



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 2021 was 1,443.

Enrolment for September 2022 is 1,320*, including 193 places allocated to the incoming Year 8 pupils. (*under review)

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS AS AT 8.12.21

Trustee Representatives:

Fiona O'Hagan – Chair

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Chris Morgan

Marcus Mulgrew

DE Representatives:

Malachy McLernon - Vice Chair

Alison Moriarty

John Mitchell

Parent Representative:

Lisa Toner

Teacher Representative:

Patrick Ferran

Co-opted member:

Owen Coyle

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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.

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 & SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

'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

2020-2021 Attendance - 96.5%

1.7 THE SCHOOL DAY

This represents our adjusted school day in the 2021-22 school year to assist with the current COVID-19 Emergency guidance. The structure of the school day will remain under review.

Years 8-10	Years 11-12	Years 13-14
8.50am School Day Starts	8.50am School Day Starts	8.50am School Day Starts
8.50am - 9.00am Registration	8.50am - 9.00am Registration	8.50am - 9.00am Registration
9.00am - 9.35am Period 1	9.00am - 9.35am Period 1	9.00am - 9.35am Period 1
9.35am - 10.10am Period 2	9.35am - 10.10am Period 2	9.35am - 10.10am Period 2
10.10am - 10.50am Period 3	10.10am - 10.25am BREAK	10.10am - 11.05am Period 3 and Break
10.50am - 11.05am BREAK	10.25am - 11.05am Period 3	11.05am - 11.40am Period 4
11.05am - 11.40am Period 4	11.05am - 11.40am Period 4	11.40am - 12.15pm Period 5
11.40am - 12.15pm Period 5	11.40am - 12.15pm Period 5	12.15pm - 12.55pm Period 6
12.15pm - 12.55pm Period 6	12.15pm - 12.55pm LUNCH (Period 6)	12.55pm - 1.35pm Period 7
12.55pm - 1.35pm LUNCH (Period 7)	12.55pm - 1.35pm Period 7	1.35pm - 2.15pm LUNCH (Period 8)
1.35pm - 2.15pm Period 8	1.35pm - 2.15pm Period 8	2.15pm - 2.50pm Period 9
2.15pm - 2.50pm Period 9	2.15pm - 2.50pm Period 9	2.50pm - 3.30pm Period 10
2.50pm - 3.30pm Period 10	2.50pm - 3.30pm Period 10	