

*Greetings from all at
St. Louis Secondary, Monaghan!*

This information is designed to help you start out at your new school with us. Our school motto "Ut Sint Unum" translates as "That they may be one".

At St. Louis you become one of a big family, or school community where we work hard, but also have lots of fun with friends and classmates.

Secondary School is a big change in many ways with new subjects and lots of different teachers but don't worry! There will be lots of help along the way, especially for the first few weeks.

Our Brochure shows you the time-table of a typical week in the life of a First Year; however it does not end there! This year, our First Years also had a Harry Potter Table quiz for Hallowe'en (Full Costume of course!); took part in the Carol Concert; had a Junior Assembly and disco at Christmas; entered a disco dance team for the Réadóiri (Pioneer) Competition and some are members of the instrumental music group. We also have an annual Seachtain na Gaeilge.

New subjects in St. Louis

(All subjects are offered to Higher level)

- **ART**

In Art & Design, we teach you how to really look at the world around you, and how to communicate what you see through drawing, painting, graphic design, printmaking, sculpture and other crafts. Work is project based, and focused on developing the individual student's skills and ideas.

- **BUSINESS STUDIES**

In Business Studies class, 1st year pupils learn about the household budget, consumer, banking, introduction to bookkeeping and National Budget. Later, pupils have the option to do Accounting and Business.

- **CIVIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EDUCATION (CSPE)**

This subject gives the student the opportunity to study (a) the individual citizen and her/his rights and responsibilities (b) the community (c) the Irish State (d) Ireland's place in the EU and on the World stage.

- **HOME ECONOMICS**

Home Economics involves the study of nutrition, the dietary needs of various age groups and resource management. Students get lots of practical cookery, sewing and craft.

- **MUSIC**

In 1st year, pupils engage in listening to various styles of music. They study music theory and learn to sing and play the recorder. They may perform at school events as part of the students' instrumental group. Music is offered as a Junior and Leaving Certificate subject.

- **SCIENCE**

Science is a practical subject which you learn by observing, experimenting, measuring and recording. For Junior Cert you study Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Later, you can choose one or more of these as separate subjects for Leaving Cert.

- **SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION (SPHE)**

This programme deals with areas such as health, safety, study skills, relationships, sexuality education and communication skills.

- **TECHNOLOGY**

In technology you are involved in design, construction and problem solving using a combination of wood, metals and plastics for project work. Computer applications and electronics are emphasised.

And more new terms.....

- **GUIDANCE / COUNSELLING**

We support pupils in their transition from primary to secondary school. We also provide educational and personal advice throughout your time with us.

- **LEARNING SUPPORT**

Lots of new subjects in first year CAN be very exciting but sometimes pupils find it a bit hard. Learning Support is there to encourage and help you with the hard bits!

- **RESOURCE**

The Resource Department provides teaching and Special Needs Assistance (SNA) to make school life easy for pupils with learning difficulties, illness or physical disabilities.

The following competitions are open to First Years

- U-14 Ulster Schools Football Competition
- First Years' Regional Basketball
- Cross-Country Athletics
- Track and Field
- Ulster Swimming Gala