



# St. Kevin's College

Ballygall Road East, Dublin II



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I am delighted to introduce you to the St. Kevin's College prospectus. It is designed to give you an insight into the wide range of subjects which we offer. You will also get a comprehensive overview of the wide variety of extra-curricular activities available.

We are a medium sized school and pride ourselves on our ability to get to know all our students personally. We encourage each student to take as many higher level subjects as possible.

During our Open Night you will see the school, engage with staff and see for yourselves what St. Kevin's College has to offer. You will also have an opportunity to meet some of our pupils, the best ambassadors for our college who will be more than willing to give you a guided tour of our school.

St. Kevin's College is a modern, thriving centre of excellence in education. We offer your child a safe, secure and caring

environment, a friendly school community which will enable him to develop into a mature, confident and well educated individual. There is a wonderful atmosphere in the college which is very evident among our students and staff, something which has been remarked on by many visitors to the college.

In conclusion, I extend a warm invitation to you, the parents and guardians of prospective first year students, to our Open Night in order to view our facilities and experience St. Kevin's College for yourselves.

I look forward to meeting you on the night.

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Thomas J Byrne  
*Principal*



Tom Shannon  
*Deputy Principal*

## St. Kevin's College

- Proven academic success
- Comprehensive range of subjects
- State-of-the-art IT facilities
- 100Mbps high speed Broadband
- ECDL offered to all senior students
- Supervised after school study
- Homework Club
- Breakfast Club
- Book Rental Scheme
- Anti-bullying policy, procedures and charter
- Home School Community Liaison Coordinator

## Pastoral Care

In St. Kevin's College, Pastoral Care is a systemic approach to education which seeks to value and develop the young person at every level.

It cares for the quality of relationships between the partners in the school community. It involves the engagement of all the school policies, processes and programmes in the development of the appropriate systemic structures, roles and resources to support the development of the emerging adult.



## Mission Statement

St Kevin's College is a Catholic Boys' Second-Level School under the trusteeship of the Edmund Rice School Trust. In keeping with the religious and educational philosophy the school seeks to foster the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social cultural and physical education of all its pupils in a safe, secure and caring environment.

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## Building a New Future

At St. Kevin's College, we believe in offering our students the highest quality of education in a safe, happy, caring and challenging environment.

Every individual is a valued member of our college community and, through the provision of a comprehensive curriculum, we ensure that they are given every opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Our academic performance is excellent, with the vast majority of students entering third level education annually.

In pursuit of academic excellence, we never lose sight of the individuality of each student in our care. Our level of care and support for students is unparalleled. Students of St. Kevin's College thrive because they are supported, encouraged, cared for and feel a real sense of belonging.

An important factor in student success in our college is the nurturing of a proactive partnership between the pupil, the college and the home. Such a relationship between college and home is especially important in first year during the

transition from Primary to Post primary. Parents/guardians are extremely supportive of our college and we encourage regular contact both formally and informally throughout your child's time with us.

The college has an enviable reputation in a wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, which is facilitated by the personal dedication of our teachers and staff to providing a truly holistic education.

Continuous professional development is our mantra ensuring that every aspect of our activity is carried out at a level commensurate with best practice. Our aim is to provide the students with a first class education.

In choosing to send your son to St. Kevin's College, you are making the best decision regarding their post primary education. This prospectus will give you an overview of our college. However if you require further information and would like to visit our college, please contact us and we will facilitate a more in-depth presentation.

# College Programmes

The college offers a comprehensive curriculum and a broad range of programmes that support students in achieving their potential.



Junior Certificate



Transition Year



Leaving Certificate



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)



Students become involved in work experience which assists their decision-making around further education and career choice.

## Additional Programmes Available

### Transition Year

The college operates a very active and interactive optional Transition Year programme. Students become immersed in activities to develop new skills and talents by engaging in enterprise and become socially conscious and responsible while also nurturing their academic capacity.

Students become involved in work experience which assists their decision-making around further education and career choice. Work experience is very beneficial for all students. It opens up a world of responsibility and opportunity.

The college recommends Transition Year as an ideal opportunity for personal development and maturation prior to the Leaving Certificate. It offers students the opportunities to broaden their horizons as they set on their way to adulthood.



### Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

This is a programme designed to prepare students for life after second level education focusing on personal enterprise and the world of work. It rewards students with additional certification in their Leaving Certificate.

### Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

LCA is distinct, self-contained two year modular programme aimed at preparing learners for adult and working life. It is characterised by educational experiences of an active, practical and student-centred nature.

### New Junior Certificate

St. Kevin's College will be to the forefront in implementing the proposed changes of the Junior Certificate. Following departmental guidance this will be done on a phased basis with English being the first subject to be introduced for first years in 2014. The college will also be developing its own short courses and considering other subjects.



# Curriculum

## Junior Cycle

### Core Subjects

All students study these subjects.

Irish	English
Maths	Science
Physical Education	History
Geography	CSPE
SPHE	Business
Religious Education	

### Option Subjects

Students choose three option subjects.

Art
Metal Technology
French
Graphics
Woodwork

## Senior Cycle

### Core Subjects

Irish
English
Maths
SPHE/RSE
LCVP
Physical Education
Religious Education

### Option Subjects

Art	Accounting	Biology
Chemistry	Construction Studies	Engineering
French	Geography	
Business	Design & Communication Graphics	
History	Physics	

Subject choices may vary in response to student demand.

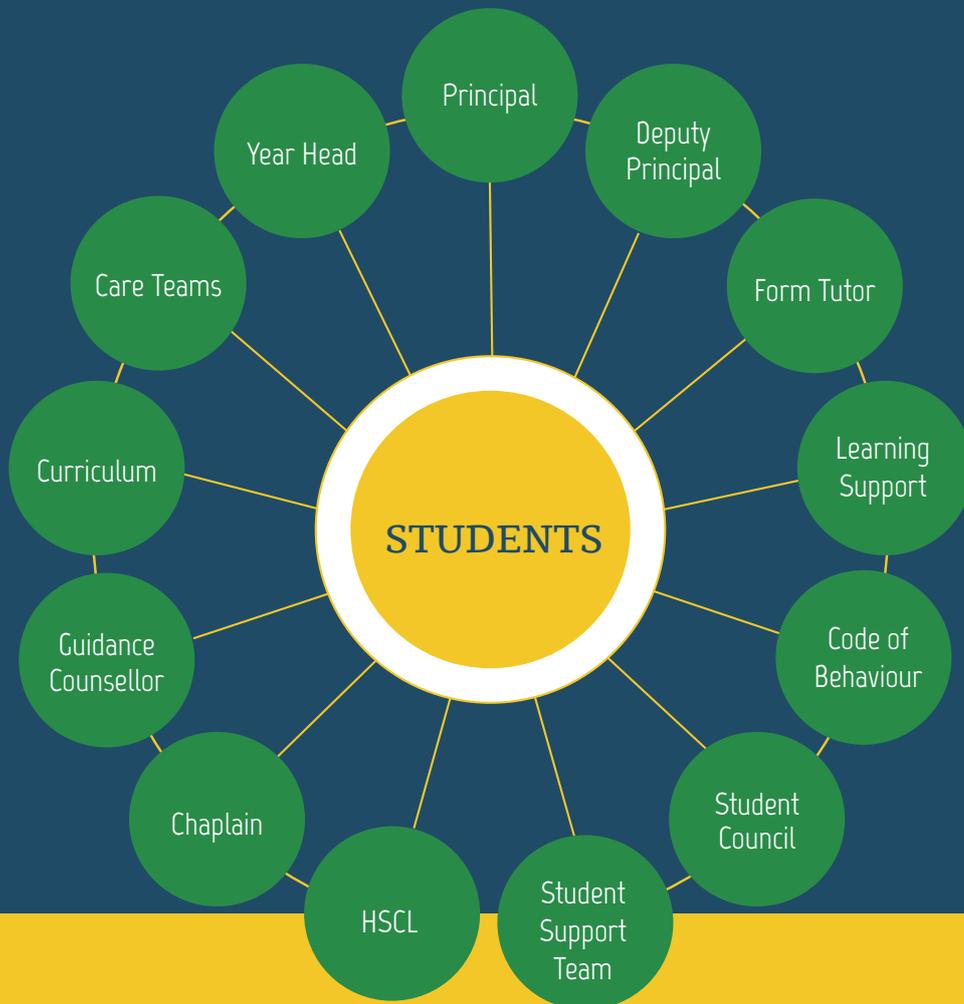
# College Structures

All of our college structures are student-centred. In St. Kevin's College, great emphasis is placed on the welfare of all our students.

The college is actively involved in promoting guided student responsibility. Staff members have warm and respectful

relationships with students where students know they can look for support, guidance or advice.

The college is dedicated to the provision of services that foster the development of the whole person, encourage and reward good behaviour and ensure that respect is shown to all individuals.



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## Principal & Deputy Principal

The Principal and Deputy Principal oversee the programmes of care for students in the college. They are both available to support students and parents when challenges arise. Similarly, they are a support to students who may need extra assistance in any area of college life.

## Form Tutor

The Form Tutor plays a very important role in your child's life. He/she will have daily contact with your child and is dedicated to making your child's educational experience a positive one. They will offer support and guidance to parents as their child passes through the college. Form Tutors are in regular contact with the home and are available to meet with parents.

## Year Head

The Year Head works in conjunction with Form Tutors so that students are cared for and know that there are people looking out for them all the time. The Year Head has responsibility for supporting staff in the implementation of the Code of Behaviour. The Year Head also plays a very significant role in pastoral care. In St. Kevin's College, Year Heads stay with their year group all the way from first year to sixth year providing consistency of support and ensuring that relationships and partnership are well established between the student, the home and the college.



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## Care Teams

There are Care Teams for each year group made up of Form Tutors and Year Heads' in the college. They come together to develop plans to support students who face additional challenges in the class room. The Care Teams provide strong insight into the overall well being of students.

## Student Support Team

The Student Support Team is an invaluable resource. The members of the team are dedicated to assisting students who may be distressed or in personal difficulty. The team meets weekly to assess the needs of students and the capacity of the college to meet these needs. The Student Support Team works closely with the home to ensure that all students get the opportunity to thrive in our care.

## Social Education

The college offers programmes of SPHE, CSPE and RSE to promote the development of the whole person. These programmes offer students the opportunity to explore new areas in a respectful and sensitive manner. Students learn about personal responsibility and social responsibility in a structured and carefully devised manner. These subjects also offer the opportunity to discuss topical issues and give students the space to air their thoughts and become well-informed in personal development.

## Guidance Counsellor

The Guidance Counsellor in St. Kevin's College views the development of positive self-esteem as essential for students. The Guidance Counsellor works with all year groups and is involved in classroom activities, one to one guidance, career planning, assessment of educational and vocational abilities and other related supports.

The Guidance Department works with all senior students on an individual basis working on study plans, college applications and access programme applications. The Department also offers a drop-in guidance service for all of our students.

## Home School Community Liaison Coordinator

The role of the HSCL is to provide a source of help and support between home and school. It promotes partnership to ensure pupils fully engage in school life. Parents are supported and encouraged to get involved through a variety of activities:

- Home visitation
- Courses and classes
- Information meetings
- Working with students

## Chaplain

The role of Chaplain is a professional and privileged one. It is about caring for the whole college community. It is a faith presence accompanying each person with pastoral care on their journey. The college Chaplain animates the college community by way of establishing the many faiths and cultures within St. Kevin's College. Support is provided through one to one meetings with students, teaching, caring for and fostering ownership of the college.

The Chaplain is a supportive presence during difficult times but also celebrates in the joy of individual and college success. The college Chaplain works as one member of the Student Support Team within the college.

## Links with the Home

There are several opportunities for parents to link with the college formally throughout the academic year:

- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Assessment Reports
- Information Evenings
- Parents' Council
- Email and text message
- Home School Community Liason Coordinator

The college operates an open door policy where a parent can make an appointment to meet with a Year Head at any stage if they have concerns. The Principal and Deputy Principal are also available to meet with parents should the need arise. We focus on partnership with the parents and believe that a co-operative relationship between the college and home best fosters the development of the student.

## First Year Induction

Moving to second level is a time of great change for young children and their families. Here in St. Kevin's College we are mindful of this transition and the challenges it brings. We offer a comprehensive first year induction which includes a 'phasing in' programme. Our Home School Community Liaison coordinator has strong links with all our feeder primary schools.

This supports students as they make the move to our college. It helps them to get to know their new surroundings, make new friends, meet their teachers and learn the rules in close contact with their Form Tutor and Year Head.

Our aim is to make first years feel confident and happy coming to school each day. The college is reputed for

its high level of pastoral care which supports students in achieving their best.

## Book Loan Scheme

The college operates a very popular book loan scheme. This gives students the opportunity to rent most of their text books for a very reasonable charge. The books remain the property of the college and are always in excellent condition.

## Policies & Procedures

The college operates policies that are fair and consistent, promoting equality for all and active participation in learning. These policies will be outlined to parents on information evenings, in the student journal and on our website [www.stkevinscollege.com](http://www.stkevinscollege.com).

## School Canteen

The school canteen delivers hot lunches, rolls and drinks and is an area for all students to have lunch. St. Kevin's College promote healthy eating for students.

## Breakfast Club

The student canteen also hosts a breakfast club before school serving cereals, tea and toast.

## Evening Study

Students preparing for State Examinations are encouraged to attend supervised Evening Study held on four evenings per week.



St Kevin's 8 All Ireland medal winners bring the cups back to school, with teacher Ger Brennan.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

St. Kevin's College offers a wide range of activities and all students are encouraged to involve themselves as fully as possible in the life of the college. We believe that education, in its truest sense, should aim to develop the whole person. Consequently, involvement in these activities is seen as an integral part of the holistic education which we endeavour to provide.

The college has excellent facilities that include pitches, a Sports Hall and Gym. Cultural activities include: Choir, Debating and Educational Trips. Sports activities include: Football, Hurling, Soccer, Rugby, Basketball, Athletics, Table Tennis and a variety of other sporting activities from time to time. In its extra-curricular programme, the college is mindful of:

**Equality** – Equal opportunities are given to all boys in the college. We have been very successful in competition at county, provincial and national level.

**Balance** – The college ensures that students achieve balance between extra-curricular participation and academic work. Representing the college is seen as a privilege that students hold with pride. It is essential that students meet their responsibilities in the classroom in order to represent the college in its best light.

## Student Council

The student council plays a very important role in college life. It is the voice of the students. The council is involved in collaborative approaches to policy making and major changes to college life. We are proud of the capability and maturity of our students in making their voice count.

## Awards Scheme

The college operates an awards scheme which rewards academic excellence, good behaviour, extra-curricular participation, college spirit and other areas of college life. We believe in celebrating the successes of our students and valuing their positive contribution to college life.

The awards scheme will bring about formal acknowledgement of the outstanding efforts of our students and will bring our mission statement to life.

## Comenius Project

The Comenius Project is an international twinning project with 3 other European Schools to develop our understanding of other cultures. Students from abroad are hosted in St. Kevins and our students travel to visit schools in Europe.





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## Why choose St. Kevin's College?

- Academic Excellence
- Fostering Holistic Development
- Excellent Facilities
- Wide Curriculum
- Variety of Academic Programmes
- Broad Range of Extra-Curricular Activities
- Dedicated Pastoral Care Teams
- Positive Approaches to Discipline
- Inclusive Environment
- Multi-Cultural
- Welcoming of All Faiths
- Progressive in IT
- Professional, Highly Qualified Staff
- Dedicated Special Educational Needs Team
- Community Engagement
- Socially Conscious
- Sense of Belonging

**Choose St. Kevin's College.**  
**Every day, in every way, we care about your child.**

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