- German
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Music
- Spanish
- Wood Technology

For timetabling purposes, if numbers are sufficient, some of these subjects may become “core”. Eg Business, Science.

Options are made
through VSWare
You will receive a user
name by text later in the
week.
(and instructions.)

How to choose the right options?

- Select subjects that students will enjoy
- Parents / Guardians are the greatest influence on subject choice decision
- Ask the 6th class teacher their opinion if in doubt
- Look at the text books
- Speak to older siblings and family friends
- Theoretical Content V Practical
- Some universities require a language at leaving certificate level as part of the entry requirements e.g. National University of Ireland colleges/Shannon Hotel Mgt/NCAD
- Students can use their native language if it is a LC subject (for LC, not JC!)
- Taking subjects at Junior Level can assist them in Senior Cycle



Sample Timetable

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Dashboard Groups Classes Students Teachers Settings Attendance Asses							
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9:00	French R10 Mme. Armelle Mangan 1Fre-5.1 09:00 - 09:40	Mathematics R7 Ms. Siobhán Ronan 1Mat-CRea 09:00 - 09:40	Irish PP6 (Savio Hse) Ms. Serena Berry 1Iri-CRea 09:00 - 09:40	Technical Graphics DCG Mr. Brian Chambers 1TG-7.5 09:00 - 09:40	Science (JC) LabPhys Ms. Claire Sheehy; Mr. Cian O'Connell PME 1Sci-2.2 09:00 - 09:40		
10:00	Physical Education Front Quad Mr. David O'Mahony 1PE-3.1CRea 09:40 - 10:20	Computer Studies IT1Rm1 Ms. Anna Maria Trimble 1CompSt-CRea 09:40 - 10:20	English PP2 Mr. Sean Cronin 1Eng-CRea 09:40 - 10:20	Technical Graphics DCG Mr. Brian Chambers 1TG-7.5 09:40 - 10:20	Science (JC) LabPhys Ms. Claire Sheehy; Mr. Cian O'Connell PME 1Sci-2.2 09:40 - 10:20		
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- Personal
- Household
- Attendance
- Term Reports
- Timetable**
- Fee
- Behaviour
- Discipline
- Docs
- Notes
- SEN
- Classes & Groups
- Medical
- Account
- Enrolment History
- Settings

Supervised Evening Study Homework Club

- Students have the option of staying after school for Evening Study.
- This is supervised by our own teachers.
- Study lasts for two hours Mon - Fri
- There is a charge per term which works out at €15 per week; payable in full at the start of term through the School App.

Extracurricular life in SSC

- ▶ Choir and Ensembles
- ▶ Musical Theatre
- ▶ Junk Kouture
- ▶ Hurling
- ▶ Camogie
- ▶ Gaelic Football
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Rugby
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Equestrian
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Orienteering
- ▶ Games
- ▶ Green Schools
- ▶ Debating
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul
- ▶ Sailing
- ▶ Gym / Fitness
- ▶ Paired reading
- ▶ Ceangail
- ▶ Peer tutoring
- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ Rowing
- ▶ Young Scientist
- ▶ Trips to Spain, France
- ▶ Exchanges
- ▶ Ski Trip
- ▶ Crafts

“Run, jump, shout....but do not sin!”

St. John Bosco



How to keep in touch?

You can keep in touch through:

- The School App
- The school journal
- The school website: www.salesiancollege.ie
- Our school database, VSWare (attendance, reports, exams)
- For daily updates, news and information, you'll also hear from us on



www.facebook.com/salesiansecondarycollege



and

[@salesianpallas](https://twitter.com/salesianpallas)

We will ask you for:

- Your **mobile phone number** (for text messages, notifications of illness etc)
- Your **email address** (for weekly Tutor News and more)
- Note: *we can only use contact details given by a parent / guardian, not a student. So please keep us updated by email secretary@salesiancollege.ie*

VSWare in Salesian Secondary College

- VSWare (Virtual School Software) is a computer management system in use in schools across Ireland.
- In Salesian Secondary College, we have enabled parental access to this database; all information is data protected.
 - Your child's timetable
 - Attendance records and absence notes
 - Exam results
 - School Reports
 - Subject Choices



To install VSWARE:

Download the VS Ware app from your AppStore

OR

Copy this link into your web browser: (must be Google Chrome)
and save as favourite on your homescreen:

<https://salesianscollege.vsware.ie>

OR

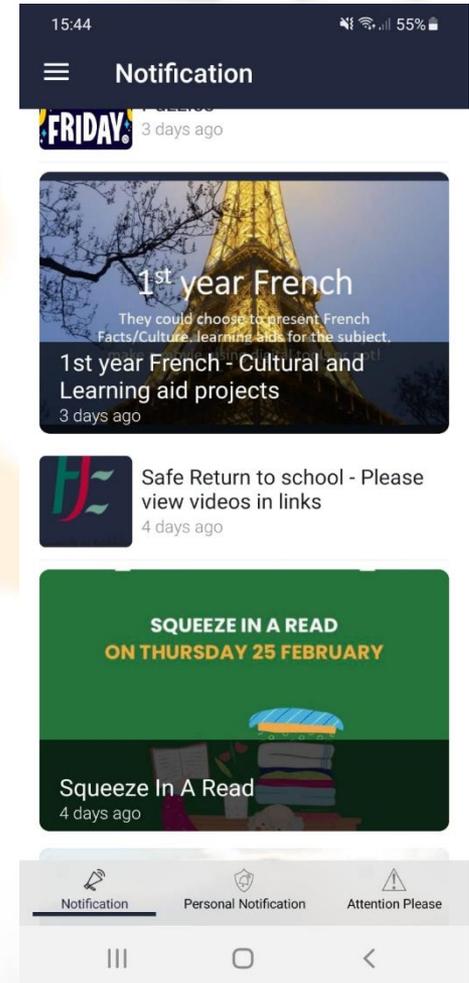
Go to www.salesiancollege.ie

Click on VSWare icon at the top of the page

- Supply your username (which you will receive tomorrow by text).
- When you first log in you will be asked to create a password. Then follow the onscreen instructions.

Salesian Secondary College App

- Our App is managed by Unique
- The App enables you to get news updates, information, surveys and study links
- Consent forms
- Pay for trips, voluntary subs, fees etc
- Karen will email instructions on how to download the School's own app tomorrow



Assessment Day

- NOTHING TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT!
- No date yet.
- Helps us to plan for how to give you the best supports we can.



Documentation due to school:

- Long Version Birth Certificate (This was sent back with your Acceptance Letter)
- Bring Irish Exemption Certs (ask your Primary School)
- Bring documentation relating to medical issues
- Bring documentation relating to SEN
- Make application for DEN place, if applicable

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