

SALERNO SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Website: www.salerno.ie

Type of School: Girls, day pupils

Number of Pupils: 650

UNIFORM

Skirt:	Green and navy plaid
Shoes:	Black
Jumper:	Green with school crest
Shirt:	White



Brief Description

Salerno is an all girls Catholic Secondary School with a strong Christian ethos. It is run by a Board of Management under the Trusteeship of the Le Chile Schools Trust, set up by 13 Congregations, one of which is the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.

The educational philosophy of the school recognises the importance of each student reaching her full potential. This is achieved through the quality of education the students receive and by the witness of life lived there.

The friendly and caring atmosphere of the school encourages and motivates students in developing good interpersonal relationships which promotes self-esteem, mutual respect and consideration for others.

SUBJECTS

Junior Certificate Curriculum

The following are the **core subjects** which are examined in the Junior Certificate:

Academic Subjects

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- Geography
- CSPE
- Science
- Spanish
- History
- Geography
- SPHE
- Religious Education
- Career Guidance
- French
- Business
- Home Economics

Practical Subjects

- Art
- Physical Education
- Choir

Transition Year

The Salerno Transition Year Curriculum has been developed in accordance with *The Transition Year Programme Guidelines for Schools (Dept. of Education & Skills)*. The curriculum content and methodologies have been selected and adapted collaboratively by each subject department to suit the abilities and needs of the particular students.

The Transition Year Programme in Salerno offers pupils space to learn, mature and develop in the absence of examination pressure. There is a clear distinction between the Transition Year Programme and the corresponding Leaving Certificate syllabus. The curriculum offers a challenge to pupils in all areas of their development which includes intellectual content. On completion of Transition Year, students should be more equipped and disposed to study than their counterparts who did not have the benefit of this year. The curriculum is designed so that students become reflective young adults that are more prepared for the Leaving Certificate and the world of work.

The Transition Year timetable includes three weekly classes of the core subjects of Irish, English, Maths and a foreign language. In addition to these, Transition Year students spend ten weeks studying each of the optional Leaving Certificate subjects as well as several other TY specific subjects that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to study.

Core Subjects

- Irish
- Maths
- Spanish
- English
- French

Sample Senior Subjects

- History – Times Past
- Geography
- Environmental Sustainability
- Accounting – Sage Business
- Dragons - DenEconomics
- Art Appreciation
- Home Economics – Cookery
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Religion – Faith & Personal Development
- Fitness

TY Specific Subjects

- Law
- Music Appreciation
- Mental Health
- Social Outreach
- Toastmasters – Public Speaking
- Information Technology
- Creativity Class
- Careers Class – World of Work



Leaving Certificate Curriculum

The following are the **core subjects** which are examined in the Leaving Certificate:

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Career Guidance

Academic Subjects

- Accounting
- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Economics
- French
- Geography
- History
- Physics
- Spanish

Practical Subjects

- Art
- Home Economics
- Physical Education

Facilities

- 2 modern Computer Rooms with broadband facilities
- Library
- A fully equipped Home Economics Kitchen
- Sewing Room
- 3 modern Science Laboratories
- Career Guidance Office
- 2 Fully equipped Art Room
- Chaplaincy Office
- Prayer Room
- Resource classrooms for one to one tuition
- Wheelchair friendly
- Every Classroom has an overhead projector
- School teachers have the use of Wi-fi throughout the school

Home Economics & Sewing Room

Home Economics classes are taught in the kitchen and sewing room.

The sewing room is well resourced with its own computer and data projector. There are a number of sewing machines and other equipment that are used by the students when completing the textile studies element of the syllabus. A wide variety of cookery and craft books are available for use by the students.

The kitchen is used for practical cookery classes. This spacious and bright room was refurbished and is well equipped with modern appliances. The students work in groups during cookery classes at one of the nine individual units.

The Home Economic rooms have been decorated to foster and stimulate a positive learning environment. Both rooms are wheelchair friendly.

Art Rooms

Salerno has two Art Studios located on the first floor. We have chosen to call our rooms art studios, as a studio refers to an artist's work space. Both studios are bright, spacious and inspiring spaces. The students work is displayed on the walls on completion of projects, creating an evolving working space. Each year group is provided with their own storage shelf for their personal art folders. A wide variety of art, craft and design books are available for use by the students. Both studios are equipped with a data projector.

Career Guidance Office

Guidance and counselling helps students in Salerno with subject choice, career interests, course and college research, work experience preparation and study skills.

These activities blend with other subjects on the curriculum to support the student in developing a level of confidence and growth to achieve their potential.

Science Department

The Salerno Science department is comprised of three fully fitted-out science laboratories including two adjoining experiment preparation rooms which are used for storage of all chemicals and equipment and also the assembly of materials required for class experiments. As we provide for four leaving certificate science subjects, namely Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Agricultural Science, we have divided the laboratories into those that are specialised for the teaching of physical sciences and those specialised for biological sciences. To ensure efficient running of our science department we have a laboratory technician who along with science department teachers oversee the maintenance, supply and disposal of chemicals and equipment.

Sports

