

St. Mary's Secondary School Newport



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School Facilities

St. Mary's Secondary School is spacious with an abundance of natural light throughout our bright classrooms promoting a positive learning environment.

Our campus stretches across 6 acres and includes over 30 general purpose classrooms and a number of subject specialist rooms. Our sports facilities include a full-size gymnasium, tennis courts, basketball courts, a playing pitch and access to local astroturf.

Our subject specialist rooms include chemistry, physics, biology/agricultural science laboratories, two digital media rooms, library, home economics, applied technology, music, oratory, construction studies/woodwork, art, graphics/computer aided design rooms, two assembly halls and a guidance suite.

School Canteen - offers a wide range of convenient and healthy hot and cold lunch options.

Digital Learning Framework - our classrooms are equipped with the latest technology, which helps to enhance the teaching and learning experience of our students. In 2018 we introduced our after school Coding Club with great success and interest.

ipad Initiative - our optional ipad initiative commenced in September 2020 for First Year students. Students reported that the use of ipads has impacted positively on them, in particular with the reduction in the weight of their school bags and easy access to curriculum content and student resources. For full details please see our school website.

Google Classroom - this tool is used by teachers and students to upload classwork, homework, projects and revision material. Each student is issued with a gmail account on entering the school.

Supervised Study - supervised by faculty, it runs Monday to Thursday from 4.10 p.m. to 6.10 p.m.



Junior Cycle

Subjects are divided into Core and Optional

Core Subjects

English	Mathematics	Geography	SPHE	Religious Education
Gaeilge	Science	History	Digital Media Literacy	Wellbeing: Physical Education & CSPE

Modern Foreign Languages: Students must choose one from the three languages on offer

French	German	Spanish
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Optional Subjects

Students select two subjects from the optional list PLUS one Modern Language

Applied Technology	Business Studies	Graphics	Home Economics	Music	Visual Art	Wood Technology
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Junior Cycle Wellbeing

Student wellbeing is at the core of many of our curriculum subjects such as CSPE, Physical Education, SPHE and Guidance, and is developed through our extra-curricular activities and co-curricular learning. These skills and tools are vital to help students realise their abilities, take care of their physical wellbeing and cope with the normal stresses of life.



Transition Year

St. Mary's Secondary School offers the option of Transition Year to students who have completed the Junior Certificate. We have a dynamic, exciting and challenging TY programme. Such is the success of Transition Year that on average approximately 85% of third year students opt for transition year. Entry is via application and interview.

Senior Cycle

The Leaving Certificate Programme aims to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge that will enable them to fulfill University and Third Level College requirements, as well as enhance their future employment prospects.



- Students currently study eight subjects in the Leaving Certificate.
- Each student will study English, Gaelge and Mathematics plus four other optional subjects.
- There is a choice of Four Science subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Agricultural Science.
- There are Eighteen Optional subjects to choose from.

Accounting
Agricultural Science
Art
Construction Studies
Biology

Business
Chemistry
DCG
French
Geography

German
History
Home Economics
Music

Physical Education
Physics
Spanish
Techology

Subjects listed above do not represent bands offered

LCVP (Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme) has a strong vocational dimension. It gives students the opportunity to engage in self-directed learning as well as exposure to innovation and enterprise.

Student Wellbeing

Guidance Counselling Service - St. Mary's Secondary School has a full time Career Guidance Counsellor who is available to the entire student body, should issues of a personal or educational nature arise.

Student Support Team - a Student Support Team is in place and consists of the Principal, Deputy-Principal, Year Heads, Learning Support Coordinator and Guidance Counsellor.

Class Tutors - each junior class group is assigned a class tutor. The tutor compliments the role of the year head.

Leaving Certificate Class of 2023 - Onward Destinations and Career Paths

The graduating class of 2023 has embarked on an exciting range of career paths including a range of apprenticeships, post-leaving certificate courses and third level studies. The University of Limerick welcomed the majority of students studying a wide range of degree programmes including Business, Law and Accounting, Social Sciences, Criminal Justice, Arts, Mathematics, Engineering, Computer Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Biological and Chemical Sciences.

Students enrolled at the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (TUS), studying a broad selection of undergraduate degrees in Art and Design, Forensic and Pharmaceutical Science, Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Software Development, Automobile Technology, Quantity Surveying, Business and Strength and Conditioning.

Other students are studying various courses such as; Bachelor of Education at Mary Immaculate College, Medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons, Culinary Arts and Nursing at Muster Technological University, Applied Psychology at University College Cork, Law at Waterford Institute of Technology and Applied Biology and Pharmaceutical Science at Galway Mayo Institute of Technology.

Extra-Curricular Activities

While the pursuit of academic excellence is nurtured at St. Mary's, we also pride ourselves in our commitment to providing students with an all-round education, offering a wide range of varied and interesting extra-curricular activities.

These cultural, social and recreational pursuits aim to develop our students' interests and skills ensuring experiences in school will take them further in life.

Hurling	Drama
Camogie	Poetry Competitions
BT Young Scientist Competition	Rowing
Athletics	Library open at lunchtimes
Soccer both Girls and boys	Gaisce
Retreats, each year group	Texaco Art Competitions
School Choir	Student Council
Music Workshops	TY tour
Scifest	Musical
Horse Riding	Artistic Engagement
Vex Robotics	Debating



Student Leadership

On a daily basis we provide opportunities for our students to experience leadership roles in our school.

Gaisce (The Presidents Awards) - transition year students work to obtain their bronze medal.



Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards - students are nominated by parents and school management for the national awards.



Student Council - the student council are democratically elected by their peers. The council meets regularly and makes a very positive contribution to our school.

First Year Mentoring Team - this team consists of volunteers from TY and fifth year. The mentors work with small groups of first year students, assisting them with settling in, reading the timetable and using their lockers.

Green Schools - this committee is very active in our school and we are proud of the advancements made in sustainability and conservation.



Learning to Learn

As a forward-thinking school focused on well-being and learning programmes which empower students to learn more effectively and to develop their social and emotional intelligence.

In 2017 we introduced a programme titled Learning to Learn. The programme is designed for 12-15-year-old students to provide them with practical learning and self-awareness strategies that enable them to feel more confident, connected and engaged in their studies. The programme runs for first, second and third years.