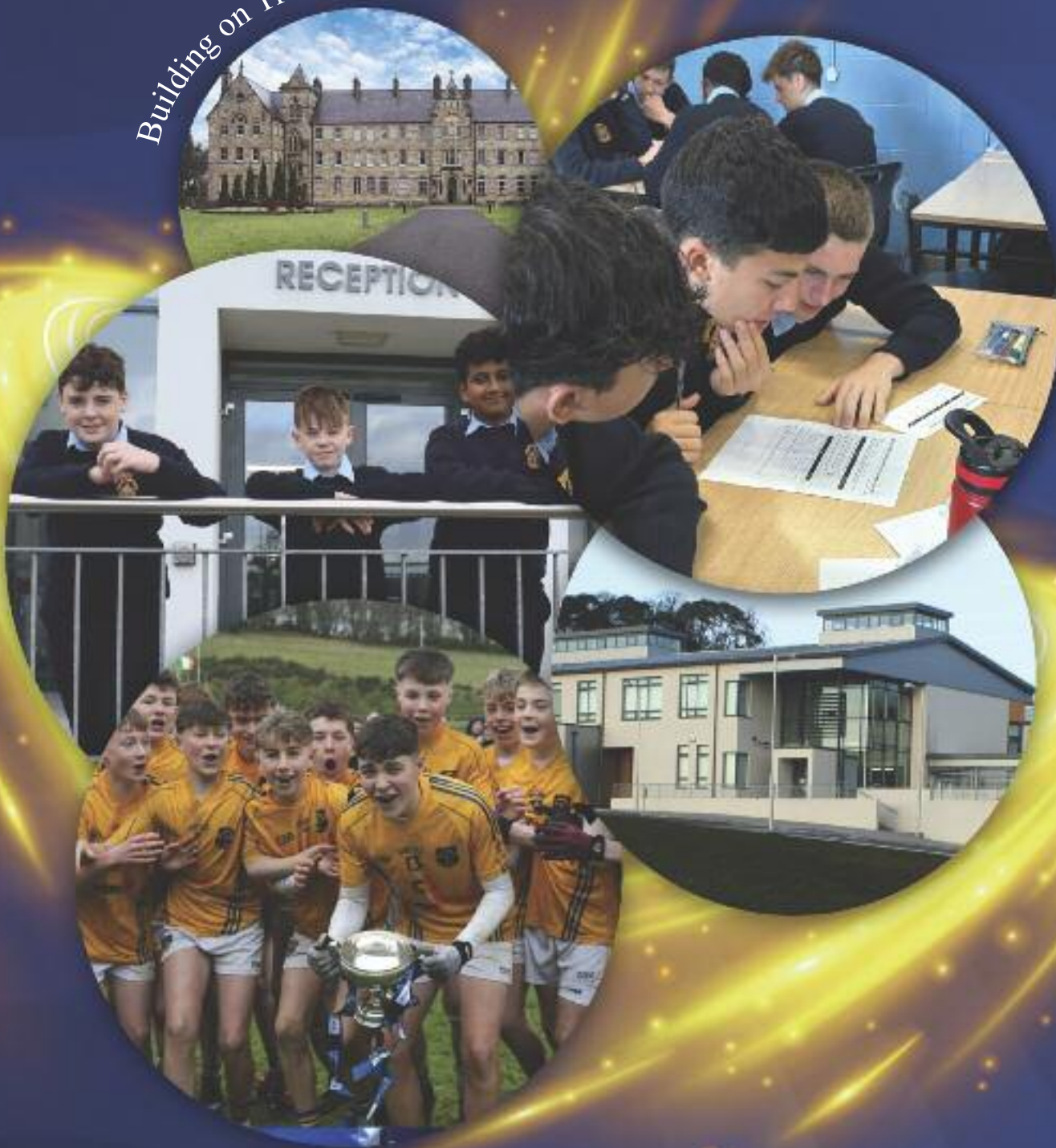


St. Patrick's College Cavan



Building on Tradition



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The crest of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top, a banner reads 'PÁDRAIG' in Irish. Below this, a central shield features a stylized cross with a diamond in the center. Flanking the central shield are two banners: the left one reads 'Coláiste' and the right one reads 'in Cavan'. At the bottom of the main shield is a smaller banner that reads 'AD MELIORA'.

AD MELIORA

TOWARDS BETTER THINGS

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick's College, Cavan has at its heart the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

It is a school where Gospel values are central to all aspects of school life, a school which cares for the faith and personal development of each student and reaches out to the Catholic and wider Christian community.

This College strives to provide a rich and diverse curriculum, catering for the needs of each individual student, in a safe and secure environment. It strives for excellence in areas of creative arts and sport, social concern and spiritual values. Students are encouraged and challenged to realise their full potential as human beings.

This College is an inclusive and respectful community, welcoming students of all denominations and of none.

Welcome

from the Principal & Deputy Principals



Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are delighted to welcome you and your son to St. Patrick's College. This prospectus aims to give you a small insight into the daily life of the students here, and we hope answers some of the questions you may have. Our Open Evening allows prospective students and their families the opportunity to come in, see our state-of-the-art facilities, and meet our staff.

St. Patrick's has a rich history and tradition of excellence in the ethos of Catholic Education. Our key aim in the college is to provide a quality education aimed toward promoting academic achievement and holistic development, in line with our school Mission Statement. Our students are expected to adhere to the motto they wear across the chest each day: 'Ad Meliora' - 'Towards better things'. Effort and commitment toward their endeavors, inside and outside of the classroom, are the standards of a St. Patrick's College student. Our successes in state examination results, in sporting achievement, in music and arts, alongside many other domains are reflective of this spirit.

Our school ensures your son will be given the opportunities to excel in whatever field he pursues. We participate in sport, debating, music, arts, drama and community works within the school, as well as at National and International levels. Our commitment to these pursuits is an established and encouraged part of student life in the school.

We offer a team of dedicated teachers who are committed to a culture of excellence, where enabling each student realise their full potential is at the heart of what we do. A St. Patrick's College student will be actively encouraged to engage in school life and avail of as many opportunities as he can. In the classroom, he will have teachers delivering quality lessons with state-of-the-art resources alongside excellence in experience. It is our vision that your son will emerge from St. Patrick's College a mature, confident and well-rounded young man equipped with a breadth of skills and knowledge for the future, motivated to play an active and responsible role in society. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Open night: Thursday 15th October 2026 7-9pm
Any queries can be addressed to: enrolment@edu.stpatscavan.ie

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Principal



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Deputy Principal



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State of the Art FACILITIES

St. Patrick's College has modern well equipped facilities that enable the delivery of the school's extensive educational programme.

These include:

- A Science suite consisting of six laboratories, preparation areas and a demonstration room
- Fully equipped Art room
- Modern Home Economics kitchen
- Specialist facilities for Woodwork and Technical Graphics
- Two modern and fully equipped Engineering rooms
- Learning Support rooms
- Digitally enabled Music room and practice rooms
- Pastoral care facilities including an Oratory and Career Guidance offices
- Library with internet research facilities

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

- Two dedicated ICT rooms - one to support teaching of languages
- Whole school network of ICT infra-structure including Office 365 allowing online teaching and support to students
- Students can download the full Microsoft Office Suite on up to 5 devices
- All classrooms have modern IT capability with 200mb broadband accessible through Wifi
- "Online IT Skills training Program" is especially designed for TY students. It includes modules on Computer Skills & Career Skills with each student having their own login to an eLearning Portal

Extra-Curricular & Sporting

- State of the art sports hall, including a stage for music and drama productions
- Second sports hall
- A fully equipped fitness suite and a strength and conditioning gym
- Prunty football pitch with running track
- All-weather sand-based playing pitch
- Extensive hardcourt areas for basketball & soccer
- Outdoor handball alleys
- State of the art Indoor Handball Complex



Canteen

- Two large canteens – junior and senior
- Staffed and operated by 'Get Fresh' catering company
- Food served throughout the day
- An extensive range of healthy food available

JUNIOR CYCLE PROGRAMME

First Year Programme

- All students participate in an extensive induction programme
- All classes are mixed ability
- Maths and Irish will stream from second year
- Students sample option subjects before choosing
- Computers is a core subject for all students
- Senior Cycle students act as mentors to first years, regularly meeting them
- Regular testing and a minimum of two school reports are issued each year
- A range of merit, class, extra-curricular and academic awards



Junior Cycle Programme of Achievement (JCPA)

The JCPA is the name of the recently reformed Junior Certificate programme. The JCPA is founded on a framework that provides flexibility and discretion for schools in the curriculum they offer and to best serve the needs of students and the school. At the core of the JCPA are 24 statements of learning underpinned by eight principles. Statements of learning provide a reference point on progress and achievement. The focus of the change at Junior Cycle is to facilitate learning through understanding and skills rather than 'learning off by heart'.



Core Subjects		
Gaeilge	English	Mathematics
CSPE	SPHE	Physical Education
History	Geography	Religious Education
Science	ICT	Business Studies

Optional Subjects	
Art, Craft & Design	French
German	Home Economics
Engineering	Music
Technical Graphics	Woodwork

SENIOR CYCLE PROGRAMME

Option Subjects (Students choose four) <i>Timetable is designed based on student choice</i>			
Accounting	Business	Physics	
Biology	Chemistry	Religion	
Agricultural Science	Applied Maths	Art	
Construction Studies	Design & Comm. Graphics	Music	
Engineering	Geography	History	Physical Education
French	German	Economics	Computer Science

Core Subjects	
Gaeilge	English
Mathematics	Religion
Career Guidance	Physical Education



Transition Year

Transition year is an optional year for students between Junior and Senior Cycle. There is an application and interview process to secure a place. TY fosters academic, social, vocational, physical and spiritual development through the breadth of activities students are exposed to during the year. Students who complete TY are likely to be more socially aware, more mature and achieve better results at Leaving Cert.

Students undertake the same core subjects as fifth year students and sample subjects for Leaving Cert. They undertake a lot of competitions such as Young Scientist, John Paul II Award and WWGS Passport Award. Modules in public speaking, drama and law are completed along with many educational trips and fundraising activities. Overall TY is an exciting, challenging and innovative year.





Extra-Curricular Activities

The College has a tradition of providing opportunities for students to develop their talents in an array of other areas. There is something for everyone. Students participate in National and local competitions such as BT Young Scientist, Young Entrepreneurs, chess competitions and public speaking outings to name but a few.

Ongoing success in Music and Drama

Drama and music are an integral part of life in St Pat's. The school nurtures talent via the annual staging of dramas, musicals, concerts, music competitions and talent shows. Towards the end of 2025, creative talents of drama, dance, art and music fused with the more practical talents of stage

design and construction in the revival of our infamous Pat's Factor. This sold-out show was a most memorable night for our students, staff, parents and local community. Musicals such as Oliver and Back to the 80's along with adaptations of such well known Irish dramas as Juno and the Paycock have united students from every age group. Our staging of the much-loved musical Grease in 2023 is one of our most renowned productions and even more excitement lies ahead. Work is well underway towards the staging of the poignant and heart-wrenching J.B.Keane drama Sive. Save a place in your diary for March 2027!

There have been four consecutive wins for the traditional Irish Group in the Wesley competitions, multiple 1st & 2nd place awards in U14 and O16 wind and brass competitions, numerous 2nd place awards in the orchestra competition

as well as highly commended performances for the jazz band. With an active male voice choir, trad group, jazz band, orchestra, a comprehensive instrumental tutoring scheme as well as an organ scholarship there is a vibrant music department to become involved in. Drama and music allow for the development of a wide range of talents as well as collaboration with neighbouring schools.

Creativity

Creativity is encouraged in St Pat's. From visual arts to film, sculpture to ceramics, creative writing to drama and much more, students are introduced to new skills and given an insight into the artist's world. Such variety stimulates students and staff both mentally and physically demonstrating how broad 'creativity' can be. Students have played a central role in key initiatives such as Creative Engagement and Creative Schools.





Sporting Success

Sport is a significant and essential part of school life. Indeed, the physical development of students is part of our mission statement. Students have access to a broad range of sports and compete in athletics, badminton, basketball, hurling, gaelic football, golf, handball and soccer. Gaelic football is the most popular sport. The College competes in Ulster Schools GAA competitions at five different age groups. In recent years, St. Pat's has won all five cups and the blue riband MacRory Cup in 2015. In 2018 we held three of the cups simultaneously. In April 2022, the college u15.5 team won the Oisín McGrath cup. Most recently in December 2024, our U14.5 team experienced success in the Corn na nÓg cup, defeating St Colman's College Newry in the final. Our ambition is to challenge for the top prizes each year.

St Patrick's College is now recognised as one of the pre-eminent basketball schools in the country, winning many 'A' regional titles and competing in several All-Ireland finals in recent years. In January 2026, our U16 team were crowned All Ireland 'A' Cup champions at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. The College has also enjoyed considerable success in soccer, winning Ulster schools titles most recently in March 2026, when St Eunan's Letterkenny were defeated in the U17 provincial final.

The Board of Management has invested in top class facilities. It renovated the indoor handball complex and, renovated the old assembly hall in to a modern second sports hall and a strength & conditioning gym. We are fortunate to have a significant number of teachers who give willingly of their time and we also bring in expert coaching to support our ambition.



A Thought from Our 1st Years...



Jack O'Reilly

I have settled well into St. Pats. At the start I thought it would be a big change coming from a small school in Belturbet but I have enjoyed it so far. There are lots of sports and activities to do. I like Gaelic the most but there are also chess, games and darts clubs as well. I have also tried lots of new subjects. I would totally recommend St Pat's.



Evan O'Reilly

When I started in St Pat's I was a bit worried because there were only 2 lads coming from my primary school. However, after the first 2 weeks I really settled in and made lots of new friends. There is so much support for 1st years from year head, tutors, mentors and teachers. There is always someone to help. St Pat's is a very good school with



Liam Corley

I am really enjoying my time in St. Pat's. Its good craic and it is great getting to know new people. At the start I was worried about being late or not being organised, but the lockers are very easy to work. If you're struggling the mentors are a great help. All the teachers are really nice. There are loads of sports and extra-curricular activities like music and chess. It is really good fun coming into school every day.



Abel George

I really enjoy St. Pat's. Everyone here is so nice. There are so many activities to do. There are so many option subjects to choose from like woodwork, engineering, German, music etc... There is so much support from the mentors and the year head, Oh and the curry chip on Thursday is so nice. In my opinion St Pat's is the best school. I think you will have a great time here.



Dins Logins

Everything is going smoothly for me. I am happy with my base class and my teachers. I hope to get on the soccer, handball and basketball team. All 1st years have their own canteen. The curry chips are amazing. The mentors are great and so helpful. I have made so many new friends. St Pat's is the best school for me.



Danny Buggy

St Pat's is the best school in Cavan. I have settled very quickly. My mentor helped me with my locker at the start and showed me where to go. I made lots of new friends and I am enjoying all the different subject. The day flies by. The curry chips and food in the canteen are class. You won't regret coming to St Pat's

ALUMNI

Where are they now?



In St. Patrick's College we take immense pride in our students' accomplishments, and our commitment to excellence has resulted in many well-deserving awards and recognitions for our students. Some of the academic awards achieved in the last few years are:

- Naughton Scholarship Award
- JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship Award
- Trinity College Scholarship Award
- DCU Academic Scholarship Awards
- UCD Entrance Scholarship Award
- UCD Ad Astra Scholarships
- Sports Scholarships to various universities

Increasingly, new ways of accessing further education and training are emerging. The 'earn to learn' model, where students work as apprentices and access third level education part-time is becoming popular. We have experience of it in accounting, marketing, building services, quantity surveying and retail. In 2022, St. Patrick's College entered an Educational Partnership with Mannok with the launch of our Digital Innovation Hub.

St. Patrick's College is the first school in the Republic of Ireland to benefit from a Mannok educational partnership. It focuses on Computer Science but has mutual benefits in other areas. Having introduced Computer Science in 2020, this partnership with Mannok affords access to the support and expertise of Mannok, and their staff, and allows students to see aspects of Computer Science in practice. Mannok offer two internships to fifth year Computer Science students each summer. We have other companies offering internships and educational opportunities via the 'earn to learn' model.





Bruce Govan
French, Ancient History &
Archaeology
Trinity College Dublin



Ehan Shah
Physiotherapy
University of Worcester



Caolán Fitzpatrick
Economics
University College Dublin



Ultan O'Reilly
Engineering
Ollscoil na Gaillimhe



Charlie Fallon
Quantity Surveying
TU Dublin



Senan Burke
Biomedical Engineering
University of Ulster



Ciarán Sharpe
Spatial Planning & Environmental Management
TU Dublin



Louis McEntee
Science
University College Dublin



Darragh McDonald
Computer Science & IT
Ollscoil na Gaillimhe



Mark Shiels
Mechanical Engineering
ATU Letterkenny



Student Welfare and Support

St. Patrick's College promotes student welfare and supports students through a pastoral care team that includes: Class Tutors, Yearheads, Learning Support team, Student Wellbeing Team, Student Support Team, School Chaplain and Guidance Counsellors.

Guidance Counselling

During a student's time in St. Patrick's College a student may be assisted by the Guidance Counsellors on issues such as

- Testing/Aptitudes, personality and career interest
- Counselling on personal, educational and career interest
- Referrals in school and to outside supports
- Parental Meetings
- Student Information
- Guidance Classes, career talks and trips

Learning Support, AEN and EAL

St. Patrick's College is an inclusive school and places equal value on all students irrespective of ability. Students are considered for additional support based on identified needs via classroom observation, standardised test results, psychological reports and additional information received.

AEN (Additional Educational Needs) and EAL (English as an Additional Language) are priorities for all schools to enable students to fully access the curriculum.

School Leadership

The school has a number of formal ways of promoting leadership by students within the school community:

- An elected Student Council with members from every year group
- Green Schools Committee – promotes environmental issues within the school
- Participation in Bronze and Silver Gaisce Awards and John Paul II Awards
- WWGS Passport Award - recognises and rewards quality Global Citizenship Education
- Wellbeing Committee – initiative to promote positive mental health
- Mentors provide peer support to first year students
- Prefect System



Board of Management

St. Patrick's College is a Catholic voluntary secondary school under the trusteeship of the Bishop of Kilmore. The school is governed by a Board of Management. All members of the Board of Management are appointed by the Trustee. Members of the Board do not act in a representational capacity. The Trustee appoint four trustee nominees to the Board. The college staff elect two nominees who are then appointed by the Trustee to the Board of Management. The parents elect two nominees who are also then appointed by the Trustee.

Parents' Association

St. Patrick's College has a very active Parents' Association that contributes to many activities in the school. The PA fosters co-operation between school and home and promotes the educational welfare and general interests of the pupils. An annual general meeting of parents is held each year at which the parents committee is elected.

Code of Behaviour

Our policy is to approach discipline positively. There is a code of behaviour combining firmness and relying increasingly on self-discipline and responsibility as students move up through the school. We have a Tutor and Year Head system operating in the school and parents are encouraged to contact the Year head in relation to matters of student welfare. A copy of the College Code of Behaviour is printed in the student's journal and must be signed as a condition of enrolment.

School Journal and Locker

All students must have a school journal for recording work from their classes and also to bring notes between home and school. Students must have a locker for the safekeeping of their belongings.

Attendance and Punctuality

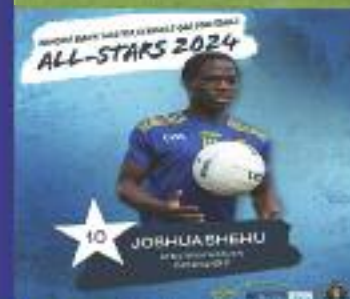
Good attendance and punctuality in schools ensures students get the best from school life i.e. academically, socially and emotionally. Attendance is monitored twice a day, morning and lunch time. Parents must inform the school of reasons for absence via the School Journal which must be given to the Year Head, Class Tutor or school office.

Homework and Study

Homework is an essential part of the learning process. Homework is given every day. It may take the form of oral work such as learning verbs, formulae or lines of poetry or it may take the form of written practice exercises in maths, essays etc. Students must record their homework in the school journal. A guideline for homework and study time for first years is up to two hours per night.

Enrolment Process

Application forms are available from the school office, on our college website (www.stpatscavan.ie) or by scanning the QR Code on the back page. Closing date for applications is 3pm on Friday 6th November 2026. Applications submitted after this date will be considered a 'Late Application'. Offers of places will issue by Friday 20th November 2026. The Admissions Policy is available on the school website.





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Scan the above QR code to
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of our school website



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