



ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE

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



Prospectus 2021



Welcome to St. Clare's College

Principal's Message

I am delighted to present our Prospectus providing you 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"**



Carmel Smith, Deputy Principal & Teresa Donnellan, Principal

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.

As we continue to live through the Covid 19 pandemic, I am proud that our school operates safely and that our curriculum is delivered to our students. Microsoft Teams is our online platform.

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. Our newly developed sports' field with running track is much a welcome amenity for our 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.

This year a virtual tour of St. Clare's College will be available to view online on our website at www.stclarescollege.com. It will provide an opportunity to see our school. Students and staff will outline our subjects and activities. A virtual Open Night will take place on Wednesday, November 25th at 7pm. Applications for enrolment will be accepted up to Thursday December 3rd 2020. 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.

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



Trinity College Entrance Exhibition Awards 2019

Rachel Eddery, St. Clare's College Leaving Certificate student 2019, receiving her award from Patrick Prendergast, Provost Trinity College, with Ms Teresa Donnellan, Principal and Ms Carmel Smith, Deputy Principal.



Hannah Fitzsimons, Camogie All Star 2019 and Saoirse Kiernan, Ulster Ladies Young Player of the Year, 2019.



SENIOR CYCLE:

(Two years)

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- Music
- Business
- Engineering
- Design & Communication Graphics
- 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

**Practical Subjects -
Design & Communication
Graphics, Metalwork, Home
Economics and Materials
Technology Wood.**





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.



Science Lab



Business Studies



Music Class



Halloween Artwork

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.**



Transition Year Activities

TY students at Lilliput Adventure Centre



TY Students perform 'Something inside so Strong' in sign language.



Canoeing on Lough Ennel



Christmas wreath-making



Choral and Wellbeing Activities



Kyla Smith performing for Senior Citizens last Christmas.



Aodhàn Collins and Hannah Maguire.



Eimear Finnegan and Ava Irwin.



Emily Beatley and Lauren O'Neill.

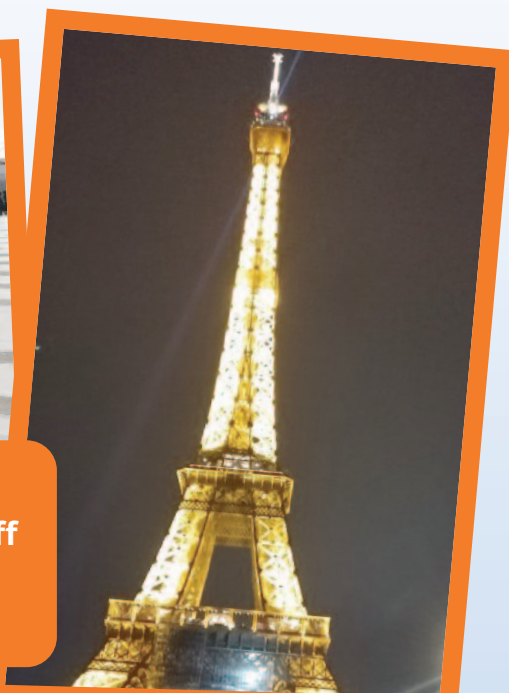
St. Clare's College choir visited local nursing homes, performing Christmas carols for the residents and staff.



Murals and artwork by students are on display as part of a wellbeing initiative.



Trips & Activities



Transition Year students and staff on a school tour to Paris



GOAL JERSEY DAY 2020
Students wear their favourite jersey to school to fundraise money for vulnerable communities in the developing world.

Transition Year enjoyed a trip to Croke Park





LCVP Students organised a Shoe Box appeal for Team Hope which delivers Shoe Boxes to children in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Students and staff from St. Clare's College present food hampers and €380 to Mrs Grainne Callaghan, St. Vincent de Paul, Ballyjamesduff.



Kieran Clarke shows his Autumnal work of art.



Shauna McBreen, Shannon Crowe and Clare Tierney attended a Digital Health Conference.



Circuit Training



Students receiving Certificates in Irish Heart Foundation CPR 4 Schools.



Sports & Games at St. Clare's College





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:

- GAEILIC 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.

Photo shoot on newly developed sports' field and running track at St. Clare's College.



Students, representing the many sports' teams in St. Clare's College pose on our newly developed sports' field. The field with running track is a great additional amenity for students in St. Clare's College.

Pictured are Casey Mulvey, Katie Tierney, Rory Smith, Pijus Furmaniukas, Fiona Finnegan, Megan Brady, Amy Clarke, Niamh Duffy, Gary Gorick, Blanaid Farrelly, Jack Smith and James Sheridan.



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