

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Incoming First Year Information Presentation
March 2021





Mission Statement



St. Mary's College is a Catholic Secondary School for girls under the trusteeship of CEIST and welcomes students of all persuasions.

We are committed to educating the whole person to her full potential in a caring, supportive and joyful environment in partnership with parents and community.

Educational Aims

To foster an awareness of the dignity and uniqueness of each person by promoting the self esteem of each student.



To develop good relations between staff and students and between students, in the daily life of the school.

To provide stimulating challenges for all students through a wide range of activities,

To educate the full potential of each student aesthetically, academically, spiritually and physically.

To develop good links between the school, the home and the community, making full use of the specialist services in the community for advice and support.

To facilitate and develop informed, loving, discerning students who have a sense of social responsibility and a sensitive active response to human need in keeping with the Catholic Ethos of the school.



To use every opportunity to improve and maintain the physical and social environment of the school.

School Management Structures



Trustees

Catholic Education, An Irish Schools Trust, CEIST [since 2006]
Inherited from Sisters of Mercy

BOM

3 Year Term
2 Parents Nominees
2 Teacher Nominees
4 Trustee Nominees

Principal

Deputy Principal
Assistant Principals I
Assistant Principals II

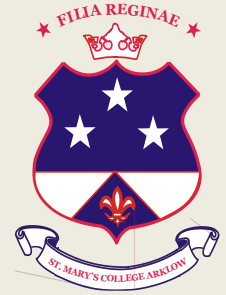
Parent's Council

All parents are automatically members of the Parent's Association
We need and welcome your support in whatever way you are willing to help.





Support Structures



Principal – Aidan Ward

Deputy Principal – Brenda Byrne

Year Head – TBC

Class Tutor - TBC

Liaison Students - TBC

Guidance Counsellors

Ms. Angela Flynn

Ms. Eve Conaty

Learning Support
Coordinator

Ms. Joanne Stapleton

Transition to Secondary School



Code of Positive Behaviour

Uniform

Attendance

Punctuality

Academic Effort

Homework

Extra Curricular involvement

Parental Support and Involvement

Concerns – Bullying, Friendship, Settling in





School Uniform



NAVY TARTAN KILT,
NAVY JUMPER WITH RED STRIPE AND SCHOOL CREST,
WHITE SHIRT, with RED TIE,
NAVY KNEE SOCKS or NAVY TIGHTS
BLACK OR NAVY FORMAL SHOES (no runners or pumps will be allowed)

The correct school uniform must be worn for all school occasions.
Uniform available from a number of Uniform Suppliers in Arklow

PE / Sports Kit

A new PE Kit, to be worn by all students, is being introduced for 2021 comprising:
Crested Half Zip, Tracksuit Bottoms, Crested T Shirt, School Coat
PE Kit will be available direct from suppliers online – details to be advised



Each item of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name using indelible ink.
Make-Up and fashion jewellery are **not** to be worn to school.
Expensive watches, chains, etc. are best left at home since they are not covered by school insurance.
Unusual hair colour, gel nails, face piercings and visible tattoos are **strictly prohibited**.



School Calendar 2021-22

[subject to public health guidelines]



- Form 1 Induction: Week Commencing 31 August
- Form 1 Sports Camp: Friday 10th Sept

- Term 1: 31st Aug – 22nd Dec
 - Mid Term Break: 25th - 29th Oct
- Term 2: 6th Jan – 8th Apr
 - Mid Term Break: 15th - 19th Feb
- Term 3: 25th Apr – 3rd June



The School Day



- Monday - Tuesday
 - Classes from 9.00 am to 4. p.m. [9 class periods]
 - Morning Break: 11.00 am – 11.15 am
 - Lunch from 1.15 pm – 2.00pm
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 - Classes from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm [8 class periods]
 - Morning Break: 11.00 am – 11.15 am
 - Lunch from 1.15 pm – 2.10 pm
- Weekly Assembly

F1: Monday 8.45 am in Concert Hall
- Homework Club for Form 1 students – contact Mrs. Byrne in Sept.

Curriculum

Core Subjects - Form 1

Irish, English, Maths, History,
Geography, Religion,
CSPE, Physical Education, Social
Personal and Health Education
[SPHE], Digital Literacy and Choir

Optional Subjects:

**Each student will select three from
seven on completion of subject
sampling**

French, German, Art, Music,
Business, Science, Home Economics

**Each student will sample 6 subjects
in 2 rotations of 4 weeks during the
first term and will make their final
decision prior to October mid-term**

**We will endeavour to ensure that
all students are facilitated in their
choices, subject to available
resources**

Junior Cycle

Phased introduction of new subject specifications over several years



From September 2020 all subjects will be delivered according to new Junior Cycle Specifications



New approach to teaching and learning, with a particular focus on student collaboration and a number of new modes of assessment including audio and video recordings and class presentations both in groups and individually

Junior Cycle – Assessment Model

Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement

- First Classroom Based Assessment - Form 2
 - Second Classroom Based Assessment - Form 3
 - Assessment Task - Form 3
 - Terminal Exam - Form 3
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- Common Level for all subjects **except** Irish, English, Maths
 - Student Wellbeing
 - Other Areas of Learning – **recognises involvement in school extra curricular and co-curricular programmes**

Junior Cycle – Grading System

Classroom Based Assessment

- Exceptional
- Above Expectations
- In Line With Expectations
- Yet to Meet Expectations

Terminal Examination

- Distinction
- Higher Merit
- Merit
- Achieved
- Partially Achieved
- Not Graded

Student Wellbeing is present when students realise their abilities, take care of their physical wellbeing, can cope with the normal stresses of life and have a sense of purpose and belonging to a wider community



JCPA

JUNIOR CYCLE PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT



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2017

John Kelly

DOB: 21 June 2001

STATE CERTIFIED FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Examination number: 450905

English (O) Distinction

Irish (O) ⁽²⁾ A

Mathematics (H) B

History (H) C

Geography (H) D

French (O) ⁽²⁾ C

Business Studies (H) B

Science (H) B

C.S.P.E. (C) A

Classroom-Based Assessments - English

Oral Communication Above expectations

Collection of Texts In line with expectations

Classroom-Based Assessments - Short Courses

Coding In line with expectations

Physical Education Above expectations

Artistic Performance Exceptional

Philosophy In line with expectations

Other Areas of Learning

The school has flexibility to report on other learning experiences/events that the student has participated in outside the formal timetabled curriculum such as:

- Engagement with co-curricular or extra-curricular activities such as a science fair, school's sporting activities or debating.
- Specific learning opportunities that do not form part of subjects or short courses, i.e. leadership training; activities relating to guidance; membership of school clubs or societies; membership of school's student council.
- Engagements that form part of the formal timetabled curriculum but not reported on in other sections of the JCPA i.e. engagement with a school's own religious education programme or with elements of the PE, SPHE curriculum and CSPE.

Principal

Ms Mary Ryan

Year Head

MR. Jack Quigley

Roll Number: 600902

Anytown Secondary School
Anytown, Co. Anytown
V94HXW5



Anytown Secondary School

This JCPA recognises and records achievements in Junior Cycle.



Office 365



- Dedicated student login
- Network access
- Email address
 - Teams
 - OneDrive
 - Microsoft Office for installation on up to 5 personal devices

All students will receive their individual login details to parental email account

Students are asked to familiarise themselves with the login process ASAP – queries should be addressed to info@stmarysarklow.ie

Extra-curricular activities



We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities and participation by all students is expected

Debating
Dance
Drama
Film Club
Ciorcal Cainte
Choir
Orchestra
Diospoireacht

Gaisce
Green Schools
Educational Tours
Retreats
School Musical
Athletics
Basketball
Young Scientist

Badminton
Camogie
Cross Country
Equestrian
Gaelic Football
Rugby
Soccer
SVP

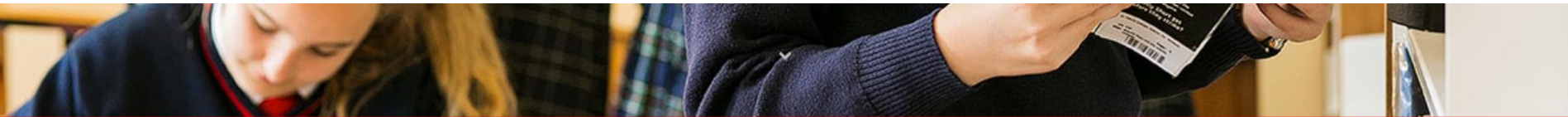
School App

- Booklists
 - [Book Rental Scheme](#)
 - School Calendar
 - Events in school
 - Exam Results
 - Attendance Tracking
 - General notifications
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- Download from App Store
 - Signup and Register your account
 - Queries should be submitted to info@stmarysarklow.ie



Online Payments

- Accessible via website – www.stmarysarklow.ie
- Secure, traceable, reliable for parents, students and school
- Email receipts for all payments
- Easy instalment options
- Book Rental
- Administration Fees
- Voluntary Contribution
- Trips/Tours etc.



ePORTAL



OFFICE 365



SCHOOL APP



FACEBOOK



TWITTER



PAYMENTS



Questions