



Welcome to St Pius X College

'To Promote Partnership Develop Talents And Encourage Participation'



A message from the Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian & Pupil

Education is every child's pathway to his/her future and therefore in St Pius X College we strive to ensure a safe, happy, well-ordered and comfortable learning environment for every child who enters our doors. You can therefore have confidence that your child will have access to pathways which will ensure his/her success. I will look forward to working with you all from September.

Ms J Bartley—Principal

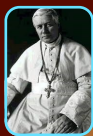
Our College Name

About this time 150 years ago, a young Italian boy was transferring from his primary school to a secondary school. His name was Guiseppe Melchiorre Sarto. He was called Bepi for short.

Bepi studied to become a priest. Later he became a Cardinal and in August 1903, Bepi was chosen as the new Pope. He took the name **St Pius X**.

Pope Pius X died in 1914 and was later canonised a saint.

In our school we often say; "St Pius X Pray for us".



Links: At St Pius X College we like to develop close links between home and college through our:



- Year Group Mass
- Induction Meetings
- Parent Teacher Meeting
- Letters and Leaflets
- Homework Diary
- Paired Reading
- Prospectus
- Progress Report

Your First Day!



Your first day at our college is very important.

You will receive a:

- **Class Timetable**

To help you prepare for your new subjects and teachers

- **School Diary**

To record your homework. It also has other useful information e.g. Code of Conduct

- **Bus Pass**

To get you to and from school.

- **Network User ID**

To allow you to use the computers



A New Beginning

This is a chance to start again in a new school with different surroundings, subjects, friends and teachers. It is the beginning of many opportunities for you.



You will face many challenges and observe many changes. The college is much bigger than your primary school; you will move around different classrooms and now you will be among the smallest and youngest pupils in the college.

But don't worry because a designated teacher, your Form teacher has been appointed to take care of your interests and help you settle in. If you have any problems your Form teacher will help you. We also have a group of Year 13 pupils, called mentors, who will care for you.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September.

Remember take pride in what you do, be courteous, show respect and always do your best.



Mrs S Moore

Head of year 8

Preparing For Your First Day!

Before you come to college on your first day you will need to have the following equipment:

- School Bag

- Jotter
- Dictionary
- Pens
- Pencil
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Colouring Pencils

Curriculum

From the moment you join our college you will engage in a wide variety of interesting activities which help you develop your skills and talents.



Our Extended Curriculum includes:

- Public Speaking
- Quizzes
- Ski Trips to Europe
- Sport
- Residential Trips
- Choir / Music / Drama
- Feiseanna



Class Groups

- ⇒ You will be placed in a class best suited to your ability.
- ⇒ There are 3 bands and 6 classes.
- ⇒ No matter what class you are in you will have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Class Movement

- ⇒ Your class is not permanent. It is reviewed regularly and if necessary you will be moved to a class where we feel you will make better progress.

Skills

In St Pius X College you will develop many skills such as:

- Teamwork
- Decision-making
- Self-evaluation
- Research
- Thinking/Creative
- ICT



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Attendance

Promoting Partnership

Pupils

It is important that you attend college everyday.

If however, you are absent, your parent/guardian will receive a call from our parent call system to request a reason for your absence.

Leave of absence will only be granted for a Consultant and/ or Orthodontist appointments. An appointment card should accompany a written request from your parent/guardian and be presented to the Head of Year. You are encouraged to make dental/medical appointments outside college hours.

Attendance Target

95%

Parents/guardians, you have a statutory obligation to ensure your child attends college regularly.

Homework

The aim of homework is to help you to revise what has already been taught in class.

Write down your homework into your diary immediately after you receive it.

If you have difficulty with a particular homework explain this to your subject teacher.

Homework should be completed with care.

Inside your homework diary you will find all the college rules. Read them carefully.

What to do if :

You are ill in college or have an accident:

Tell a teacher. We have a first aider who looks after and cares for sick/injured children. Someone from the college will contact your parents. In an emergency you will be taken directly to the hospital.

You need to get an urgent message home:

Tell your form teacher who will try and sort the matter out for you.

You change your home address or phone number:

Pass on your new details immediately to your form teacher

You are having difficulty with some subjects:

Tell your class teacher or talk to your form teacher.

Something is worrying you:

Tell a teacher who will understand. We are here to listen and to help - we will try to do what we can.

Parents / Guardians

If you have any concerns you should contact your child's **Form Teacher** or **Head of Year**. Please use your child's homework diary to communicate with subject teachers.

Year 8 Pupil Comments (Class of 2016-2017)

Changing from primary school to college is one of the big events of your life. It is natural to experience anxiety and have some concerns. Here, some of our year 8 pupils express their feelings about coming to St Pius X College!

"I wasn't that nervous about coming to this school because I knew a lot of people already. "

"The best part of coming to St Pius X was making new friends and having great fun"

" Everyone is very nice here."

"I was excited but very nervous, but all the pupils and teachers were very welcoming"

" I love coming to school every day!"

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