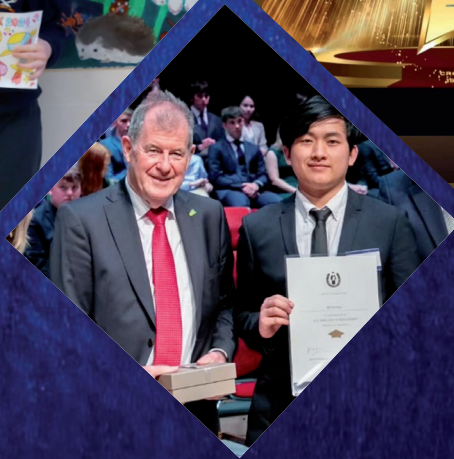


ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

Co-Educational | Post-Primary School



PROSPECTUS 2026



Welcome to St. Clare's College

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for taking time to read our Prospectus, which will provide you with an opportunity to see what is on offer in St. Clare's College, both in our curriculum and also in the many different activities that take place inside and outside the classroom.

We are a diocesan co-educational secondary school. Our patron is Bishop Martin Hayes. St. Clare's College has a rich history that spans six decades and we continue to be committed to the founding vision of the Sisters of St. Clare, *"to bring service to the community"*. Our mission statement reflects our ethos *"to provide quality teaching and learning within a caring climate of mutual respect and in accordance with the teachings and values of the Catholic Church, to impart to our students confidence, skills, spiritual awareness and knowledge to help them achieve peace in their lives"*.

Our school has grown and flourished over the years and we look forward to the progression of our current building project. The additional accommodation of a Home Economics Room, a Special Educational Needs Unit, a Music Room, a Textiles Room, two Science Labs, will further enhance our provision to quality teaching and learning.

St. Clare's College has a vibrant, friendly and welcoming environment. We have a dedicated and enthusiastic staff who are committed to ensuring that students develop and achieve their potential. There is a wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, which enhances the holistic development of our students. Our Wellbeing Programme guides students in learning the knowledge, attitudes and skills to protect and promote their own wellbeing and that of others.

Our curriculum offers a wide range of subjects at both Junior and Senior Cycle. We also offer a Transition Year Programme. L.C.A. Programme and LCVP along with the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate. We also have a moderate learning class- Solas.

It is always a source of joy to celebrate the many successes of our students. We take pride in the excellent results of our Leaving Certificate students and wish them continued success in their future careers.

School begins at 9am and we ask for the co-operation of parents and guardians on the issue of punctuality. Good attendance is vital in achieving the best learning outcomes.

Moving to secondary school is an exciting time for students, it is a time of new opportunity. Our Year Head team, Form Teachers, Student Support Team, Guidance Counsellor, Student Council, Prefects, Wellness Warriors and Mentors have important roles in helping new students settle into St. Clare's College.

A Registration Fee of €30 provides students with a locker and 24 hour limited insurance. Following the introduction of the Department of Education Schoolbooks Scheme, students are provided with all textbooks and stationery.

Principal: Teresa Donnellan



Principal Ms. Teresa Donnellan and Deputy Principal Ms. Ciara Deasy.

OPEN NIGHT

Thursday
23rd October '25
Commencing at 6.30pm

Applications for enrolment will be accepted from Thursday 23rd October to Thursday 13th November 2025.

An original birth certificate, passport size photo and a PPS number are also required for enrolment.



Natasza Witalec and Lunarah Cavalcante with their woodwork projects.



Isabella McGuire with her CBA for Junior Cycle on St. Elizabeth.

CURRICULUM

ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE IS A DIOCESAN CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL

Our curriculum offers a Transition Year Programme, L.C.A. Programme and L.C.V.P. along with the Junior and Leaving Certificate, including the new Junior Cycle.

Our Solas class is a moderate learning class and continues to run successfully in St. Clare's College.

JUNIOR CYCLE:

(Three years)

- English
- Geography
- Gaeilge
- French
- Physical Education
- Mathematics
- C.S.P.E.
- Business Studies
- S.P.H.E.
- History
- Materials Technology (*Wood*)
- Art, Craft & Design
- Home Economics
- Technical Graphic
- Music
- Engineering (*Metal*)
- Religious Education
- Science
- Wellbeing (*I.T. and Study Skills*)

TRANSITION YEAR MODULES:

- Work Placement and Guidance
- Music
- Costume Design
- English Studies
- Mini Company Student Enterprise Awards
- Cookery
- An Gaisce President Awards
- Crafts
- Computer Studies
- French - Way of Life and Language
- Creative Wood-Craft
- Geography
- Drama
- Fieldwork Studies
- Creative Writing
- Local History-Research
- Newsletter and Magazine Publishing
- Mathematics for Life
- PE
- Scientific Approach to Problem Solving
- Social Service Links
- Yoga
- Outdoor Pursuits
- First Aid
- Religious Education
- Cultural Food Study
- Green Schools
- Spanish
- Creative Metal Work Craft
- Dance
- Motivational Workshops
- Mental Health Awareness
- Young Social Innovators
- Spikeball
- Gaeilge Fáinne Oral Irish
- Drive for Life
- GAA Future Leaders Programme





6th Year students receiving their Certificates for Academic Excellence 2025.

SENIOR CYCLE:

(Two years)

- Irish
- History
- Religious Education
- English
- Geography
- Art
- Mathematics
- Construction Studies
- Home Economics
(*Social & Scientific*)
- Music
- Biology
- French
- Business
- Agricultural Science
- Physical Education
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Skills
- Design & Communication
Graphics
- Physics
- Career Guidance
- Economics
- Accountancy

CURRICULUM

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a two year programme which prepares students for adult and working life. It focuses on different ways of learning, continuous assessment and work experience.

Modules

English and Communication, Irish / French, Mathematical Applications, Introduction to IT, Social Education, Leisure and Recreation, Careers / Vocational Preparation.

Specialisms

Technology, Hotel, Catering and Tourism.

Electives

Woodwork, Religious Education.

L.C.V.P. The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme provides opportunities for active learning through links with industry and the community. The Programme consists of; Link Modules - Preparation for the World of Work, Enterprise Education and Portfolio Assessment.

Moderate Learning Centre:

Solas Class Level 2 Subjects and Courses

English / Media Studies / Library class • Mathematics • Science
• Geography • History • S.P.H.E. • Social Skills • Computer Studies
• Drama • Music / Choir • Cookery • Religion • Physical Education
• Art • Woodwork • Meditation / Relaxation • Level 1 Learning
Programmes and Level 2 Learning Programmes.



6th Year students receiving their Certificates for Academic Excellence 2025.



Leaving Certificate students on their Geography field trip to Tannagh Adventure Centre.



First Year Prefects: Linards Caucis, Jessie Kelly, Jamie Coleman, Saibhe Mulvey, Nikita Alexandrianu, Olivia Stanley, Jake Power, Emily McBreen.

Career Guidance: Advice and support is available to all students at both senior and junior level. Senior students are prepared for career choice and college application.

Learning Support and Resource: Learning support and resource is available to students with learning difficulties. This can include in-class support, small learning groups and one to one tuition. A range of psychometric testing takes place each year.

E. A. L.: English as an additional language is a timetabled subject in St. Clare's College. This subject supports the development of oral and written English.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS: St. Clare's College is a Health Promoting school since June 2019. A health promoting school is a "school that constantly strengthens its capacity as a healthy setting for living, learning and working". We will continue to work on the three strands of physical activity, mental health and wellbeing.

STUDENT SUPPORTS: Prefects, mentors and our buddy system offer a support network to our students.

WELLNESS WARRIORS: This team of students and staff promote positive mental health in St. Clare's College through a variety of initiatives and activities.

HOME SCHOOL LINKS: The management and staff of St. Clare's fully recognise the importance of the role of parents in the education of their children. Closer co-operation between home and school is encouraged and meetings between teachers and parents are held at regular intervals throughout the school year. In addition to this, parents are welcome to call to the school at anytime by appointment to discuss the progress of their children.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: There is a very active Parents' Association in the College. They meet regularly and their contribution to the further development of the College is invaluable. Parents are encouraged to support their Association in whatever way possible. Parents are also represented on the College Board of Management.

STUDENT COUNCIL: The Student Council is a student body made up of elected representatives from each class. The Council meets fortnightly to discuss student issues.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRLS: Plain white shirt, plain navy knee length a-line skirt, optional plain navy trousers, school jumper, school jacket, school tie, strong black shoes, navy tights / white socks.

BOYS: Plain white shirt, plain navy trousers, school jumper, school jacket, school tie, black shoes.

PE - GIRLS / BOYS: New PE uniform being designed.

Uniforms are available from
Quick Mart, Express & Tech, Ballyjamesduff.



TRANSITION YEAR ACTIVITIES



Students attended a Money Mule workshop hosted by Cavan Credit Union.



Students Sorcha Farrelly, Grainne Farrelly and Kayla O'Reilly pictured at the Student Enterprise Awards run by the County Enterprise Board where they won best Intellectual Property Award in the Senior Section.



Gaisce Awards recipients.



Students enjoying the sunshine at their recent bonding trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre.



Cavan jerseys make it to Paris! Students in Stade de France.



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT - All Ireland Scholarship, UCD Entrance Scholarship and ETTA Award



Pictured at the scholarship ceremony in UL are Kelvin Gao and Ms. Teresa Donnellan with Mr. J.P. McManus, sponsor of the All-Ireland Scholarships and Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Mr. Patrick O'Donovan.



Mr. Colm Mitchell, with Kelvin Goa receiving his award from the Engineering Technology Teachers' Association for obtaining top marks in his Leaving Certificate Higher Level Engineering exam 2024.



Amy Shannon received the prestigious Trinity Exhibition Award for her outstanding Leaving Certificate results.



Nicole Briody, was announced as recipient of the "Outstanding Individual Achievement" award at the final of the 2025 Certified Irish Schools Competition. The award recognises an individual's contribution to their school group's competition performance. The group of students, Tara McCabe, Ellen McCaul, Bláthnaid Farrelly and Nicole Briody from St. Clare's College congratulated their peer at the prestigious grand final in the Hogan Suite. The awards ceremony took place after students had successfully completed research projects and reared five Angus calves over an 18-month period.



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES



Katherine Scott, Irish Heart Foundation presenting our students with their Local Hero Awards to Lily Rafferty Douglas, Éabha Tierney, Ella Harten, Aoife Brady, Aine Cusack Smith for using their CPR training in the community.



Fionn Galligan, Adam Briody and Nathan O'Reilly advanced to the National Finals in the Intermediate Section of the Student Enterprise Awards.



6th Year students receive recognition for their contribution to music along with teachers Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Donohoe.



Aoibhe McEnerney and Lexi Fannin with Ms. Reddington at the Created in Cavan cookery competition.



St. Clare's College once again hosted and participated the IMTA (Irish Maths Teachers Association) Pi Competition.



SPORT

St. Clare's College strives to maintain a balanced approach to education.

The school is therefore very much aware of the students need for sport and recreation.

The gymnasium provides a valuable sporting facility including an Olympic size basketball court.

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SPORTING AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Senior prefects represent St. Clare's College ready to welcome one of our guest speakers.



Our Wellness Warriors team: Ms. Anne-Marie McFall, Maria Lynch, Darina from the Teach Oscail Family Resource Centre in Cavan, Akvile Semetaite, Katelyn Doyle, Teagan Denning.
Ní neart go cur le chéile - There is strength in unity.



Breakfast club runs every Tuesday and Thursday mornings open to all students in St. Clare's College.



EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Carol singing at Christmas to fundraise for St Vincent de Paul.



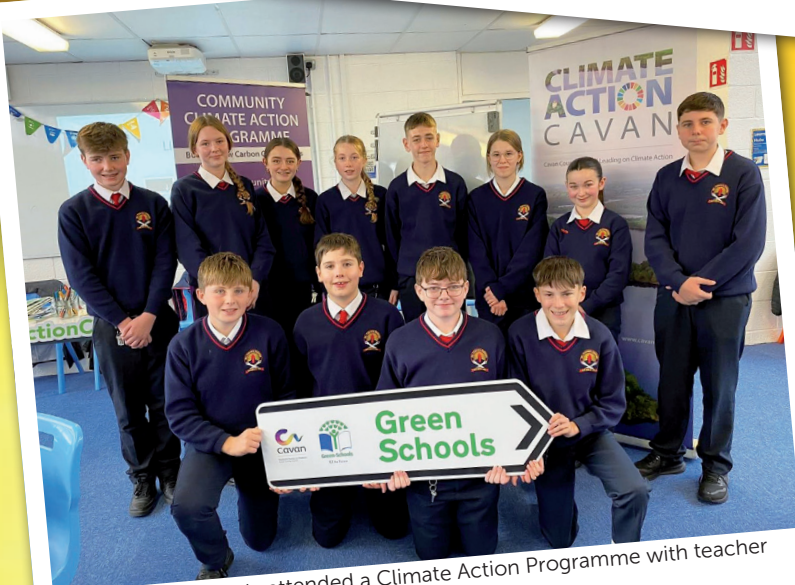
Wellness Warriors: Emer Mulvey, Sofia Ziliute, Akvile Semetaite, Cian Caffrey, Teegan Denning, Ethan Cahill, Katelyn Doyle, Zoe Kozbial, Caden Owen, Maria Lynch.



Solas Group.



Students Kieran Clarke and Maria Lynch welcome Minister Michael Moynihan to St. Clare's College.



Second year students attended a Climate Action Programme with teacher Ms. Lee.



ST. CLARE'S COLLEGE PROSPECTUS, 2026

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