

St. Louis

Secondary School, Monaghan
Meánscoil Lughaidh, Muineachán

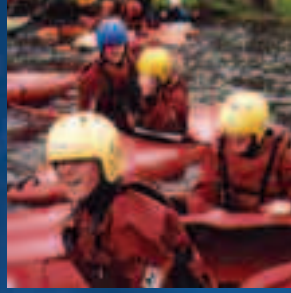


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Dear Parent(s) / Guardians

We are delighted to have this opportunity to introduce St. Louis Secondary School to you and your daughter as she makes the transition from primary to secondary school. We hope to make the process as easy and enjoyable for her as possible.

Please read through the Prospectus. It will give you a detailed knowledge of the school's wide variety of subjects and our broad array of extra curricular activities.

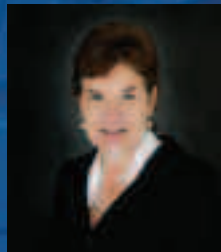
St. Louis provides a positive learning experience for all. We have a rich tradition of high academic achievement, while placing great emphasis on the holistic education of every pupil. An active Parents' Association and a committed Board of Management support us in this task.

Our school operates a firm but fair system of positive discipline. This is clearly laid out in our Code of Behaviour which you will receive at Enrolment.

We invite you to come and meet us on Information / Open / Enrolment days when our staff will be happy to address any queries you may have. Please feel free to make contact with us at any time.



Vera O'Brien
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Principal



Anne Bracken
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Deputy Principal

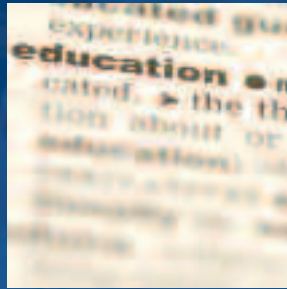
MISSION STATEMENT

Our school recognises that each pupil who enrolls is unique and has different gifts as well as different needs.

We recognise that a pupil's development is closely linked to a good self-image and so we strive to present the school's total curriculum in such a manner as to allow all to realise their full potential.

We see ourselves working in partnership with parents to develop the gifts and to meet the needs of all.

We regard our school as an educational establishment within a Christian community, characterised by care and justice. It is our wish that our pupils leave us with enhanced self-confidence and with life skills and attitudes which will enable them to lead lives which may contribute to the betterment of society.



A Typical First Year's Week ...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00-9.06	Registration (Tutor)	Registration (Tutor)	Registration (Tutor)	Registration (Tutor)	Registration (Tutor)
9.10-9.45	SPHE	Music	Geography	Maths	German /Art / Tech / HE
9.45-10.20	English	Geography	Religion	Business Studies	German /Art / Tech / HE
10.20-11.00	Irish	Religion	Maths	French	Maths
11.00-11.15	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11.15-11.55	Home Ec / Art	Maths	English	English	Irish
11.55-12.30	Home Ec / Art	Irish	Irish	Religion	French
12.30-1.20	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1.25-2.05	German /Art / Tech / HE	History	History	PE	English
2.05-2.40	Science	French	Home Ec / Art	PE	Business Studies
2.40-3.15	Science	English	Music	Irish	History
3.15-3.53	Maths	Business Studies	CSPE	Geography	Science

Curriculum on offer at St. Louis

Junior Cycle – 17 subjects

Pupils choose 10 from 14 exam subjects for JC

In 1st year Core (C) taken by all students. Options (O) – students choose 2 out of 4.

Subject	Core (C) / Option (O)	No. of periods per week in 1st Year
Maths	C	5
English	C	5
Irish	C	5
History	C	3
Geography	C	3
Religion (Non exam)	C	3
French	C	3
Science	C	3
Business Studies	C	3
Music	C	2
PE (Non exam)	C	2
CSPE	C	1
SPHE (Non exam)	C	1
Home Economics	O	3
German	O	3
Technology	O	3
Art	O	3



Transition Year (TY)

TY is optional in St. Louis. It provides a link between Junior and Senior Cycle. Students engage in self-directed learning, project and team work. There is a wide range of extra curricular activities and experiences available which contribute to the holistic development of our students.

Modules: (7 periods per week)

ECDL, keyboard skills, tennis, céili dance, photography, web design and many more.

- Annual Musical – “Oliver” in 2008
- Work Experience – 2 weeks
- Gaisce – President’s Award
- Public Speaking / Debating
- Trips abroad
- Young Scientist Exhibition
- Annual Christmas Carol Service

LC Subjects: (38 periods per week)

Students can sample a wide range of subjects before making their final choice for LC

- Maths, English, Irish
- Biology, Physics/Chemistry
- Business, Accounting
- History, Geography
- Home Economics, Art, Music
- French, German, Spanish
- PE
- Religion

Transition Year links with the community

Transition Year provides an opportunity for students to become aware of issues outside school which may affect their community.

- Campaigns to raise awareness e.g. fundraising for Daisy Days, Daffodil Day, Make-a-Wish Foundation
- Visiting speakers e.g. Aware, Simon Community, Samaritans, Tearmann
- Carol Concert in aid of Monaghan Hospice Homecare
- Work Experience
- Public performances e.g. Musical and Carol Concert



Senior Cycle

Three different Leaving Certificate courses on offer at St. Louis

1. Leaving Certificate Established (LC Est)
2. Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
3. Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

1. Leaving Certificate Established (LC Est)

- 18 subjects on offer
- Pupils choose 7 from 16 exam subjects
- All subjects are available to Higher Level

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| • Maths | • Geography |
| • English | • German |
| • Irish | • History |
| • Accounting | • Home Economics |
| • Art | • Music |
| • Biology | • Physics |
| • Business | • Spanish |
| • Chemistry | • Religion (non exam) |
| • French | • PE (non exam) |

2. Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

- Pupils study the full LC Est programme plus two extra modules:
 - a) Preparation for the World of Work
 - b) Enterprise Education.
- LCVP is a practical based programme. It includes a Portfolio and Work Experience.
- LCVP can be used to gain extra CAO points in LC Est.

3. Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

- LCA is an alternative two year Leaving Certificate course that has a strong focus on the world of work.
- LCA may be used as an entry to certain courses and apprentices after leaving school.
- Many of our LCA students go on to college and may complete 3rd level courses, while others go directly to employment in the workplace.



Religion, Guidance, Pastoral Care, Anti-bullying

Religious Studies

St. Louis School is a community of faith where Catholic beliefs and values grow, but it is also a Christian school where all are welcomed. Religious Studies are an integral part of the curriculum. We have two chaplains in the school and all religious feasts are observed and marked. Our Catholic ethos is cultivated through regular School Masses, Retreats, Annual Carol Concert, Meditation and Prayer Services.

Guidance and Pastoral Care

There is a Guidance Team in place in the school to help and advise all pupils during their time in St. Louis. A Guidance Counsellor will meet each student in 1st Year to help with personal and educational matters, such as coping with the move to secondary school and choice of subjects going into 2nd Year.

Later, in 3rd Year and in Senior Cycle, Guidance Counsellors meet with students to discuss subject choices and career options.

Anti-bullying

In the school we have a clear and unambiguous anti-bullying policy and a very active anti-bullying committee. Members of the Coiste (Student Council) and Cairde (4th Year Peer Mentoring) all play an important role in helping 1st Year students settle in and feel part of the school community. Students are encouraged to come forward if they suspect any form of bullying is occurring. All reports are taken seriously, investigated and acted upon.

Resource Teaching

- The Resource Department provides help for students with special educational needs.
- An Individual Educational Plan is put in place for each student through consultation with parents, primary school etc.
- One-to-one or small group teaching and support are provided as needed.
- All students are helped to reach their full potential.
- Separate centres or extra help is organised if needed for in-house or State Exams.
- Contact Ms. Anne O'Brien if you have any queries.

Learning Support

- The Learning Support Department provides supplementary teaching for students who need extra help, particularly in English or Maths.
- The support teacher works alongside the mainstream teacher in the classroom, or provides small group teaching in the Learning Support Room.
- Students are encouraged to develop good self-esteem and positive attitudes to school and learning.
- When appropriate, applications are made for special arrangements at Certificate Examinations.
- Contact Miss Helen Carolan if you have any queries.



Physical Education at St. Louis

Team Court Games

- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Uni-Hoc
- Basketball
- Olympic Handball
- Indoor Soccer
- Rounders
- Tennis

Team Field Games

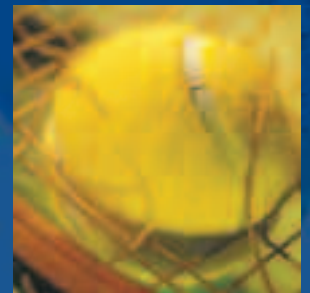
- Gaelic Football
- 11-a-side Soccer
- Camogie

Individual Sports

- Athletics
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Swimming

Inter schools competitions

- Gaelic Football
 - Ulster Senior Champions 1999 to 2008 (10-in-a-row)
 - All-Ireland Senior Champions – 1997, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006
 - All-Ireland Finalists 2008
- Athletics
 - All-Ireland Schools Senior and Junior Finalists, June 2008
- Basketball
 - All Ireland Play Offs, 2008
- Swimming
 - Teams compete in Ulster Schools Championships
- Golf
- Show Jumping
 - School team participates at local, Ulster and National level.
- Soccer



Cultural Activities and the Arts at St. Louis

- Debating (2nd, 4th and 5th Year)
- Public Speaking (2nd, 4th and 5th Year)
- Theatre Visits (Local theatre, also to plays on JC and LC courses)
- Annual Carol Concert (1st, 2nd and 4th Years)
- St. Louis Instrumental Music Group
- Visits to Art Galleries and Exhibitions (Students of Art)
- School Newsletter
- Annual Musical (TY Students)
- Painting and Design of set for Musical
- School Choirs
- Photography
- Music and Art on offer to all students for JC and LC at Higher and Ordinary Level
- Quizzes
- Competitions
- Réadóirí - Pioneer Club

Information Technology (IT)

Use of IT and computers is integrated throughout the teaching and learning process at every level in St. Louis. There are 3 dedicated computer rooms as well as computers in other areas throughout the school, all with full broadband access. All IT in the school is governed by the school's Acceptable Use Policy.

Student Affirmation

- Parent-Teacher meetings
Parents are invited to the school to discuss their daughters progress with subject teachers.
- Awards Ceremony
The Annual Awards Ceremony recognises students who have excelled in academic attainments, sport, cultural and other extra-curricular activities.
- Formal School Assemblies
Formal assemblies bring the school community together to celebrate and mark special occasions. They are held at intervals throughout the year.
- Parents' Nights, Open Evenings
Parents are invited to the school to meet staff and students for information, discussion and exchange of ideas.
- Assessments and Reports
School Reports are sent home at the end of each term to keep parent(s) / guardians informed of their daughter's progress.

And finally ...A special word to parents

We in St. Louis recognise parents' unique role as the primary educators of their children and we are proud to be partners in this process. You are always welcome to the school to discuss any aspect of your daughter's education.

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