

Your Move To St Joseph's College



THE HISTORY OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



The school was founded by the Christian Brothers in 1932. As a Catholic School, we are inspired in our mission by the vision of life that is found in the teaching of the Gospel, the Church and in Jesus who came that we "may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

In striving to fulfil this mission, we continue the work of the Christian Brothers and its founder, Blessed Edmund Rice - you can find out more about him below. St Joseph's College seeks to develop the whole person and as a result the pastoral care of our students is of paramount importance.

St Joseph's College is one of a few hundred Christian Brothers Schools around the world, all of which owe their existence in some way to the work of a man called Edmund Rice who lived in Ireland more than 200 years ago. As a child, Edmund Rice had grown up at a time when many were denied a formal education in Ireland due to their religious background. He was fortunate enough to receive some schooling due to the generosity of a Friar who had befriended his family. Then, as a young man, he inherited his uncles' business and was able to establish a comfortable life for himself.

A series of events in his mid-twenties, including the death of his wife and the birth of his child with severe learning difficulties, opened his eyes to the suffering and needs of those on the margins of society. He recognised they were in need of the same education and support which he had been fortunate enough to receive.

Therefore, in 1802 he established a school providing not only schooling but also food, clothes and support through family difficulties for boys living on the streets of Waterford. His work inspired others to join him and commit to this work. Out of this commitment was born the Congregation of Christian Brothers. Within the next 25 years, in spite of much opposition, they had set up more than 25 schools in Ireland and in England.

In the more than 200 years since Edmund set up his first school, the Christian Brothers have travelled throughout the world looking for those on the margins of society living in poverty without education or support. Their schools throughout Australasia, India, South America and Africa are evidence of this history.

Some Familiar Faces ...



Ms Roberts
Headteacher



Mrs Slattery
Deputy Headteacher



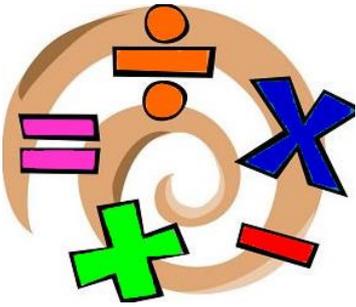
Mrs Gilding
Assistant Headteacher
In Charge of KS3



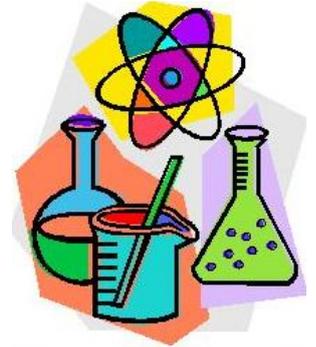
Mrs Shorey
Head of Year 7

Form Tutor	Form	House
	<p style="text-align: center;">7AW Mr Willis Subject Leader of RE</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">'Edmund Rice'</p>	<p>Blessed Edmund Rice was the founder of the Christian Brothers some 200 years ago. His selfless and inspirational work as an educator is the reason why St Joseph's College is here today. Our school ethos is embedded in the work of this amazing man. We continue to be inspired by him and are encouraged to share in the vision and work of Edmund Rice.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">7ES Miss Ship Subject Teacher of Geography</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">'Blessed Tansi'</p>	<p>Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi was born in Nigeria in 1903. He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1937. Those who knew him testify to his great love of God. He was a man of the people; he always put others before himself. Blessed Tansi is the name of the school that we work closely with in Bo in Sierra Leone.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">7MM Mrs McKenna Subject Teacher of RE</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">'Nano Nagle'</p>	<p>Nano Nagle was born in Ireland in 1718. She is one of Edmund Rice's great inspirations and founded the Presentation Sisters. Nano Nagle selflessly educated the children of Cork during the day and visited and nursed the sick by night. As a result, she became known in Cork as the Lady with the Lantern.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">7SB Mr Bryan Subject Teacher of MFL</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">'O'Donoghue'</p>	<p>Brother O'Donoghue was a very humble man born in Ireland around 120 years ago. Back in 1931, the Archbishop of Birmingham made a formal approach to the Christian Brothers inviting them to consider the possibility of opening a school in the Potteries. Brother O'Donoghue was the first Christian Brother to set foot on our school site and he was instrumental in the foundation of the school in 1932.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">7JC Mrs Christopherson Subject Leader of Girls PE</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">'Kerrigan'</p>	<p>Brother Kerrigan is an inspirational figure in school. He was the Headteacher at St Joseph's between 1984 and 1990. From St Joseph's he went to Sierra Leone to take up the leadership of the Christian Brother's Formation Community. It was here on 10th April 1995 that he caught in a rebel ambush and sadly lost his life.</p>

What lessons will I have?



Mathematics
English
Science
Religious Studies



History
Geography
French
Spanish



ICT
Art
Design Technology

Music
PE
Personal Development
Games



Home Learning:

A minimum of 1 hour independent study, per day, is required.

This hour should include any home learning tasks set, and any other independent tasks to make up the time.

You will be given a 'Home Learning & Independent Learning' timetable as a guide as to what work is expected

Extra-curricular Activities

St Joseph's offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that vary from term to term.

Our activities generally fall into four categories;

Creative, Virtues, Entrepreneurship & Health & Well-being

Below is a small sample of the clubs that we have to offer.

Creative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orchestra• Drama Club• Photography Club• Art Club	Virtues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nurture Garden Club• Early birds reading Club• House + Form Masses• Sierra Leone Links
Entrepreneurship: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• House Captain• Chaplaincy Representative• Fund-raising activities• Library Ambassador	Health & Well-being: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports teams• Bake Off Competition• Mental Health Days

The library is open for students at lunch and break time on a rota system. You can use the library to take books out, for silent reading, independent study and for library lessons. You also have one library lesson every two weeks.



In addition to these activities, there will be House events and competitions throughout the year in all of these areas. All extra-curricular activities can be put forward as hours towards your St Joseph's Baccalaureate award.

Sport at St Joseph's

The PE Department are extremely committed to ensuring that every student at St Joseph's College is able to fully develop their range of physical and social skills through their involvement in a high quality PE curriculum.

Every student in Years 7, 8 and 9 have 4 hours of PE/Games per fortnight - 2 hours of PE on Main Site and 2 hours of games bi-weekly at the Main Site (girls) or the Fields (boys) (see map).

We offer the following sports to pupils at Keystage 3 and Keystage 4 in the curriculum and during extra-curricular clubs:

• Aerobics	• Cricket	• Gymnastics	• Rowing	• Swimming
• Athletics	• Cross Country	• Hockey	• Rugby	• Table Tennis
• Badminton	• Dance	• Netball	• Skiing	• Tennis
• Basketball	• Football	• Rounders	• Softball	• Weight Training

Example of Winter Timetable



Extra-Curricular

Welcome to this year's Extra Curricular timetable.

It outlines the fantastic range of activities for you to be involved in PE & Sport. There is certainly something for everyone! As always if team players are unavailable for any practices or matches you must let your member of staff know.

Good luck in your sporting season ahead... (The PE Department)

		Morning (8.00 – 8.30)	Lunch (12:35 – 1:05pm)	After School
MONDAY	Fitness Suite	Fitness	Fitness Room DB	Years 11 -13 (pairs only) - SM
	MUGA		Netball Years 7 – 9 – BH/JC	Netball Year 7 and 8 – BH/JC/SS
	Sportshall		Gymnastics - GB	Netball Year 7 and 8 – BH/JC/SS
	Playing Fields			Year 8 Rugby DB (Until 4.00pm)
TUESDAY	Fitness Suite	Fitness	Fitness with Gym Leaders – JC	Years 11 -13 (pairs only)
	MUGA		Rugby Years 7 and 8 – GB	Netball Year 10 and 9 – JC/BH/LG
	Sportshall		Badminton All years with DB	Netball 10 and 9 – JC/BH/LG
	Playing Fields			- Years 10 Rugby - GB (Until 4:30pm) - Cross Country All Years with GB
WEDNESDAY	Fitness Suite	Fitness / Circuit Training - GB/MA	Fitness Room - DB.	Years 11 -13 (pairs only)
	MUGA			Year 11 Netball – JC/BH/LG
	Sportshall		Table Tennis (12:25pm -12:55pm) – GB	6 th form Netball – JC/BH/SS
	Playing Fields			1 st XV Fixtures Rugby
THURSDAY	Fitness Suite	Fitness	Fitness Suite with Gym Leaders - JC	Yrs 11 -13 (pairs only)
	MUGA		Rugby with GB – 9 and 10	Girls Hockey (all years) - JC
	Sportshall		Year 10 and 11 Basketball RC	Girls Basketball - SM
	Playing Fields			Senior Rugby - RC
FRIDAY	PE1			
	Fitness Suite	Fitness	Fitness Room – GB	Years 11 -13 (pairs only)
	MUGA			Girls Football – MA
	Sportshall		Basketball Year 7, 8 and 9 - DB	6 th Form Boys Basketball – RC
	Playing Fields			Year 7 Rugby – GB (until 4pm)

PE Kit Policy

All students are required to purchase the following items for their PE /Games lessons:

Boys PE/Games Kit

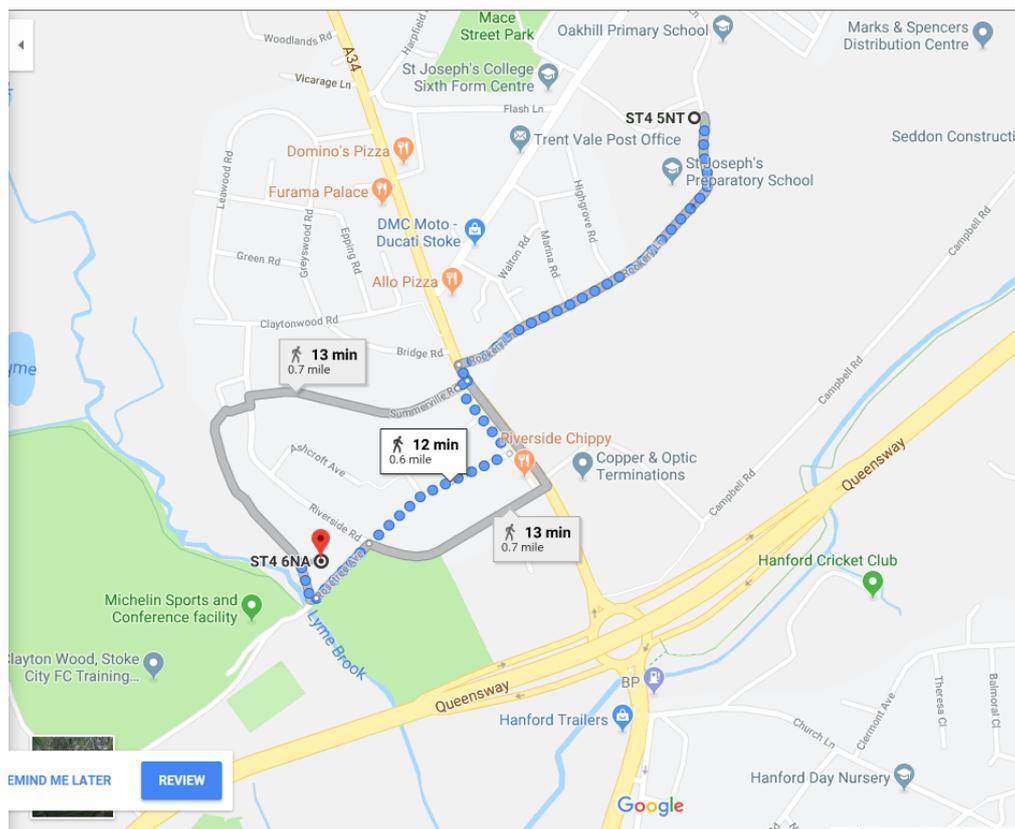
Rugby shirt reversible black/red
Black / red / white striped shorts
Rugby socks, black with red tops
Rugby / Football boots
Black T-shirt (optional)
Black/red/white PE Singlet (initial and surname embroidered on RHS)
Black shorts
School tracksuit jacket (Optional - with St Joseph's College Badge embroidered on LHS, initial and surname on RHS, St Joseph's College on the back.)
School tracksuit trousers (black / red piping, with SJC embroidered on bottom of left leg)
White socks + trainers (predominantly white, no garish colours – not boots)



Girls PE/Game Kit

Black / Red Falcon shirt (initial and surname on LHS)
Black / Red games' skirt (badged LHS)
Black shorts (Two-tone stripes)
Hockey socks (black with red tops)
Trainers (predominantly white, no garish colours – not boots)
Black hooded top - (with St Joseph's College Badge embroidered on LHS, initial and surname on RHS, St Joseph's College on the back.)
School tracksuit trousers (black / red piping, with SJC embroidered on bottom of left leg)

Map to the Games Fields:



Music at St Joseph's

The Music Department offers a whole host of activities to be involved in. You can join both the Junior Orchestra and Junior Choir. There is also the opportunity to book out practice rooms so that you can practice performing with you friends.

Every Christmas **all** Year 7 students take part in the Carol Service at the Victoria Hall. There are other opportunities to perform in the Summer Concert and other functions throughout the year. You may be asked to perform in an Assembly or Mass, and you can audition to perform in the House Talent Show at the end of the year.



Peripatetic Lessons

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic team of visiting professional musicians who offer one-to-one instrumental lessons. Discuss the options available with your parents, and then get them to contact the visiting teacher on the details below. If you are unsure, speak to Mr Gilligan.

Teacher	Instrument(s)	Email
Mr Sam Martin	Drum-Kit & Percussion	sam_martin10@hotmail.com
Miss Lauren Heeley	Contemporary Singing, Popular Music, keyboards	laurenhpiano@hotmail.com
Mrs Jill Cooper	Traditional Singing, Musical Theatre	jillcooper777@hotmail.com
Mr Joe Austerberry	All Brass	austerberry.joe@gmail.com
Mrs Sarah Bailey	Violin & Piano	sarahlbailey@talk21.com
Mr John Lambert	Electric, Acoustic & Bass Guitars	johnlamberttheguitarman@hotmail.co.uk

School Uniform at St Joseph's (Girls)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRLS' UNIFORM YEARS 7 – 9 (AGES 11-14) KEYSTAGE 3

Blazer	School blazer
Blouse	White, non-patterned, plain style (not casual). A plain white T-shirt or vest may be worn under the blouse. Coloured or patterned T-shirts are not allowed. During the Summer term an open neck blouse may be worn.
Tie	School House tie, unless the permission of the Headteacher has been given for an alternative tie - eg County Sports tie. Top buttons and ties must be properly done up.
Skirt	Grey viscose / polyester as supplied by SMART Uniform (Newcastle), Clive Mark Schoolwear or National Schoolwear. It must come to the bottom of the knee. The skirt should have a front vent.
Pullover	If worn must be school regulation pullover (grey with black + red stripe).
Tights/Socks	Winter – black, non-patterned tights. Summer – white ankle socks
Shoes	Plain, black leather or leather type, lace up or slip-ons, not suede. Heels must not exceed 5cm and should not be narrow. Laces must be black. Trainers may be worn at lunchtimes only.
Top Coat	If worn must be plain dark colour conventional in style (no logos). The coat must be long enough to cover the blazer.
Scarf	If worn, must be a school scarf.
Hair	Hair should be conventionally cut and well groomed. If it is longer than collar length it must be neatly tied back, away from the face. Hair bands, slides, etc. must be red, black or brown. No fashion accessories are allowed. Hair must not be artificially coloured.
Jewellery	With the exception of one small stud in each lobe, no jewellery may be worn eg no rings, earrings, necklaces, wristbands or retainers. Watches may be worn but NO web enabled watches.
Make-up	Make-up or nail varnish must not be worn.
PE / Games	Black / Red Falcon shirt (initial and surname on LHS) Black / Red games' skort (badged LHS) Black shorts (Two-tone stripes) Hockey socks (black with red tops) Trainers (predominantly white, no garish colours — not boots) Black hooded top - (with St Joseph's College Badge embroidered on LHS, initial and surname on RHS, St Joseph's College on the back.) School tracksuit trousers (black / red piping, with SJC embroidered on bottom of left leg)



Girl's uniform - winter uniform (left) and summer blouse (right)

School Uniform at St Joseph's (Boys)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

BOYS' UNIFORM YEARS 7 – 9 (AGES 11-14) KEYSTAGE 3

Blazer	School blazer
Shirt	White, non-patterned, plain style (not casual). A plain white T-shirt or vest may be worn under the shirt. Coloured or patterned T-shirts are not allowed.
Tie	School House tie, unless the permission of the Headteacher has been given for an alternative tie - eg County Sports tie. Top buttons and ties must be properly done up.
Trousers	Charcoal grey, plain style, polyester/wool blend, neither too narrow nor too baggy as supplied by SMART Uniform (Newcastle), Clive Mark Schoolwear or National Schoolwear. (Red edging on LHS pocket)
Pullover	If worn must be school regulation pullover (grey with black + red stripe).
Socks	Grey or black. White or patterned socks must not be worn.
Shoes	Plain, black leather or leather type, lace up or slip-ons, not suede. No trainer type Velcro shoes. Laces must be black. Boots may not be worn. Trainers may be worn at lunchtimes only.
Top Coat	If worn must be plain dark colour conventional in style (no logos), and long enough to cover the blazer.
Scarf	If worn must be a School scarf.
Hair	Hair should be conventionally cut, well groomed and neither too short (Grade 4 clippers), nor too long. For guidance, it should be above the collar in length and not covering the forehead and brushed away from the face. Hair must not be artificially coloured. Hair gel or wax is not acceptable.
Jewellery	No jewellery may be worn eg no rings, earrings, necklaces, wristbands or retainers. Watches may be worn NO web enabled watches.
PE / Games	Rugby shirt reversible black/red Black / red / white striped shorts Rugby socks, black with red tops Rugby / Football boots Black T-shirt (optional) Black/red/white PE Singlet (initial and surname embroidered on RHS) Black shorts School tracksuit jacket (Optional - with St Joseph's College Badge embroidered on LHS, initial and surname on RHS, St Joseph's College on the back.) School tracksuit trousers (black / red piping, with SJC embroidered on bottom of left leg) White socks + trainers (predominantly white, no garish colours — not boots)

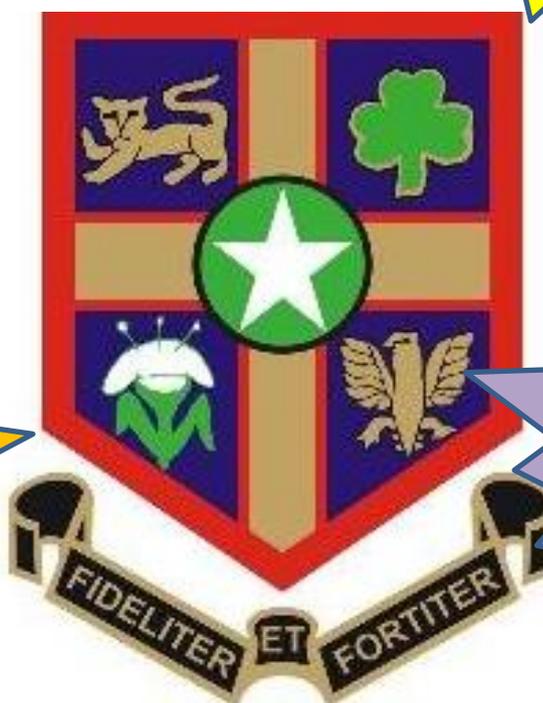


Boy's uniform

What is the best thing about St Josephs?

"I like St Josephs because of the people. It's a good place to be." Elliot

"The best thing about St Joseph's is the clubs. There are so many clubs to choose from! Emma



"My favourite thing about St Joseph's is the food, especially the sausage bagels" Ella

"I like the high standards of music." Layla

"The best thing about St Joseph's is the teachers. They are very supportive and have helped me through a lot this year" Jess

"My favourite thing about St Joseph's is my friends. I like the lessons and how much I learn" Jom

I'm worried about...

We asked some of our recent Year 7's for advice and guidance on the things that they were worried about when they started St Josephs.

...getting into trouble

"Try to be organised and listen to what your teachers are telling you. If you do get into trouble be honest with your teachers and things will get sorted quicker" *Hattie and Ada*

...not getting on with the teachers.

"The teachers are not scary; most of them are really kind, caring and supportive. As long as you behave in lesson you will be fine" *Weronika and Laiba*

"You will learn the quickest routes over time. Until then make sure that you are looking for lessons with a friend. If you are lost ask another student or teacher, they will always help you." *Abdullah and Jack*

...getting lost

"Always ask the teacher for help if you are unsure. You can always go back to them at lunch time if you need further help. Ask your friends to explain things to you as well. This helps them understand too!" *Lizzie and Gracie*

...not being able to do the work.

...homework.

"Use your planner so that you know what day home learning is due. When you write your home learning in your Planner give as much detail as possible. I always try to do it on the day that it is set. If you are unsure ask your teacher or parents" *Ken and Jay*

...not having the correct books and equipment.

"Pack your bag the night before. Always check your Planner whilst doing this, so you know that you have the correct equipment." *Hope and Maddie*

...getting to school.

...making friends.

"You spend most of your time with your Form so you will make friends easily. Talk to people and get involved with conversations. If you feel that you have not made friends speak to your Form Tutor or Mrs Shorey, they will help you " *Abdullah and Jack*

"If you are being bullied, tell someone! Speak to Mrs Shorey and your Form Tutor they will sort it out " *Sneha and Mary*

...being bullied..



No matter what your worry, there is always someone who is there to listen. Ask your friends, your Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Shorey's office is in the Brothers House, she will always be there to talk to, give advice and to help to sort your problems no matter how big or small. It maybe that you want to talk about friendship, homework, health, illness or family - the door is always open.

If you need general information or help, for example whether a Club is on, or if your locker is broken, go to the PIP (Pupil Information Point) in the Main Reception.

Transition Tasks

Now you have read the information above about St Joseph's College, complete the following tasks:



1. What year was the school founded?
2. Who is the Headteacher at St Josephs?
3. Who is the Head of Year 7?
4. Where did Edmund Rice set up his first school?
5. Which house has the symbol of a white star?
6. Who is the form tutor for Kerrigan?
7. Which house is named after the 'Lady with the Lantern'?
8. What creative extra-curricular activities can you do at St Joseph's College?
9. What sport can Year 7's do at lunch time on a Friday?
10. Where can you find Mrs Shorey's office?
11. Which music event do Year 7's take part in at Christmas time?
12. What is the main office called at St Joseph's College?

Find the following words in the word search below:

*Blessed Tansi
O'Donoghue
Fortiter
(Mr) Bryan*

*Kerrigan
St Joseph
(Mrs) Shorey
(Mrs) Christopherson*

*Edmund Rice
Faithful
(Miss) Ship*

*Catholic
Strong
(Mrs) McKenna
(Mr) Willis*

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