

St. Fergal's College

Rathdowney, Co.Laois



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TYPE OF SCHOOL: Mixed school, Day pupils

STUDENT NUMBERS: 303 Students

UNIFORM

	Boys		Girls
Trousers	Grey (straight leg)	Trousers	Grey (straight leg)
Shirt	Grey (polo shirts not allowed)	Skirt	Tartan calf length kilt
Jumper	Green with School Crest and red stripe at neck & wrists	Shirt	Grey (polo shirts are not allowed)
Shoes	Black or Navy Leather (no steel caps or platforms)	Jumper	Green with School Crest and red stripe at neck & wrists
Jacket	Red weatherproof w/ School Crest	Socks	Green knee length
		Shoes	Black or Navy Leather (no steel caps or platforms)
		Jacket	Red weatherproof with School Crest

All jewellery is forbidden.

P.E Uniform

The P.E. Uniform must be worn for P.E. Classes. It comprises:

- Red polo shirt
- Navy track-suit bottoms
- Green fleece (optional)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

St. Fergal's College is a co-educational school which aims to provide a quality education for all our students in a caring and respectful environment.

We enable students to develop fully a sense of their own unique worth by providing a broadly based curriculum which fosters intellectual, spiritual, moral, emotional and physical growth.

We are committed to promoting good relationships between students, staff, parents and our community.

We aim to create a safe, healthy, learning environment that nurtures self-discipline and encourages our students to take responsibility for their own learning. We aim to educate our students not only for now, but also for life.

FACILITIES

- Modern High Tech Classrooms
- Two Computer Rooms
- Two Woodwork/Construction Rooms
- Metalwork Room
- Three Science Laboratories
- Design & Communication Graphics Room
- Home Economics Kitchen
- Art, Craft & Design Room
- Religion Room
- Sports Hall
- 3 Outdoor Playing Pitches
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Walking Track
- Muga Pitch
- Canteen
- Fully wheelchair accessible

CURRICULUM

The Curriculum available at St. Fergal's is based on the syllabus of the Department of Education and Science. It provides an excellent range of subjects at all levels in the Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate. Success in State Examinations is rated highly and its importance is demonstrated in the teaching and learning methodologies practised in the school. These methodologies have been highly commended in Inspection Reports by the Department of Education & Science.

Our rich, wide and varied curriculum provides all our students with a range of subjects that meet the learning needs of all.

Junior cycle

- Irish
- Mathematics
- Geography
- Civil, Social & Political Education (C.S.P.E)
- English
- History

The optional subjects on offer are:

- Art, Craft & Design
- Home Economics
- Metalwork
- Music
- French
- Materials Technology, Wood
- Technical Graphics
- Business Studies

The Non-Exam subjects taken by all Students at Junior Cert are:

- Religious Education
- Physical Education

- Computer Studies
- Social, Personal & Health Education (S.P.H.E)

Transition Year

Transition Year is an optional programme for students entering senior cycle. We offer a comprehensive Transition Year programme which incorporates an academic and practical curriculum and promotes personal and social education. The many modules/activities covered include:

- First Aid
- Self-defence
- G.A.A.
- Coaching Programme
- Log On & Learn Computer Programme
- Cultural Studies
- Golf
- Dance
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Work Experience
- Mini Company
- Foreign Trip

Senior Cycle

Core Subjects

- Irish
- Mathematics
- English

The optional subjects on offer are:

- Art
- Business
- French
- Physics
- Agricultural Science
- Construction Studies
- History
- Design & Communication Graphics (D.C.G)
- Physics
- Accounting
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Geography
- Home Economics

The Non-Exam subjects taken by Students at Senior Cert are:

- Religious Education
- Career Guidance
- Physical Education

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

This is a senior cycle programme which students may take along with the Traditional Leaving Certificate. It focuses on preparing students for the workplace.

During this two year programme two link modules are covered: The World of Work & Enterprise Education. These link modules endeavour to identify the strong vocational links between students' optional subjects. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in a work experience module.

A portfolio of project work is also compiled and each student must sit a written exam in the May of Leaving Cert year.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Sports

- Gaelic
- Hurling
- Athletics
- Camogie

Academics

- Music
- Choir



Please feel free to refer to the school website for further information on the school.