



ST PATRICK'S  
ACADEMY  
DUNGANNON

# General Information

The Academy is a co-educational Catholic Voluntary grammar school, catering for pupils between the ages of 11 and 18. Enrolment in September 2018 was 1340.

Approved enrolment for September 2019 is 1320, including 208 places allocated to the incoming Year 8 pupils.

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## 1.1

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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## 1.2

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

#### *Trustee Representatives:*

Mr Martin O'Brien (Chair)

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#### *Department Representatives:*

Mr Aidan O'Neill

Mrs Geraldine Mulholland

Mr Peter Quinn

#### *Parent Representative:*

Mrs Fiona O'Hagan

#### *Teacher Representative:*

Mr Patrick Ferran

#### *Secretary:*

Mr Fintan Donnelly

## 1.3

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE PUPILS TO VISIT THE SCHOOL**

We want to make the transition from primary school to the Academy as easy as possible and have put in place an induction programme.

**Open Day** – prospective pupils and their parents are invited to the school in January. During this day prospective pupils have the opportunity to participate in short lessons in a range of Key Stage 3 subjects, allowing them the opportunity to gain a real insight into life at St Patrick's Academy. They have an opportunity to view samples of pupils' work and chat informally to members of staff and pupils. Parents and pupils unable to attend Open Day can arrange to visit the school by appointment.

## 1.4

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

As a Catholic school, our aim is that the pupils in our care are nurtured in 'a lived and living' Faith. We endeavour to provide spiritual nourishment which is meaningful and enhancing in the face of ever-increasing materialism and the erosion of traditional values. The school strives to work in harmony with the Church and with parents to help to create and sustain a vibrant sense of spiritual awareness in our young people. Programmes include promoting active participation in assemblies, collective worship, retreats, fundraising for charity and community work, together with frequent visits from our school chaplain.

**RE is taught to all pupils, from Year 8 to Year 14:**

- KS3 pupils follow the Catholic Church's Fully Alive series, which involves examining a variety of topics, including the Bible, the ministry of Jesus, the Christian Church and morality.
- Pupils in Years 11 and 12 study AQA's GCSE specification, which incorporates the study of Roman Catholicism and Ethics.
- Students in Years 13 and 14 are given the opportunity to study CCEA's AS/A level Religious Studies specification.

- All Year 13 and 14 students follow a General RE programme. This involves an examination of issues relevant to young people in relation to the Catholic faith and its formation.

The RE Department, our School Chaplain Fr Aidan McCann, Mrs Loretta Murray (Liturgical Services Coordinator), the Music Department and the Liturgical Group work collaboratively to provide a variety of liturgical services in keeping with the Church Calendar throughout the school year including:

- Key Stage 3 Mass/Year Group Masses/ Masses on Holy Days
- Advent Services
- Carol Services
- October Devotions
- Lenten Devotions
- Penitential Services
- Special Prayer Services throughout the Liturgical Year

All services are held in the school Oratory and Assembly Hall.

## 1.5

**INCLUSION**

*'To treat everyone the same, we must treat them differently'* **Helen Keller**

Our school aims and ethos emphasise the importance of inclusion and the development of strategies to support independent learning. Many children at some time face barriers to learning. St Patrick's Academy adopts a whole school approach towards the early identification of and provision for those children who are facing such barriers. Parents can obtain a copy of the Special Educational Needs Policy by contacting the school office or on school website. The policy contains information on the role of the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and the internal and external provision available to pupils with special educational needs, in accordance with each stage of the Northern Ireland Code of Practice. All Key Stage 3 pupils follow the same curriculum and are taught in their form groups.

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**ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RATE**

2017-2018 Attendance - 95.8%

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THE SCHOOL DAY

Years 8-11	Years 12-14
8.50am School day starts	8.50am School day starts
8.55am - 9.00am Assembly - (Prayer & Registration)	8.55am - 9.00am Assembly - (Prayer & Registration)
9.00am - 9.30am Period 1	9.00am - 9.30am Period 1
9.30am - 10.00am Period 2	9.30am - 10.00am Period 2
10.00am - 10.30am Period 3	10.00am - 10.30am Period 3
10.30am – 11.00am Period 4	10.30am - 11.00am Period 4
11.00am - 11.20am BREAK	11.00am - 11.20am BREAK
11.20am - 11.50am Period 5	11.20am - 11.50am Period 5
11.50am - 12.20pm Period 6	11.50am - 12.20pm Period 6
12.20pm - 12.50pm Period 7	12.20pm - 12.50pm Period 7
12.50pm - 1.30pm LUNCH (Period 8)	12.50pm - 1.20pm Period 8
1.30pm - 2.00pm Period 9	1.20pm - 2.00pm LUNCH Period 9 (Years 12-14)
2.00pm - 2.30 pm Period 10	1.30pm - 2.00pm Period 9
2.30pm - 3.00 pm Period 11	2.00pm - 2.30pm Period 10
3.00pm - 3.30 pm Period 11	2.30pm - 3.00 pm Period 11
	3.00pm - 3.30 pm Period 12