PROSPECTUS



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St Nathy's College

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Mission Statement

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All of our school endeavours and activities are towards these objectives.

School Motto & Crest

"Robur Nathaei" translates as "The Strength of Nathy". The Crest incorporates a book symbolising learning, four oak leaves symbolising longevity, the lion symbolising strength, the star symbolising Divine guidance and the three Celtic Crosses symbolising the Holy Trinity.

St. Nathy's College is a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School under the trusteeship of the Bishop of Achonry. The school is proud to serve as educators for the Ballaghaderreen area and attracts students from within a ten mile radius of the town.

The aim of the school is to ensure that your children will get the best education possible. You can feel confident that they will be given every encouragement and opportunity to develop their potential not only academically but also socially and spiritually. We hope that their time in school will be memorable, enjoyable and a source of enrichment. Be assured that they will receive every assistance to prepare them for life both in school and in the wider world.

WELCOME

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am delighted to welcome you and your family to St. Nathy's College.

St. Nathy's College was established in 1810. As one of the oldest post-primary schools in Ireland, St. Nathy's College has a rich history as a community of faith and learning.

Our mission is to facilitate the spiritual, academic, social and human development of each student by encouraging and enabling each student to be the best they can be. We do so in a caring environment inspired by gospel values of love, respect, honesty and justice. We strive to guide and nurture each student regardless of their denomination. While we are rooted in the Christian faith tradition, this invites us to be welcoming and inclusive of all faith traditions and none. We see in each student the potential for kindness, honesty and goodness. Therefore, each student receives an education based on positive moral values which will enable them to be a force for good in the world.

The Pastoral Care and support provided for each student is a key characteristic of life in St. Nathy's College. Each student from First Year to Sixth Year is assigned a Tutor and Year Head who supports the learning and personal development of each student, with particular attention to the needs of each individual student. Each student is supported by a network of committed, caring and professional teachers, Guidance Counsellors and support staff. This enables all students to develop enquiring minds and be active learners both inside and outside the classroom. Consequently, the development of the student voice and student leadership skills are integral to life in St. Nathy's College.

The College Patron appoints the Board of Management which includes nominees from both the parent and teaching bodies ensuring good governance of the College. In addition all parents are encouraged to actively participate in the Parents' Association. The Board of Management works closely with all its partners in promoting the strategic vision of the College.

St. Nathy's College offers a comprehensive academic curriculum in addition to a wide range of extra curricular activities. I invite you to attend our **Open Evening on Thursday 15th October at 5:00 pm** to introduce you to the College and to have an opportunity to meet with students and staff. Further information is also available in this prospectus and on our website to support students and their families in the transition to St. Nathy's and in choosing subjects for Junior Cycle.

Joining St. Nathy's College is exciting. It is a significant and formative stage in a young person's life. It is about meeting new people, learning new things and rising to new challenges. Our College Motto is Robour Nathaei, the strength of Nathy. May the strength of St. Nathy bring joy and fulfilment to all our students on their journey through post-primary school. No student is ever alone on this journey, please contact us if you have any queries. May the years ahead be an enriching and enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Henry.



Fr Martin Henry



Ms Geraldine Gildea
Deputy Principal



Mr John Guilfoyle
Deputy Principal



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SCHOOL MOTTO

The school motto is 'Robur Nathaei ' (strength of Nathy). We strive to live this motto on a daily basis by encouraging everyone in the College to love God, love each other and love learning.

St. Nathy's College as a Catholic voluntary secondary school is committed to:

• partnership with parents and the community

• providing students of all abilities with a secure, caring, and stimulating environment where personal integrity and learning can be achieved

• all students are encouraged to develop their talent and character and thus contribute positively to their home, school, parish, and society

WHY CHOOSE ST NATHYS COLLEGE ?

- A long-standing tradition and culture of success, achievement and excellence in education
- High expectations of students to achieve their potential
- A 21st century school with excellent facilities
- Excellent success in Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate examinations
- A wide ranging curriculum of 19 subjects
- A wide range of extra-curricular activities including Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Athletics, Gymnastics, Table-Tennis, Games Club, Book Clubs, Chess, Pool
- A vibrant, enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to helping students succeed
- Excellent Pastoral Care and support systems
- Free Book Scheme for all Junior & Senior Cycle students
- Supervised Evening Study
- Canteen facilities offering freshly prepared hot & cold meals
- A strong sense of community



SCHOOL FACILITIES

St. Nathy's College is proud of the range of top level educational facilities it has to offer. Among these are:

- Library
- Music Room
- Art Room
- Engineering Room
- Building Constuction Rooms
- Science Laboratories
- Home Economics Room
- Career Guidance Rooms
- Chapel and Oratory
- Study Hall
- Computer Rooms
- High speed wifi
- 4 banks of mobile laptops for classroom use
- PE Hall with changing facilities
- Sports Complex incorporating full size basketball court and handball alley
- Playing Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Astro all weather Pitch
- Classrooms with excellent audio visual facilities including visualisers
- Canteen Facilities providing breakfast before school, in addition to food at break and lunch time

SCHOOL DAY

The school day begins with tutor time and roll call. Students are at school from 08:57 - 15:55 Monday - Thursday and 08:57 - 13:30 on Friday. The Canteen provides a variety of hot and cold food for morning break and lunchtime and also accommodates those students who wish to bring a packed lunch.

OFFICE

The school office is located at reception. The office is open daily from 08:30 to 16:30. Parents and visitors may visit the office or contact the school secretary by email at office@stnathys.com or by telephone at 094 9860010.

UNIFORM

The school uniform promotes a sense of belonging to the school community and is a visual symbol of St. Nathy's College. All students wear the school uniform during the school day and when participating in a school organised events. It is essential that students maintain a high standard of personal appearance when wearing the school uniform in accordance with the Code of Behaviour.

Boys' Uniform: navy blue trousers, light grey shirt, blue crested jumper, fully black footwear with black laces, black/navy socks and navy crested jacket.

Girls' Uniform: knee length school kilt/navy blue trousers, blue crested jumper, light grey shirt, fully black footwear with black laces, black/navy socks and a navy crested jacket. Black tights must be worn with the school kilt.

Footwear: Appropriate footwear must be fully black with black laces. Sports shoes must only be worn during PE and/or sport activities.

Head Dress: Head dress is permissible where deemed appropriate. The hijab worn by students must be plain navy in colour and of shoulder length.

School Jacket: A crested College jacket is available. No other jackets and/or hoodies are permitted to be worn inside the school building or on the school premises.

PE Uniform: The PE uniform consists of a crested school t-shirt, a crested half-zip top and crested black bottoms. Students bring this clothing with them to school in a suitable bag



FREE BOOK SCHEME

The Post-primary Schoolbooks Scheme ensures that free schoolbooks and core classroom resources are available to all students. All schoolbooks remain the property of the school and are on loan to students. Additionally students in St. Nathy's College have free access to Studyclix, Edpuzzle and Languagenut all of which are online platforms.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care in St Nathy's College has at its centre the recognition of the uniqueness of each student. We aim to create a safe and caring environment where each student is valued and supported to achieve their full potential. The welfare of each individual student is paramount and we promote the full academic and personal development of our students within a Christian environment. As a Catholic school, we aim to live by the gospel values of love, respect, honesty and justice.

Our approach to Pastoral Care ensures that every student is known as an individual and given every opportunity to flourish and develop. Each student within the community of St Nathy's has a Tutor and a Year Head. Students meet with their Tutor each morning. This provides an excellent opportunity for regular group discussion where students talk about relevant issues which support their wellbeing. Tutor time also provides a safe space for a student to discuss issues or concerns that they may be experiencing with a member of staff.



GUIDANCE

The guidance department at St Nathy's College views the development of positive self-esteem as essential for students. The department works with all year groups and is involved in classroom activities, one to one guidance where students are provided with a safe space to discuss personal issues in addition to subject choice and subject levels.









STUDENT LEADERSHIP

MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

St. Nathy's provides opportunities for students to develop their understanding of social issues, to engage with the reality of the world and to make positive contributions to the lives of others especially those in need. We encourage our students to grow in their awareness of their duty and responsibility towards others, to gain the skills to articulate their thoughts and to become responsible and compassionate members of society.

MENTORING



The transition from primary to secondary school is exciting but can be challenging. Therefore, St. Nathy's has a mentoring system in place for First Year students. Mentors are Senior Cycle students. A mentor supports a First Year student who transfers to St. Nathy's from the primary school where both the mentor and First Year attended. Young people relate exceptionally well to their peers and in this capacity the mentors provide a seamless transition to St. Nathy's for First Years. By meeting with the First Year student regularly, the mentors help to address any issues or concerns new students may be experiencing.



STUDENT COUNCIL

A Student Council is elected in each school year consisting of students from each year group. The Student Council meets regularly to discuss issues and promote student initiatives. In this way, students are provided with numerous opportunities to develop leadership skills at all levels during their years in St. Nathy's.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Retreats
- Choir
- Sport
- Educational Tours
- Career Symposiums
- School Shows
- Quizzes
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Green Schools

The many achievements in the areas of extra curricular activities include :

- Junk Couture
- Creative Engagement
- Young Historian of the Year
- Various Quiz Competitions
- Art Competitions
- Sci-Fest
- Maths Competitions
- Gaisce President's Award
- John Paul II Award

SUPERVISED EVENING STUDY

Research shows that a good study routine leads to good results and so every effort is made to facilitate and promote teaching and learning, both during and after school. Supervised evening study provides an environment to help improve study skills. During evening study students have access to school based computers and excellent quality Wi-Fi. The College provides facilities for supervised study from Monday -Thursday from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

SPORT

Sport plays an important part in life of the College.



St. Nathy's College has a long and proud tradition of sporting and extra curricular activities. The sport facilities and resources include extensive playing fields, an all-weather astro pitch, two basketball courts, an indoor sports complex with changing facilities. Students participate in a wide range of sporting activities and competitions within school and through extra-curricular provision under the guidance of expert coaches. These include Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Athletics and Gymnastics. At St. Nathy's we are committed to competitive sport, along with its ability to build character and underline the importance of fair play and teamwork. Our students and sports teams frequently enjoy high levels of success at regional and national level.



CURRICULUM

St. Nathy's College is committed to educating young people in an ever-changing and increasingly challenging world. We provide an education which imparts knowledge, develops creativity and instils a love of learning.

JUNIOR CYCLE

St. Nathy's College offers a broad range of subject choice for Junior Cycle. At Junior Cycle, students are taught through a broad and balanced curriculum which allows students to develop skills and knowledge across a wide range of subjects. Underpinning the new Junior Cycle are a set of principles, key skills and statements of learning. The Junior Cycle places the student at the centre of the learning process. It allows for new ways of learning and a broader range of skills to properly assessed.

JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS

Core Subjects

Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Religion, Physical Education, Science, SPHE, CSPE, Computers, Wellbeing

In addition students choose four of the following subjects:

Visual Art, Business, Engineering, French, Graphics, Home Economics, Music, Wood Technology





TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is a one year programme between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle. Transition Year offers students the opportunity to mature and develop through a broad variety of learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. Along with formal academic studies, TY students undertake work experience and social awareness placements, community outreach, educational trips, cultural experiences, trips to European destinations and visits by guest speakers.

Each year TY students are involved in supporting the work of the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul and an annual stage production.

LCW

LCW stands for Life, Community and Work, a new two-year Leaving Certificate subject which replaces the old Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP). Its aim is to help students build practical life skills, self-awareness, and career foundations for life after school. It combines personal development, local community engagement, work experience, and career exploration. Key Skills: Emphasizes communication, teamwork, digital literacy, resilience, and creative problem-solving.

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SENIOR CYCLE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Leaving Certificate students follow a two year programme leading to the Leaving Certificate Examination. St. Nathy's College offers three programmes of study in preparation for the Leaving Cert. These programmes are:

- Traditional Leaving Cert
- Life, Community & Work (LCW)
- Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)

TRADITIONAL LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Students study 7 subjects for the Leaving Cert. In addition to the core subjects of Irish, English and Maths students must study an additional four subjects. Students can study all subjects at higher or ordinary level.

St. Nathy's provides 18 subjects for students to chose from.

SENIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS

Business	Science	Built Environment	Applied Sciences	Humanities & Foreign Language	Cultural
Accounting	Agricultural Science	Construction Technology	Physical Education (LCPE)	History	Art
Business	Biology	Engineering	Home Economics	Geography	Music
	Chemistry	Design & Communica-tion Graphics		Religion	
	Physics			French	
	Physics/ Chemistry				

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED (LCA)

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self-contained two-year Senior Cycle programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. This programme is designed to meet the needs of students who are not adequately catered for by the other Leaving Certificate programmes. Grades are allocated on a continuous assessment basis over the two years of the programme with practical's/interviews and final written papers among the different forms of assessment used. Students who complete the LCA have various options for progression to further and higher education.




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