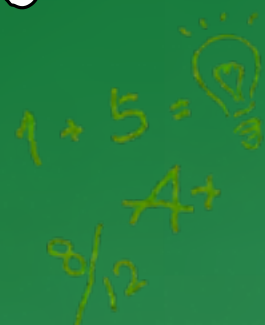


St. Patrick's High School Keady



Year 8 Induction Booklet

#2022/23



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 the student voice is actively promoted, listened to and heard.

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. Here, you will always be supported.

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.

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



F. Moore

Dear Year 8 Student

I am delighted to welcome you to St Patrick's High School. I am really looking forward to supporting you at such a crucial stage in your school career.

Transition from Primary to Secondary School can be both an exciting and daunting time for children, so we at St Patrick's endeavour to make it as enjoyable and as smooth as possible for everyone.

At our school, we have a tremendous sense of community. We care and look after each other.

This booklet contains important information that will help you understand how St Patrick's operates.

In St Patrick's we focus on academic excellence. Our staff will help and support your development as a learner. In addition, there are lots of extra-curricular activities and clubs and exciting opportunities for you to shine and show the person that you really are.

I look forward to meeting you all, face-to-face, in the coming weeks. You will love your journey through St. Patrick's.

C. Furphy



Mr C Furphy
Senior Teacher for Transition



Dear Year 8 Pupil

As Head of Year 8, I am pleased 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, a process which I have already begun during my recent visits to your primary school.

You are about to embark on a whole new chapter of your life and whilst I know it is exciting, I appreciate that it can be an anxious time too. I can assure you that the staff are here to support you and do everything they can 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 to you and I suggest you take time to read it carefully throughout the Summer. You could jot down any questions you might have and your Form Teacher will answer them on the first day in September. We look forward to the positive energy and enthusiasm you will bring to our school and in the meantime have fun shopping for your new schoolbag, stationery and uniform.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable Summer!



Mrs A O'Connor
Head of Year 8

A. O'Connor





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

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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

The Junior Leadership Team wants to welcome you to St. Patrick's High School. This is a new experience and a very exciting time for you. If there is anything we can do to help you at any stage, please let us know. We will see you all soon.





"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



Arriving on your first day...

YOU WILL BE WELCOMED BY MR FURPHY, MRS O'CONNOR AND YOUR FORM TEACHER.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT KNOWING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY; YOUR FORM TEACHER WILL STAY WITH YOUR CLASS ALL DAY AND SHOW YOU AROUND THE BUILDING.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN YOUR TIMETABLE SO YOU WILL KNOW WHAT SUBJECTS YOU HAVE EACH DAY.

ON YOUR FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, YOU WILL HAVE:
FORM CLASS FOR PART OF THE DAY AND THEN;
FOLLOW YOUR TIMETABLE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.



8.45 AM > SCHOOL DAY > 3.15 PM



Registration	8:45am – 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

A BELL WILL
RING WHEN
IT'S TIME TO
CHANGE
CLASS

Excellence Every Day for Every Child





School Uniform

Girls: Years 8-12 Inclusive

- 1880 CLUB INVERTED 4-PLEAT GREY SKIRT *TO BE WORN BELOW THE KNEE*
- BLUE POLYESTER BLOUSE
- SCHOOL CLIP ON TIE (BLUE AND GOLD STRIPE)
- MAROON SWEATER (OPTIONAL) V NECK WITH SCHOOL CREST
- 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. (NO CANVAS OR TRAINERS ARE PERMITTED.)

Boys: Years 8-12 Inclusive

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





Physical Education

Boys

Blue/maroon short sleeved jersey with school crest
Navy shorts
St Patrick's sports socks
St Patrick's half zip (optional)
Trainers and football boots
Towel
Mouth guard is recommended for contact games

Girls

Blue/maroon short sleeved jersey with school crest
Trainers/football boots when needed
St Patrick's sport socks
Towel
Mouth guard is recommended for contact sports
Navy shorts or leggings
Optional (if available from suppliers) Navy Skort

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

Available from www.oneills.com

https://www.oneills.com/uk_en/shop-by-team/education/schools/st-patrick-s-high-school-keady.html





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."



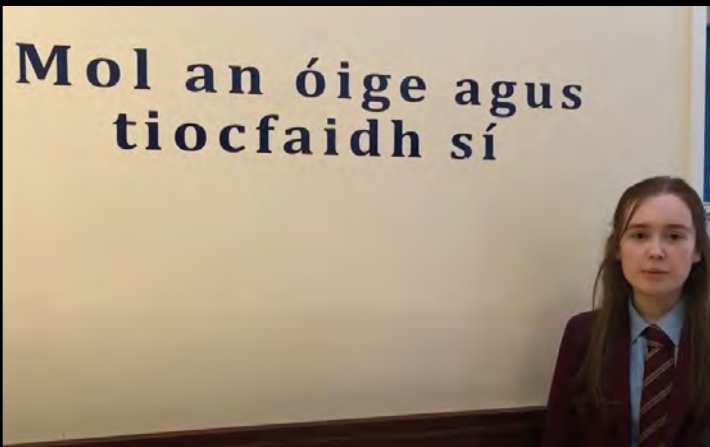
Year 8 Sports Day







Some snapshots of our Virtual Open Night



Year 8 Curriculum 2022



ART	ENGLISH
GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY
ICT	LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK
MATHEMATICS	MODERN LANGUAGES
MUSIC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION
RELIGION EDUCATION	SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN	HOME ECONOMICS





Our Catholic Ethos



**TEACHING AS A
VOCATION**

HUMAN & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**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 LASAGNE, CHICKEN CURRY AND IRISH STEW TO TREATS SUCH AS PANINI, SAUSAGES, AND CHIPS. A SALAD COUNTER PROVIDES FRESH SALADS, WRAPS AND FRUIT

AT ST. PATRICK'S WE USE A 'CASHLESS' DINING HALL SYSTEM.

PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TOP UP THEIR CHILD'S DINNER ACCOUNT USING OUR NEW ONLINE CASHLESS SYSTEM - SCHOOLCOMMS.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Schoolcomms
all together, smarter





PRIMARY SCHOOL BLITZ





Key tasks for pupils

Recording homework in homework diary;

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

Remember to take the homework to school on the correct day.

Making sure homework is done for 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;

Sign your child's homework.

Encourage your child to record homework carefully. Pupils will not always remember what is said in class and should write it down clearly in their planner



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...

There is no need to feel nervous because on your first day you will be greeted by your Form Teacher and will meet other boys and girls in your Form Class.

Brian



Starting a new school can be very different. I was excited but also nervous to start High School, but once I started I realised there was nothing to be nervous about.

Annie



After being in school for a while I no longer feel nervous and I have made lots of friends.

Hannah



On the very first day I was definitely reassured that there is nothing to worry about. In a short time you will know the place like the back of your hand.

Jack

You will be very welcome when you step through the door for the first time.

James



There are so many different subjects and so many great teachers I have really enjoyed doing practical subjects.

Katie - May

I have enjoyed all of my subjects especially P.E.

Kate

So far I have enjoyed my time in St Patrick's and have met lots of new people.

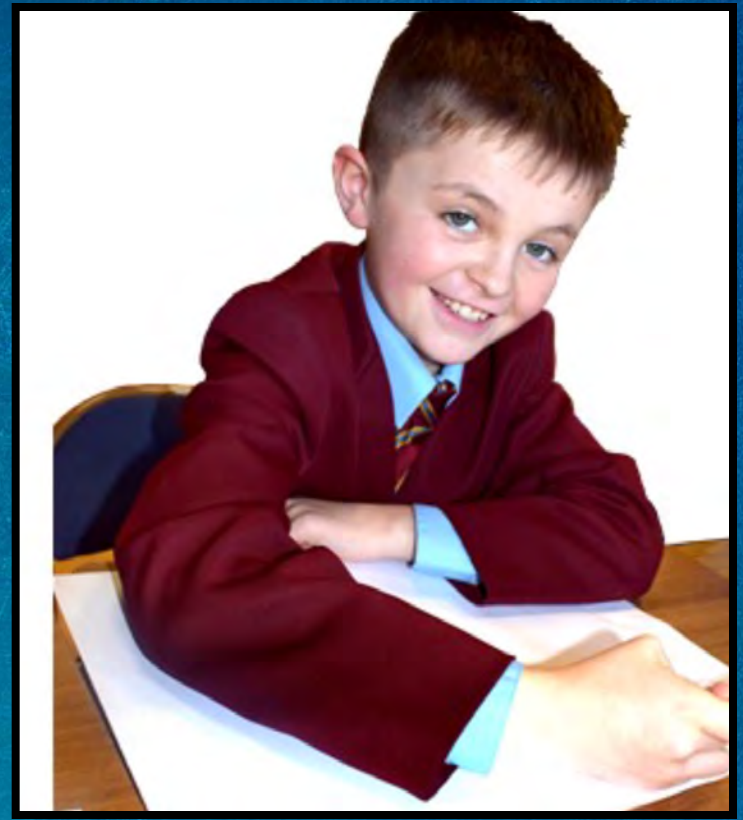
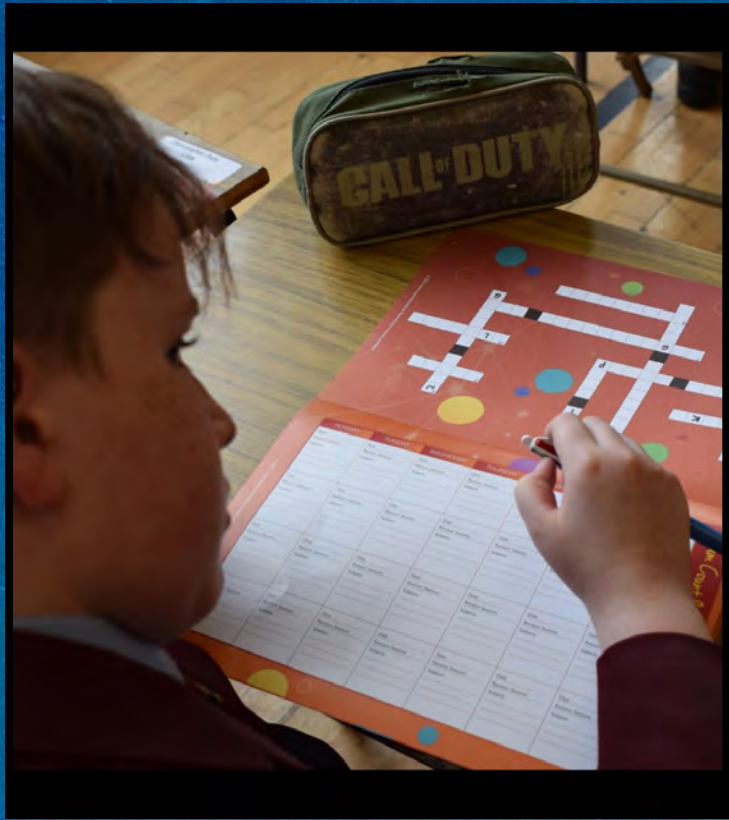
Sean



There are lots of new subjects and it's fun going to different classrooms and it doesn't take long to get to know your way around.

Ryan





Maps



Maps









Partnership Cup Final June 2022



