

St Brendan's Community School

Birr, Co. Offaly.



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TYPE OF SCHOOL: Mixed School

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 900 Students approximately

Uniform

SENIOR GIRLS BOYS

Knee length pleated maroon skirt
/plain black trousers
Maroon jumper

Maroon socks/black tights

Blue blouse

Strong Black shoes

Black Shoes

JUNIOR GIRLS

Knee length pleated maroon skirt
/plain black trousers

Grey jumper
jumper

Maroon socks/black tights

Blue blouse

Strong Black shoes

SENIOR BOYS

Grey trousers

Grey jumper

Grey socks

Blue shirt

Strong Black shoes

JUNIOR

Grey trousers

Maroon

Grey socks

Blue shirt

Strong

The black trousers referred to for girls must be the designated school trousers as agreed with parents, students and staff i.e. plain black standard garment with one or two simple pockets at the waist and leg ends no wider than 30 cms, available in local shops. All girls senior and junior will wear the pleated knee length maroon skirt.

FOR SAFETY REASONS, RUNNERS/TRAINERS ARE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT FOR GAMES. WE HIGHLIGHT THE NECESSITY FOR BLACK SHOES, ESPECIALLY IN PRACTICAL AREAS. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO PRACTICAL CLASSES IN OTHER THAN STRONG BLACK SHOES.



FOR P. E. AND GAMES

Girls: - Runners, black track-suit leggings, polo-shirt. All items should be acquired before school re-opens.

Boys: - Runners and football boots, togs, t-shirt.

Subjects

Junior Cycle

1st Years

All 1st year students study the following core subjects:

Irish History Religious Education
English Geography Physical Education
Maths Science/Computer Studies Civic, Social & Political Education (C.S.P.E.)

During the first nine weeks students will also gain experience in a number of other subjects under the *Module System* as follows, and select three at the end of the module period to study to Junior Certificate.

- Art
- Business Studies
- Home Economics
- Materials Technology Metal
- Materials Technology Wood
- Music
- Technical Graphics
- German
- French

2nd & 3rd Years

Core Subjects

Irish History C.S.P.E
English Science R.E.
Maths Geography

Optional Subjects

- French
- German
- Home Economics
- Materials Technology Metal
- Materials Technology Wood
- Technical Graphics
- Business Studies
- Music
- Art
- Students will also follow a programme in Physical Education

Remedial Support Education

Based on assessment and class-work, students who need extra help are withdrawn for individual tuition. Some such students chose study skills as an option in 2nd and 3rd Year.

Senior Cycle

Options for Senior Years

After junior Certificate, students have a number of options:

- Traditional Leaving Certificate
- Applied Leaving Certificate
- Transition Year before going on to Leaving Certificate

Making an informed choice between these three options is a process for the individual student in consultation with parents and teachers. It is important that all those concerned should be realistic in their goals and expectations.

Traditional Leaving Certificate

One of the main features of the school has been the very wide choice of subjects available to students for the Leaving Certificate. Students are initially given an open choice of all available subjects.

When making subject choices students must keep in mind their gifts and future career plans. It must be borne in mind that some third level and career paths may require particular subjects. If one is undecided it is important to select a range of subjects, bearing in mind what one likes and is good at.

All students take Irish, English, Mathematics, Religious Education, Physical Education plus four other subjects from the following:

French	Agricultural Science	Physics	Biology
German	Business Organisation	Engineering	Technical Drawing
Geography	Accounting	Chemistry	Music
History	Social & Scientific (Home Economics)	Construction Studies	Art

Leaving Certificate Vocational (L.C.V.P.)

This is not a separate programme but rather an enhancement of the traditional Leaving Certificate.

L.C.V.P. consists of 7 Leaving Cert. subjects plus 3 "Link Modules" which are short courses on:

1. Enterprise Education

Students meet and interview enterprising people in business and in their community. They plan and undertake activities with their class to develop self-confidence, creativity, initiative and enterprise.

2. Preparation for Work

Students develop their job-seeking skills, such as letter writing, C.V. presentation and interview preparation. They research and investigate local and national employment opportunities.

3. Work Experience

Students gain valuable and practical experience of the world of work. They investigate a variety of careers. They also interview or work-shadow a person in a career area that interests them and undertake work experience.

Extra-Curricular Activities

At St Brendan's CS there are many extra-curricular activities, amongst them are:

- Rugby
- Hurling
- Soccer (boys & girls)
- Badminton
- Athletics
- Minor Camogie
- Adventure Club