

St Mary's College

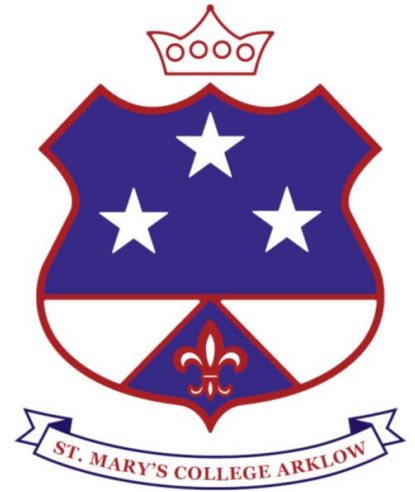
Incoming First Year Information Evening
May 2026



Mission Statement

St. Mary's College is a Catholic Secondary School for girls under the trusteeship of CEIST and welcomes students of all persuasions.

We are committed to educating the whole person to her full potential in a caring, supportive and joyful environment in partnership with parents and community.





Educational Aims



School Management Structures



Trustees

Catholic Education, An Irish Schools Trust, CEIST [since 2007]
Inherited from Sisters of Mercy

BOM

3 Year Term – new Board in October 2026
2 Parents Nominees
2 Teacher Nominees
4 Trustee Nominees

Principal

Deputy Principal
Assistant Principals I
Assistant Principals II

Parents' Council

All parents are automatically members of the Parents' Association
We need and welcome your support in whatever way you are willing to help.





Support Structures



Principal – Aidan Ward

Deputy Principal – Elaine Sweeney

Year Head – Joanne Logue

Class Tutor - TBC

Liaison Students - TBC

Guidance Counsellors

Ms. Angela Flynn

Ms. Eve Conaty

Learning Support
Coordinator

Ms. Joanne Stapleton

Transition to Secondary School

Code of Positive Behaviour

Uniform

Attendance

Punctuality

Academic Effort

Homework

Extra Curricular involvement

Parental Support and Involvement

Concerns – Bullying, Friendship, Settling in





St. Mary's College Arklow Uniform 2026



School Uniform



School Coat



School Trouser



P.E. Tracksuit



School Blazer

Student Wellbeing is present when students realise their abilities, take care of their physical wellbeing, can cope with the normal stresses of life and have a sense of purpose and belonging to a wider community





Extra-curricular activities

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities and participation by all students is expected

Debating

Dance

Drama

Film Club

Ciorcal Cáinte

Choir

Orchestra

Díospóireacht

Gaisce

Educational Tours

Retreats

School Musical

Athletics

Basketball

Young Scientist

Badminton

Camogie

Cross Country

Equestrian

Gaelic Football

Rugby

Soccer

SVP

Free Book Scheme

New Government scheme for 2024/25 school year

Free schoolbooks for all post-primary Junior Cycle students Information for parents/guardians

The Government has introduced a new scheme from the start of the new school year 2024/25. Under this scheme all schoolbooks and core classroom resources for students in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools will be provided to students directly by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools will receive funding from Government to cover these costs. Guidance has issued to schools on the scheme and is available at gov.ie/schoolbookschemes.

- Schoolbooks will be provided free to every student on loan at the start of the school year. Core classroom resources will also be provided free to students by the school.
- Schools must communicate with parents and guardians about this new scheme and identify any additional classroom resources that are **not** provided to students under the scheme and the reason for this. The communication from the school will inform parents if need to buy these items or pay a fee to the school for supply of the item.
- Funding under this scheme will not include the purchase of digital devices.
- The schoolbooks will be **on loan** to the students and must be returned at the end of the school year or at the end of Junior Cycle (as decided by the school) or if the student leaves the school.
- It is important that schoolbooks are kept in good condition so they can be reused. Please help make sure that your children keep the schoolbooks safe and in good condition so that they can be used again by another child.

In Budget 2024 the Government provided over €68 million to extend the free schoolbooks scheme to eliminate the cost of schoolbooks for students in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme.

gov.ie/SchoolBookSchemes



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education



The School Day

Monday – Thursday – 6 periods

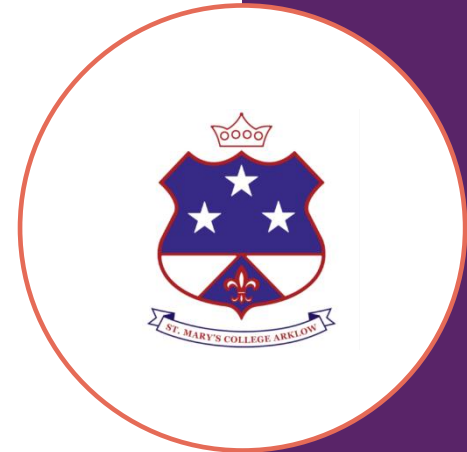
- Classes from 9.00 am to 15.45 pm
- Morning Break: 10.56 am – 11.15 am
- Lunch Break 13.09 pm – 13.49

Friday – 5 periods

- Classes from 9.00 am to 2.10 pm

Homework Club

- contact Ms. Sweeney in September.



Curriculum

Core Subjects

Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Religion,

CSPE, Physical Education, Social Personal and Health Education [SPHE], Digital Literacy and Choir

Optional Subjects:

Each student will select three from seven on completion of subject sampling

French, German, Spanish, Art, Music, Business, Home Economics

Each student will sample subjects in 2 rotations of 3 weeks during the first term and will make their final decision prior to October mid-term

We will endeavour to ensure that all students are facilitated in their choices, subject to available resources

Assessment Model at Junior Cycle

Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement

- First Classroom-Based Assessment - Form 2
 - Second Classroom-Based Assessment - Form 3
 - Assessment Task - Form 3
 - Final Exam - Form 3
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- Common Level for all subjects **except** Irish, English, Maths
 - Student Wellbeing
 - Other Areas of Learning – recognises involvement in school extracurricular and co-curricular programmes

Grading System

Classroom-Based Assessment

Exceptional

Above Expectations

In Line With Expectations

Yet to Meet Expectations

Final Examination

Distinction

Higher Merit

Merit

Achieved

Partially Achieved

(Not Graded)

JCPA

JUNIOR CYCLE PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT



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John Doe **2023**

State Certified Final Examination	
English (O)	Achieved
Mathematics (O)	Merit
Home Economics (C)	Achieved
Science (C)	Partially Achieved
Visual Art (C)	Achieved

Classroom-Based Assessments - Subjects		
English	Oral Communication	Above Expectations
	The Collection of the Student Texts	Exceptional
Mathematics	Mathematical Investigation	Exceptional
	Statistical Investigation	In Line with Expectations
Home Economics	Creative Textiles	Above Expectations
	Food Literacy Skills Brief	Exceptional
Science	Extended Experimental Investigation	In Line with Expectations
	Science in Society Investigation	Not Reported

Classroom-Based Assessments - Short Courses

Priority Learning Units		Wellbeing	
Communicating and Literacy (Level 2)	Achieved	Physical Education	Not Reported
Personal Care (Level 2)	Achieved	SPHE (Social, Personal, Health Education)	In Line with Expectations
		CSPPE (Civic, Social, Political Education)	Above Expectations
		Other Areas of Wellbeing	
Living In a Community (Level 2)	Achieved		
Preparing for Work (Level 2)	Achieved		
Numeracy (Level 2)	Achieved		

Other Areas of Wellbeing

Other Areas of Learning

Principal

Mr. John Smith

Year Head

John Hancock

Testing

Roll Number:

10000X

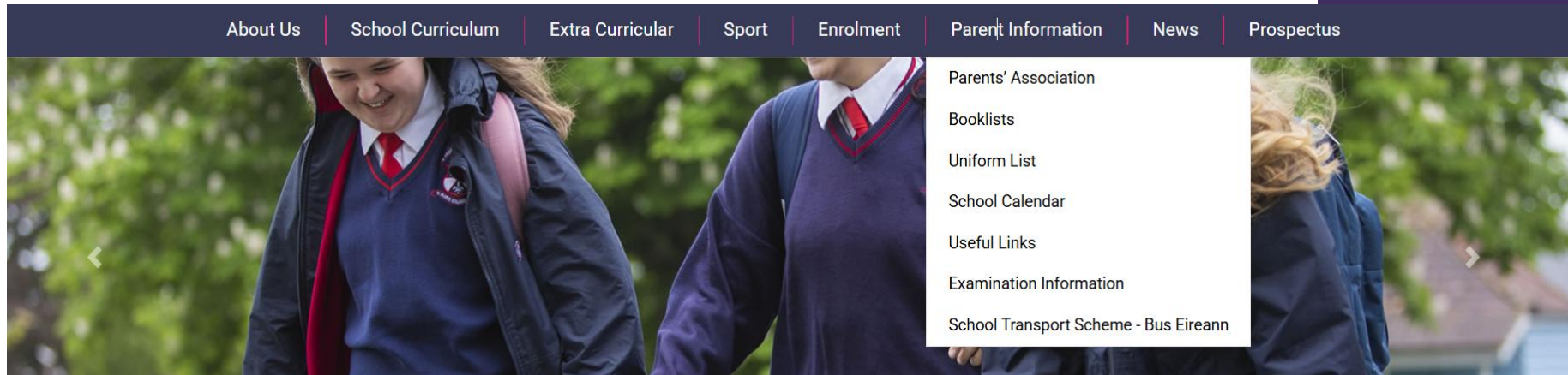
My School
Cornamaddy, Ballymahon New
Road, Atthlones, Co. Westmeath
N37 TR23



This JCPA recognises and records achievements in Junior Cycle.

Communications

- ❑ Email / Text message
- ❑ School App – VSware
- ❑ www.stmarysarklow.ie





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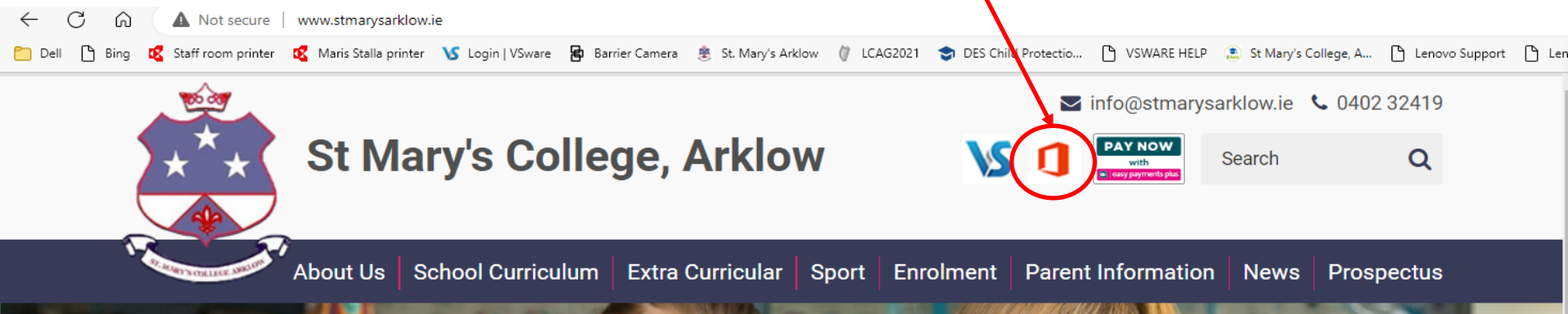
Parent Information

News

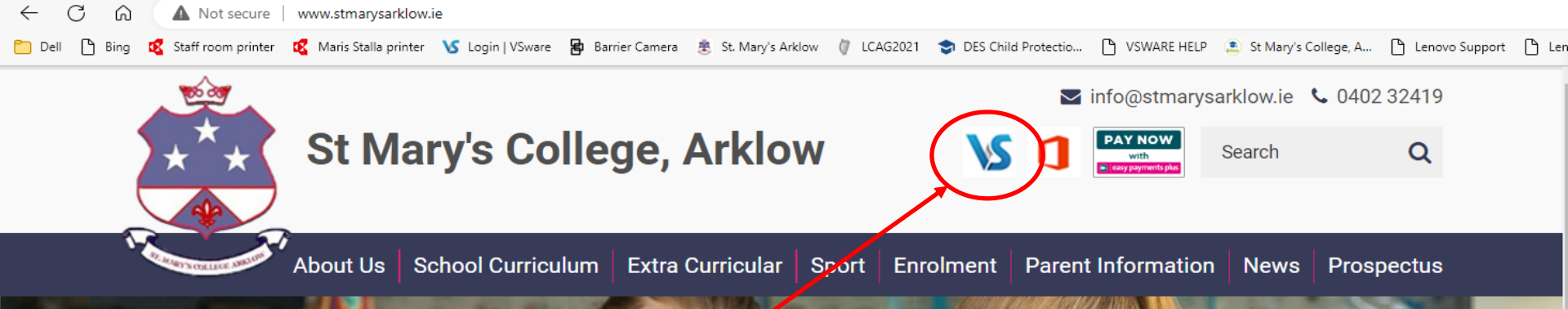
Prospectus

Online Payments

- Accessible via website – www.stmarysarklow.ie
- Secure, traceable, reliable for parents, students and school
- Email receipts for all payments
- Easy instalment options
- Administration Fees - €100 per student
- Voluntary Contribution - €100 per family
- Trips/Tours etc.



- Dedicated student login
- Network access
- Email address
 - Teams
 - OneDrive
 - Microsoft Office for installation on up to 5 personal devices



VSWARE

- Accessible via website – www.stmarysarklow.ie or downloaded VSware App
- Login details circulated in August by text and email
- Student Timetable
- Tracking Attendance
- Absence and Permission to Leave Notes
- Accessing School Reports
- Submitting Subject Choice Preferences



Calendar Dates



Form 1 Induction
Thurs 27, Fri 28 August

Classes commence
Mon 31 August

Form 1 Sports Camp
Fri 11 Sept



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ARKLOW ALL WEATHER PITCH FUNDRAISER 3 WAYS TO SUPPORT

ONE GOAL. ONE COMMUNITY. A BETTER FUTURE.

Your support will help create a state-of-the-art all-weather pitch for our students and the wider Arklow community to play, train and thrive – no matter the weather!

**TOGETHER,
WE CAN BUILD
OUR FUTURE**



1. STUDENT SPONSOR WALK

Our students are taking on a sponsored walk around Arklow Rock to raise vital funds for our new all-weather pitch.

**Every step makes
a big difference!**



2. FUNDRAISER LOTTO

Sign up to our Fundraiser Lotto for your chance to win fantastic prizes this summer!

**Great prizes.
Great cause.
Everyone's a winner.**



3. BUY A SOD

Purchase a symbolic "sod" of our new pitch and leave your mark on the future.

**A lasting legacy.
A lasting impact.**



PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITY





Questions