

St. Patrick's High School Keady



Year 8 Induction Booklet

#2020/21



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Year 8 Pupil

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to St. Patrick's High School and I am delighted that you have chosen our school for your Post-Primary education. St Patrick's High School, as a Catholic and La Sallian school places great emphasis on our Christian values of inclusion, mutual respect, truth and justice. You belong to a community where we are proud of our school and all it stands for. Here, you will always be treated with respect and your success, no matter how small, will always be celebrated.

All our efforts, our work and our endeavours revolve around the fulfilment of each pupil's potential, academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally. We have the highest expectations for you, and for each pupil in our care. During the next few years you will be encouraged, supported and challenged to fulfil your potential.

We recognise that the transition from primary to post-primary education is a crucial period for both you and for your parents, and we want you to enjoy the many changes that this process brings. However, we also recognise that along with the excitement of these new beginnings, you may feel a little anxious as you adapt to changes in school size, new subjects and how they are taught. In St Patrick's High School, you will find a supportive and caring pastoral system where your learning will be nurtured and developed. Each pupil within the community of St Patrick's is in the care of a Form Teacher who is guided by their Year Head. You will find all staff are committed, caring and professional.

As a Year 8 pupil in our school, you begin an exciting journey into post primary education and we are delighted that you have chosen our school in which to make the journey. As your new Principal, this is a journey that we will begin together.

I wish you happiness and success in St Patrick's High School.

F. Moore



MR C FURPHY - SENIOR TEACHER FOR TRANSITION

Dear Year 8 Student

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to St. Patrick's High School. I hope that this Student Handbook will prove to be both informative and helpful as you start your educational journey with us.

I feel privileged to be able to help with your transition from primary to secondary school. I am really looking forward to supporting you at such a crucial stage in your school career.

I am pleased to say that everyone here in St. Patrick's High School is on hand to support you every step of the way and to ensure that you settle into High School as smoothly and easily as possible.

In addition to learning in the classroom, I would encourage all Year 8 students to get fully involved in the extensive array of extra-curricular activities that are offered at St Patrick's High School.

The important thing to remind yourself is that you are already familiar with your new surroundings, having taken part in a world class transitional process over the last number of years.

I look forward to seeing you again in September.



C. Furphy



MRS A O'CONNOR - HEAD OF YEAR 8

Dear Year 8 Pupil

As Head of Year 8, I am excited and honoured to welcome you, our brand new pupils, to St Patrick's High School. It is my aim to get to know you as quickly as possible.

You are about to embark on a whole new chapter of your life and whilst I know it can be exciting, I appreciate that it can be an anxious time too. I can assure you that the staff are here to support you and together with your Form Teacher, I will be with you every step to ensure your transition is as smooth as possible.

Remember you are already part of our amazing learning community and this is just the next stage so please don't worry!

I hope this booklet will be of great help and reassurance to you and I suggest you take time to read it over the Summer and bring it to school with you on the first day when you will be given the opportunity to go through it with your Form Teacher.



We look forward to your positive, fresh energy in September but in the meantime have fun shopping for your new stationary and uniform. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable Summer!

A. O'Connor



YEAR 8 FORM TEACHERS - 2020/21

MR P HICKS: 8/07

MISS S DILLON: 8/24

MRS E KING: 8/34

MRS FINN-THOMPSON: 8/11

MRS K HENDERSON: 8/25

MR J FEENEY: 8/47

B BEAN UÍEIREAMHÓIN: 8/54





BACK TO SCHOOL



High Five

Our Key Rules



- 1** We will respect ourselves, others and our environment
- 2** We will move around the school on the left and in an orderly manner
- 3** We will be prepared to work to the best of our ability, in every class
- 4** We will listen to learn and learn to listen
- 5** We will ensure our appearance is appropriate for our school

YEAR 8 PASTORAL TEAM



MRS MCKENNA
(VICE PRINCIPAL)



MRS LUNDY
(VICE PRINCIPAL)



MRS MORIARTY
(SENCO)



MR FURPHY
(SENIOR TEACHER FOR
TRANSITION)



MRS O'CONNOR
(YEAR 8 YEAR HEAD)



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



From Grace McKenna & Ethan McGarvey

Hello Year 8's, Welcome to St. Patrick's! We welcome you to our school, which is now your school! We hope you will enjoy your time here, although you had a different end to P7, we really hope we will be getting back to some 🤗orm of normality in September. If you have any questions never hesitate to ask! We are happy to help.



ST. PATRICK'S MISSION STATEMENT

"OUR DAILY MISSION IS EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY FOR EVERY CHILD

AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY, ST. PATRICK'S SEEKS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES WITH A SECURE, CARING, STIMULATING AND HAPPY ENVIRONMENT FOUNDED ON VALUES OF HARD WORK, PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND QUALITY LEARNING AND WHERE ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND CHARACTER AND TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO HOME, SCHOOL, CHURCH AND SOCIETY."



CLASS NAMES

8/07

8/24

8/25

8/11



8/34

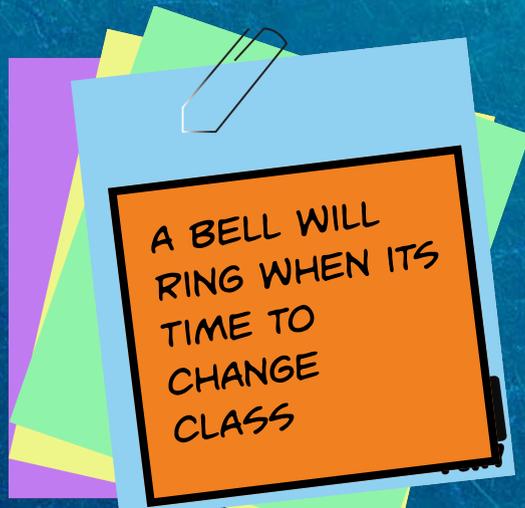
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8.50am → School Day → 3.15pm



Registration	8.50am - 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am - 9.35am
Period 2	9.35am - 10.10am
Period 3	10.10am - 10.45am
Break	10.45am - 11.00am
Period 4	11.00am - 11.35am
Period 5	11.35am - 12.10pm
Lunch	12.10pm - 12.45pm
Period 7	12.45pm - 1.25pm
Period 8	1.25pm - 2.05pm
Period 9	2.05pm - 2.40pm
Period 10	2.40pm - 3.15pm



Excellence Every Day for Every Child





SCHOOL UNIFORM

Girls: Years 8-12 Inclusive

- GREY STRAIGHT SKIRT (BLACK VENT, HALF LINING, ONE SIDE POCKET WITH ZIP)
TO BE WORN BELOW THE KNEE
- BLUE POLYESTER BLOUSE
- SCHOOL CLIP ON TIE (BLUE AND GOLD STRIPE)
- TWO PAIRS MAROON SOCKS - 'SLOUCH' SOCKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE (MAROON TIGHTS AFTER HALLOWEEN UNTIL EASTER)
- SCHOOL BLAZER
- MAROON (ONLY) JACKET/OVERCOAT (OPTIONAL)
- HAIRBANDS ETC. (WHITE, BLACK, MAROON OR BLUE ONLY)
- SCHOOLBAG
- PLAIN, BLACK SHOES

Boys: Years 8-12 Inclusive

- CHARCOAL GREY TROUSERS (NOT CORDS OR CANVAS)
- TWO BLUE POLYESTER SHIRTS
- SCHOOL CLIP-ON TIE (BLUE & GOLD STRIPE)
- MAROON SWEATER (OPTIONAL), V-NECK WITH SCHOOL CREST
- BLACK SHOES (NOT TRAINERS OR BOOTS)
- TWO PAIRS GREY/BLACK SOCKS
- SCHOOL BLAZER
- GREY (ONLY) JACKET/OVERCOAT (OPTIONAL)
- SCHOOLBAG



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



BOYS

Short sleeved training top
Maroon shorts
St Patrick's sports socks
Half zip torc top (*optional*)
Trainers & football boots
Towel, mouth guard, kit bag

GIRLS

Sky blue polo shirt with school crest
Navy gym skort
St Patrick's sports socks
(*knee or ankle height*)
School half zip top (*optional*)
Trainers & football boots
Towel, mouth guard, kit bag

Please label all PE kit with pupil's name
No jewellery should be worn in PE class

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GENERAL APPEARANCE

1. PUPILS MAY WEAR ONLY ONE PAIR OF SMALL STUD EARRINGS, ONE IN EACH EARLOBE ONLY, AND A SIGNET RING. FACIAL AND TONGUE JEWELLERY IS FORBIDDEN.

2. IN THE INTERESTS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE HEELS OF GIRLS SHOES SHOULD BE NO HIGHER THAN 1.5"/3.75CM

3. REGULATIONS REGARDING MAKEUP:

I. MAKEUP, INCLUDING NAIL VARNISH, IS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE AND IS THEREFORE FORBIDDEN.

II. FAKE TAN IS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE AND SHOULD NOT BE WORN.

4. PUPILS SHOULD ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO HAVE A HIGH STANDARD OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PERSONAL HYGIENE.

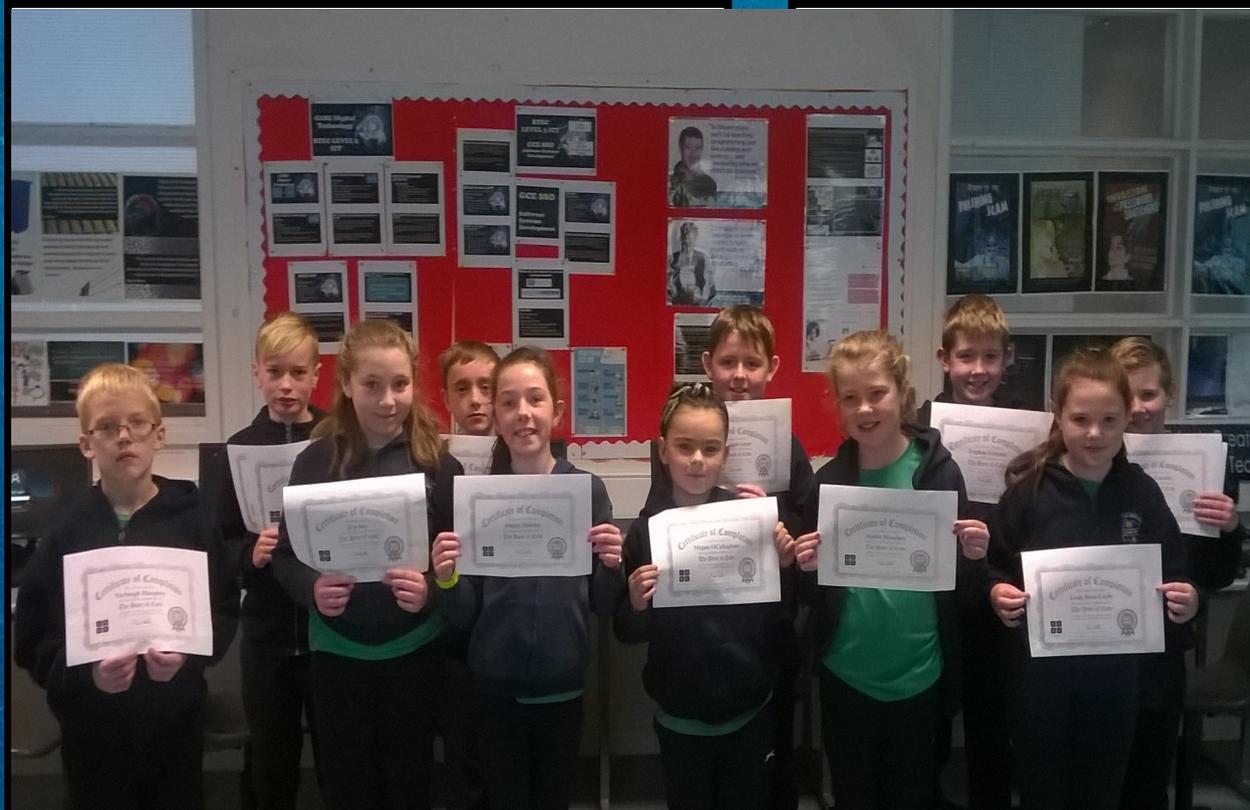
5. HAIR MUST ALWAYS BE CLEAN, NEAT AND TIDY; UNNATURAL HAIR COLOURS/EXTENSIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

6. BLAZERS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE CLASSROOM.

"CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM DEMONSTRATES RESPECT AND PRIDE, DISPLAYS NEATNESS AND PROVES A WILLINGNESS TO CONFORM WITH AUTHORITY AND RAISE STANDARDS."

PRIMARY - SECONDARY COLLABORATION

PRIMARY PUPILS IN OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES WITHIN A RANGE OF SUBJECTS TO HELP EASE THE TRANSITION INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL LIFE.



OPEN NIGHT





YEAR 8 CURRICULUM 2020



ENGLISH
SUBJECT STRANDS OF ENGLISH, IRISH (IN IRISH SPEAKING SCHOOLS) AND MEDIA EDUCATION.

7 CLASSES

MATHEMATICS
MATHEMATICS AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY.

7 CLASSES

THE ARTS
SUBJECT STRANDS OF ART AND DESIGN, MUSIC AND DRAMA.

ART: 2 CLASSES
MUSIC: 2 CLASSES

LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HOME ECONOMICS, LOCAL & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND EMPLOYABILITY.

2 CLASSES

MODERN LANGUAGES ANY OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (OTHER THAN ENGLISH AND, IN IM SCHOOLS, IRISH).

2 CLASSES

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY
SUBJECT STRANDS OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

HISTORY: 3 CLASSES
GEOGRAPHY: 3 CLASSES

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
SUBJECT STRANDS OF SCIENCE, ICT AND TECHNOLOGY DESIGN.

T&D: 2 CLASSES
ICT: 2 CLASSES
SCIENCE: 5 CLASSES

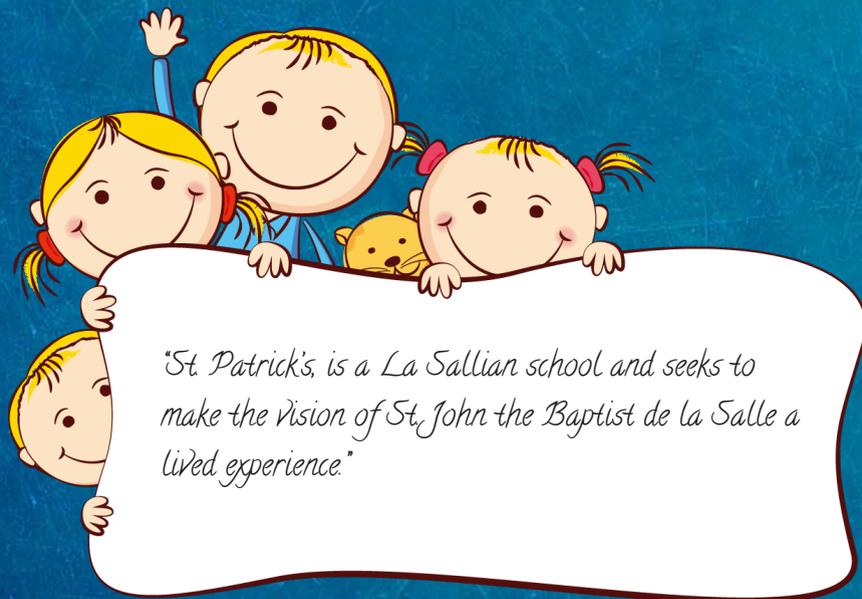
PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATHLETICS, DANCE, GAMES AND GYMNASTICS.

2 CLASSES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, PRACTICES AND VALUES.

3 CLASSES

OUR CATHOLIC ETHOS



HUMAN & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TEACHING AS A VOCATION

IN & BY ASSOCIATION

Five Truths of a La Salle School

THE LA SALLIAN SCHOOL IS OUTWARD LOOKING

GOSPEL VALUES

BREAK & LUNCH TIME



AT BREAK TIME (10:45AM - 11:00AM) EACH DAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SOCIALISE WITH YOUR FRIENDS. IF THE WEATHER IS GOOD, YEAR 8 PUPILS GO OUTSIDE TO THE GLAZED COURTYARD. WHEN IT IS RAINING, YOU WILL HAVE YOUR BREAK IN THE STUDIO.

LUNCH: 12:10PM - 12:45PM THE SCHOOL DINING HALL PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF FOOD FROM SNACK ITEMS SUCH AS PANINI, SAUSAGES OR CHIPS TO MAIN COURSES LIKE LASAGNE, CHICKEN CURRY OR IRISH STEW. A SALAD COUNTER PROVIDES FRESH SALADS, WRAPS AND FRUIT.

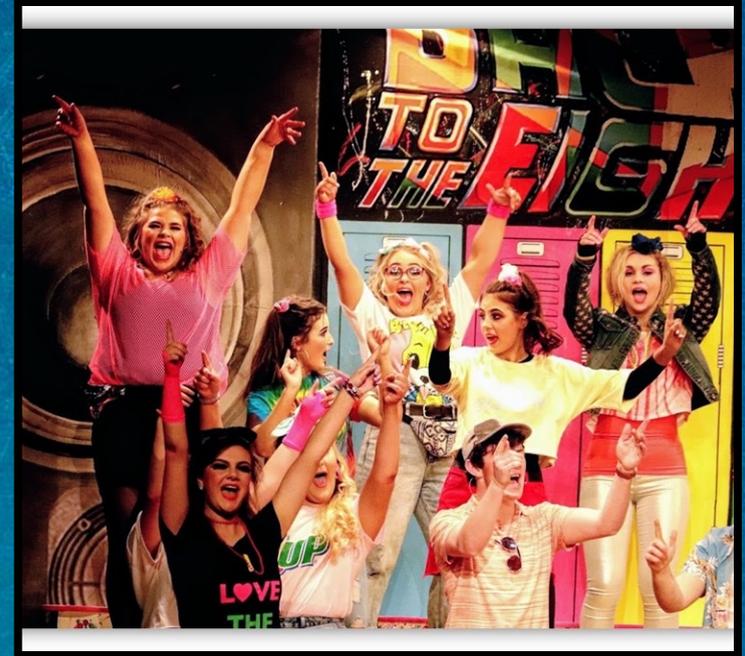
AT ST. PATRICK'S WE USE A 'CASHLESS' DINING HALL SYSTEM. THIS MEANS THAT YOU DON'T HAND OVER CASH AT THE TILL. PUPILS TOP-UP THEIR ACCOUNTS AT MACHINES LIKE THIS.

ON YOUR FIRST DAY AT ST. PATRICK'S, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A FOUR-DIGIT PIN NUMBER TO USE AT THE TILL EVERY DAY.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



KEY TASKS FOR PUPILS

Recording homework in homework diary;

Making sure homework is done for the correct day;

Making sure you have everything you need to do the homework;

Remember to take the homework to school on the correct day

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Establish a routine for homework with your child. The best time is after a short break when your child returns from school: get it out of the way early and leave the rest of the evening free;

Agree with your child that TV, playing sport, Youth Club, phone-calls etc., will only be allowed after homework is completed;

Encourage your child to unpack and pack his/her bag in an organised way;

Offer support but don't do it for them.

Sign your child's homework.

Encourage your child to record homework carefully. Pupils don't always remember what 'finish stuff' means!



REMEMBER...

STUDENTS WHO REGULARLY COMPLETE HOMEWORK ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN EXAMS; PRESENTATION IS IMPORTANT. ALWAYS DO YOUR HOMEWORK AS CAREFULLY AS YOU CAN; REWARD YOURSELF FOR WORKING HARD.

WHAT OUR CURRENT YEAR 8 PUPILS SAY...

Clodhna Drumm 8/44 said....

I loved Year 8. My favorite memories are the AWOL trip and singing in the 'Carols by Candlelight' concert at Christmas.

Eimear McGeary 8/57 said....

I have so many good memories of Year 8 – from making new friends, to the AWOL trip, camogie, music, netball and the Year 8 Mass. Most of all I enjoyed winning a cross country medal and making it to the Ulster final.

Charlie Lennon 8/57 said....

My favorite thing about Year 8 was representing the school in football and hurling. My favourite memory is definitely the first week when I got to know the teachers and classmates.

Colleen Fox 8/18 said....

At first I was nervous to go to the High School because I was going to be the youngest, but as each day went on I got more confident in my new surroundings and I loved it!

Piaras Casey 8/02 said....

On the first day I felt a mixture of emotions but I wasn't in the school very long before I realised it was a friendly and homely place. I loved meeting teachers and learning new subjects and I loved being able to choose what I ate every day in the Dining Hall!

Robert Moore 8/51 said....

I loved doing experiments in Science and the lunches are really nice! The teachers are really helpful and the pupils are friendly.



MAPS

Ground Floor Map



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First Floor Map



