

# St. Munchin's College

Open Information Night Wednesday 21st September, 2022

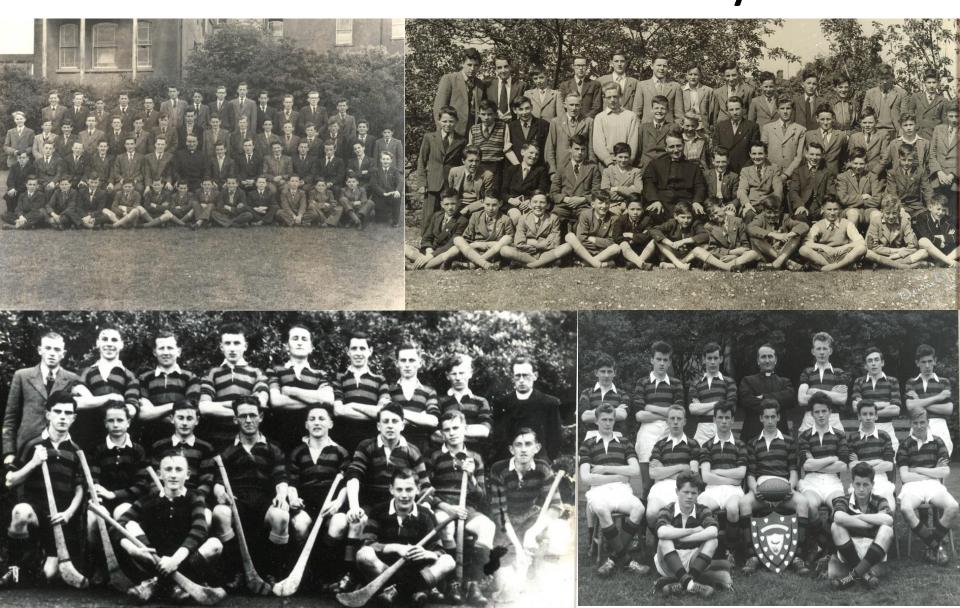


# David Quilter Principal



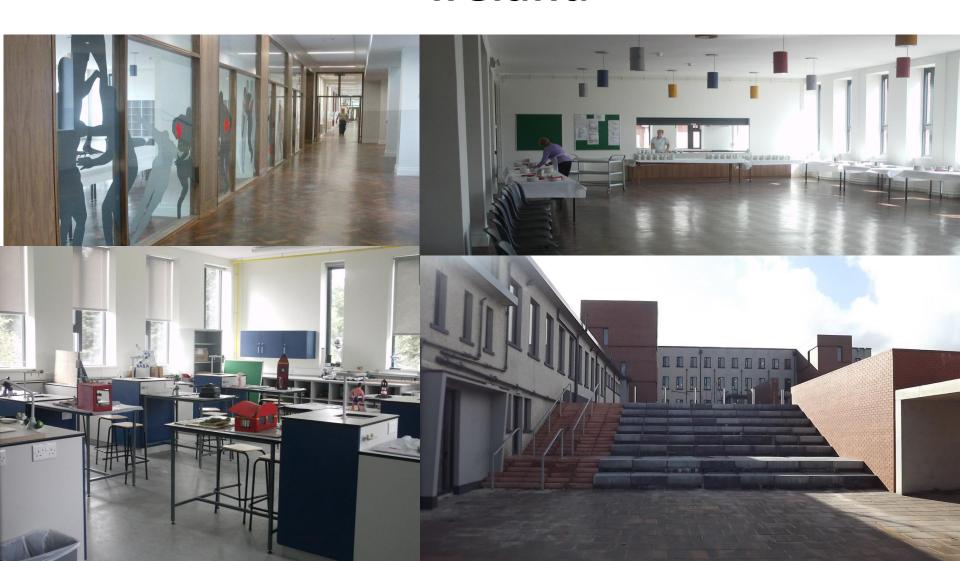


# Founded in 1796 Limerick Catholic Diocesan Secondary School





# One of the most modern schools in Ireland



### 7 Key Pillars of S.M.C.

- 1. College Ethos and Sharing the Christian Ideal
- 2. Learning, Teaching and Academic Attainment
- 3. Sport, Fitness and Student Well-Being
- 4. Art, Culture and Heritage Promotion
- 5. Community, Civic, Diocesan and Parental Links
- 6. Student Achievement, Expectations and College Tradition
- 7. Student Leadership, Creativity, Innovation and Critical Thinking

#### "Veritas in Caritate"

- The letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
- If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways
- 3Rs
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Relationships

St. Munchin's College is a caring community, sharing the Christian ideal, endeavoring to create and sustain an environment through which each of our students can grow in all ways—aesthetically, emotionally, intellectually, morally, physically, socially and spiritually.

#### **Stats & Facts**

- Patron Bishop Brendan Leahy
- 677 students
- 57 staff
- 112 +3 incoming first years
- 4 main feeder primary schools
- 8 other feeder primary schools





#### **School Details:**

Patron: Bishop Brendan Leahy

Principal: Mr. David Quilter

Deputy

Principal: Ms. Lorraine Shiels

Teaching Staff: 54

SNAs:

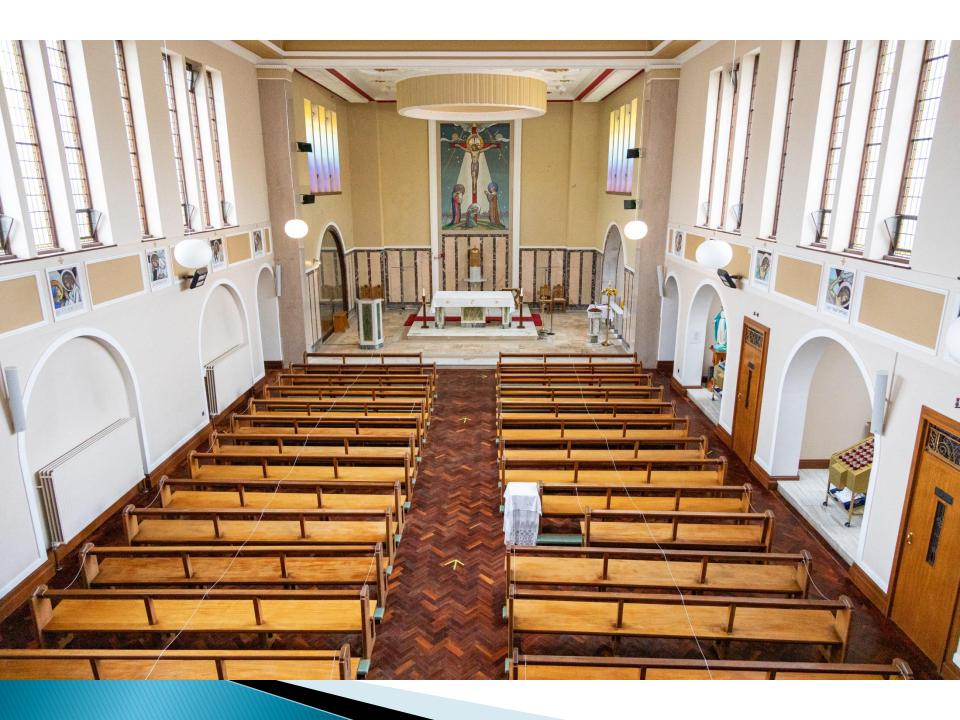
Chaplain:



## Over 33 acres of ground







# 4 pitches



# **Sports hall**



# Weights room



## Modern Building

- Completely refurbishment in 2013
- 30 Classhalls
- 3 Science Laboratories
- 4 High Tech Computer Suites
- Additional special purpose rooms: Art, Technical Graphics, Technology, Coding as well as a Library, Canteen and Assembly Hall
- State of the art I.T. facilities, WiFi, Microsoft Office
- Modern Sports Hall, 4 x Dressing Rooms & Fully Equipped Gym & Weights Studio

## **Fantastic Facilities**









#### SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS (SEN)

"Pupils with special educational needs include all those whose disabilities and/or circumstances prevent or hinder them from benefiting adequately from the education which is normally provided for pupils of the same age or for whom the education which can generally be provided in the ordinary class-room is not sufficiently challenging."

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS (SEN)

- The Board of Management, Parents and Staff of St Munchin's College are committed to the creation of an inclusive, supportive learning environment for all pupils.
- SEN plays a significant role in relation to the overall school plan in our school. This is evident in the provision of resources and personnel in providing SEN students with an education suitable to their needs

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS (SEN)

ST. MUNCHIN'S COLLEGE under the leadership of our SEN co-ordinator has a core SEN team comprised of fully trained Resource and Learning support teachers and SNAs. This core team will have the responsibility of ensuring that students who enter our school with SEN will have their needs met to the best of their ability. The team will liaise with parents, year heads, class tutors, mainstream teachers and other necessary personnel.



# Lorraine Shiels Deputy Principal



## **Key Points of Information**

1) Transition Programme from Primary to Post Primary (How we help the boys to settle into their new school)

2) Anti Bullying

3) Subjects Available to all first years

4) School Curriculum (Junior Cycle, Transition Year and Leaving Certificate)

# Transition programme from Primary to Post Primary

There are so many ways that we help and support the boys to become familiar with and develop a connection and affinity with their new school, however the key points are:

Locker: Teach the boys explicitly how to use their locker, using folders to store books, copies, work and textbooks for each subject in one folder, labelling that folder, reading their timetable and storing their folders in such a way as to allow for easy movement of folders into and out of the locker

## Locker structure and organization



# Homework Completion in front of the Teacher

It is crucial for teachers to get to know their learners. Ten minutes of assigned homework from the teacher could take one student 5 minutes to complete and others 30 minutes (new subjects, new words and phrases and spelling are all very challenging even to the most able of students).

By observing students' teachers can identify where extra needs are necessary and we can then ensure that supports are implemented to help that student, early on in their education.

#### **Care Team**

- The manager of the year group is the Year Head
- Each Class group (approx. 27 students) is assigned a Class Tutor
- The tutor gets to know the group really well and is the first teacher to meet the boys every morning for a short 10 minute class referred to as "Tutor Time"
- The boys will have the same year head and tutor for three years up to Junior Cycle
- School Counsellor
- School Chaplain
- SEN Co Ordinator
- Anti Bullying Coordinator

# Anti Bullying

**Emotive Topic** 

No other external issue (outside of bereavement/separation) will have as negative an impact on your son's physical, social and academic development as bullying will, if it is not dealt with

Our school has developed a "Culture of Reporting"-it has taken many years to achieve this culture

Anti Bullying Co Ordinator

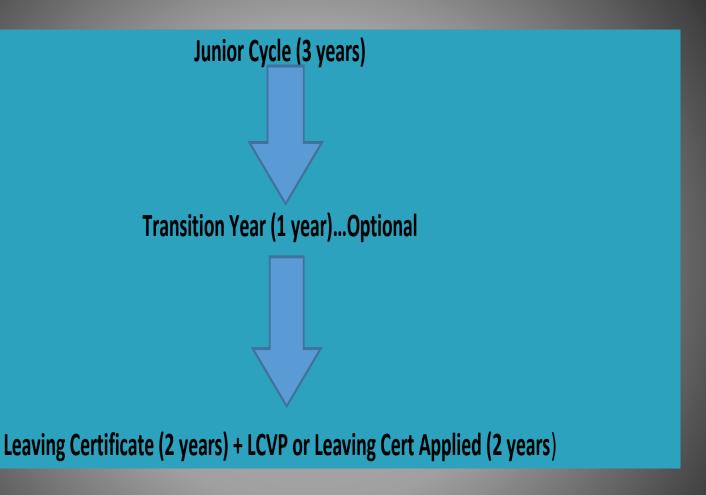
Anti Bullying Team

In our school your son's will be taught what bullying is and is not and will be taught to deal with bullying responsibly if they are being bullied i.e. they will be taught to report it, not keep it to themselves.

Your son's will never hear phrases like "man up" or "stop telling tales"

We are passionate in St. Munchin's College about detecting and dealing with bullying

#### School Curriculum:



#### Range of subjects for 1st Year students

Irish

**English** 

Maths

History

Geography

**Science** 

**Business** 

Coding

**Digital Media** 

French

German

Religion

**CSPE** 

**SPHE** 

Art

PE

**Technology** 

**Graphics** 

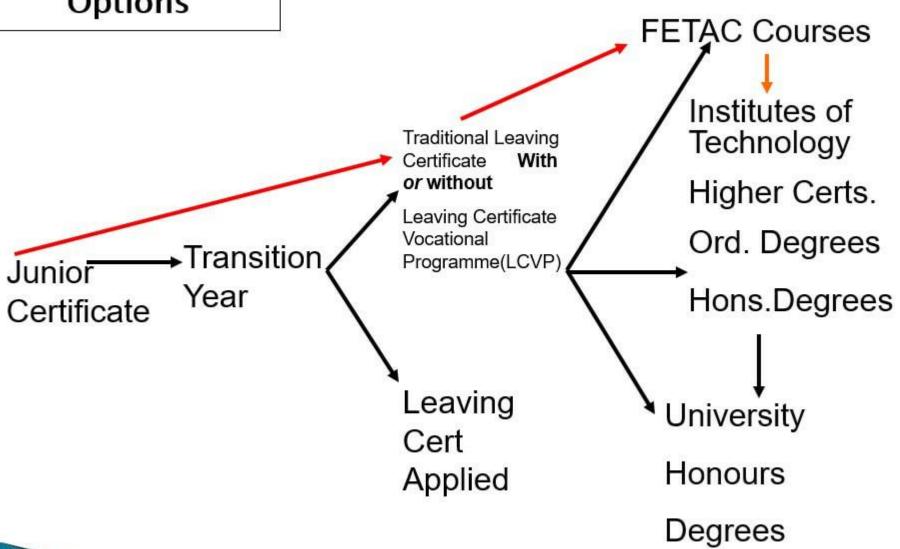
Students sample & study all subjects in First Year



Our Third Year students receiving their certificates from the Head of Business in UL for the high grades they achieved at Junior Cycle.



#### Further Study Options



#### **Transition Year Programme (optional)**

Subjects offered to Transition Year students Mathematics, English, Irish, Technology, Technical Graphics, History, German, French, Home Ec, Digital Media, Accounting, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Computer Studies, PE, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Maths,

#### Activities offered to Transition Year students

Musical, Mini-Company, An Gaisce Young Social Innovators, Work Experience Debating, M.O.G., Activity Weekends, Retreat Toastmasters, Schools Quiz, School Bank, Charity Collections, Journalism, "The Torch", Active School Flag, Young Economist, Stocks & Shares, Life Skills, Driver Theory Test, **Green Schools** 

# Highlight of the TY year: The Musical!!!!



## Young Social Innovators: Student voice on topics that matter to them!



Subjects offered to Leaving Certificate students Mathematics, English, Irish, LCVP Art, Craft and Design, French, German Geography, History, Physical Education Chemistry, Biology, Physics Economics, Accounting, Business Applied Maths, DCG, Technology Non Exam : Religious Education/ R.S.E.

### **Academic Reviews**

3 Academic Reviews, that are published to parents to ensure that you are well informed throughout the year in relation to your son's academic progression:

- October Formative feedback
- Christmas Graded feedback
- Summer Graded feedback
- Parent teacher meetings Dec / Jan/ Feb





Celebrations!!! Leaving Cert results day at SMC!!!

## Celebrations as our Junior Cycle students receive their results!!! Well Done!



## **David Quilter** Principal Admissions Policy 2022-23

## **Admissions Policy:**

- ▶ September 2023 112 places in First year + 3 places for a Special Class
- Common Applications System
- Entrance Criteria
- Dates
- Application Form

### **Eligibility:**

Completed 6<sup>th</sup> class in primary school

- Be willing to accept the school Ethos and Code of Behaviour (Confirmation in writing)
- Entrance Assessment March/April 2023

#### **Entrance Criteria:**

- 1 Boys who are nominated by the College Trustees having regard to the Ethos of the School. (c.f. final sentence page 5, Educational Philosophy)
- 2 Sons and Grandsons of current and former staff members who are or have been employed by the Board of Management.
- 3 Boys whose brothers attend St. Munchin's College, or have graduated from St. Munchin's College
- 4 Boys whose fathers are past pupils of St. Munchin's College
- 5 Boys who attend Scoil Ide

#### **Entrance Criteria: ii**

- 6. Boys who are permanent residents in the parish of St. Nicholas as defined by Parish boundaries, regardless of which primary school he attends
- 7. Boys who attend Parteen / Meelick National Schools and Clonlara National School
- 8. Boys from the following National Schools in no order of priority: An Mhodh Scoil, Broadford NS, Bridgetown N.S., St. Patrick's N.S., St. Mary's Boys N.S., St. Brigid's N.S., Limerick School Project, Cratloe N.S., Caherdavin N.S., J.F.K. Memorial School., Gaelscoil Sairseal, Ballina N.S., Killaloe N.S.
- 9. Boys from all other national schools

#### **Entrance Criteria: iii**

Should the college be over subscribed, places will be offered starting with category 1 as listed above, and then proceeding to category 2, 3 etc in the order listed above. If the number of applications in a category exceeds the total number of places remaining to be allocated, then a lottery basis will apply for the allocation of the remaining places for that category. The lottery will be overseen by the sub-committee appointed by the board of management as outlined above.

#### **Dates: 2023**

January 2023:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> (12.30pm)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Closing date for receipt of applications

Participating schools to post offers

February 2023:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 21st

Date by which offers are to be accepted/refused by 12 noon Common Registration Night

March/April 2023:

Incoming 1st Year Entrance Assessment

#### Note:

- Complete all parts of the Common Application Form 2023-24 (available on school website from 1st October 2022)
- You must indicate 11 choices in descending order on the form (17 Schools in total participate in the CAS)
- In relation to GDPR, you are advised to tick the box to consent for your data to be shared with other schools.
- Signed & Completed Application Forms must be returned to the Principal at the Number 1 school of choice by Mon 16th January 2023.



## Paula English

Teacher
Business & Mathematics

## **School Motto**

"Grow in all ways"

#### Co- Curricular & Extra-Curricular Activities:

St. Munchin's College provides a wide range of artistic, cultural, social and sporting activities to develop the talents of all students and to provide them with the confidence to be involved in various activities in later life.

The school also places great emphasis on the development of team spirit for all its students.





Balance

Whole Person Development

Many Skills Team Work Wellbeing

### Extra- curricular:

- Athletics
- Hurling
- Basketball
- Gaelic Football
- Rugby
- Golf
- Rowing









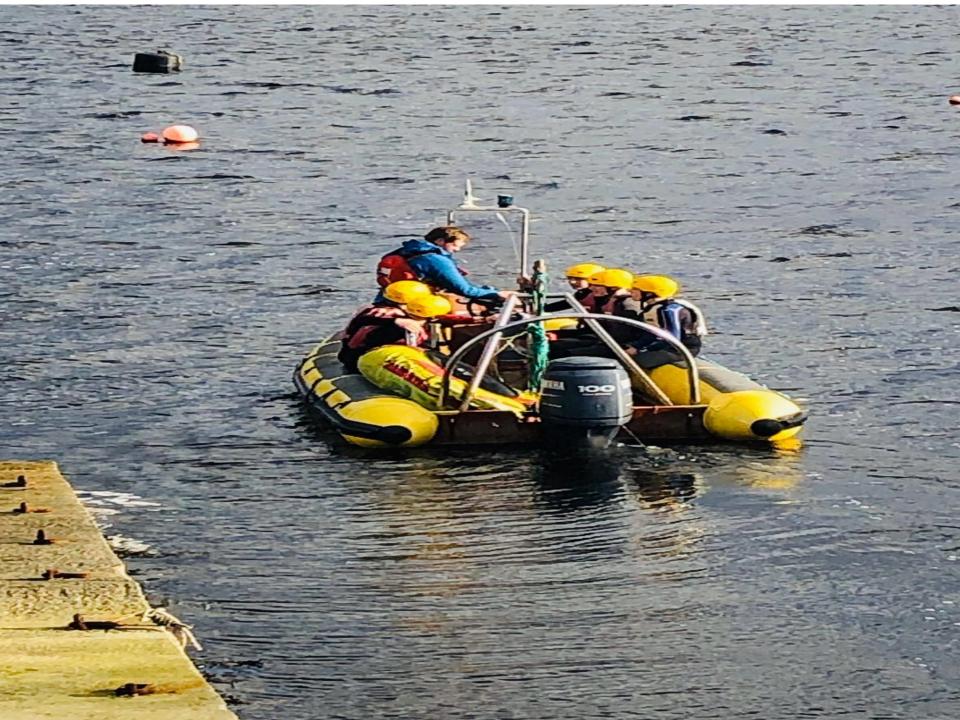


























## Subject Related:

- School Bank, Stocks & Shares, Tax & Revenue, etc...
- Setting up a Mini Company
- Young Scientist, Science Fest,...
- Gael-linn Irish Debating
- European Tours
- T.Y. Outdoor trips
- Retreats- Croagh Patrick, Clonmacnoise,
- Limerick Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
- Artefacts Day
- Young Social Innovators
- Mock Trial

## Clubs and Societies:

- Drama
- Music
- Musical
- Book Club, Lego Club, German/Geography Club, etc....
- Chess
- Photography
- Torch Magazine
- Self Defence
- Talent Show
- Green Schools
- Student Council
- Bereavement Group
- Toastmasters









































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