





# A message from our Head Girl GRACE DUFFY





St. Brigid's House B House

#### Compassion



St. Colmcille's House C House

### Community



St. Lawrence's House L House

### Charity



St. Muireann's House M House

#### conscience



St. Patrick's House P House



## A message from our L House Captain **ALISON HERBERT**





St. Brigid's House **B** House

### Compassion







St. Lawrence's House L House





M House





St. Patrick's House P House



## History and Context

- Founded in 1953 by the Religious of Christian Education, a French order founded in 1817 to provide a Christian Education for girls.
- The original school building is from the 1950's
- The school joined the free education scheme in the late 1960's.
- Joined Le Chéile Trust 2009.Le Chéile Education Centre 2021.
- Síol Board and Le Chéile in 2017
- Ethos Christian values
- Academic excellence
- Wellbeing
- 5 Houses a place of belonging







### Vision and Mission Statement

- Our Lady's School is a community that embraces Christian values. The education it provides is rooted in a deep sense of faith.
- We aim to create a positive inclusive environment which enables everyone to reach their **full potential**. We promote **mutual respect** within the school community and strive to provide a **happy and secure** atmosphere which **fosters a love of learning**.
- We encourage the development of the whole person, by fostering the **personal**, **spiritual** and **moral development** of every student. The **realisation** of individual talents and academic excellence is paramount.
- We aim to create a friendly, healthy, safe and caring environment which affirms our pride in the school.
- We promote the development of the necessary skills so that students may become responsible members of society.
- It is our wish to see every student leave Our Lady's School with moral integrity and a heightened sense of social conscience.













# Creating a unique environment for learning and development

'Building a path for the future, rooted in our heritage'



**Our 4 Pillars** 



### **Our Lady's School Partnerships**



**Religious of Christian Education & Le Chéile Trust** 

'Building a path for the future, rooted in our heritage'



**Board of Management** 



Our Lady's Students & Staff



**Parents** 



**Past Pupils** 



**Local Community** 







# Strengths of our school The growth mindset at OLS



'Building a path for the future, rooted in our heritage'



Wellbeing/Holistic education Extra/Co-curricular activities HOUSE



Student voice Student Leadership Student Council Student Affirmation

OLS COMMUNITY

Academic Excellence Academic Tracking

Communications System

> Website APP

**VSware** 

**Newsletters** 

Strong Collaborative Staff (WSE 2019) Board of Management Parents' Council

# Strengths of our school: WSE 2019 REPORT



'Building a path for the future, rooted in our heritage'



"School leaders foster a culture in which learning is prioritised, leading the school community to continuously strive for excellence."

"School self-evaluation (SSE) processes are used very effectively to manage the school's response to changing needs; the school has a high capacity for improvement."

"Highly effective policies and practices to promote students' personal, social, educational and career development are in place."

"Teachers' collective practices are of a high standard in the school, with regular subject department meetings, common assessments and the use of digital platforms to share resources."

"The school values and supports partnership with parents as a means of supporting students' learning and wellbeing. They build and maintain very constructive relationships with parents. The principal builds and maintains this process through effective and regular communication with all school partners using a range of media, including the recently introduced school app. Surveys are used regularly to get feedback from staff, parents and students."



Chaplain

Year Head

House Head





Form Teacher Support Network Care Team





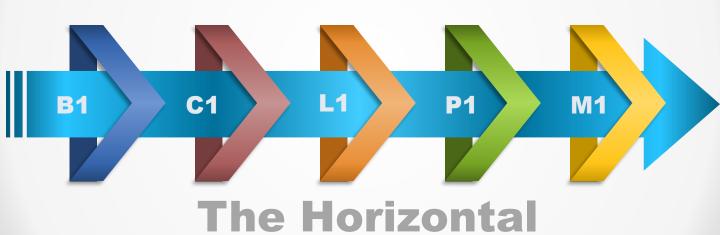
Guidance Counselor

Learning Support

Reception



# **The Year System**



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PRINCIPAL Ms **Marguerite** Gorby



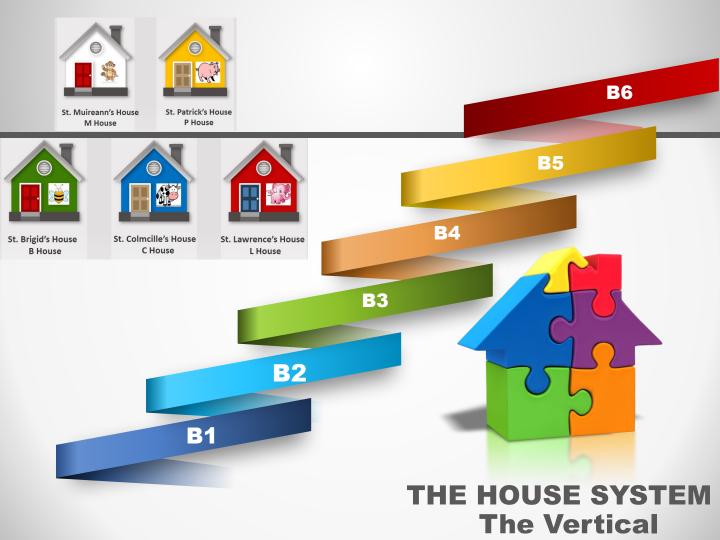
Mr. Stephen **Rhatigan** (1st-3rd)

#### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM**



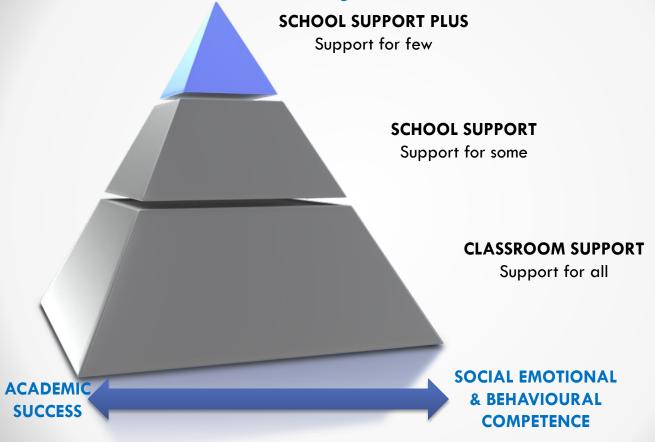
#### **YEAR TEAM**







# Our Lady's School



# SUPPORT FOR ALL

Induction Programme

Year Team

House System

Care Team (SEN & Guidance Counselling)

Identification of Learning Needs - CAT IV/P-PADE

**Academic Progress Monitoring** 

Accelerated Reader - We are a Well Read school.

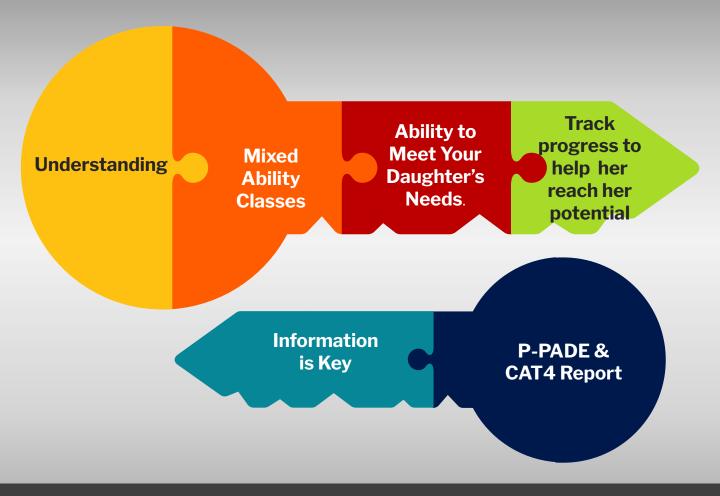
Wellbeing SPHE/CSPE/PE /RE/Wellbeing Module

Extracurricular Programme

Active School Flag (Health Promoting School)

Amber Flag



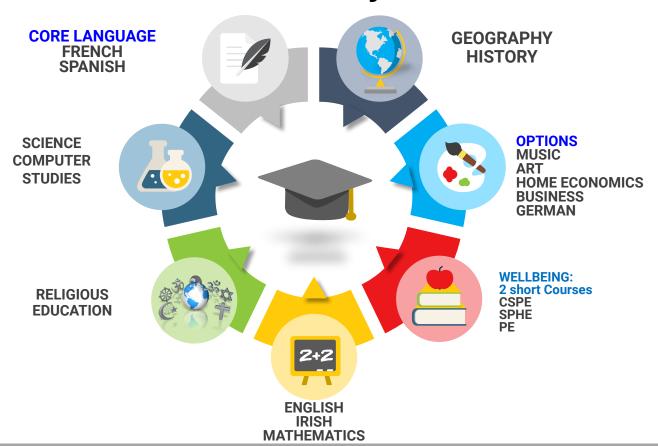


P-PADE & CAT4 – A Key to unlock important information



The Transition From Primary to Secondary

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Subjects







HOME

**ECONOMICS** 

**BUSINESS** 



**MUSIC** 



**ART** 



**GERMAN** 

Your daughter has the opportunity to choose her preference in a number of subject areas in what are called "Option" subjects.

As part of this process, your daughter will select preferences for **two subjects** out of a pool that includes Art, Business, Home

Economics, German and Music.

It may not be possible to satisfy all students' requests within the resources available to the school, however, every effort will be made to do so and therefore the ranking of preferences will be very important.

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If the number of applicants for a particular subject is exceeded, then random selection will apply, generated by VSware software and students will receive a lower preference.



SPANISH

Together with selecting two "Option" subjects, your daughter must also select a Modern Foreign language.

Languages on offer include French

and Spanish.

PLEASE NOTE:

A modern foreign language is guaranteed as a Core Subject, however, please note that the language offered for September may be impacted by the numbers choosing one or other of the

languages specified above.

## Subject Options

### - What do I do next?

- This evening you will have received an email with a Google Form.
- In this email you will also have received a document outlining the courses for those subjects that are to be chosen.
- It is important that, together with your daughter, you take the time to read the information and consider which subjects are to be taken.
- The completed Form must be submitted no later than the close of day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- If you have not received an email by this evening, please contact the school first thing tomorrow.





1 First Day- 2/3 hours

2 No books or lockers

3 Meet 6th Yr Council , Form teachers, Year Head, Deputy Principal

4 New Beginnings
Programme



# Extra-Curricular Activities

On offer at Our Lady's School



# OTHER AREAS OF LEARNING





Hockey Team

**Badminton Team** 

Scifest

Student Council

Reading Rep

Class Captain

Charity events

**GAA Team** 

Camogie Team

Member of the Choir

Member of the Book Club

Member of the Green Committee

Member of the Running Club

Member of the Film Club

Creative Writing Club

Mindfulness

Traditional Music Group

Games Club

Puzzle Club

















### **COMMUNICATION**

Link

## Using the journal

Key link between school and home.

Students tick off work when done.

Parents to monitor journal and sign weekly.

Teachers may communicate with parents via notes section in Journal.





- School office
- News/Notifications
- Personal Notification
- News Archives
- Gallery
- alendar 🗎
- My Student
- Absentee form
  - Return to Educational Facility
    Parental Declaration Form
- 🏟 Chat Boards
- Permission To Leave
- Consent form

#### VSI Vsware

# School App



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**Single touchpoint** for mainstream school communication.



**Download** from your App store: Our Lady's Terenure

Further instructions available on the website:



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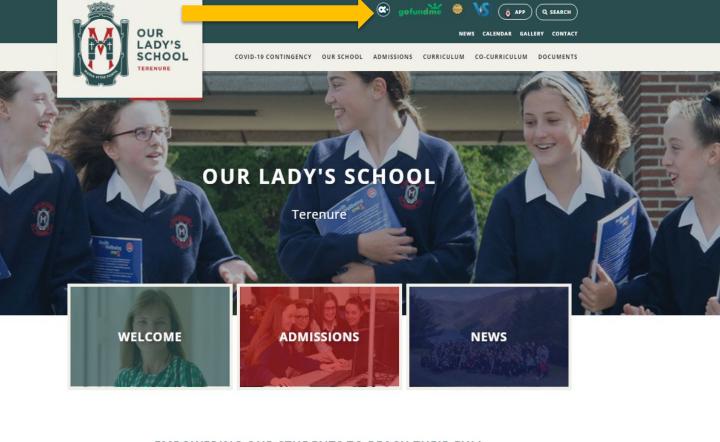
- → News & information
- → Link to VSWare & Easy Payments
- → Notification of late arrival/unexplained absence, etc.



CALLING

#### Home School

- → Absence notification (including late/leave early)
- → Permission/Consent forms



### EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ETHOS

WELLBEING

HOUSE

# Any enquiries should be emailed to incomingfirstyears@olschool.ie





# Thank you!

We look forward to welcoming your daughter to Our Lady's School

