



ST PATRICK'S
ACADEMY
DUNGANNON

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

The Academy is a co-educational Catholic Voluntary grammar school, catering for pupils between the ages of 11 and 18. Enrolment in September 2020 was 1,394.

Enrolment for September 2021 is 1,394*, including 208 places allocated to the incoming Year 8 pupils. (*under review)

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS AS AT 1.12.20

Trustee Representatives:

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Management)

Mr Chris Morgan (HR & Investment)

Mr Marcus Mulgrew (HR & Law)

Trustee Representatives:

Mrs Geraldine Mulholland (Social work)

Mr Peter Quinn (Engineering
& Construction)

Mr Malachi Mc Leron (Finance)

Ailson Moriarty (legal)

Trustee Representatives:

Mrs Lisa Toner

Teacher Representative:

Mr Patrick Ferran

Secretary:

Mr Fintan Donnelly

This Board of Governors was updated
and ratified in January 2020.

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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 for everyone.

Open Day – prospective pupils
and their parents are usually
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
will have an opportunity to see the
facilities the school has to offer, 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.

***Note** Due to the current COVID-19
Emergency, alternative arrangements
will be put in place and parents
will be notified in advance.

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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 CCEA GCSE specification, which incorporates the study of Roman Catholicism and Christian 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, 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 the 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.

1.6 ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RATE

2019-2020 Attendance - 95.6%

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THE SCHOOL DAY

This represents our normal school day; however, this has been adjusted in the 2020-21 school year to assist with current COVID-19 Emergency guidance. The structure of the school day will be under review for 2021-22 academic year.

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 - 10.45am BREAK	10.30am - 11.00am Period 4
10.45am - 11.15am Period 4	11.00am - 11.15am BREAK
11.15am - 11.45am Period 5	11.15am - 11.45am Period 5
11.45am - 12.15pm Period 6	11.45am - 12.15pm Period 6
12.15pm - 12.45pm Period 7	12.15pm - 12.45pm Period 7
12.45pm - 1.30pm LUNCH (Period 8)	12.45pm - 1.15pm Period 8
1.30pm - 2.00pm Period 9	1.15pm - 2.00pm LUNCH (Period 9)
2.00pm - 2.30pm Period 10	2.00pm - 2.30pm Period 10
2.30pm - 3.00pm Period 11	2.30pm - 3.00pm Period 11
3.00pm - 3.30pm Period 12	3.00pm - 3.30pm Period 12