



Eyes on the ball on the All Weather Pitch



Mairead Killian & Katie Ryan celebrating their Leaving Cert Results



Ms Gallen & Rugby Coach John Burns holding the Triple Crown



Niamh Fallon, Patricia Lynam & Danielle Dennehy receiving their Junior Cert Results



TY Student Danielle Dennehy with Ms O'Brien after winning a trip to the European Parliament in Strazburg



Sister of Mercy Convent, Kilbeggan



The Autism Unit Team hard at work.



1st Years Aoife Malone, Stephen Malone, Sarah Hogan and Thomas Barrett with Ms. Fallon



TY Student Dean Gannon with Ms. Macken after winning the Westmeath Enterprise Dragons Den competition

# MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL



## KILBEGGAN

Mercy Secondary School Kilbeggan is a Catholic co-educational school committed to the holistic education of all students, to ensure that individually, they each realise their full potential in a social and physical environment that is caring, supportive and joyful. We work in partnership with students, staff, parents and the community, and welcome all students from our multicultural society.

# PROSPECTUS



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# THE CURRICULUM

## JUNIOR CYCLE:

During the first three years, all students are prepared for the Junior Certificate Examination. The subjects offered are: -

<b>Irish</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Wood Technology</b>
<b>Metal Technology</b>	<b>Technical Graphics</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>Home Economics</b>	<b>French</b>
<b>German</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>C.S.P.E.</b>	<b>Religion</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Computer Studies</b>	<b>S.P.H.E.</b>	

## SENIOR CYCLE:

The following subjects are offered as part of the Leaving Certificate Programme: -

<b>Irish</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Construction Studies</b>
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Technical Drawing/DCG</b>	<b>French</b>
<b>German</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Accounting</b>	<b>Agricultural Science</b>	<b>Biology</b>
<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Art</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Religion</b>

A Leaving Certificate Vocational Preparation course (**L.C.V.P.**) is also offered to all Senior Cycle students.

## TRANSITION YEAR OPTION

The following modules are offered as part of the programme:

<b>Art Craft &amp; Design</b>	<b>Business Calculations</b>	<b>Mini Company</b>
<b>Career Guidance</b>	<b>Computer Studies</b>	<b>French/German</b>
<b>Gaelic Games</b>	<b>European Studies</b>	<b>Home Economics</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
<b>Film Studies</b>	<b>Social &amp; Legal Studies</b>	<b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b>
<b>Coaching Skills</b>	<b>Young Scientist</b>	<b>Horticulture Awareness</b>
<b>First Aid</b>	<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>Drama</b>
<b>European Tour</b>	<b>Woodwork</b>	<b>Metalwork</b>
<b>Italian</b>	<b>Tag Rugby</b>	<b>Work Experience</b>

## Career Guidance and Counselling

This Programme begins in First Year. It involves not only the Guidance Counsellor but the Pastoral Care Teachers, Year Heads and Teachers of Religion.

Junior classes receive guidance in such areas as:-

- Transition from Primary School to Secondary School.
- Study Skills.
- Learning to work and co-operate with others.
- Learning to take responsibility.
- A positive appreciation of the school organisation and code of discipline.
- Self awareness and aptitude

## At Senior Cycle the Programme is expanded to include:-

- Assistance with Career/Educational Planning.
- A Programme of Career Options, Occupational Choice, Third Level Options.
- Preparation for, and evaluation of Work Experience in both Transition Year and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.
- Personal Guidance/Counselling.

## Learning Support

A comprehensive Remedial Education Programme is offered in both Mathematics and English. This programme is offered to students in a small group setting/one-to-one basis. The programme also involves ongoing consultation and co-operation between teachers, parents and relevant agencies within the Department of Education and Science, as appropriate.



Busy in Home Economics Room



The World of Computing



The Art Room



The Music Room

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## School Numbers 2009/2010

Boys - 198      Girls - 199      Total - 397

## Bus Routes & Times 2009/2010

School Transport application forms are available in the school secretary's office for those wishing to avail of the scheme. Routes, times & tickets are organised by CIE

## Evening Study

Evening Study is available to all students. It runs between 4.00pm to 6.00pm Mon - Thurs and works out at €3.50 per Week (4 Days). It is completely optional

## Autism Unit

An Autism Unit was established in the school in September 2009 to meet the needs of students with autism in the school community. The unit will cater for up to six students.

## Activities/Extra Curricular

The school believes that extra curricular activities are central to each student's personal development, and a significant number of activities are available, including Gaelic Football, Badminton, Hurling, Camogie, Athletics, Basketball, Soccer, Equestrian, Pitch & Putt, Debating, Public Speaking, Traditional Music Group, Musical Productions & Groups, Choir, Variety Shows, Quizzes, School Trips, Field Trips & Gaisce Awards

## The School Day

The Dining Hall opens at 8.15am and locker areas open at 8.45 am.

Students assemble outside classrooms at 8.55am

Classes start at 9am and finish at 4.30pm

(Early Finish at 1.10pm on Fridays)

## Facilities

Art Room, Computer Rooms, History/Computer Room, Music Room, Staff Room, Teacher Workroom, Dressing Rooms, Gym, All Weather Pitch, Sports Field, Running Track, Autism Unit, Dining Hall, Prayer Room, Library, Learning Support Rooms, Science Room, Science Lab, Woodwork Room, Metalwork Room & Home Economics Room

## The Student Council

The Student Council is made up of two representatives from each year group to voice the opinions of the student body on matters relating to them. In addition to matters relating directly to school, the Student Council also raises funds for charity, both local and national.

## Breakfast Club

Each student is entitled to a free piece of fruit or Actimel every morning under this scheme.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

There is no permission to leave school, except for those going to their own home. There are subsidised healthy lunches available in school. Order between 8.15am and 8.55pm

## 6th Year Mentors

The school operates a Mentoring system whereby 6th Year Students assist 1st Year Students in their transition to secondary school life

## Book Rental

The school operates a very successful Book Rental Scheme which helps defray the high cost of school books. The scheme is available to all students



Captain Darren Ruane receiving the North Leinster Cup



The 6th Year Mentors with Ms. Jones



School Debating Team



The Student Council with Ms. Glynn