



PROSPECTUS 2021



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Béal an Mhuirthhead, Co. Mhaigh Éo



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Mr. Howard Treacy
Deputy Principal



Mr. Michael Walshe
Principal

Welcome from the Principal



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Dear parents, guardians, and pupils, as the Principal of St. Brendan's College, I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to enlighten you on the ethos of this school.

I know that I speak on behalf of our Board of Management, our staff, and the students of this college when I say how much we look forward to welcoming 6th class students from all over the Barony of Erris. We are very proud of our college and hope that you will consider us when making your decision on the kind of second level education you would like. In St. Brendan's College, you will find that the entire school community will help to ensure that your transition from primary to secondary education is both enjoyable and beneficial.

As a student of St. Brendan's College, you can be confident that you will be educated and cared for by our dedicated, highly-qualified, and attentive staff. St. Brendan's College is a dynamic establishment and the high standard of education offered here is shown by a focus on evaluation, modification, and innovation. The recent Department of Education inspection of our school highlighted the positive and happy atmosphere in our school. We were delighted to be described as 'a beacon for education in the North-West', an accolade that is a tribute to all in our school community.

We are very proud of our magnificent Sports Hall with its superb playing courts and specialist equipment, designed to aid students in developing a healthy attitude towards sports and fitness. We work with local community groups, including Foróige and the Erris Athletics Club, by making our sports available to them. We believe that we are a school which recognises the ideal of the school as part of the local community.

Students of our college learn in modern attractive surroundings and have access to the very best resources in state-of-the-art classrooms. In this modern school, we have a progressive approach to education and we are responsive to the needs of students, parents, and the community. Our school is unique in that we offer an extensive choice of over 15 subjects, both practical and academic, which will match our students' aptitudes and interests. Our curriculum is constantly changing to meet the needs of our students. Guidance on subject choice will be available to all students on enrolment.

We hope that this prospectus will give you an appreciation of the many subjects we offer in St. Brendan's College, and that it will demonstrate our wide variety of enjoyable and interesting extra-curricular activities in areas such as sport, music, education, and social pursuits. We constantly strive to educate our students for life and we believe that through our subject choice and extra-curricular activities we have found a balance that ensures that all our students reach their full potential.

In conclusion, both as a native of Erris and a past student of St. Brendan's College, you have my assurance that the staff of our college will continue to provide the high level of education that we feel every student in Erris is entitled to and deserves.

Mr. Michael Walshe

Principal





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St Brendan's College
First Year Students 2020-2021

Mission Statement

St. Brendan's College is committed to providing the highest educational standards and facilities for our students. We aim to build a partnership between all those involved in the provision of a top quality service – The ETB, School Management, teachers, parents and pupils.

This will enable our students to reach their full potential and prepare them for participation as good citizens in society.



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History and Management

We are very proud of the long tradition of excellent education provided by St. Brendan's College, serving the people of the Barony of Erris since 1936.

St. Brendan's College was established at its present location here in Logmore, Belmullet, in 1982. Prior to that the school, known as Belmullet Vocational school, was situated at Shore Road, Belmullet. It catered for students who wished to pursue a vocational education since its opening in 1936.

In 2009 our new building and sports hall were opened by the Tanáiste Ms Coughlan. The present school offers an extensive choice of subjects in a state of the art building with unrivalled facilities. We consider it a fitting place for the educational needs of the people of Erris in the 21st Century.

St. Brendan's College is under the Management of Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB and the School Board of Management.



Western Region and Alchol Task Force Public Speaking Project 2019



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Home Economics 2020

General Information

School Day

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9.05 - 16.00

Pastoral 9.00 - 9.05

Morning Break: 11.05 - 11.15

Lunch: 13.15 - 14.00

Friday 9.05 - 13.35

Pastoral 9.00 - 9.05

Morning Break: 11.05 - 11.35

School Uniform

The school uniform consists of the following.

Boys: Charcoal Grey shirt/polo shirt.
Charcoal Grey trousers.
Maroon V. neck jumper.

Girls: Charcoal Grey blouse/polo shirt.
Charcoal Grey skirt/
Charcoal grey trousers.
Maroon V. neck jumper.

Geography Field trip 2020





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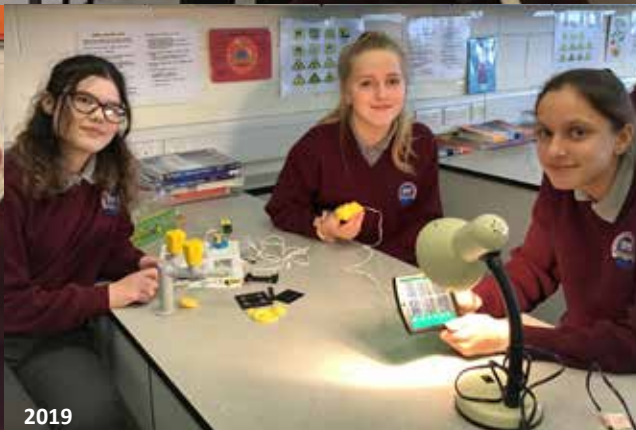
SCIENCE



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2019



2019



The Bug Doctor 2019



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GAEILGE 24. Daltaí ó Choláiste Bhreandáin Naofa a ghlac páirt i nGaeilge 24 do Chonradh na Gaeilge. Labhair na daltaí Gaelge do 24 uair an chloig. Eagraíodh gearrscannáin as Gaeilge, Tráth na gceist don scoil iomlán, seisiún ceoil agus céili mar chuid den ócáid speisialta seo. “Beatha Teanga í a labhairt”

Enrolment

Applicants for First Year should ensure that they comply with all entrance and enrolment procedures. These include submission of completed Enrolment Form by specified date and acceptance of the College's Code of Behaviour. A full copy of the College's Admission Policy is available upon request or on the school's website.

Parents

Our parents/guardians are always welcome. We value your contribution. All parents/guardians are invited to meet teachers in various capacities on numerous occasions throughout the academic year. There is an active Parents Association which is very supportive of the college.



Daltaí ó Choláiste Bhreandáin Naofa atá páirteach in Óraidí Ghael Linn.



2019



Tá Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa páirteach i Scéim Aitheantas Scoileanna Gaeltachta, mar chuid den scéim seo tá daltaí ón gcéad bhliain ag staidéar a gcuid Mata as Gaeilge i mbliana. Tá sé ar intinn ag an scoil go mbeadh na hábhair Tír eolas agus Stair ar fáil do dhaltaí ag tosnú sa scoil bhliain 2019/2020. Tá an- chuid buntáistí ag baint le hábhair a dhéanamh trí-mheán na Gaeilge, ina measc tá cúntóir teanga ar fáil chun cúnamh a thabhairt leis an nGaeilge. I dteannta leis sin is ranganna beaga a bhíonn i gceist agus anuas ar sin eagraítear eachtraí éagsúla as Gaeilge do dhaltaí i rith na bliana. Beatha Teanga í a labhairt.



Student Council 2020/2021



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Curriculum

In St. Brendan's College we understand the educational needs of the young people of Erris and so we provide a wide range of courses.

Junior Certificate

Leaving Certificate

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

St. Brendan's offers a wide range of academic and practical subjects.

At Junior Cycle all subjects are offered at Higher, Ordinary and Foundation Level where feasible.



Comhairle na nÓg Members



3rd Year Forum 2020



2nd Year Forum 2019



1st Year Forum 2020

FIRST YEAR FORUM 2020

The First Year forum is designed to allow students to have their voices heard within the school community. It gives students the opportunity to meet, discuss and share ideas with each other and with the school management.



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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

Junior Certificate

Core Subjects.

Irish
English
Mathematics
History
French
Science

Optional Subjects.

Material Technology (Wood)
Technical Graphics
Music
Art
Geography
Material Technology (Metal)
Business Studies
Home Economics

Wellbeing Subjects

Religious Education
C.S.P.E. (Civic Social and Political Education)
S.P.H.E. (Social, Personal and Health Education)
Computer Studies
P.E.

Core Subjects

Core subjects include French and a Science subject. The reason we have included these subjects in the core is that we are planning for the students' future careers. There are some third level institutions that require entrants to have a third language, so by ensuring that everybody gets an opportunity to study French, we are ensuring the widest possible range of career paths are open to our students.

Science is also a core subject because a science subject is essential for careers in medical, engineering and scientific fields.



JCSP - Junior Certificate Schools Programme

The Junior Certificate School Programme aims to provide a curriculum framework that assists schools and teachers in making the Junior Certificate more accessible to those young people who may leave school without formal qualifications. It attempts to help young people experience success and develop a positive self-image by providing a curriculum and assessment framework suitable to their needs. On completion of the programme students receive a profile which is an official record of their achievements from the Department of Education and Science.



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JCSP

JCSP Awards 2020



JCSP Awards 2020



JCSP Awards 2020





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Senior Cycle

The following subjects are on offer at Senior Cycle for students to choose from.

All subjects, except Religious Education and Computer Studies, are offered at Higher and Ordinary Level.

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- French
- Religious Education
- Computer Studies
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Geography
- Art (with craft option)
- Design & Communication Graphics (Technical Drawing)
- Accounting
- Business
- Engineering
- Technology
- Architectural Technology (Construction Studies)

- Home Economics (Social & Scientific)
- L.C.V.P. (Link Modules)

Where feasible we are prepared to change the subject choice to meet the needs and demands of students.





Academic Excellence

High quality teaching and learning is paramount in our school. Students are consistently encouraged to do their best at all times. Success in examinations is vigorously pursued at both Higher and Ordinary Level. Specific recommendations on homework and the use of Homework Journal are issued by the college for the benefit of both students and parents/guardians.

A tradition of excellent Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate results exists in St. Brendan's College. Our past pupils have excelled in a wide variety of careers and third level courses. These achievements range from winning University Scholarships to National Apprenticeship Awards.

2nd Year CBA-80km Sponsored Cycle-Mayo Mindspace 2019.



2nd Year CBA- Coffee Morning-Mayo Roscommon Hospice 2019.



2nd year CBA - Sponsored Walk and Rounders Tournament – Bumblebee



2nd year CBA - Movie Day for Cara Iorrais 2019



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FRENCH



French Food Tasting Day 2019



Book Scheme

A Book Rental Scheme is in operation in the school. Considering the price of books today, this is a major saving for parents. The books are bought by the school and then rented to the students. First years pay a rental fee of €20 and a deposit of €40. The deposit is refunded when the books are returned. First year books can cost well over €200, but on the rental scheme all the student pays is €60, which is a significant saving. This rental scheme continues into 2nd year, right through until the end of Leaving Cert. The fee from 2nd year on is €50 per annum.



French Petanque Competition Winners 2019



French Treasure Hunt Winners 2019



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TRANSITION YEAR



Transition Year 1 Class



Transition Year 2 Class

Transition Year

The core subjects are:

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Science
- International Studies
- Home Economics

The TYP will involve a selection of the following:

- Art
- Career Guidance
- Excursions
- First Aid
- GAISCE Award
- Environmental Education
- Drama
- Car Maintenance/Construction/Technical Drawing
- Mini-company/ Business
- Music
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Physical Education
- Political Studies/European Studies
- Science
- Visiting Speakers
- First Aid Course
- Self Defence
- Photography
- Safe Pass



Transition Year 3 Class

Transition Year students organise Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.





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TY ACTIVITIES





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TY MUSICAL FEBRUARY 2020





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Student Transfer Programme

- The transition from Primary to Secondary school can be a challenge for students and to facilitate their transfer, an induction day for first year students is held at the start of the year.
- An Open Day is held in February/March for all sixth class students.
- School Enrolment/Open Evening is held for parents/guardians and students.
- An aptitude test is given in April/May to assess pupils' needs. This is also an opportunity for the students to make themselves more familiar with the school environment.
- A class tutor is appointed to each student group.
- Study skills seminars are organised for students.
- The school prospectus is circulated to sixth class students.
- Big Brother/Big Sister programme. A mentoring system is in place whereby each first year student is matched with a senior student who will be there to advise them throughout their first year at school. All students receive training from Mayo Children's Initiative.
- All students will receive individual timetables which will be colour coded.
- All students will be offered the opportunity to take part in our Summer Camp which is funded by North Mayo School Completion Project.



Transition year students raise funds for the local branch of Western Care by selling personally crafted Christmas jars.



1st year Summer Camp 2020





Margaret Heffron
Home School Community Liaison Officer



Anna Donohoe
Special Needs Education Co-ordinator



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Support Services for Students

The overwhelming majority of students complete their education in this school without undue difficulty or need for specialist support.

A range of support is available to students

- Tutors and Year Head System
- Academic Tracking
- Guidance Counsellor
- Pastoral Care
- Home School Community Liaison Officer
- Learning Support and Resource Teaching
- Anti Bullying Programme
- Big Brother Big Sister Mentoring Programme
- Student Council
- Mentoring
- Care Team
- After School Study
- Special Needs Assistant
- Parents Association

Roisin Heavey - SCP Project Worker.

As Project Worker for the North Mayo School Completion Programme, Roisin will be working in St. Brendan's College 3 days per week. She will be providing a range of supports to many students depending on their individual needs. These supports include:

- Homework Club
- Breakfast Club
- Big Brother Big Sister Mentoring Programme
- Transfer Programmes/Summer Schemes

Roisin will also provide targeted group work and individual work. The targeted work will focus on:

- Social & Personal Development
- Learning Support such as Literacy and Numeracy
- Study/Organisational Skills.

These will be offered in various innovative and creative ways through the use of sport, art, cooking, games and mentoring.



Róisín Heavey
School Completion Co-ordinator



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Guidance and Counselling

Guidance is regarded as a core element of the St. Brendan's College overall programme. The guidance programme seeks to respond to the needs of the students at all stages of their education. The objectives of the guidance programme are not only framed by reference to the legislative requirements, but are also referenced by the good practices evident in our school.

The Guidance Department endeavours to support all our students in their journey through secondary education. My role involves counselling, providing information, educational guidance, career guidance, individual appointments and providing for the personal, educational and social development of all our students.

Educational guidance and career guidance are delivered as part of a structured whole school programme. Students participate in psychometric testing and have individual appointments to help them with subject choice. The Guidance Department has developed a career guidance programme spanning the three years of the Senior Cycle. In the period from Transition Year to Sixth Year students participate in Career Guidance classes, careers counselling, mock interviews, college visits and college presentations. Students are also assisted in the completion of many applications including CAO, HEAR, DARE, UCAS, UNICAS, PLCs, SUSI and Access programmes.

Personal counselling is available for all students. Students may from time to time need care, support and guidance to help them cope with particular situations or difficulties they may be encountering. We work in conjunction with the Pastoral Care Team and liaise with the Senior Management Team to provide the range of supports which a student may need.

Every individual is a valued member of our college community and, through the provision of a comprehensive guidance and counselling curriculum; we ensure that they are given every opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Our academic performance is excellent, with the vast majority of students entering third level education annually. In pursuit of academic excellence, we never lose sight of the individuality of each student in our care. Our level of care and support for students is unparalleled. Students of St. Brendan's College thrive because they are supported, encouraged, cared for and feel a real sense of belonging.



Barbara Padden
School Careers and Guidance Counsellor





Wellbeing week 2019



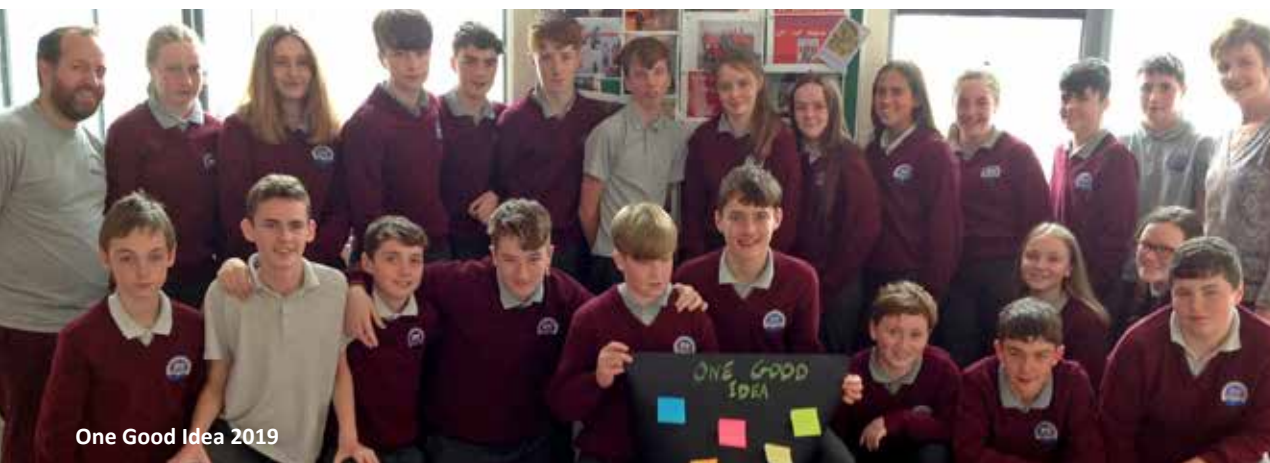
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Positive Behaviour

All members of St. Brendan's College community are expected to treat one another with respect, good manners and courtesy at all times.

We expect and promote high standards of behaviour centered on respect:

- Respect for Self
- Respect for fellow students
- Respect for staff
- Respect for property



One Good Idea 2019



Coffee Morning 2019



Coffee Morning for Mayo Roscommon Hospice 2019



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Extra and Co Curricular Activities

Our school has excellent facilities which provide the opportunity for students to engage in sport and other activities. The school is very committed to the development of the full range of each student's talents and aptitudes. To this end, a wide selection of activities outside the regular school timetable is offered, currently including:-

- Sport – Gaelic Football, Rugby, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Pool, Athletics, Gymnastics, Golf.
- Drama – Musical, Christmas Variety Concert, Drumming Workshop, Poetry Workshop
- Fundraising – Students are involved in various fundraising activities including – Angel Day, Anti-Bullying, Annual Card Game.
- Big Brother Big Sister – Part of our mentoring programme for our young students
- Educational Trip – Geography Fieldtrip, Biology Fieldtrip, CSPE – visit to Dáil Eireann, History Trips – visit to Stormont
- Competitions - Maths Olympiad, Mini Company
- Debates – Gael Linn, Concern, Public Speaking
- Oíche Ghaelach
- Ploughing Championship
- Hillwalking
- Quizzes
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Toraíocht Taisce – Treasure Hunt

The school is greatly indebted to teachers who give so generously of their time and expertise in the promotion of these activities on a voluntary basis.

Girls Soccer Team 2019



Junior Girls Basketball Team 2019



Junior Girls Gaelic Football Team 2019



Senior Girls Gaelic Football Team 2019



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EXTRA AND CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



2019 Eddie Cuffe Team



First Year Boys Gaelic Team 2019



Junior Boys Soccer 2019



1st year Gaelic Team 2018 - 2019



1st year Boys Soccer Team 2019



2019 Eddie Cuffe Captains



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EXTRA AND CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Juvenile Gaelic Team - O Haire Cup Winners 2019



Senior Boys Soccer Team 2019



Senior Gaelic Team - Flannagan Cup Winners 2019



U16 Boys Gaelic Team 2018-2019



Junior Boys Basketball Team 2019



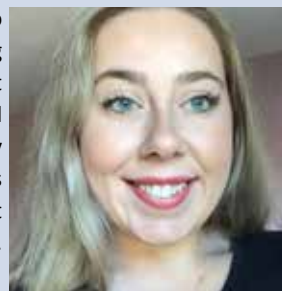
Junior Boys Gaelic Football Team 2019

Congratulations



Congratulations to Brandon Geraghty, Leaving Certificate Student 2020 as he begins his Apprenticeship in Mechanical Automation and Maintenance Fitting with Allergen. Brandon is one of two people in the country to secure this highly sought after Apprenticeship.

Congratulations to Amy Wilson, Leaving Certificate Student 2020 who was awarded the the 1916 Bursary Scholarship. Amy is currently studying at NUIG.



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Achievements

St. Brendan's College has a long tradition of providing excellent education to girls and boys in the area and can boast many achievements

- Excellent academic reputation in the state examinations.
- University Entrance Scholarships
- Scholarships : The Donogh O Malley Scholarship Scheme
- All Ireland Scholarship Scheme
- Gaelic County Titles
- Debating Titles
- ECDL
- Gaisce: The President's Award
- YSI

Awards

Students are nominated for awards in recognition of

- Extra Curricular Activities
- Student of the Year
- Outstanding Achievement
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Project Awards
- First Aid
- Safe Pass



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TY CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2019





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Facilities

St. Brendan's College is in a new state of the art building with most up to date facilities in the area including

- Fully networked ICT classrooms
- Science Laboratories
- Engineering Rooms
- Construction Rooms
- Technology Room
- Language Laboratory
- Home Economics Room
- Art/Craft/Design Room
- Learning Support
- Library
- Canteen
- Sports Hall
- Hardcourt Areas
- Pitch
- Music Room
- Technical Graphics Rooms
- School Lockers





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