



**Welcome to
St Kevin's College**

Open Night



An Edmund Rice Trust school

- **Nurturing Faith, Christian Spirituality and Gospel Based Values.**
 - **Promoting Partnership.**
 - **Excelling in Teaching and Learning.**
 - **Creating a caring school community.**
 - **Inspiring transformational leadership.**
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Curriculum



- **Your son will have the following “core” subjects.**
- **Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, French/German, CSPE, Religion, SPHE, PE.**
- **He can chose 2 option subjects from the following**
- **Art, Woodwork, Business, Metalwork, Technical Graphics.**



Curriculum continued.

- **We offer an optional Transition Year programme after Junior Cert.**
- **We offer the following core subjects at Leaving Cert. Irish, English, Maths, PE, Religion, SPHE,**
- **WE offer the following option subjects at Leaving Cert. History Geography, Business, Accountancy, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, DCG, Art, Construction, DCG, French, German.**
- **We offer the LCVP programme.**
- **We offer the LCA programme (Leaving Cert Applied)**



A Caring School

- ▶ **Your son will be assigned to a form class and have a form tutor who looks out for him.**
- ▶ **A Year head is appointed to oversee the entire group. If possible, the form tutor and year head stays with the group for 3 years.**
- ▶ **Form tutors and Year head are timetabled to meet once per week to discuss issues relating to the group. (Care team meeting)**
- ▶ **Care teams report to the Student services support team (SSST) team which meet weekly. This team consists of Guidance Counsellor, Learning Support teacher, Chaplain, Deputy Principal and Principal.**
- ▶ **Interventions to help are made as a result of any of these meetings.**



Managing the Transition

- ▶ **Moving from Primary to secondary school is an exciting time for your son but he may be a little nervous.**
- ▶ **We will meet Parents and students in April where your son will meet his classmates, his form tutor and year head. We will answer many of your questions and discuss option subjects.**
- ▶ **All first years are brought in on the first day back without the rest of the school present and form tutors and year heads explain timetables and school routines.**
- ▶ **If your son is struggling we can arrange for him to attend the SCP organised Transition Programme.**
- ▶ **Our Home School Co-ordinator (HSCL) Liam Mc Carthy will meet parents to discuss this transition in the first few weeks. He will also call to your home to work with you to help your son.**




Communication

- **We communicate with parents in a number of different ways.**
- **The Student Journal has a number of sections that notes can be written from parents and teachers including absence notes.**
- **Our online information system VS-Ware allows all parents access to their sons profile.**
- **All of our policies/information are available on the school website**
- **Each parent's mobile phone number is entered on our system so texts can be sent with important information.**
- **Each teacher has a school email address which allows for easy communication with parents.**
- **All students are given an account on our Virtual Learning platform Edmodo where homework/notes are posted by most teachers.**
- **All Year heads have a school mobile phone.**



Partnership with Parents

- ▶ **We have high expectations of all of our students. We expect that all students work to the best of their ability.**
 - ▶ **In our experience the best outcomes for your son are achieved if school and home work together. Our communication structures are designed to facilitate this.**
 - ▶ **We need your help !!!**
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Academic Excellence

- ▶ **While most of our classes are mixed ability, some banding will take place, particularly in the areas of Maths, English and Languages.**
- ▶ **Our entrance exam consists of a CAT test (Student Aptitude test) The information gained from this test coupled with STEN scores from Primary schools informs our decisions in a range of subject areas and levels.**
- ▶ **CAT tests are retaken in 3rd Year/TY to track student progress and help with subject choice for Leaving Cert.**
- ▶ **WE also carry out annual NGRT (Reading) Tests and Active Maths (Maths) tests. This information is used with all other info to allow teachers plan lessons, Set targets for students and plan for the future.**
- ▶ **All exam results are placed on VS-Ware and are available to parents.**

Academic information

- ▶ **St Kevin's College continue to improve educational outcomes for our students year on year.**
- ▶ **On average, between 70 and 75% of our students progress to 3rd level education. (18% of the class of 2015 are in DCU)**
- ▶ **85% of our 2016 class are in 3rd Level and Further Education.**
- ▶ **80% of our Junior Certificate students taking Higher Level Maths achieved an honour.**
- ▶ **Students in this school consistently outperform the national average in all subjects.**



Learning Support

- ▶ **Not all of our students can achieve 500-600 points in their Leaving Cert but we are as proud of them when they succeed and work with them to ensure success.**
- ▶ **We have a strong Learning Support department who work on a one to one with students, in small groups or in a team teaching capacity. (two teachers in one class) Research tells us that this method can be the most successful and it is the option favoured in St Kevin's.**
- ▶ **Our testing regime permits us to intervene at an early stage to assist students experiencing difficulties.**

Extra Curricular

- ▶ **With a young, enthusiastic and dynamic staff we have an enormous range of extra curricular activities.**
- ▶ **On the sporting front we have Gaelic football (Dublin Champions and Leinster finalists U-18B), Hurling, Soccer (U-17 Leinster Champions), Basketball (U-16 All Ireland champions 2015), Rugby, Athletics, Table Tennis, Badminton. Boot camp/keep fit.**
- ▶ **The only school in Dublin with 8 All Ireland Senior football medals.**
- ▶ **We have a strong debating team, book club and music club.**
- ▶ **We run an annual school tour to a European destination that is in big demand.**
- ▶ **TY students have a range of activities including outdoor pursuits, hill walking, cultural tours among the many.**
- ▶ **Our Form tutors like to reward their form class with a variety of day trips at Christmas and Summer.**



New Developments

- ▶ **We continue with the development of our library as part of our Literacy & Numeracy strategy.**
- ▶ **We have added an ICT and Maths dimension to the library this year as part of our Numeracy strategy.**
- ▶ **We are using Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) with a view to increasing the use of ICT in the class room.**
- ▶ **We have been approved by the Department of Education and Skills for a significant extension as we are currently at maximum capacity. We will be constructing a third Science lab, a second Engineering room and new classrooms.**
- ▶ **This year all students carry a book in the bag for our drop everything and read initiative as part of our literacy strategy.**



Why St Kevin's

- **In St Kevin's we work hard to provide a caring, comfortable and happy environment for all of our students.**
- **We have high academic expectations for our students but also strive to create well rounded citizens who will make positive contributions to society.**
- **We are immensely proud of our students both past and present and welcome boys who wish to be part of our community.**
- **We take the Edmund Rice tradition seriously and try to live by its charter daily**



Thank You

- ▶ All of the information can be found on our website www.stkevinscollege.com including this presentation
- ▶ We look forward to meeting the next generation of “Kevin’s boys”

