



St. Mary's College CSSp

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APPLICATION FORM

DATE OF APPLICATION:

NAME OF PUPIL:

DATE OF BIRTH:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

NAME OF PRESENT SCHOOL:

CLASS IN PRESENT SCHOOL: :

**YEAR OF INTENDED ENTRY TO
St Mary's Junior School:**

Parents (or Guardians) Name:

Address:

Telephone: :_(H) (O)

Mobile:

Email address:

School intended for Secondary Education:

Does Applicant have a brother at this school (Yes) (No)

Please notify us of any change of address/telephone number

Please return to the Principal, St Mary's College Junior School Rathmines Dublin 6

OR EMAIL TO : junsec@stmarys.ie



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J U N I O R S C H O O L

ETHOS

St Mary's College is a Catholic school with essential Christian core-values, educational aims, teaching methods, and aspirations for its students. We see our school as a family, a meeting place, a learning community, where we pride ourselves on personal care for our pupils and nurture them as individuals with the framework of our ethos. As a Catholic school, we have a Religious Education programme, facilities for Mass and the Sacrament, liturgy for the important events in the life of the school, and preparation for First Confession and Communion as well as Confirmation.

ADMISSION

Entrance to St Mary's Junior School is usually at Form 2 level, when pupils are aged 7 to 8 years. Parents seeking admission for their son fill in an Application Form, which is kept on file. Contact will be renewed in the Autumn term prior to the year of admission, following which a literacy and numeracy assessment will take place to ensure that each boy's need can be met here.

It is advisable to send a boy to St Mary's as early as possible, as admission to 5th or 6th class, or especially First Year, cannot be guaranteed.

ACADEMICS

Classes are of mixed ability and boys are generally placed in alphabetical order where there are two classes. We follow the National Primary School Curriculum in English, Irish, Maths, Religion, History, Geography, Science, Art and Music. French is taught in Form 6 level. The Walk Tall programme is followed in each year. Individual music instruction is available after school.

A School Report is sent home every three to four weeks which indicates application (especially), conduct and deportment. Term Reports, indicating progress, are sent to parents following Christmas and Easter tests.

STAFF

In addition to the regular class-teachers, we have a full time Resource Teacher and teachers in specialist subjects such as Art, P.E, Music and Drama. A dean assists the Principal and school secretary in school administration.

TIMETABLE

Doors open at 7.45am each morning. Children are supervised until 8.55 am, when classes begin. First break is at 10.55 (15 minutes); Lunch break is from 12.10-12.45pm. Classes conclude at 2.30pm.

GAMES

We feel it important to encourage every pupil to enjoy and reach his full potential in sport and other activities and thus benefit to the maximum from their formative value. A magnificent new Hall has just been provided particularly for extra-curricular activities.

Games played in the Junior School include Rugby, Cricket, Basketball, Athletics Tennis, Golf and Table Tennis. There is optional supervised Swimming with instruction each Monday after school in Rathmines Pool. Tennis coaching is available year-round in Leinster Tennis Club Rathmines for Forms 4,5, & 6. Tennis for Forms 2 & 3 takes place on the school grounds. For Swimming and Tennis there is a coaching fee.

On Wednesday mornings all classes have house league matches. On Saturday mornings rugby training for Forms 2 – 6 takes place on the front field. During the year matches are arranged against other schools.



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SECONDARY SCHOOL - Academics

A boy's success in later life will be greatly helped by academic qualifications. At St. Mary's College we aim to provide an academic education of the very highest standard. The boys' academic results speak for themselves.

We have identified three key factors which help our students achieve academically:

- **Care and concern for the individual.**

We are a relatively small school and a crucial benefit of being small is that our teachers and pupils know each other very well. We can give individual care and attention to pupils and this extends beyond the classroom into the daily life of the students leading to a high level of achievement in both academic and non-academic areas.

- **Highly qualified and experienced staff.**

Good academic qualifications and experience gained in other schools are important criteria in our selection of teachers. The College benefits enormously from the continuity of longer serving teachers and from the fresh perceptions of the newer staff members. There are a range of talents and a broad breadth of experience among the staff.

- **Excellent pupil teacher ratio.**

Across the school as a whole there is roughly one teacher for every fifteen pupils which makes it possible for us to cater for the individual needs of every pupil.

St Mary's provides a broad and balanced curriculum.

The following subjects are available for Junior Certificate.

- Gaeilge, English, Mathematics, French, German, Latin, History, Geography, Art, Science, Business Studies, Music Appreciation, Religious Education, Civic Social And Political Education, Physical Education, Computer Studies.

The majority of our students take higher level papers in the Junior Certificate examination.

Transition Year Programme.

Transition Year is compulsory after Junior Certificate. This programme is broadly based with an emphasis on an academic core-curriculum balanced with new subject-areas such as Personal Development, Community Service, Mini-Company and Young Entrepreneur, The Presidents Gaisce Award and Work Experience.

Among the courses, activities and events on offer are:

- Irish, English, Maths, English Literature, Media Studies, History, Geography, the Sciences, Business Subjects, Modern Languages, The Arts, Physical Education, Japanese, Guidance, Religion, Computer Studies, Young Entrepreneur, Personal Organisation and Development, Community Activity Programme, Work Experience, Drama, and Communication Skills, Career Exploration, Reading Programme, Creative Writing, Lifesaving, First Aid, Outdoor Pursuits and Leadership Course, Careers Outings, Theatre Nights, Visiting Speakers and Prize-giving Display.

The following subjects are available for Leaving Certificate.

Our broad and varied curriculum at Leaving Certificate opens exciting career opportunities for all our students. For Leaving Certificate pupils take the core subjects of

- Gaeilge, English, Mathematics plus a modern language (French or German) and choose options from, History, Geography, Accounting, Business Organisation, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art, Technical Graphics, Classical Studies, Applied Maths, Home Economics (Social & Scientific)

Students also follow a full Religious Education programme and benefit from an excellent Guidance Department where pupils receive individual advice.

St Mary's College Scout Unit

THE CUB SCOUT PACK



“Weekly meetings; hikes and outdoor activities; weekends away; badgework. and of course – camping. All part of traditional club scouting at St Marys College”

WHO WE ARE

The St Mary's Scout Unit is one of the oldest scout units in Ireland. It was set up in 1941 and has been actively providing Scouting to the boys of the College ever since. We have 3 programme sections; Club Scouts for boys in 4th and 5th classes; Scouts for boys in 6th class and 4th Year and Venturers for boys in 5th and 6th Years. All our Leaders are past members of the Unit and most are past pupils. In fact, it was two past pupils, Father Tom and Ernest Farrell who founded the Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland in 1927, a fact we are all very proud of.

As a member of the Scout Unit your son will experience traditional Scouting.

This is a tradition of working in small group (sixes/patrols/crews) of working in the out of doors of advancement through Badgework schemes; and of developing self discipline such as wearing full and correct uniform.

THE CLUB SCOUT PACK

Our Scout Year commences in September and finishes in June. The Pack meets each Sunday evening in the Scout Den Kenilworth Square. Pack meetings consist of Games, Group Activities and Badgework. In place of one meeting each month, the Pack go Hiking or take part in some outdoor activity. In addition to the meetings and activities, the Pack will go on a number of Weekend Activities throughout the year. The year finishes with an Annual Camp at which all Clubs are expected to participate. We hold regular Parents Meetings and all the Leaders are always available to talk with you.

HOW TO JOIN

A limited number of places are available for the current year. If your son is interested please contact.

Gavin Fogarty – Unit Leader 087 8333953

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY

26TH JANUARY

2012

9.30 – 12. NOON

No appointment necessary