



ST KILIAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW.



LEARNING FOR EXCELLENCE,
FOR LIFE, FOR ALL

PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

A very warm welcome to those students, and their families, who are considering St Kilian's Community School as their choice of secondary school. In keeping with the title of community school, we welcome members of the community who wish to avail of the education we are proud to offer. I hope that this Prospectus will provide you with the information that you need, in order to make your very important decision.

St Kilian's is a multi-denominational, co-educational community school, based in Ballywaltrim, on the southern side of Bray. Our mission statement '**Learning for Excellence, for Life, for All**' reflects our commitment to high standards, to the holistic development of our students and to the inclusive ethos of our school.

Teaching and Learning is central to everything that we do at St Kilian's. We offer a comprehensive curriculum and have a dedicated and progressive teaching staff, who are committed to developing a community of learners at our school. We believe that every student should be supported to achieve their full potential, whatever their aptitudes and interests.

At St Kilian's, we are known for our strong emphasis on the pastoral care of our students. Great importance and value are placed on nurturing and maintaining positive relationships, both in day-to-day school life and with parents, families and the wider community. We have a proud record of participation and success in a wide variety of sporting, musical and many other extra-curricular and cross-curricular activities. As well as reflecting the high standards of the school in public, our students strive to achieve highly, both academically and socially within the school.

Recent positive school developments include our links with Amgen, Music Generation and the Creative Schools initiative, and an extensive ICT upgrade in 2018; these have greatly enhanced our students' learning experience. Our achievement of a Green Flag in 2015 was a whole-school learning opportunity that everyone embraced. Annual events, such as Multicultural Day and Wigilia, as well as the school's pursuit of a Yellow Flag, reflect the commitment to inclusion that is one of our fundamental values.

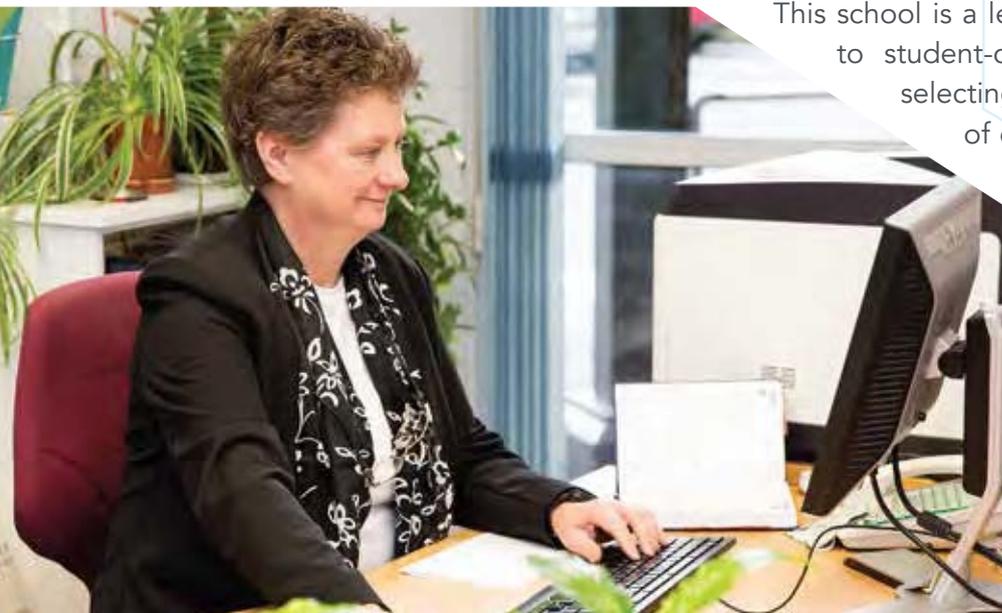


MR JOHN MURPHY,
PRINCIPAL

This school is a learning community that is committed to student-centred, values-based education. In selecting St Kilian's as your secondary school of choice, we can promise you that your son/daughter will be cared for, valued, respected and supported in achieving their potential.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

John Murphy,
Principal.



MS LEAH BOOLE, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

THE HISTORY OF ST KILIAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

St Kilian's Community School was established in 1981. At the time, Bray was expanding very quickly southwards. St Fergal's National School had been established a number of years earlier, and there was a growing need for a secondary school to serve the growing local population.

The Department of Education decided that the school should be a community school with the patronage shared between the Franciscan Order, who had responsibility for St Fergal's Parish, the Marist Sisters, who were involved in the local community, and Bray VEC.

The school was opened in September 1981 with the late Kevin Meehan as Principal, and the late J. A. ('Alf') McNamara as Vice Principal. Along with some part-time teachers, the staff and 70 First Year students sat in temporary classroom accommodation in the Nissen hut, at the junction of the Boghall and Schools' Road. The school building was completed in 1982, and enrolments and staff numbers grew accordingly.

By the time that the first Leaving Cert class graduated in 1986, the school had 27 class groups. Students came, not only from Bray, but from the Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue, Roundwood, Newtownmountkennedy, Newcastle, Kilquade, Kilpedder and Greystones areas. The links with all of these communities are greatly valued to this day.

St Kilian's Community Sports Complex was opened in the early nineties, after many years of arduous fundraising by school management and staff, and the local community. In more recent years, the addition of a fully-fenced all-weather pitch has been a great

addition to the school's facilities. In the spirit of our community ethos, the sports facilities are available for use by local community groups. In particular, we are delighted with the links we have established with Ardmore Rovers, who use our pitch for their under-age teams.

The school has been proud to provide rehearsal space for Bray Choral Society, since its inception in 1985. Adult education programmes organised by Bray Area Partnership and musical initiatives run by Music Generation, are among the school's other current collaborations.

The school's partnership with Matthias Grünewald Gymnasium in Würzburg, Bavaria, extends back to 1983, and continues to grow and develop. The school's links laid the foundation for the city of Würzburg being twinned with the County of Wicklow, twenty years later.

The school greatly values its links with all of our past-pupils and takes immense pride in their achievements in the areas of science, engineering, medicine, business, education, music, sport and a range of other fields. In recent years we have been particularly proud to celebrate, along with the rest of the country, the sporting exploits and achievements of our Olympic, World and European Champion, Katie Taylor.

The school looks forward as a community, with purpose and confidence, to promoting excellence, in a caring and nurturing school environment, in providing a comprehensive education for the young people of Bray and surrounding areas.

‘ I can honestly say that St Kilian's is a part of me and always will be. ’

KATIE TAYLOR
(Leaving Cert 2005,
Olympic and World
Boxing Champion)



CURRICULUM

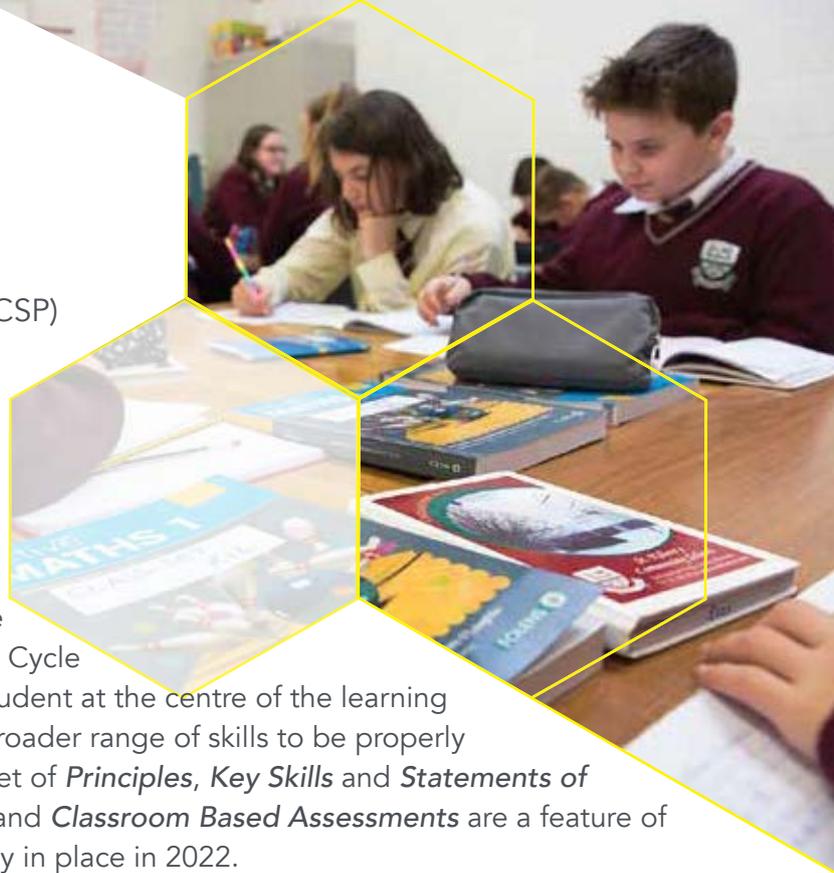
Teaching and Learning is central to school life. The school offers the following programmes:

- Junior Certificate
- Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)
- Transition Year (TY)
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

At Junior Cycle level nationally, a new system is being introduced on a phased basis, which will see the Junior Certificate being replaced by the Junior Cycle Student Award. The new programme places the student at the centre of the learning process. It allows for new ways of learning and a broader range of skills to be properly assessed. The programme is structured around a set of *Principles, Key Skills* and *Statements of Learning. Student Wellbeing* is a particular focus, and *Classroom Based Assessments* are a feature of the new system. The new system will be completely in place in 2022.

The school offers a comprehensive and varied Junior Certificate curriculum, which allows students to build a firm foundation for their Senior Cycle education.



CORE SUBJECTS (COMPULSORY)			
Mathematics	English	Gaeilge	History
Geography	R.E. (NCCA syllabus)	CSPE	PE
SPHE	Library Skills (1 st Year)	ICT (1 st Year)	BFL (1st Year)
OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (CHOOSE 4)			
Science	Business	French	German
Music	Home Economics	Art	Woodwork
Metalwork	Technical Graphics		

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE SCHOOL PROGRAMME (JCSP)

The JCSP is a programme designed to make the Junior Certificate more accessible to a small group of students, who may find the traditional Junior Certificate challenging. Features include:

- A small group setting
- Many subjects team-taught
- A three-year Behaviour For Learning programme
- *Statements of Learning, Learning Targets and Student Profiles*
- A modified Junior Cycle curriculum
- A focus on Literacy and Numeracy

JCSP CURRICULUM			
Mathematics	English	Gaeilge	History
Geography	RE	CSPE	PE
SPHE	BFL	Literacy	Numeracy
Music (1 st Year)	Library Skills (1 st Year)	ICT (1 st Year)	

TRANSITION YEAR (TY)

Transition Year is a one-year programme that bridges the gap between Junior and Senior Cycle education at St Kilian's. Transition Year is a varied, interesting and challenging programme that exposes students to a broad range of learning opportunities and promotes their personal development.

Features of TY at St Kilian's include:

- An emphasis on personal development
- Self-Directed Learning through project work
- Portfolio of Assessment and Interviews
- ICT and presentation skills prioritised
- Aptitude Testing (DATS) at the centre of a comprehensive Guidance programme
- Participation in local and national initiatives e.g. SciFest, Junk Kouture, Young Social Innovators and the County Enterprise Awards
- Opportunities for national and international certification, e.g. Japanese (Post-Primary Languages Initiative) and Street Law (Princeton University)
- Work Experience Placements (November & February)
- Single Activity Days (October, December & January)
- Gaisce (The President's Award)
- Killary Adventure Centre Trip in March
- Educational Trips
- Guest Speakers

“ I feel a lot more mature and aware of things that are going on in the world around me because of TY. ”
(Kayleigh - TY 2018)

“ TY has made me a more confident person and I'm much happier in school because of it. ”
(Mya - TY 2018)

“ TY has made me come out of my shell as I've connected with many different people this year. ”
(Cian - TY 2018)

“ I loved getting to experience the world of work for the first time. ”
(Luke - TY 2017)

“ I learned how to do PowerPoint presentation and present my work in front of my class with confidence in TY. ”
(Cody - TY 2018)

“ I loved the teamwork and creativity involved in Junk Kouture. ”
(Hannah - TY 2017)

“ I am now more confident about speaking out in class. ”
(Katelyn - TY 2018)



TL 21 (TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY)

The teaching staff are actively engaged in the action research Continuous Professional Development programme, TL 21 (Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century) between NUI Maynooth and Blackrock Education Centre. This programme supports curricular development in schools, by focussing on Teaching and Learning initiatives.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

The school offers a comprehensive range of subjects, which allow students:

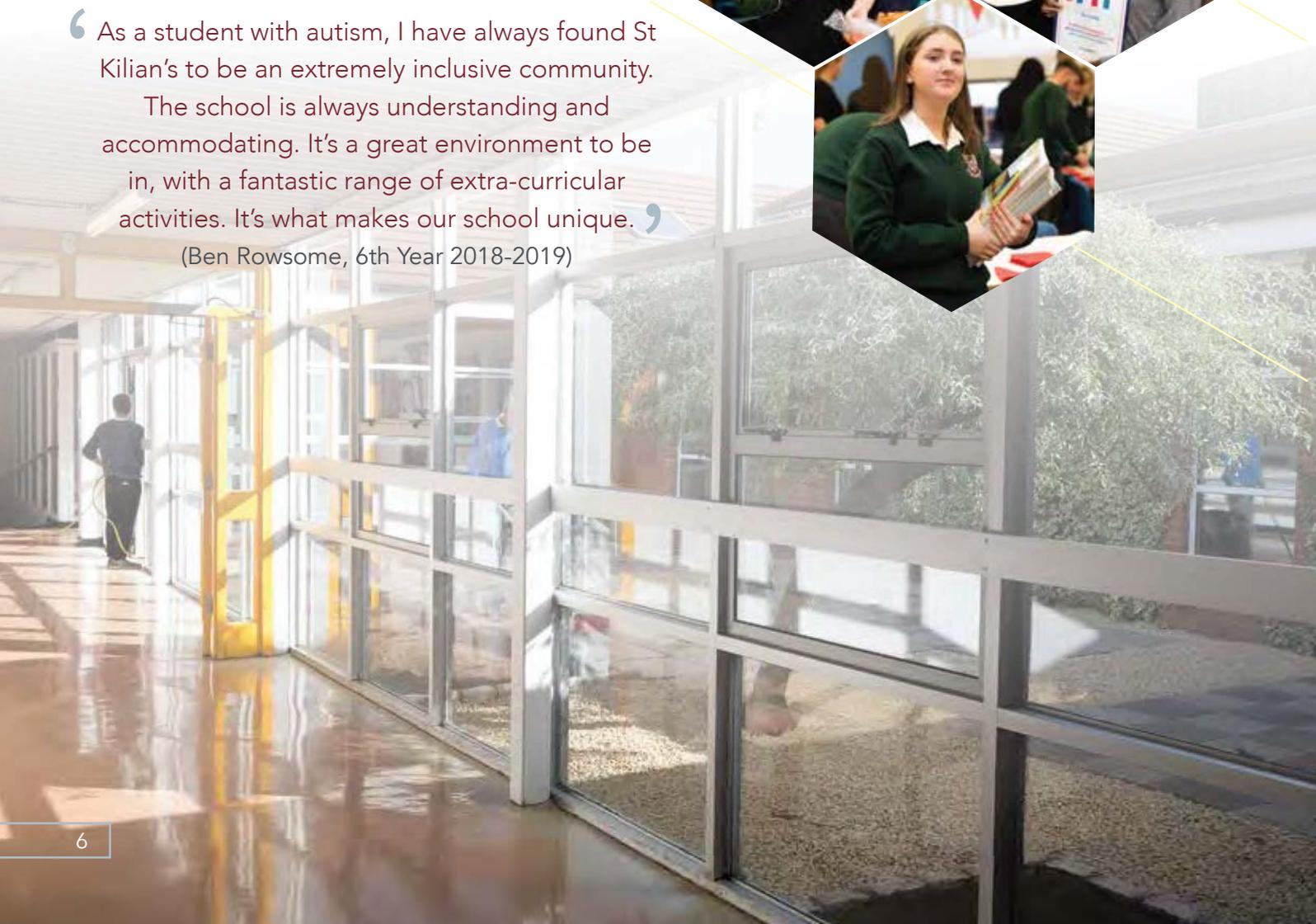
- To grow and develop as learners.
- To achieve highly in the State Examinations.
- To progress confidently to third level education and to interesting and challenging careers.

CORE SUBJECTS (COMPULSORY)			
Mathematics	English	Gaeilge	PE
Religious Education	Career Guidance	RSE	
OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (CHOOSE 4)			
French	German	Geography	History
Biology	Chemistry	Physics/Chemistry	Music
Business	Accounting	Home Economics (HESS)	Art
Engineering	Construction Studies	Design & Communication Graphics	

- In any given year, the range of Optional Subjects depends on the number of students in the year and the demand for individual subjects.
- Through the school's links with the Post-Primary Languages Initiative, students have the opportunity to study Leaving Certificate Japanese and Russian, through Saturday programmes.

“As a student with autism, I have always found St Kilian's to be an extremely inclusive community. The school is always understanding and accommodating. It's a great environment to be in, with a fantastic range of extra-curricular activities. It's what makes our school unique.”

(Ben Rowsome, 6th Year 2018-2019)



LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED (LCA)

The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is a two-year Leaving Certificate available to students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Certificate programme with a vocational focus.

Assessment is on a **Credit** system. There are 200 credits available in total:

- 62 credits (31%) for **ongoing attendance, class work and assignments.**
- 70 credits (35%) for **7 Student Tasks (project work).**
- 68 credits (34%) for **7 Final Examinations.**

The LCA is awarded at three levels:

- **Pass:** 120 - 139 credits (60% - 69%)
- **Merit:** 140 - 169 credits (70% - 84%)
- **Distinction:** 170 - 200 credits (85% - 100%)

LCA CURRICULUM

Mathematical Applications	English and Communication	Social Education
Vocational Preparation & Guidance (VPG)	Information & Communication Technology (ICT)	Hotel, Catering & Tourism (HCT)
Graphics & Construction Studies	Leisure & Recreation	Engineering
Craft & Design	Religious Education	Gaeilge (5th Year)
German (6th Year)		



PAULINE LOTT (SECRETARY) AND
MS LORRAINE KELLS (LCA COORDINATOR)



“ This is my fifth year at St Kilian’s and I’m in the 6.LCA class. It’s a really good programme and the teachers look after us very well. Doing LCA has helped me mature and I’m really glad I did it. ”

(Filip Cyfert, 6.LCA 2018-2019)

SCHOOL POLICIES

The school has policies in place that support student welfare and safety and ensure that students engage fully with their education, in an environment conducive to learning.

Significant policies include:

- Code of Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying Procedures
- Acceptable Use Policy

Policies are developed, and regularly reviewed, through a process of consultation with all of the school's stakeholders, before being ratified by the Board of Management.

Policies are available for inspection on the school website (www.stkilianscs.com).

PROGRAMME COORDINATORS

Programme Coordinators oversee Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), Transition Year (TY) and the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP). These Coordinators oversee their students' participation and performance in the programmes.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

YEAR HEADS AND CLASS TUTORS

A Year Head oversees each Year Group, and monitors the punctuality, attendance, uniform, behaviour and academic progress of each of the students. The Year Head also supports students in relation to difficulties they may experience and liaises with the school's Care Team in ensuring that students are supported. The Year Head is the main point of contact between students' parents and guardians and the school.

Class Tutors assist the Year Heads in the pastoral care of the students.



SCHOOL DAY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.40am - 8.50am	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
8.50am - 10.50am	3 Classes	3 Classes	3 Classes	3 Classes	3 Classes
10.50am - 11.05am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.05am - 1.05pm	3 Classes	3 Classes	3 Classes	3 Classes	3 Classes
1.05pm - 1.40pm	Break	Break		Break	Break
1.40pm - 1.50pm	Registration	Registration		Registration	Registration
1.50pm - 3.50pm	3 Classes	3 Classes		3 Classes	3 Classes

“As past pupils of St Kilian's school, we have fond memories of our time there so, without a doubt, this was always going to be our first choice of secondary school for our children. We have three daughters in the school who are happy and doing really well thanks to the teachers, Principal and staff. St Kilian's offers a wide variety of subject choices and our daughters are also involved in a lot of extra-curricular activities. The school also provides a great support system for children and parents.”

(Jason and Adrienne Howick, Past-Pupils and Parents)

STUDENT SERVICES

A broad range of student services is available, many of which are administered by the Office Staff. These include:

- Lockers
- Personal Accident Insurance Scheme
- Savings Scheme
- Online Payments

Regular student supports include:

ACTIVITY	FOR WHOM?	WHEN?
Supervised Study	6th, 5th and 3rd Years	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri (4.00-6.00pm) Easter Holidays (4 hours daily)
Homework Club	1st Years	Mon, Thurs (4.00-5.00pm)
Breakfast Club	Everyone	Daily (8.00-8.35am)
Canteen	Everyone	Morning and Lunch Breaks
Music Lessons	Everyone	Mon, Tues (4.30-6.00pm)
Extra Tuition	Various Subjects and Years	Details from Teachers



JENNY O'SULLIVAN
AND MONICA DAVIDSON
(OFFICE STAFF)

BOOK RENTAL SCHEME

- St Kilian's CS has a Book Rental Scheme, which is compulsory for all students.
- The scheme is managed, on a voluntary basis, by past and present members of the Parents' Association, for which the school is extremely grateful.
- Annual student contributions are maintained at reasonable levels and are processed, as with all payments, by the School Office staff.



MS KIM O'TOOLE AND
MRS HELEN BROWNE
(BOOK RENTAL
VOLUNTEER STAFF)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

JUNIOR

Wine-coloured jumper with school crest
Grey trousers or wine skirt
White/Cream shirt and school tie (wine)
Black Shoes

SENIOR

Green jumper with school crest (Black jumper for Prefects)
Grey trousers or green skirt
White/Cream shirt and school tie (green)
Black Shoes

P.E.

School sports top, black tracksuit bottoms

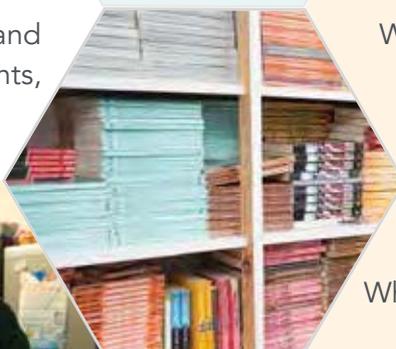
SCHOOL JACKET
Black with school crest

SUPPLIER

Schoolwear House, Greystones (01 2873420) is the only official supplier of the school uniform.



NOREEN SCANLON (CANTEEN MANAGER)
AND CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS



FACILITIES

The school continues to develop its extensive facilities, which include:

- 4 Science Laboratories
- 2 Art Rooms
- Music Room with Performance Stage and a wide selection of Instruments
- 2 Computer Rooms
- Computer Aided Design Room
- 3 Home Economics Rooms
- 2 Woodwork/Construction Studies Room
- Metalwork/Engineering Room
- Technical Graphics Room
- Career Guidance Room
- Subject Classrooms, all equipped with PC and Data Projector
- Demonstration/Lecture Room
- LCA Room
- Library with full-time Librarian
- Community Room
- Meeting Room
- Canteen
- Internal Social Areas
- Courtyard Social Areas
- Vegetable Garden
- PE Hall (full-sized) and Viewing Area
- Playing Pitch
- 2 Outdoor Hard Court Areas for Basketball Football etc.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

The following facilities and resources are in place, to support Teaching and Learning:



CHRIS STOKES
(LIBRARIAN)

“ My time in St Kilian’s helped to develop my love for design, construction and creativity while also helping me to mature and grow into the person I am today. The school helped me achieve academically so that I could get the points I needed to study engineering and go on to develop a career I never imagined would have been possible. ”

(Colin Keogh, Leaving Cert 2007;
Engineer, Design and Entrepreneur)

- Two computer rooms with 24 computers each.
- State-of-the-art DCG room with a further 24 computers.
- Guidance and LCA hubs with 6 computers each.
- School Library computer and printing facilities
- Subject Classrooms all equipped with PCs and Data Projectors.
- Specialist Subject Classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards and Visualisers.
- Mainframe Server from which all school files are backed up to the cloud.
- A single ‘Enterprise Class’ WiFi system with AC speeds that can handle up to 100 connections from any point.
- Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for students, through Microsoft 365.
- School email accounts and 1TB of cloud storage for all students.
- Free student Microsoft software licences for Word, Excel, Powerpoint, OneNote, Publisher etc.
- Development of student eportfolios.
- A clear and comprehensive Acceptable Use Policy, developed in consultation with all stakeholders, which supports the responsible use of these facilities.

MUSIC

Music has a strong tradition at St Kilian's, and plays a vibrant role in the life of the school community. It is a progressive and popular curricular subject, while students are also provided with a wide range of musical performance opportunities throughout the school year.



MUSIC GENERATION: Through the school's links with Music Generation, students have access to lessons after school with a professionally qualified tutor in piano, guitar, bass guitar, voice and drums. Other Music Generation initiatives include the annual Rock Camp, based at the school every June, Jazz workshops and Bray Youth Ensemble.

MONTHLY LUNCHTIME TO SHINE CONCERTS: These provide students with the opportunities to sing, play instruments, and entertain in an informal setting in the school's Canteen.

SOUNDWAVES MUSIC WEEK is the school's annual music festival. Each day there are concerts and workshops provided by students, staff, past-pupils and guest performers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES include: Music for school liturgies; Multicultural Day; Seachtain na Gaeilge; Trips to the National Concert Hall, Dublin; our annual Christmas Concert and Christmas carol singing; Emmanuel Initiative for Secondary Schools at the Helix Theatre.



CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school prides itself in the fact that our students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Staff members are extraordinarily dedicated and generous with their time in ensuring that all students' interests and abilities are catered for. Activities include:

- Basketball – Boys and Girls
- Book Clubs
- Camogie
- Chess
- Choir
- Concerts
- Debating
- Drama
- Gaelic Football – Boys and Girls
- German Exchange
- Hurling
- Junk Kouture
- Lunchtime Clubs
- Musical Instrument Making
- Music Lessons
- Nerdy Board Games Club
- Orienteering
- Quilting
- SciFest
- Soccer – Boys and Girls
- Sports Day
- St Vincent De Paul School Conference
- Subject Trips
- Table Tennis
- Yellow Flag Committee





MULTICULTURAL DAY and WIGILIA

Multicultural Day, held annually on the last Friday in January, is a celebration of the cultural diversity in our school community. It has become a calendar highlight and is a testimony to the school's commitment to inclusion. The centrepiece of the day is a major food fair, with students and their families preparing national dishes and delicacies from both far-flung countries and ones nearer to home.



Each year there are presentations and workshops focusing on cultural aspects of various countries. Recent contributions have been from Nigeria, Japan, Brazil, China and France. International-themed concerts, face-painting and banner-festooned corridors all add to the carnival atmosphere.

In 2018, the school held its inaugural *Wigilia* celebration, Polish Christmas Eve. This, too, will become a fixture of the school calendar.

GREEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Green School Committee is one of the most active groups in the school. One side of their work concerns recycling and maintaining the school's physical environment. Another is raising awareness of environmental issues and the school community's responsibilities in this area. Their great work was recognised when the school was awarded its first Green Flag in 2015. The committee is currently working towards a second Green Flag.



GAISCE (The President's Award)

The school has been involved with the Gaisce programme for more than twenty years and the number of students involved continues to grow. Many go on to complete the full set of awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The annual highlight of the programme is the adventure trip to the Wicklow mountains.

GERMAN EXCHANGE

The school has been twinned with Matthias Grünewald Gymnasium in Würzburg, Bavaria since 1983. In alternate years, students from St Kilian's and Würzburg host their counterparts in a very successful exchange, immediately after Easter. It is a language and cultural exchange but also, most importantly, one of friendship.



AMGEN

Since 2016, through the Business in the Community programme, the school has had a partnership with Amgen, a leading U.S. biomedical company, that has a major facility in Dún Laoghaire. The school and its students, have benefitted greatly from this partnership through:

- Involvement with the Amgen Biotech Experience (ABE)
- Careers events
- Plant visits
- Donations of ICT equipment



OTHER COLLABORATIONS

Other current very successful collaborations include:

- **St Fergal's National School** (close neighbours and collaborators on a wide range of initiatives)
- **Creative Schools Initiative** (one of five Wicklow schools involved)
- **Post Primary Languages Initiative** (Japanese for TY, and Saturday Japanese & Russian classes for 5th and 6th Years)
- **Ms Annie Egan, Solicitor** (Street Law programme for TY)
- **Walton Club, TCD** (Saturday STEM programme)
- **Sylvester Byrne** (musical instrument making with senior students)
- **Sports Promotion Unit, KWETB** (whole-school fitness initiatives)
- **Music Generation** (a wide range of musical initiatives)
- **Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers** (apprenticeship scheme for school-leavers)
- **Bray Choral Society** (based at St Kilian's)
- **Ardmore Rovers** (junior teams based at the school)
- **Bray Area Partnership** (ESL classes for adults)
- **Connect BNYP** (community-based youth support initiatives)

“ I didn't want to leave St Kilian's when I graduated in 1998. It felt like home where all the teachers and staff supported and cared for me throughout my time there. I work in Bray Area Partnership, and I always feel welcome when I come back to St Kilian's CS in my role as Community Development Officer. The school is very responsive and passionate in working collaboratively locally to develop community initiatives in supporting all students and their families to reach their full potential. ”

(Jenny Jones, Leaving Cert 1998;
Bray Area Partnership)

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON (HSCL)

The school has a full-time Home School Community Liaison Coordinator. The HSCL Coordinator acts as a link between the school, students' homes, neighbouring schools, as well as local agencies and services. The HSCL promotes initiatives and activities that enable parents and guardians to become more involved in their children's education. Parents and guardians are encouraged to get involved in local committees, and to attend courses and information meetings. Activities include:

- Parenting Workshops
- Trip to UCD
- Student Progress Meetings
- English Language Classes
- Multicultural Day
- Study Skills Seminars
- Tuesday Coffee and Crafts
- Christmas Crafts
- Paired Reading (JCSP)
- Story Sacks (JCSP)
- Leisure and Sporting Activities

The HSCL Coordinator also provides general advice and support for families.

In cases of poor student attendance, the HSCL Coordinator works closely with the Year Heads, the School Completion Team and the Education Welfare Officer to support families in addressing the problem.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

There is a very active Parents' Association at St Kilian's Community School. The PA provides a forum for parents and guardians to discuss their ideas and opinions with their peers and to represent these to management. The PA is also involved, through a process of consultation, in the development of new and the updating of existing school policies. This has been particularly effective in relation to the Code of Behaviour and the Anti-Bullying Procedures.

Meetings are held at the school, with the AGM taking place in October. Guest speakers are a regular feature of these meetings.

The Parents' Association liaises closely with the HSCL Coordinator and with school management.

Activities with which the Parents' Association are very involved include:

- The Book Rental Scheme
- Multicultural Day
- Paired Reading (JCSP)
- Catering at school events
- Fundraising



MS IZZY FOX,
HSCL COORDINATOR



MS TRACEY O'BRIEN, CHAIRPERSON,
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



CARE TEAM

The school's Care Team comprises:

- The Chaplaincy Team
- The Guidance Team
- The Learning Support Coordinator
- The Home School Community Liaison Coordinator
- The Behaviour for Learning Teacher
- The School Completion Programme Coordinator
- The Principal and Deputy Principal

GUIDANCE TEAM



MS MARY CASEY AND
MR DAVID KEANE
(GUIDANCE
COUNSELLORS)

The school's Guidance Counsellors support the students in a number of ways. As members of the Care Team, they support the welfare and wellbeing of all of the school's students. As Career Guidance teachers, they advise and support the students in college and career choices, both in classroom settings and through one-to-one consultations.

College Awareness Week is a key date in the school calendar. As well as guest speakers from universities and other third level institutions, there is a strong focus on the involvement of past-pupils who are always very happy to share their wisdom and experience.

The 6th Years are supported in CAO and other third level applications. The Guidance team also liaises with all of the third level institutions in relation to the many programmes that are available to school's students, including CTY (DCU), Future You (UCD) and Take 5 (Dublin universities). As a DEIS school, many of our students qualify for access programmes such as HEAR, DARE and TAP (TCD), and the Guidance Team supports them around applications for same.

The Guidance Team also plays a crucial role in the transition of students from primary school to St Kilian's, and in organising and guiding their subject choices throughout their secondary school lives.



MS SHEELAGH MURTAGH AND
MS ROSEANNE SINNOTT (CHAPLAINS)

CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplain plays a pivotal role in the pastoral care and support of the students and in guiding their spiritual development. Retreats are facilitated for students in year groups. Religious services, conducted by the chaplaincy, reflect the diversity and multi-denominational nature of the school community. The Chaplain also works, where appropriate, with parents, guardians and family members of students.

The Chaplain organises and leads the school community in liturgies and celebrations across the school year including Christmas, Easter and start-of-year and end-of-year services. Multi-denominational services are a recent feature of the school's religious services, reflecting the diverse and multicultural nature of the school community.

The Chaplain also works with parents, guardians and family members of students, where appropriate.

BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (BFL) TEACHER

Through the support of the National Council for Special Education (NCSE), St Kilian's is in the fortunate position of having a highly-trained and skilled Behaviour for Learning (BFL) Teacher. Behaviour for Learning supports students by teaching positive skills and behaviours, enabling optimum student engagement in learning in the classroom.

The BFL Teacher supports students in three different ways:

LEVEL 1 support is provided to all students and focusses on time management, organisation and homework skills. The self-regulation '*Alert*' programme teaches students to be 'just right' for learning.

LEVEL 2 provides support for students in small groups. Programmes at this level include *Why Try*, *Friends for Life*, *Talkabout for Teenagers* and *Working Things Out*.

LEVEL 3 support provides a one-to-one programme for individual students and, if appropriate, works with families and outside agencies to consolidate the work being done with the student at school level.



MS FIDELMA NÍ MHURCHÚ
(BFL TEACHER) AND
MS NUALA FARRELL
(LEARNING SUPPORT
COORDINATOR)



JANE SHARPE (SCP COORDINATOR),
AUDREY DALTON AND SUZANNE KELLY

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

St Kilian's Community School is committed to ensuring that all of its students reach their full potential. The Learning Support Team plays a key role in ensuring that this happens. Members of the Team:

- Liaise with primary schools about the needs of incoming students.
- Work with the Guidance Team in relation to results of the 'cognitive ability test' taken by students on Entrance Assessment Day.
- Work with management in ensuring that programmes of support are put in place, as appropriate. These include in-class, one-to-one and SNA supports.
- Liaise with the local Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) and the National Educational Psychological Services (NEPS) in relation to resources and supports for the school and the students.
- Work with Visiting Teachers (for students whose disabilities require specialist support).
- Liaise with the Principal in relation to Irish Exemption applications.
- Support students in relation to Reasonable Accommodations (RACE) applications.
- Support students in relation to Disability Access Route (DARE) applications to third level colleges.

SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAMME (SCP)

Ballywaltrim School Completion Programme (SCP) is based at St Kilian's, and provides supports for its students, as well as those from St Fergal's National School and other local schools.

BSCP provides positive supports to encourage young people to stay in school and complete the Leaving Certificate.

The supports at St Kilian's include:

- Transfer and Summer Induction Programmes
- The Mentoring Programme
- Breakfast and Homework Clubs
- BEST (Ballywaltrim Educational Supports and Tuition)
- Personal Development Programmes
- Study Skills

DEIS

St Kilian's is a DEIS school. DEIS is an acronym for *Delivering Equality of Opportunity In Schools*. Its central tenet is inclusion, particularly, for those who are disadvantaged in any way. As part of this designation, the school sets targets for itself in the areas of *Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance, Retention, Academic Attainment, Transitions, Wellbeing, Partnership with Parents and with Others*. These targets are regularly monitored and evaluated.

St Kilian's receives extra resources and supports to promote students' engagement with secondary education and their access to third level education. The school's supports include a Home School Community Liaison Teacher, a Behaviour for Learning Teacher, enhanced Guidance provision, a JCSP Library and Librarian and access to the School Completion Programme and its initiatives.

TRUSTEES

St Kilian's Community School operates under the joint trusteeship of:

- Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board
- The Franciscan Order
- The Marist Sisters

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

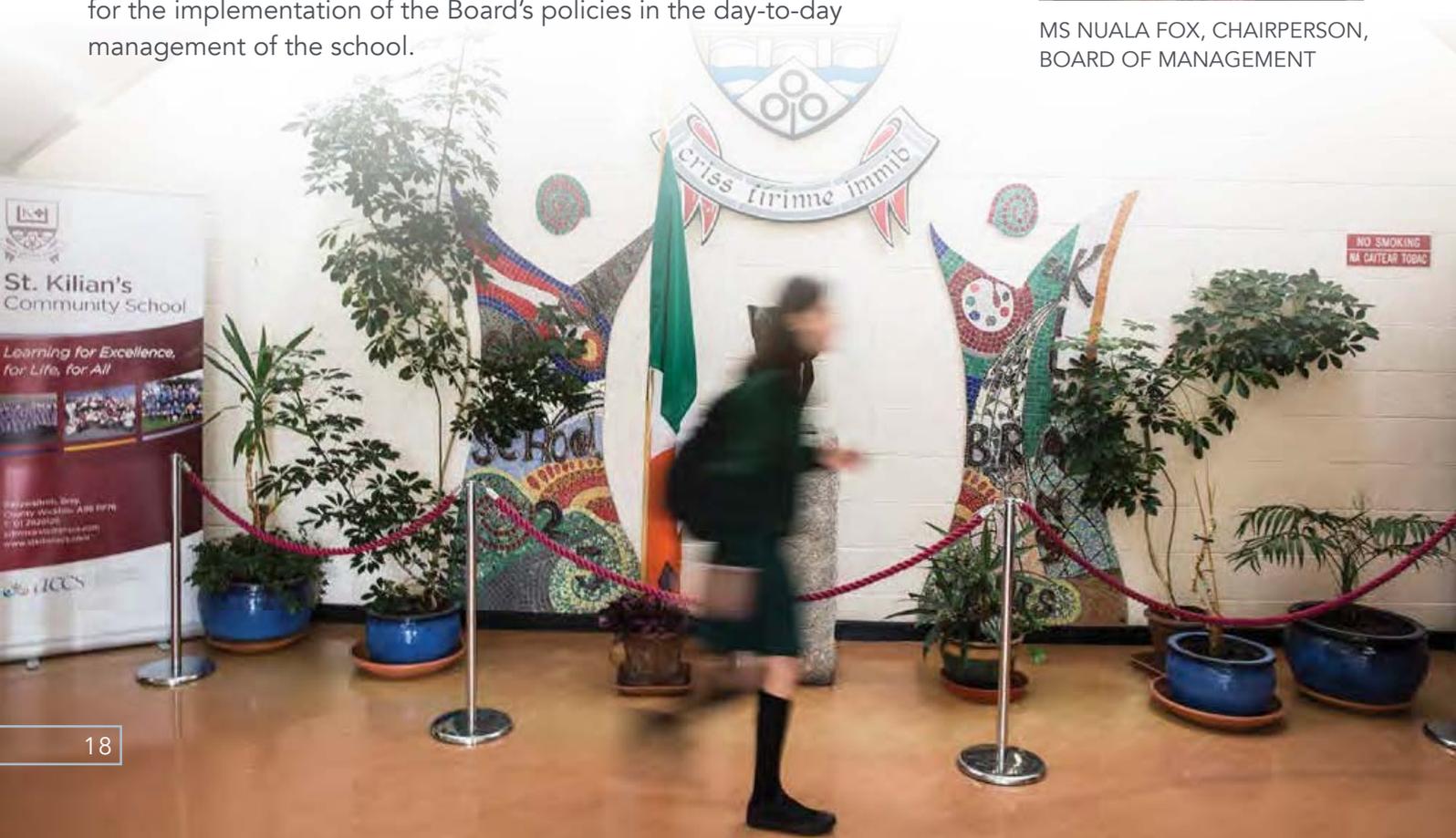
The Board of Management comprises the following:

- Three nominees from Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board
- Three nominees from the school's religious trustees, the Marist Sisters and the Franciscan Order.
- Two nominees elected by parents and guardians.
- Two nominees elected by the teaching staff of the school.

Each Board serves a three-year term. The Principal is responsible for the implementation of the Board's policies in the day-to-day management of the school.



MS NUALA FOX, CHAIRPERSON,
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



HEAD BOYS & GIRLS AND PREFECTS



Early in last term, a provisional team of 5th Year Prefects is selected for the following school year. These students immediately replace the 6th Year Prefects who, at this stage, are busily preparing for their Leaving Cert exams.

The Head Boy and Girl, and their Deputies are selected in late May, following a selection process involving the Principal, Deputy Principal and incoming 6th Year Head. The successful candidates are then announced, along with the finalised Prefect list.

Prefect duties include:

- Assemblies and First Year Pastoral Care classes.
- Canteen supervision.
- Open Night and other significant school events
- Being role models and mentors to their student peers, especially Junior students.

MENTOR PROGRAMME

At the end of 5th Year, students are selected to become Mentors to the incoming First Year Group. Mentors receive training from the School Completion Programme and then assist the SCP with the Summer Transfer Programme. They continue to act as Mentors to the First Year students, throughout their first year in secondary school. The many roles they have include:

- Assisting with the First Year Induction Programme in August.
- Attending First Year Assemblies throughout the school year.
- Checking in with and providing a friendly face for students at break times.
- Encouraging students to participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Listening to First Year students' concerns and advising them on how to access help and support.

STUDENT VOICE

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council in St Kilian's is comprised of an elected boy and girl from each Year Group and the Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls.

At St Kilian's, the Student Council gives the student body a voice by being involved in the development, updating and awareness-raising of school policies.

The Student Council organises a programme of social and fundraising events, through the school year. It is also affiliated to the County Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg, the Wicklow Youth Group, which allows students to have a say on services, policies and issues that affect them in their local area.



ENROLMENT POLICY

St Kilian's is a multi-denominational, co-educational community school with an inclusive ethos. Applications for places at the school are open to those who live in the school's catchment area. Full details can be found in the school's Enrolment policy, which is available on the school's website (www.stkilianscs.com) or from the School Office.



PLACES IN FIRST YEAR

A detachable Application Form is included at the back of this Prospectus. Forms are also available on the school website and from the School Office.

- Completed application forms must be returned to the school before the Halloween break in the year prior to entry.
- Decisions on places are made, with respect to the Enrolment Policy, and successful candidates are offered places immediately after Christmas.
- The school's Entrance Assessment Day takes place usually on the last Saturday in January.
- An Information Evening for Incoming First Year students and their families is held in April.
- The Transfer and Induction programmes take place over the summer months.

TRANSFERS (ALL APPLICANTS OTHER THAN THOSE APPLYING FOR PLACES IN FIRST YEAR)

Transfer Forms are available on the school website and from the School Office.

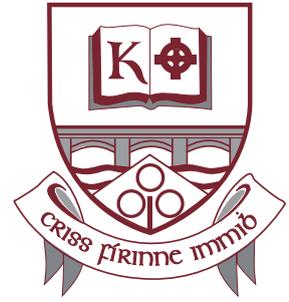
Completed forms are returned to the School Office.

Applications are processed in accordance with the Enrolment Policy.

My son joined St Kilian's in 5th Year in 2017 and was made to feel very welcome. He settled in very quickly and has been encouraged to pursue his passion for music and the arts. Inclusivity is an integral part of the school's ethos, expressed in many ways, from multi-cultural events to parental involvement in day-to-day activities. School management are wholeheartedly engaged and highly skilled in helping each student realise his/her potential.

(Jacinta Mandyam, Parent)

St Kilian's Community School Application for Enrolment



Year student wishes to enrol

Student's Full Name

Date of Birth / / Male Female (Please tick one box)

Present School

Parent/Guardian making application

Relationship to the Student

Address

Contact Number(s) (1) (2)

Email address

Siblings at St Kilian's CS

Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date / /

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received / / Signed

NOTES:

Please indicate (✓) if you are happy to receive correspondence in relation YES
to this application by email. NO

This application is not a guarantee of a place for the named student at St Kilian's CS.





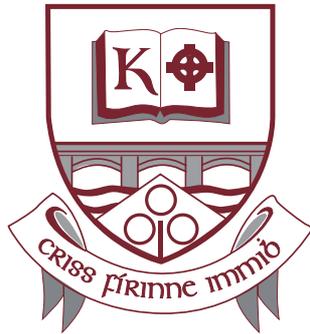
“ I am a past-pupil and also a parent of two boys who attend the school. I could not imagine sending my children anywhere else. I was welcomed, respected, educated and happy at St Kilian’s. Every child should learn and develop in an atmosphere like this. ”
(Anne McGlone (Breen), Past-pupil and Parent)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER Lourdes Pilgrimage
- SEPTEMBER Ploughing Championship Trips
- OCTOBER Open Night
- OCTOBER Soundwaves
- NOVEMBER Anti-Bullying Week
- DECEMBER College Awareness Week
- DECEMBER Wigilia
- DECEMBER Christmas Blessing & Concert
- JANUARY Multicultural Day
- JANUARY Entrance Assessment Day
- FEBRUARY Mock Exams
- MARCH Seachtain na Gaeilge
- MARCH TY Killary Trip
- APRIL Gaisce Walk
- MAY Sports Day
- MAY 6th Year Graduation
- MAY TY Parents' Night
- MAY End-of-Year Awards
- JUNE State Examinations
- JUNE Music Generation Summer Camp





ST KILIAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure the best possible education for our students, we believe that everyone:

- Has rights with responsibilities
- Must be treated fairly and equally
- Should be supported to be the best they can be
- Should get value for the time they spend
- Must be shown respect
- Should feel welcome and have fun
- Must be able to access high quality facilities

LEARNING FOR EXCELLENCE,
FOR LIFE, FOR ALL