

St. Brogan's College

Bandon, Co. Cork



PROSPECTUS

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Mr. Patrick Mawe
Principal



Mrs. Caroline Corrigan
Deputy Principal



Location

St. Brogan's College is located on a magnificent site on Kilbrogan Hill. The facility is maintained to the highest standard. Located on site is a P.E. hall, fenced hard court playing area, glasshouse and full size playing/training pitch.

The school is served by buses from all over the catchment area, bringing most students directly to the school gates.

History

St. Brogan's College has a proud history of service to the local community dating back to the early 1900's. In 1936 a new school was opened on Kilbrogan Hill catering for 60 boys and girls. In 1980 an ultramodern school was built at its present location. A new P.E. hall and extra classrooms were added in 1996. Refurbishment has continued to this day with the inclusion of state of the art Information and Communication Technology rooms and a dedicated Design and Communication Graphics Room. The Science rooms, preparation and demonstration area were upgraded to the highest modern standards in 2009.

College Ethos

St. Brogan's College is a non-denominational, co-educational school under the auspices of County Cork V.E.C. St. Brogan's offers a very comprehensive education embracing academic, practical, technological and scientific strands.

Courses

Junior Certificate
Junior Certificate Schools Programme
Transition Year
Leaving Certificate
Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
Leaving Certificate Applied Programme
Post Leaving Certificate Course - Business/Secretarial



School Day

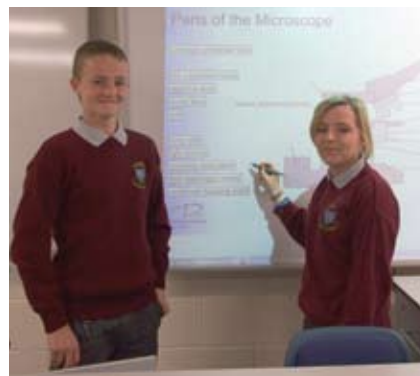
Monday	9.10am-3.50pm
Tuesday	9.15am-3.50pm
Wednesday	9.15am-3.50pm
Thursday	9.15am-3.50pm
Friday	9.15am-3.50pm
Morning Break	11.10am-11.25am
Lunch break	1.15pm -1.55pm

School Uniform

Wine Round neck jumper with school crest
Grey Trousers (Boys and Girls) or Skirt (knee length) for girls
Grey polo shirt with school crest/offical grey shirt
(official supplier is Don Murray, South Main St. Bandon)

Book Rental Scheme

St. Brogan's College operates a school book rental scheme for Junior Cycle students. Under this scheme students can rent their school books for a fee each year. This fee is considerably less than the cost of purchasing the books.



Mission Statement and Aims

- ✓ Provide schooling where each pupil can avail of a wide range of learning opportunities designed to promote their spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development at school and within society.
- ✓ Prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- ✓ To cherish all students equally and to encourage all students to make a positive contribution to their school, teachers, visitors and their peers.
- ✓ To facilitate students in acquiring a sense of pride of place within the school and to realise that their individual and collective contribution is recognised and valued at all times.
- ✓ To ensure the provision of good organisational structures, a comprehensive curriculum, effective communication with parents on the progress of individual students, special education, guidance and counselling.
- ✓ To provide a secure and harmonious environment within which staff and pupils can work together to achieve their aims.
- ✓ To ensure that issues either threatening or interfering with the rights of the individual within the school receive an immediate response in order to safeguard the individual's concerns.



Tradition

- ✓ St. Brogan's is dedicated to achieving excellence in all spheres of school life – curricular and extra-curricular.
- ✓ St. Brogan's College students consistently achieve top results in the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate examinations.
- ✓ St. Brogan's College boast a very highly qualified and committed teaching staff in all subject disciplines.
- ✓ St. Brogan's College has a wonderful record of participation in a number of sports at Cork, Munster and All Ireland levels.
- ✓ St. Brogan's College takes pride in its post-leaving and extensive Adult Education programme.





The Transition from Primary to Secondary School

Open Evening

- ▶ Students in the catchment area are invited to attend the school open evening
- ▶ Teachers are available to chat to parents and students
- ▶ Displays and activities are organised by each subject department

Enrolment

St. Brogan's College has an open enrolment policy which is welcoming of all new First Year students. Students may be enrolled at the Open Night or between 9.30am and 4.30pm on designated school days.

Documentation required for enrolment: Completed application form, birth certificate, PPS number, Educational reports if available.

Assessment

An assessment of incoming students is held on a Saturday Morning in March at which standardised tests are used.



First Day in School

A full morning is dedicated to First Year induction. On this morning, First Year students are divided into class groups and meet with their Class Tutors and Year Head. The following issues are addressed:

- ▶ School Timetable
- ▶ School rules
- ▶ Common procedures
- ▶ Bullying
- ▶ Common problems which may arise

In addition, students are assigned lockers and books provided from the school book scheme.

Mid September

First Year parents are invited to the school to meet the Year Head, Class Tutors, the Guidance Counsellor, the Home School Community Liaison Coordinator as well as the Principal and Deputy Principal. At this meeting the organisation of the school is again outlined and parents are free to ask questions.

At all stages throughout the transition from Primary to Post Primary school the Principal, Deputy Principal, Home School Community Liaison Coordinator and Guidance Counsellor are very willing to meet with prospective parents and students to discuss issues of concern to them.

SIX YEAR CYCLE - CURRICULUM

Junior Cycle Subjects

First Year: Pupils study all subjects. This enables students to make more informed choices about subjects they wish to study for their Junior Certificate.

Second/Third Year:

Core Subjects: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, C.S.P.E., S.P.H.E., Religion, P.E.

Optional Subjects:
French, Business Studies, Woodwork, Metalwork, Art, Home Economics, Technical Graphics.

Junior Certificate Schools Programme:
The school operates the Junior Certificate Schools Programme in 2nd and 3rd Year.

Senior Cycle

The majority of our students complete the traditional Leaving Certificate.

Core Subjects: Irish, English, Maths, Religion, P.E.,

Optional Subjects:
Geography, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, Business Studies, Accounting, Design and Communication Graphics, Construction, Engineering, Art, Home Economics, History, LCVP



Transition Year Programme

St. Brogan's College Transition Year Programme is a highly organised and extremely successful programme within the school. Transition Year offers pupils a broad educational experience with a focus on personal and social development. It encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning, thereby transforming them from dependent to independent learners. The value accorded to Transition Year is reflected in the fact it is a compulsory year in the school.

During Transition Year, students study all Leaving certificate subjects which assists them with their subject choices for Leaving Certificate. A number of non Leaving Certificate subjects are also studied helping to broaden the educational focus of the student. As well as class work a programme of extra activities is also in place. These include

- ↪ Song school,
- ↪ GAA Coaching Skills
- ↪ Drive for Life
- ↪ First Aid
- ↪ Careers talks
- ↪ College speakers
- ↪ Drama
- ↪ Law Module

Leaving Certificate Applied Programme (LCA)

The Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is a two year programme which runs parallel with the traditional Leaving Certificate. It is designed for students who do not wish to progress to proceed directly to 3rd level or for those whose needs are not met by the traditional Leaving Certificate Programme. The course aims to prepare students for adult and working life, to develop literacy, numeracy and computer skills and to encourage personal and social development. LCA students spend four days a week in school with one day in an approved place of work.





Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

The L.C.V.P. is an intervention designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the traditional Leaving Certificate. The LCVP combines the academic strengths of the traditional Leaving Certificate with a dynamic focus on self directed learning, innovation and enterprise. The L.C.V.P. examinations are accepted for points within the CAO system of application for third level colleges.

Academic Excellence

A teaching and learning environment of the highest quality is encouraged in our school. We recognise each student's potential and we consistently encourage pupils to strive to achieve their potential. Every effort is made to assist pupils with a strong emphasis on homework and through the provision of homework clubs and after school study facilities.

A tradition of excellent Junior and Leaving Certificate results exists in St. Brogan's College. Our past pupils have excelled in a variety of careers including University lecturers, engineers, pharmacists, chemists, craftsmen, business people etc.

Homework and Study

Homework and study are essential components of school life. With this in mind, St. Brogan's College provides the facility to study in a supervised, work conducive environment for two hours at the end of each school day. Homework clubs, where students may receive assistance with their homework are also available to students of first, second and third years. Both the supervised study and homework clubs have proved immensely beneficial to students and are widely praised by students, parents and teachers.

Staff

The school has a full complement of fully qualified, dedicated and committed teachers. This includes a Career Guidance Counsellor, Learning Support Teachers, a Physical Education Teacher, a dedicated Information Technology teacher and a Home School Liaison Teacher.

Parents

Parents are always welcome in St. Brogan's College. All parents are invited to the school to meet teachers in various capacities on at least two occasions in the school year. Parent teacher meetings provide an opportunity for both teachers and parents to discuss the progress of each student. Contact with parents is maintained throughout the school year with Christmas, Summer and Pre-Examination reports as well as school newsletters being sent home.

Parents Association

Parents can also keep up to date through involvement in the Parents' Association. The Association is very supportive of the school and has the full cooperation of the school authorities. The Association plays a key role in selecting parent representatives to the Board of Management of the school.



Students

St. Brogan's College has a long tradition of partnership with students, electing its first Students' Council in 1987. Ever since, the Students' Council has been elected annually and is comprised of a President and various other portfolios such as Charity Officer, Sports Officer etc. As well as undertaking school based activities, the Council is consulted on all school policies and plays an important role at the school Open Evening and at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

Rang Iosaif

St. Brogan's College has a very successful class, Rang Iosaif. Students in this class have Moderate Intellectual learning difficulties and an extensive programme has been developed to meet their needs. Aside from the educational benefit to these students they are also afforded the opportunity to interact on a social level with their peers.



Facilities

St. Brogan's has comprehensive up to date facilities including special rooms/laboratories as listed below, with indoor and outdoor physical education facilities including a hard court area and a sports field.

General Classrooms
Woodwork/Construction
Design and Communications Graphics
Demonstration/Lecture Theatre
Metalwork/Engineering
Learning Support
Art/Craft/Design
Home Economics
Science Laboratories
ICT/Computer Laboratories
Library
Greenhouse
Canteen/Shop

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

St. Brogan's is at the leading edge of computer education. Two ICT rooms host over fifty networked computers with internet access. All classrooms have internet access and are equipped with additional computers. Practically all rooms have data projectors and an increasing number have interactive whiteboards. St. Brogan's is a recognised test centre for the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL). All Transition Year students get the opportunity to complete the ECDL.





Student Care

Pastoral Structures

The individual child's needs are at the core of the pastoral care system in the school. St. Brogan's College has clear structures to ensure the needs of students are catered for throughout the school year. Class Tutors, Year Heads, Guidance Counsellors, Special Needs Team, Home School Community Liaison Teacher, School Completion Staff and the Care Team all work in close cooperation with parents to ensure the needs of each child are met.

Guidance

The Guidance Counsellor works with all year groups. Students are assisted with subject choices, study plans, exam targets, college applications, career options and if required personal counselling. From second year onwards students follow a dedicated guidance programme. In addition, each student is monitored and advised on an individual basis, meeting the guidance counsellor on numerous occasions during their time in school.

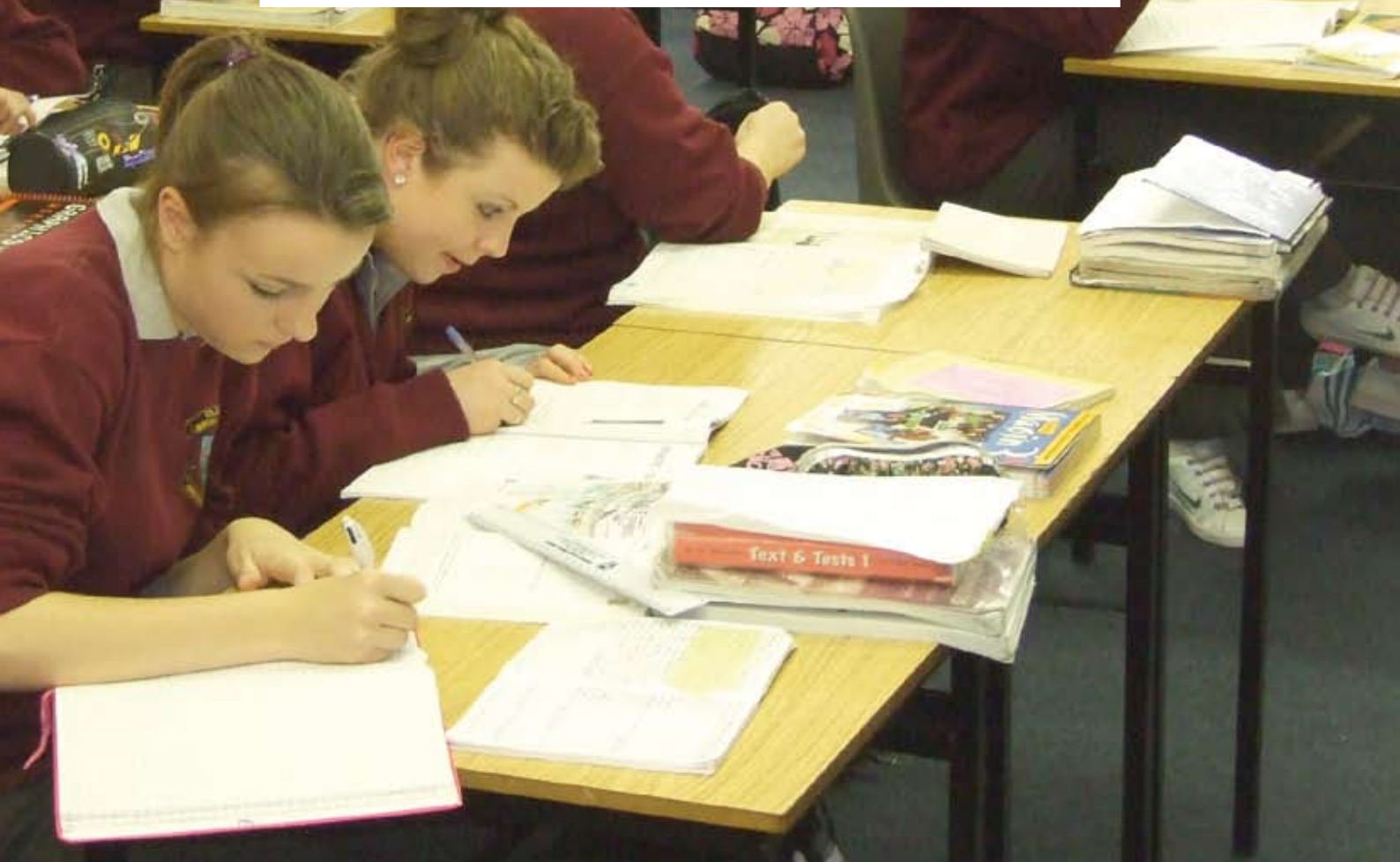
School Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes on each school day. The school makes every effort to encourage good attendance. Strategies in place include:

- ✓ Utilising the services of the Home School Community Liaison Teacher
- ✓ Provision of teacher assisted homework clubs
- ✓ After school study programme
- ✓ Provision of a range of extra and co-curricular activities to increase the positive experiences of pupils
- ✓ Rewards for good attendance

Healthy Eating

Prior to morning classes, tea/orange juice and toast is provided free to all students who wish to avail of it. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch to school and an excellent canteen area exists for students. At both the mid morning and lunch time breaks, the school shop serves scones, rolls, sandwiches, wraps, soup (winter months), fruit as well as a range of confectionery.



Extra-curricular Activities

A wide range of extra-curricular activities are on offer in St. Brogan's College. These enhance student experiences of school life and provide great opportunities for personal development.

Activities include:

- ✓ Hurling
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Table Tennis
- ✓ Ladies Soccer
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Camogie
- ✓ Ladies Football
- ✓ Outdoor pursuits
- ✓ Brogan's Best school magazine
- ✓ Gaisce Awards
- ✓ 'Girls Night Out'- Mystery Tour
- ✓ Career Exhibitions
- ✓ Leaving Certificate Retreat
- ✓ Green Flag
- ✓ Study Skills Seminar
- ✓ Charity Events

Competitions include:

- ✓ 'Build a Bank'
- ✓ Texaco Art Competition
- ✓ Debating
- ✓ Young Scientist
- ✓ Cork Chamber of Commerce Science competition
- ✓ Rotary Club
- ✓ Dragon's Cave

Website

The school website provides up to date information about school events and is an invaluable resource for both students and parents.

www.sbc.ie






Our Commitment

St. Brogan's College is committed to


- ✓ Creating a happy and safe school environment
- ✓ Fostering a love of learning
- ✓ Providing a broad curriculum
- ✓ Offering a range of extra-curricular activities
- ✓ Maintaining up to date facilities
- ✓ Providing excellent teaching standards
- ✓ Guiding students to achieve excellent results
- ✓ Facilitating students in discovering their potential
- ✓ St. Brogan's College offers a comprehensive curriculum catering for the needs and aspirations of all its students.



Recent Past Pupils



Aidan Davies
Engineering CIT




Aidan McCarthy,
Psychology, University of
Limerick




Brendan Cullen, Leisure
and Recreation, CIT




Brendan Foley
Accounting UCC




Eoin O'Shea Primary
Teaching, Mary Immaculate
College Limerick




Jason Burke
Sustainable Energy CIT




Joseph Harrington
Biochemical Science UCC



Killian Crowley,
Mechanical Engineering
CIT




Vincent O' Flynn, Actuarial
& Financial Maths DCU




Liam McCarthy & James Moloney,
Agricultural Science, UCD



Chris Carey, Architectural
Technology CIT




Neil Bursell,
Architectural Technology
CIT




Nora Jane Cottrell,
Bioscience UCC




Thomas Biggs,
Mechanical Engineering,
CIT



David Beamish
Apprentice
Mechanic




Sean and Comac Duggan both doing
Pharmacy at UCC pictured with
Patrick Mawe, Principal




Shane Walsh, Multimedia
& Computers, University of
Limerick



Stephen Murphy,
Mathematical
Sciences UCC



Joy Holland, Health Care Support
Studies, Fiona Waugh, Psychiatric
Nursing, Tralee, Rebecca Lawlor,
Biological Sciences with Teacher
Education University of Limerick



Ronan Duggan, PE
teacher training
DCU pictured with
P.E. teacher Jamie
Wilkinson



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County Cork VEC

Mission Statement

"County Cork Vocational Education Committee aims to deliver a high quality education service, in a partnership manner, to meet the existing and emerging needs, throughout the county region of Cork".