



ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE

Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan
Co-Educational
Post-Primary School



Prospectus 2022



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 also in the many different activities that take place inside and outside the classroom.

We are a diocesan co-educational secondary school and we remain 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"**.

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 Transition Year Programme, L.C.A. Programme and L.C.V.P. along with the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate. We also have a moderate learning class- Solas.

Our newly developed sports' field with running track and new ball court are welcome amenities for our students. We also have a new wellbeing garden which was designed and developed by staff and students.

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, Guidance Counsellor, Student Council and Prefects and Mentors have important roles in helping new students settle into St. Clare's.

A virtual open night will take place on Thursday, November 25th and details will be available on our website, www.stclarescollege.com. Students and staff will outline our subjects and activities on a virtual tour of our school.

Applications for enrolment will be accepted from Monday 23rd November to Thursday December 14th 2021. An original birth certificate, passport size photo and a PPS number are also required.

A Registration Fee of €85 provides students with a journal, locker, a retreat, 24 hour limited insurance and some classroom materials. If there are two or more students from the same family in the school the charge is capped at €110 to cover all the children. The College operates a very successful book rental scheme. Students pay an annual charge of €90 and have all their textbooks provided.



Carmel Smith, Deputy Principal & Teresa Donnellan, Principal

Principal: Teresa Donnellan



CURRICULUM

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

Our curriculum offers a Transition Year Programme, L.C.A. Programme and L.C.V.P. 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
- Materials Technology (Wood)
- Art, Craft & Design
- Home Economics
- Technical Graphic
- Music
- Materials Technology (Metal)
- Religious Education
- Science
- Wellbeing

TRANSITION YEAR MODULES:

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



Students receiving their awards in the Allingham Arts Festival Writing Competition

Pictured with Principal, Ms. Teresa Donnellan and English teacher, Ms Ciara Deasy are Ava Collins awarded 3rd place for her poem 'Mental Motivation', Holly Wheeler recognised for exceptional work with her poem 'Darkness into Life', Mark Smith awarded 3rd place for his short story 'The Mire' and English teacher.



Students experience life outside the classroom with some Kayaking in Cavan Adventure Centre



SENIOR CYCLE:

(Two years)

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

L.C.A. 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

Engineering, Hotel, Catering and Tourism.

Electives

Woodwork, Religious Education.

L.C.V.P. 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 and 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



Materials Technology Wood and Materials Technology Metal students preparing for their State Exams, two of the technology subjects offered in St. Clare's College



Leaving Certificate students got the opportunity to travel to Dublin City University School of Chemical Sciences with Ms. McMahon to take part in some Science events as part of their exam preparation



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.



Students enjoying a slow bicycle race on a Wellbeing Day



Mr. Owens is carefully guided around the obstacle course by Jensen in the 'blind folded wheelbarrow race', a real game of trust



Ms. Goldrick helps third year students plant daffodil and snowdrop bulbs during Wellbeing Day

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

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 any time 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.

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: White socks, white t-shirts, runners, change of socks, tracksuit optional.

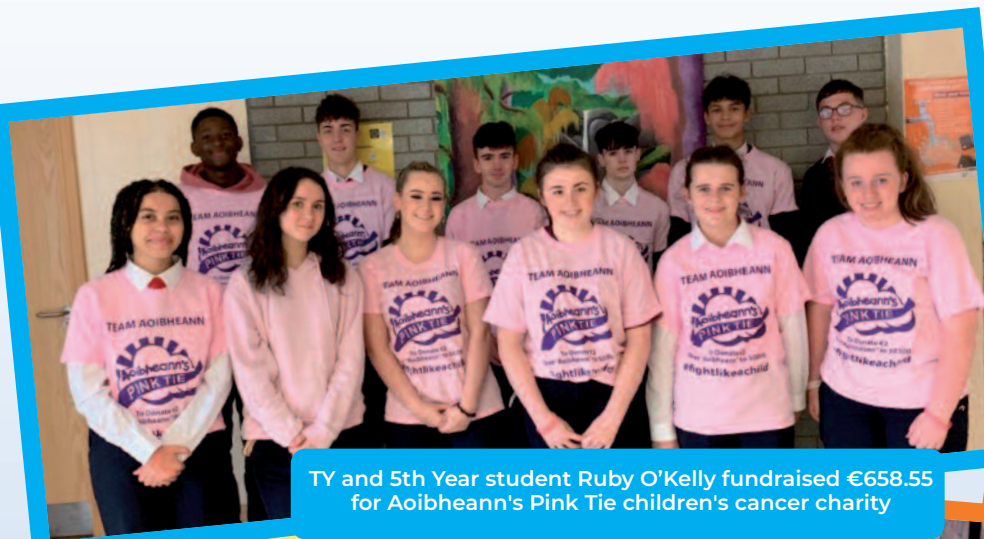
Uniforms are available from Oliver Reilly Quick Pick - Ballyjamesduff.



Naomi and Keenan Smith showcase their musical talent with the Concertina and Uilleann pipes. Music is a subject offered at both Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate



Transition Year Activities



TY and 5th Year student Ruby O'Kelly fundraised €658.55 for Aoibheann's Pink Tie children's cancer charity



TY students practice their archery skills in Carlingford Adventure Centre on an overnight bonding trip



Grace and Robert coordinate events at this years sports day for Junior Cycle students



Ava Collins, Aoibheann Farrelly and Emma McNeill receive their Bronze Gaisce Award medal and Certificate, The Presidents Award is an award in Ireland earned by young people for participating in several activities for a certain period



TY Students all ready for some Kayaking on one of many team building trips taken outside of school



A mural painted by Transition Years surrounds our new Wellbeing garden



Choral and Wellbeing Activities



Ava and Aodhán Collins, members of this year's Imagine Orchestra part of Cruinniú na nÓg



Grace painting pebbles before helping with the mural on one of our wellbeing days



Ben Plunkett enjoys the fun during one of our wellbeing and mindful days earlier this year



Past pupil and current staff member, Ms. Amy O'Reilly with sister Sarah performing a piece for our virtual open night video



Turlough enjoying the visit of the ice cream van



Students get involved in this year's sack race on sports day

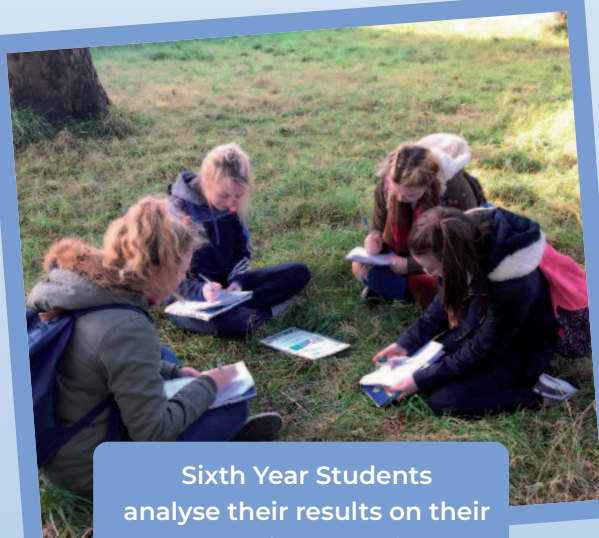


Trips & Activities

Retreat to Killykeen Forest Park



Students and Staff enjoying the sunshine on their annual retreat to Killykeen Forest Park



Sixth Year Students analyse their results on their ecology trip to Dublin Zoo



Joshua Shiels and Caoimhe Cusack fundraised €1,193 for SOSAD Cavan, seen here presenting money raised to Ms. Damienne Galligan, SOSAD Cavan



Prize winner in the Credit Union Art Competition Aodhán Collins pictured with Mrs Angela Tighe, Art Teacher



Students present proceeds of annual fundraising €1,740 to Mrs Grainne Callaghan St. Vincent De Paul



Sixth Year Graduation



Leaving Cert Students gather for final farewell before Graduation with Principal Teresa Donnellan, Year Head Angela Tighe and Deputy Principal Carmel Smith



Tara O'Callaghan is presented with her Certificate of Appreciation by Principal Teresa Donnellan



Ryan O'Connell pictured with his father Seamus, staff member



Principal Teresa Donnellan presenting Gavin McComiskey with his Certificate of Appreciation pictured along side his mother and staff member Sam McComiskey



Sports & Games at St. Clare's College



Ladies Football Training
First Ladies football training Session of the year 2021



Ladies Gaelic
Football U-20's



Third Year
Boys Blitz



Under 16 Camogie Team at the first
game of the season.
Recent years St. Clare's College have been
very successful at Ulster Colleges' Camogie



Emily O'Reilly
U-16 Ulster Colleges' Camogie



Sports & Games

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

Development work is near completion on our sports field which will now include the provision of a running/ walking track.

Teachers give freely of their time in helping students prepare and train for these activities. Sports available to students at present include:

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

Teams from the College participate in coaching and inter-schools competition and it is felt that such competitions play an important role in the overall development of the student.





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