ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE

Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

Co-Educational | Post-Primary School







PROSPECTUS 2027

Welcome to St. Clare's College

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for taking time to read our Prospectus, which will provide you with an opportunity to see what is on offer in St. Clare's College, both in our curriculum and in the many different activities that take place inside and outside the classroom.

We are a diocesan co-educational secondary school. Our patron is Bishop Martin Hayes. St. Clare's College has a rich history that spans six decades and we continue to be committed to the founding vision of the Sisters of St. Clare, *"to bring service to the community"*. Our mission statement reflects our ethos *"to provide quality teaching and learning within a caring climate of mutual respect and in accordance with the teachings and values of the Catholic Church, to impart to our students confidence, skills, spiritual awareness and knowledge to help them achieve peace in their lives"*.

Our school has grown and flourished over the years, and we look forward to the progression of our current building project. The additional accommodation of a Home Economics Room, a Special Educational Needs Unit, a Music Room, a Textiles Room, two Science Labs, will further enhance our provision to quality teaching and learning.

St. Clare's College has a vibrant, friendly and welcoming environment. We have a dedicated and enthusiastic staff who are committed to ensuring that students develop and achieve their potential. There is a wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, which enhances the holistic development of our students. Our Wellbeing Programme guides students in learning the knowledge, attitudes and skills to protect and promote their own wellbeing and that of others.

Our curriculum offers a wide range of subjects at both Junior and Senior Cycle. We also offer a Transition Year Programme. L.C.A. Programme and Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work Studies along with the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate. We also have a moderate learning class- Solas. We await formal sanction from the N.C.S.E. and the Department of Education for the opening of an autism class in September 2027.

It is always a source of joy to celebrate the many successes of our students. We take pride in the excellent results of our Leaving Certificate students and wish them continued success in their future careers.

School begins at 9am and we ask for the co-operation of parents and guardians on the issue of punctuality. Good attendance is vital in achieving the best learning outcomes.

Moving to secondary school is an exciting time for students, it is a time of new opportunity. Our Year Head team, Form Teachers, Student Support Team, Guidance Counsellor, Student Council, Prefects, Wellness Warriors and Mentors have important roles in helping new students settle into St. Clare's College.

A Registration Fee of €30 provides students with a locker and 24-hour limited insurance. Following the introduction of the Department of Education Schoolbooks Scheme, students are provided with all textbooks and stationery.

Principal: Teresa Donnellan



Principal Ms. Teresa Donnellan and Deputy Principal Ms. Ciara Deasy.

OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Commencing at 6.30pm

Application for enrolment will be accepted from Thursday 22nd October to Friday 13th November 2026

An original birth certificate, passport size photo and a PPS number are also required for enrolment.

CURRICULUM

ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE IS A DIOCESAN CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL

Our curriculum offers a Transition Year Programme, L.C.A. Programme and Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work Studies along with the Junior and Leaving Certificate, including the new Junior Cycle.

Our Solas class is a moderate learning class and continues to run successfully in St. Clare's College.

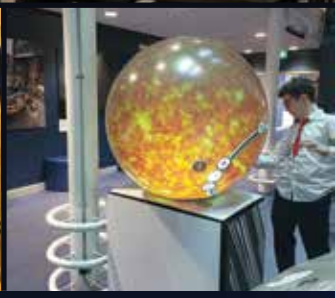
JUNIOR CYCLE:

(Three years)

- English
- Geography
- Gaeilge
- French
- Physical Education
- Mathematics
- C.S.P.E.
- Business Studies
- S.P.H.E.
- History
- Wood Technology
- Visual Art
- Home Economics
- Graphics
- Music
- Engineering
- Religious Education
- Science
- Wellbeing *(I.T. and Study Skills)*









TRANSITION YEAR MODULES:

- Work Placement and Guidance
- Music
- Costume Design
- English Studies
- Mini Company Student Enterprise Awards
- Cookery
- An Gaisce President Awards
- Crafts
- Computer Studies
- French - Way of Life and Language
- Creative Wood-Craft
- Geography
- Drama
- Fieldwork Studies
- Creative Writing
- Local History-Research
- Newsletter and Magazine Publishing
- Mathematics for Life
- PE
- Scientific Approach to Problem Solving
- Social Service Links
- Yoga
- Outdoor Pursuits
- First Aid
- Religious Education
- Cultural Food Study
- Green Schools
- Spanish
- Creative Metal Work Craft
- Dance
- Motivational Workshops
- Mental Health Awareness
- Young Social Innovators
- Spikeball
- Gaeilge Fáinne Oral Irish
- Drive for Life
- GAA Future Leaders Programme

SENIOR CYCLE:

(Two years)

- Irish
- History
- Religious Education
- English
- Geography
- Art
- Mathematics
- Construction Studies
- Home Economics *(Social & Scientific)*
- Music
- Biology
- French
- Business
- Agricultural Science
- Physical Education
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Skills
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Physics
- Career Guidance
- Economics
- Accountancy
- S.P.H.E.













CURRICULUM

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a two year programme which prepares students for adult and working life. It focuses on different ways of learning, continuous assessment and work experience.

Modules
English and Communication, Irish / French, Mathematical Applications, Introduction to IT, Social Education, Leisure and Recreation, Careers / Vocational Preparation.

Specialisms
Technology, Hotel, Catering and Tourism.

Electives
Woodwork, Religious Education.

Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work Studies, The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme provides opportunities for active learning through links with industry and the community. The Programme consists of; Link Modules - Preparation for the World of Work, Enterprise Education and Portfolio Assessment.

Moderate Learning Centre:
Solas Class Level 2 Subjects and Courses
English / Media Studies / Library class • Mathematics • Science • Geography • History • S.P.H.E. • Social Skills • Computer Studies • Drama • Music / Choir • Cookery • Religion • Physical Education • Art • Woodwork • Meditation / Relaxation • Level 1 Learning Programmes and Level 2 Learning Programmes.



First Year students proudly wearing our new school PE Uniform, available in The Sports Shop in Cavan.







Uniforms are available from Quick Mart, Express & Tech, Ballyjamesduff.

Career Guidance: Advice and support is available to all students at both senior and junior level. Senior students are prepared for career choice and college application.

Learning Support and Resource: Learning support and resource is available to students with learning difficulties. This can include in-class support, small learning groups and one to one tuition. A range of psychometric testing takes place each year.

E. A. L.: English as an additional language is a timetabled subject in St. Clare's College. This subject supports the development of oral and written English.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS: St. Clare's College is a Health Promoting school since June 2019. A health promoting school is a "school that constantly strengthens its capacity as a healthy setting for living, learning and working". We will continue to work on the three strands of physical activity, mental health and wellbeing.

STUDENT SUPPORTS: Prefects, mentors and our buddy system offer a support network to our students.

WELLNESS WARRIORS: This team of students and staff promote positive mental health in St. Clare's College through a variety of initiatives and activities.

HOME SCHOOL LINKS: The management and staff of St. Clare's fully recognise the importance of the role of parents in the education of their children. Closer co-operation between home and school is encouraged and meetings between teachers and parents are held at regular intervals throughout the school year. In addition to this, parents are welcome to call to the school at anytime by appointment to discuss the progress of their children.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: There is a very active Parents' Association in the College. They meet regularly and their contribution to the further development of the College is invaluable. Parents are encouraged to support their Association in whatever way possible. Parents are also represented on the College Board of Management.

STUDENT COUNCIL: The Student Council is a student body made up of elected representatives from each class. The Council meets fortnightly to discuss student issues.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Our Breakfast Club runs two mornings per week fuelling our students for a busy day of learning. This is kindly sponsored by Liffey Meats.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRLS: Plain white shirt, plain navy knee length a-line skirt, optional plain navy trousers, school jumper, school jacket, school tie, strong black shoes, navy tights / white socks.

BOYS: Plain white shirt, plain navy trousers, school jumper, school jacket, school tie, black shoes.

PE - GIRLS / BOYS: PE uniform available from The Sports Shop, Cavan.

TRANSITION YEAR











Our lively and vibrant Transition Year programme encourages students develop new skills in fun and engaging workshops, trips and experiences.











ULSTER CHAMPIONS



Ulster Champions: Our winning team in the Danske Bank U 14.5 Irish News Cup pictured with team management Mr. John McCallion and Mr. Ciaran Owens. *Below the winning team are presented with their Ulster medals by Senior County Player and past pupil Patrick Lynch.*











SPORT

St. Clare's College strives to maintain a balanced approach to education.
The school is therefore very much aware of the students need for sport and recreation.
The gymnasium provides a valuable sporting facility including an Olympic size basketball court.

- GAELIC FOOTBALL
- CAMOGIE
- GIRLS FOOTBALL
- HURLING
- RUGBY
- ATHLETICS
- BASKETBALL
- SOCCER
- HANDBALL
- TAG RUGBY
- BADMINTON
- VOLLEYBALL / SPIKEBALL
- GOLF
- INDOOR HOCKEY
- TABLE TENNIS








SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Solas student Katie Mills participated in the Special Olympics 2026. TY Future Leaders ran a 'Laps for Inclusion' fundraiser to contribute to Breffni Blues Special Olympics Club in support of Katie's journey in the Olympics. They successfully raised €3185.00.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES









Mr. Shane Galligan (Beehan & Associates), past pupil of St. Clare's College, who very generously sponsored Gaeltacht scholarships for our students: Andrew Byres, Daniel Briody, Éadaoin Soroghan, Saíbhe Mulvey, Shane Galligan, Paul Flynn, Cormac Kelly and Kayla O Reilly.





Wellness Warriors



The Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday and is kindly sponsored by Liffey Meats, Students get to enjoy a healthy breakfast.



Maria Lynch and Emer Mulvey promoting our Bí Cineálta "One Good Friend" initiative which highlights the value of friendship in our community.





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Student representatives meet with our Patron Bishop Martin Hayes as part of his Parish visit.



Tara Lynch, Molly Lovett and Liliya Byrd representing St. Clare's College at a Gaelbhratach event, celebrating and promoting the Irish language.

MUSIC

'Winter Song' performed by the Choir and Musicians of St. Clare's College.









Music Class

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES



6th Year students receiving their Certificates for Academic Excellence 2026.



Sixth year Solas students, Turlough Clarke and Kieran Clarke being presented with the 'The Spirit of St. Clare's Award' at their graduation ceremony.



6th Year students receiving recognition for their contribution to Music.
Pictured with the students are Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Donohoe and Mr. Donohoe.



Pictured with Ms. Donnellan is Tara McCabe who was awarded the prestigious Entrance Scholarship at UCD. This Scholarship is presented in recognition of outstanding Leaving Certificate results.











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