



## **St Mary's College, Knockbeg**

Carlow, Co. Carlow



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**WEBSITE:** <http://www.knockbegcollege.ie>

**TYPE OF SCHOOL:** Boys

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 429 Students

## UNIFORM

<b>Trousers</b>	Grey
<b>Jumper</b>	Blue V Neck
<b>Shirt</b>	Grey
<b>Shoes</b>	Black



## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

St. Mary's Knockbeg College, Ireland's oldest Catholic post primary school for boys was first established in 1793 as part of Carlow College. It was a boarding school only up to the mid 1980s, when dayboys were admitted for the first time, the College now enrolls only day students. It is a voluntary Catholic Secondary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

Our school exists to provide a balanced and holistic education for each of our students. Our aim is to enable and empower students to acquire the self-confidence, academic qualifications, life-skills and attitudes for learning satisfying lives which, it is hoped, will contribute to the betterment of the Irish Church and Irish society.

We regard ourselves as a Christian Community where the values of the Gospel find daily expression in our Catholic ethos and all our policies and practices as we nourish a spirituality of compassion, justice and forgiveness.

Being a relatively small school we feel that the spirit of co-operation that exists between staff, pupils and parents and which is integral to pupils' personal and academic development has always been a hallmark of Knockbeg.

## CURRICULUM

### Junior Cycle

It is the practice to allow each First Year student to sample certain subjects before making a definitive choice. This takes place for 3/4 weeks per subject up to November. This year the choices will be between Art - Technical Graphics - Business Studies and Music. The decision is made by the principal in conjunction with the subject teachers and the criteria are ability and capability in the subject.

All students, except those with an appropriate exemption, take Irish, English, Maths and either German or French.

- Art, Craft, Design
- Business Studies
- Civic, Social and Political Education
- Computers
- English
- French
- Gaeilge
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science
- Social, Personal and Health Education
- Technical Graphics

### **Senior Cycle**

- Agricultural Science
- Art, Craft, Design
- Business Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computers
- Design, Communication & Graphics
- English
- French
- Gaeilge
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Religious Education
- Non Exam Religious Education
- Politics and Society
- Career Guidance

### **Transition Year**

Transition Year is a one year programme that will help your son to make the transfer from Junior Cycle to Senior Cycle. It offers him a unique opportunity in a number of areas.

- Personal: To help him develop his personality and character towards a more positive and confident self-image.
- Study / Work: To develop independent work and study habits appropriate to the Senior Cycle.
- Career: To become familiar with workplaces outside school.
- Social: To become more informed about society and more skilled at dealing with people.

- Relationships: Transition Year can encourage more mature relationships between parents and their children, between teachers and students. You as parents can feel more centrally involved in the growing-up and learning process.

Knockbeg College has high expectations of our students during Transition Year.

In Transition Year Pupils should:

1. Actively participate in the opportunities offered throughout Transition.
2. Develop work and study habits appropriate to the Senior Cycle.
3. Establish positive and respectful relationships with fellow-students and teachers.
4. Participate in classwork and complete homework and other assignments on time, to the required standard.
5. Observe the rules and regulations of this school with regard to conduct, attendance, punctuality and uniform.
6. Take personal responsibility for researching and organising work placements during the year.

Transition Year subjects:

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| • English  | • Woodwork   |
| • Irish  | • First Aid  |
| • Mathematics  | • Physical Education   |
| • Science  | • Religion   |
| • Lifeskills, Enterprise and Mini Companies                                      | • Work Preparation   |
| • Science  | • Work Placement – (3 x 1 Week)  |
| • Computer Studies & E.C.D.L   | • Social and educational outings   |
| • European & Classical Studies - French, German, Italian & Ancient Civilisations | • 4 Driving Modules – incl. lessons.   |
| • History  | • Leisure Studies  |
| • Environmental Studies  | • In addition modules in Swimming / Self-Defence / GAA Coaching Course/ Rugby are also included. |
| • Road Safety  | • School Magazine - Publication  |
| • Tourism  | • Gaisce   |
| • Art  |  |

## EXTRACURRICULAR

### Clubs and societies:

- Quiz Teams - All-Ireland winners of the TC Holdings Schools Quiz 2006.
- Debating - German and English. All-Ireland Winners German Debating 2007
- Film Society - Our Film Society has already made 3 short films
- Music - A music room is available for those students who play guitars etc. and they can use this during the lunchbreaks



### College sports:

- Gaelic Football - All Ireland Colleges Senior A winners 2005. We compete in Leinster Colleges 'A' Senior, Junior and U14.
- Hurling - Competing in Sth Leinster Senior, Junior and U14.
- Basketball - Competing in Senior, Junior, Intermediate, 1st Yr & 2nd Yr National Leagues and Cup competitions.
- Athletics - Cross Country, Track and Feild, Mountain Running - local, national and international.
- Handball - Leinster Colleges
- Table Tennis - 2 new tables available.
- Board Games - Chess, Draughts and Scrabble can be played during the long lunchbreaks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Competitions are arranged during the year and there are competitions during Sports Day.



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