

All Saints College

Year 8 Welcome Booklet



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Safe



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Fidelity • Respect • Truth

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*Welcome • Fáilte • Bonjour • Bienvenido • Bienvenue •
Akeyi • Ongietorri • Alann Bik • Bem-Vindo • ترحيب •
Powitanie • Welkom • Dobre Doshli • Benvinguda •
Maligayang Pagdatinga • добро пожаловать •
Bine A-ti Venit • Je Ayan Nu • Fogadtatas •
Kaabo • Soo Dhaweyn • Hevzlich •
Willkommen • Vítejte •*

Principal's Welcome

May I take this opportunity to congratulate your son or daughter on gaining a place at All Saints College. I hope that your child will have a happy, rewarding and productive time here. We also want to establish a close working relationship with our parents, as experience has shown that our pupils are most successful when home and school work together to allow all pupils to realise their potential. This is central to all that we set out to achieve.

This booklet has been designed to help you and your child with the transition to post primary and to help address many of the questions parents often ask about All Saints and its routines. We look forward to a wonderful journey together over the next seven years.

Bronagh Farrimond
Principal



Vision Statement

All Saints College strives to provide excellence in teaching and learning. Pupils are taught in a caring environment, where independent learning is encouraged and promoted; where they are provided with pathways to achieve their full potential, personally, academically and spiritually, enabling them to contribute positively to their community.



Our Aims:

- *Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values*
- *Promoting partnership in the school community*
- *Excelling in teaching and learning*
- *Creating a caring school community*
- *Inspiring transformational leadership*

An Edmund Rice School

All Saints College is a Co-educational school for girls and boys.

As an Edmund Rice School we aim to meet our pupils where they are on their faith journey and in the light and power of the gospel, to accompany them on their way towards becoming adults.

Pupils have faith: it is our task to help them appreciate it and let it grow. Our primary aim is to live the gospel, as it influences us in every aspect of school life; both inside and outside of the classroom. We experience it through the prayer and liturgical life of the school, our visiting speakers, our retreats, our links with the community outside of the school and our links with those in need beyond our shores putting into action Blessed Edmund 's call to "Give to the poor in handfuls."



Year 8 Key People

Head of Year 8

Mr D Bell is the Head of Year 8.

He has responsibility for pastoral care, discipline, attendance, punctuality and uniform.



Other Key Year 8 Team Leaders

The following are members of the school senior leadership team who have responsibility for Year 8 pupils.

Ms G McCallion is the Vice Principal (Curriculum)

Mr M McCaughan is the Vice Principal (Pastoral care)

Ms A Fleming is the Leader of Learning at KS3.

Mrs D McGivern is the SENCo.

Mr S Quinn is responsible for Newcomer children

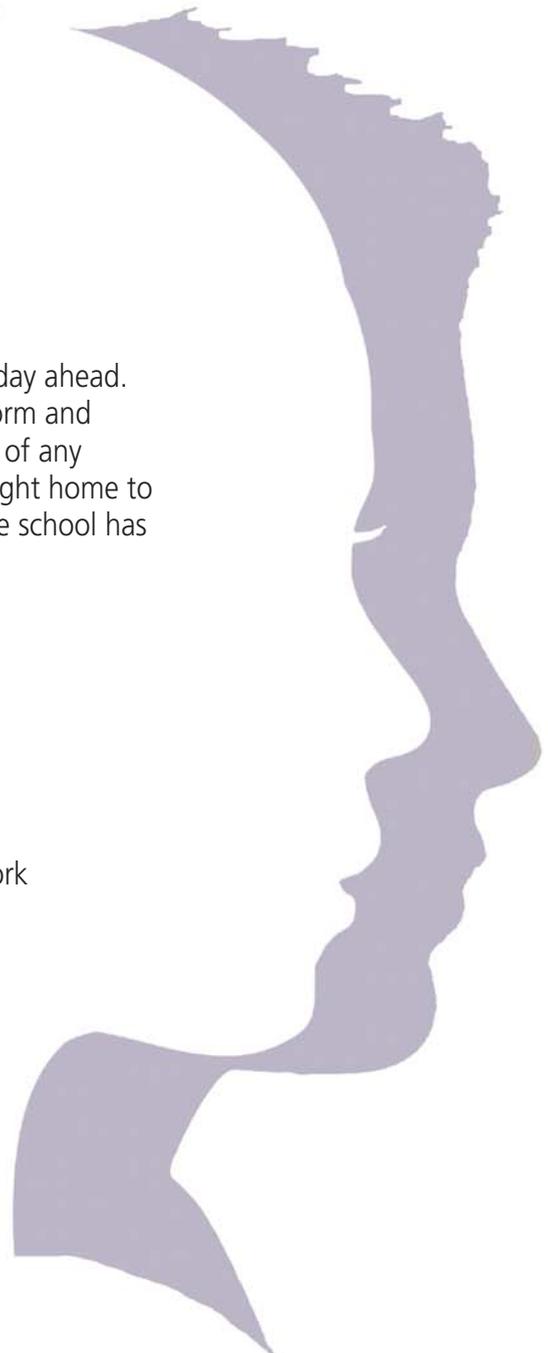
Form Teacher

The role of the form teacher is to help your child prepare for the day ahead. The form teacher will monitor their attendance, punctuality, uniform and homework diary. The form teacher will inform you and your child of any changes of routine and provide letters and information to be brought home to you. Text is also used for communication so please ensure that the school has the correct mobile number.

Notes regarding absence should be sent to your child's form teacher.

Form Period

Form Period is from 8.55 to 9.05am each day. This period is not merely a roll call, but it is used constructively to deal with school matters relating to attendance, punctuality, uniform and homework diaries. Uniform, diaries and equipment are regularly checked during this time whilst attendance and punctuality are closely monitored by the Form Teacher. Form period time is also a time to focus on any pastoral issues and your child's form teacher will develop a nurturing and supportive relationship with their pupils.





Our School Day

Time	Mon, Tues, Wed	Time	**Thurs, Fri
8.55 - 9.05am	Morning registration		
9.05 - 9.35am	Period 1		
9.35 - 10.05am	Period 2		
10.05 - 10.35am	Period 3		
10.35 - 10.50am	Break		
10.50 - 11.20am	Period 4		
11.20 - 11.50am	Period 5		
11.50am - 12.20pm	Period 6		
12.20 - 12.40pm	Period 7		
12.40 - 1.20pm	Lunch		
1.20 - 1.50pm	Period 9		
1.50 - 2.20pm	Period 10		
2.20 - 2.50pm	Period 11	2.20 - 2.30pm	Afternoon registration
2.50 - 3.20pm	Period 12		
3.20 - 3.30pm	Afternoon registration		

****MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY - School finishes at 3.30pm**

**** THURSDAY & FRIDAY - School finishes at 2.30 pm**

School Meals

Breakfast Club (8.30am - 8.55am)

The School provides breakfast each morning from 8.30 to 8.55am. This is subsidised by our Extended School Programme and the cost of a breakfast is comparatively low.

Breaktime (10.35 - 10.50am)

The school provides a range of snacks in the canteen and the tuck shop.

Lunch (12.40pm - 1.20pm)

Pupils can bring a packed lunch and this can be eaten in the Dining Hall.

Pupils wishing to eat in the Dining Hall can enjoy a variety of hot and cold dishes.



Daily Routines - Helping your child settle in

Help us to ensure that your child develops a good routine and makes the most of their time at All Saints College.

Each Morning:

Ensure your child is dressed in FULL uniform and NOT wearing trainers, jewellery, make up or false tan. Black school shoes must be worn.

Ensure they have all the books and equipment necessary for the subjects which appear on the timetable for that day and a suitable and sturdy bag in which to carry them.

If your child has been absent, you have written a note explaining why.

Each Evening:

Check their homework diary and ensure that all homework is completed neatly and correctly and that untidy or incorrect work is redone.

Check whether your child has any information/communication from school.

Check that all uniform, books and equipment are ready for the following morning.

Talk to your child about their day and take an interest in what they have done.

*Get involved
because
education
works*



School Uniform

At All Saints College we expect all our pupils to wear their uniform with pride. School uniform must be worn to school and to all school events and functions including sports activities and school visits.

We place great emphasis on personal appearance and will not permit exceptions to this rule.

Boys' Uniform

Years 8 to 12 pupils will wear:

- school blazer
- white shirt, without pockets
- school tie
- school jumper
- charcoal grey trousers
- black leather shoes

Girls' Uniform

Years 8 to 12 pupils will wear:

- school blazer
- white shirt, without pockets
- school tie
- school jumper
- grey skirt
- black tights
- black leather shoes



*Trainers and sports shoes will not be permitted nor will fleeces or hoodies.
The All Saints school coat is the only coat permitted.*

Help us to keep your child safe

- 1 Pupils must not leave the school grounds during the course of the school day.*
- 2 Pupils in Y8 must assemble in the Y8 Yard before school, at break and at lunchtime. Food is available in the Dining Hall at these times.*
- 3 We cannot be responsible for the loss of personal property and therefore we ask parents and pupils not to bring valuables or money in excess of your child's daily needs to school.*
- 4 The use of mobile phones in school is forbidden. Adequate facilities are available in school to deal with any form of emergency. Pupils using mobile phones in school will have them confiscated. They will only be returned to a parent.*



Attendance and Punctuality



At All Saints College we encourage all our pupils to maintain excellent standards of attendance, punctuality and behaviour. There is a clear link between good school attendance and success. We want all our pupils to achieve their full potential and be as successful as they can. The importance of good attendance and punctuality cannot be over emphasised. Data from the Department of Education makes clear the link between attendance and eventual performance in public examinations such as GCSE. Even a pupil with attendance of 90% which sounds quite good will still have been absent for 20 school days (almost three weeks!). Absence results in class work being missed and this will have an adverse effect on a pupil's progress.

Dental and medical appointments

Dental and medical appointments should also be arranged outside school hours if possible. The early finish to the school day at 2.30 pm on Thursdays and Fridays can be a convenient time to arrange such visits.

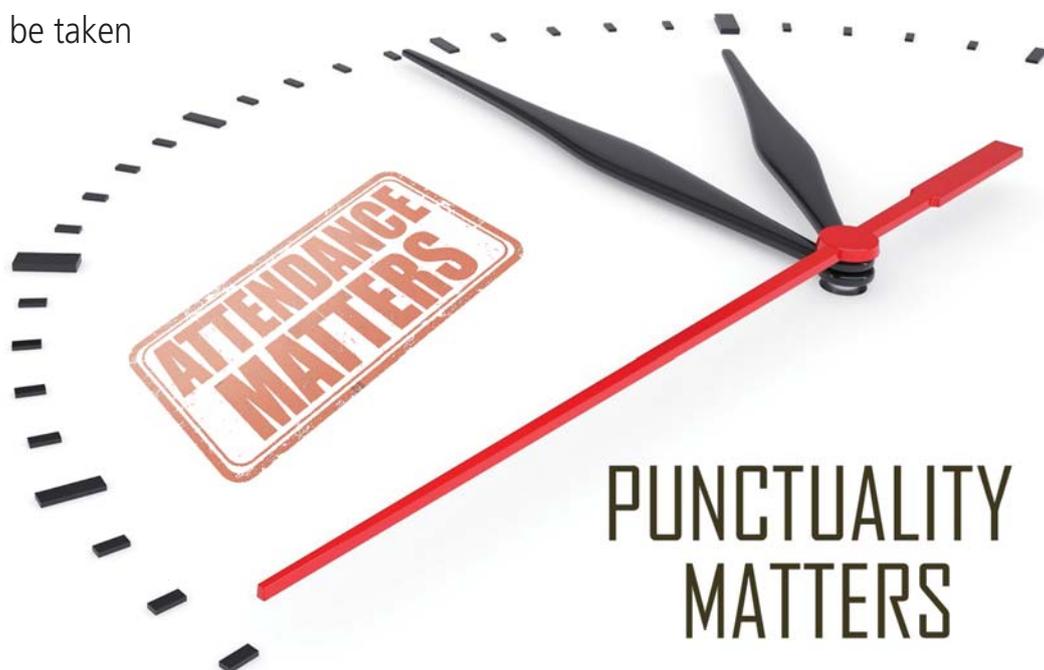
Notes for absence

If your child has been absent a note stating the reason for the absence should be given to the Form Teacher on their return to school.



Family holidays

Family holidays should not be taken during the school year.



How we expect All Saints pupils to behave

We have the highest expectations of our pupils in all areas of school life and in particular the highest standards of behaviour are expected. We would ask our parents to read the summary of our rules carefully and to discuss them with your child. Parental support is essential to enable us to deal effectively with misbehaviour. In cases of a serious nature, such as bullying, fighting, etc, parents will be asked to come to the school to discuss the incident in question with the Head of Year, Head of Key Stage, Principal or Vice Principal.

Classroom rules

- *Arrive to class on time, properly prepared.*
- *Enter and exit quietly.*
- *Take your coat off, your books out, and place your bag under the desk.*
- *Listen while the teacher is speaking, and follow instructions.*
- *Be courteous to everyone.*

Show respect for others and treat others as you would like to be treated.

- *Be polite: (Please/thank you, hold doors open for others)*
- *Work together: (Listen to others, follow agreed rules, help each other, look after each other.)*
- *Take care of our surroundings: (Don't drop litter; look after your property and the property of others.)*

Any form of bullying is unacceptable. No one is allowed to hurt you

- *If other people's behaviour is hurting you - you must tell someone.*
- *Talk to a teacher.*
- *Or you could ask a friend to help you speak to a teacher.*
- *If a friend or classmate is being bullied then encourage them to report the bullying.*
- *Remember you are as important as anyone else in school.*



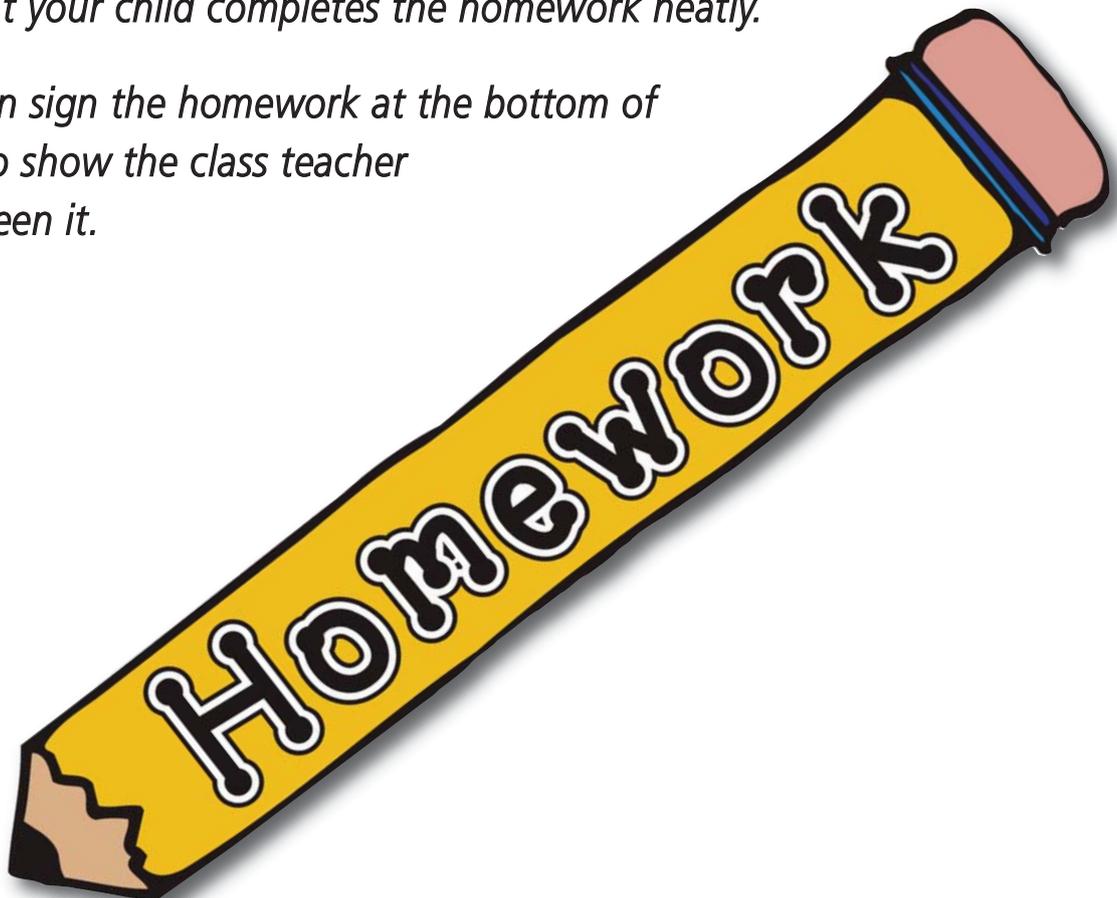
Assessment and Homework



In Year 8, your child will complete four common assessments in each subject. These assessments will include practical or written projects, end of topic class tests as well as a formal summer exam. The marks in these assessments are recorded on the school tracking system. Common Assessments are used by teachers throughout the year to monitor your child's learning, to ensure that he/she is making sufficient progress and that any requirement for support or intervention is addressed. They are an important aspect of the learning experience.

Your child will also be required to complete homework each evening. You can help to ensure your child completes all work set.

- 1. Check your child's homework diary each evening to find out what work they have to do.*
- 2. Provide a quiet area in which he/she can work.*
- 3. Ensure that your child completes the homework neatly.*
- 4. Parents can sign the homework at the bottom of the page to show the class teacher you have seen it.*



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Sport

At All Saints College there are a wide range of clubs and teams to join. Your teachers and other staff run these clubs throughout the year on different days and at different times. We encourage all our new Y8 pupils to get involved in an extra-curricular activity, it is a great way to make friends and get to know new people.

There are also a number of sports teams that you may wish to become involved in, these include; football, gaelic, hurling and camogie.



Below are just some of the clubs you can join (days and times may be subject to change).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs A McAuley Mrs G McCormick Car SAFE SPACE Miss R Kerr Miss M Wisniewske Base 5	HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs A McAuley Mrs G McCormick Car SAFE SPACE Miss R Kerr Miss M Wisniewske Base 5	HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs A McAuley Mrs G McCormick Car SAFE SPACE Miss R Kerr Miss M Wisniewske Base 5	HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs L Walker Car SAFE SPACE Miss E McCully Mrs D McGivern Mrs S McFall Base 5	HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs L Walker Car SAFE SPACE Mrs D McGivern Mrs S McFall Base 5
Lunch Time	SAFE SPACE Miss R Kerr Miss M Wisniewske Base 5	CHOIR Miss S McConville Mr C Quinn Mus1	BOYS SPORTS CLUB Mr S Hawkins Gym	SAFE SPACE Miss R Kerr Miss M Wisniewske Base 5 NUMERACY CLUB Mrs T Donnelly Miss L McCrudden Ma1	SAFE SPACE Miss R Kerr Miss M Wisniewske Base 5 HARRY POTTER CLUB (Yr 8 + 9) Miss G O'Rawe Ms A Rooney Base 1 BOYS SPORTS CLUB Mr S Hawkins Gym
After School	MINECRAFT CLUB Mr M Killen Car	AFRICAN DRUMS SAMBA BAND* Miss S McConville Mus1 BASKETBALL CLUB Mr R McCloskey Gym HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs N McKenna IT1	MINECRAFT CLUB Mr M Killen Car TRADITIONAL IRISH GROUP SCHOOL BAND* Mr C Quinn Mus1 HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs N McKenna IT1	GEOLOGY GEOGRAPHY CLUB (Yr 8 - 12) Mr L Watson Ge2 ART CLUB Mr D Bell Mr C Graham Base 1 ANIME MANGA CLUB Mr M Killen Mr R McCloskey Car ICT CLUB Miss S O'Brien IT2 CYBER DISCOVERY Miss L McIntyre IT3	

What Our Year 8 Pupils say...

*It was exciting
to meet new students
and teachers.*

*There are lots of
different clubs to join so there
should be something for
everyone to join and enjoy.*

*All the teachers are really
nice and easy to talk to. They are
very helpful when you are stuck on
a topic or just have
a problem.*

*I love all the after school
clubs that I go to and I love
doing the Clean-up scheme
on a Sunday morning.*

*There are loads of different
events during the school year for
everyone to get involved in, the
Halloween dress-up day, Sports Day
and many more.*

Some commonly asked questions

Q If my child is going to be late for school, what should I do?

AA You should ensure that they have a note explaining why. This should be given to his form teacher. If your child arrives in school after registration they should report to Reception.



Q If my child is sick or absent for any reason, what should I do?

A You should telephone the school and ask that the form teacher be informed of the reason for absence. When they return to school, you must write a note explaining the absence and the dates missed.



Q What if my child needs to go to the dentist or doctor or hospital during the day?

A Always try to arrange the appointment for after school, as all class time is valuable. If this is not possible, you must write a note to your child's Form Teacher explaining the reason, the time of the appointment and the estimated time of return. This note should include a contact telephone number.

Q If I feel my child is not making as much progress as I had hoped, what should I do?

A Contact your child's Head of Year who will discuss your child's progress with his/her teachers and get the relevant information back to you.

Q If I suspect my child of being bullied at school, what do I do?

A Talk to him/her and offer reassurance. Then contact your child's Form Teacher or Head of Year.

Q My child would prefer to wear another coat over their blazer. Is this permitted?

A No. The only coat that a pupil is permitted to wear, is the school coat. Pupils must wear the school uniform and no variations.



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