

**INCOMING FIRST
YEAR PARENT/
GUARDIAN
MEETING**

29/4/2023



**We, the community of this College,
through a caring and collective approach,
aspire to provide a broad-based
education for all, to foster respect and
dignity and to promote a safe and
just environment by positively
encouraging all to realise their potential.**

STUDENT WELCOME

RUAIRÍ JACKMAN BRADY -
CURRENT 1ST YEAR STUDENT

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OUR ETHOS

- Our ethos contains five core values:
- 1. Excellence in Education – We set high expectations of both teaching and learning
- 2. Care – You should feel cared for, and show care to others in this school
- 3. Equality – No group should feel treated differently to others for any reason
- 4. Community – Students feel a sense of belonging to the school
- 5. Respect – You should feel respected and show respect to all members of the school community



FIRST YEAR TEAM

Principal –
Mr.Ward

Deputy Principal –
Ms.Gibson

Deputy Principal –
Ms.Clune/Mr.Burke

Year Head –
Ms.Denny

SEN Coordinator –
Ms.Elliott

Admissions Officer
– Mr.E.Carey

Class Tutors – X 6

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

- Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Ward
- Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) – Ms. Gibson
- All teachers are mandated people
- Types of abuse – Physical, sexual, emotional and neglect

TIMETABLE

<p>Tutorial</p> <p>Art, Craft, Design K3 M. Milton 1ART-1.2 08:48 - 09:28</p>	<p>Tutorial</p> <p>Mathematics B1 S. Mack; K. Rooney 1MATH-A 08:48 - 09:28</p>	<p>Tutorial</p> <p>History G1 P. Burke; S. Eracleous; Aodhnaít Donnelly 1HIST-A 08:48 - 09:28</p>	<p>Tutorial</p> <p>Music F1 E. Byrne 1MUS-A 08:48 - 09:28</p>	<p>Tutorial</p> <p>Business D1 P. Burke 1BUS-A 08:48 - 09:28</p>
<p>Art, Craft, Design K3 M. Milton 1ART-1.2 09:28 - 10:08</p>	<p>French G3 S. Kelly 1FREN-A 09:28 - 10:08</p>	<p>French G3 S. Kelly 1FREN-A 09:28 - 10:08</p>	<p>Rel Educ (JC Exam) P4 N. Butler 1JCREL-A 09:28 - 10:08</p>	<p>Geography A6 L. McKeown 1GEOG-A 09:28 - 10:08</p>
<p>Physical Education SPHL D.J. Hanafin 1PE-A 10:20 - 11:00</p>	<p>Irish H6 S. Logan 1GAEL-A 10:20 - 11:00</p>	<p>English H6 M. Bowe; K. Kelly 1ENGL-A 10:20 - 11:00</p>	<p>Wood Technology L4 C. Thompson 1MTWD-4.2 10:20 - 11:00</p>	<p>French G3 S. Kelly 1FREN-A 10:20 - 11:00</p>
<p>Physical Education SPHL D.J. Hanafin 1PE-A 11:00 - 11:40</p>	<p>English H6 M. Bowe; K. Kelly 1ENGL-A 11:00 - 11:40</p>	<p>Mathematics D5 S. Mack; K. Rooney 1MATH-A 11:00 - 11:40</p>	<p>Wood Technology L4 C. Thompson 1MTWD-4.2 11:00 - 11:40</p>	<p>Science (JC) P1 C. Farrell 1SCNC-6.2 11:00 - 11:40</p>
<p>Music F1 E. Byrne 1MUS-A 11:40 - 12:20</p>	<p>Engineering L3 L. Delaney 1S/JENG-2.2 11:40 - 12:20</p>	<p>Home Economics M3 O. Rooney 1HECO-3.2 11:40 - 12:20</p>	<p>Computer Studies B3 P. Burke 1COMP-A 11:40 - 12:20</p>	<p>Science (JC) P1 E. Cormican; H. Cosgrave; C. Farrell 1SCNC-6.2 11:40 - 12:20</p>
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FIRST YEAR CLASSES

- The classes are based around the European language that students have been assigned; Spanish, French, German or Italian.
- Students will study a large number and variety of subjects, including construction studies, engineering, home economics, art, music and many more.
- In March 2025 they will choose two from the seven optional subjects and will study these for the Junior Cycle exam.

WHAT DOES
YOUR CHILD
NEED?



Nutrition



Rest



Movement



Sleep

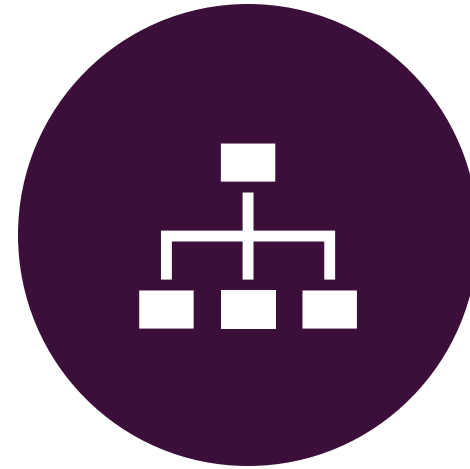


Encouragement

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD WORRIED ABOUT?



RELATIONSHIPS



**ORGANISATIONAL
ISSUES**

CODE OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR



Health and Safety



Respect, order and calm



**Allows for the main purpose of the school –
the education and development of the students**



**Familiarise yourself with the code of behaviour
on school website**



CO-CURRICULAR

- Sport – individual and team activities
- Music – college variety shows/musicals/Festival of Music DDLETB.
- Clubs – Science, Chess, History, Geography Rocks, Physics Day, OMG Club, Debating, Dungeons and Dragons.
- Educational Trips/Tours - Home and abroad.
- Library

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL



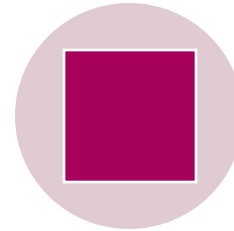
School website



Phone



Email office info@stmacdaras.ie



Student journal to tutor/class teacher



Teacher
email firstname.lastname@stmacdaras.ie

VSWARE

- Behaviour reporting tool
- Track student timetables, attendance and personal details
- Access assessment reports
- Parents/guardians must check VSware regularly each week
- Access through school website or download the app



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

**These are usually held in January/February
– from 4.00pm – 6.30pm**

In the canteen and in some base areas

Important to attend

Bring the latest report/notepad and pen

Prioritise those you need to see

**Any issues which may take longer – make
an individual appointment**

UNIFORM

- Uniform must be worn each day.
- Black/Navy leather like shoes are part of the uniform
- No visible logos
- No runners
- Official P.E. Uniform must be worn on P.E. day only
- Details of School Uniform and P.E. gear in Handbook.
- <https://schoolwearhouse.ie/>





LANGUAGE CHOICE

Every student will not get their first choice of language.

Where there is over subscription for a language a random draw is made to allocate places.

If more places become available a further draw will take place.

This is the fairest method for all students.

These constraints are a result of Department of Education and Skills allocation and teacher shortage in certain areas.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

- Class Teacher
- Class Tutor
- Year Head
- Guidance Department/Chaplaincy
- SEN Department
- Deputy Principal/Principal
- Board of Management



IMPORTANT EMAIL ADDRESS

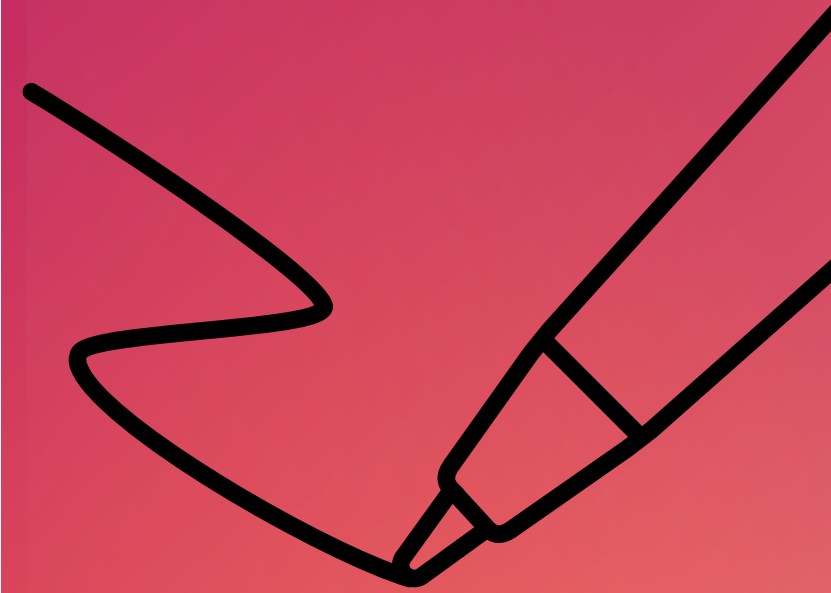
- Info@stmacdaras.ie

**BOOKS AND
CLASS
MATERIALS**



CLASS TUTOR

- Takes registration
- Monitors attendance (absence notes)
- Monitors journal/ VSware
- Builds relationships
- Communicates with home
- Meetings by appointment



ROLE OF THE YEAR HEAD

To create a **caring and secure** environment in which your children can achieve their full **potential**, both academically and socially.



1 - PASTORAL ROLE

To listen

To be aware

To resolve
issues
restoratively

To be
confidential

To guide

To
encourage
and support

To promote
social activity



2- ACADEMIC ROLE

- **Monitor student progress**
- **Encourage students to work to their ability**
- **Liaise with SEN Department**



3 - DISCIPLINARY ROLE

- Positive discipline – Code of Behaviour
- Praise/encouragement
- Positive reinforcement
- Restorative Practice
- Working together to ensure a safe learning environment for all



RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

- Ubuntu Learning
- A link will be sent out in September
- Parent lectures available



**POSITIVE
REINFORCEMENT**



VSware positive comments



Ethos awards



Report cards



Certificates

TYPICAL ISSUES

- More specifically for 1st years:
 - Organisation
 - Homework
 - Missing class materials
 - Using lockers effectively
 - New friendships
- Absenteeism
- Lateness
- Uniform standards



WHAT WE DO TO HELP



Open Evening



Visits to Local Feeder Schools



Activities Day



Primary Transition Coordinator



Transition Programme



Teaching focused on relationship building



SPHE / Wellbeing Programme



Student Council



SNA & SET team



Extensive Sports and Extra Curricular Programme



Sportzone – Sports Camp (date TBC)

THE ROLE OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

What can you do?

- Attend Parent Teacher Meetings & other college events
- Sign the journal weekly
- Monitoring VSware for behaviour weekly
- Develop positive routines around sleep, nutrition, organisation, HW & social media.
- Communication
- Coded lock for lockers
- Encourage reading



HOMWORK

- Recorded in journals
- Amount will always vary.
- Establish study routine early.
- If no homework given, then revise classwork.

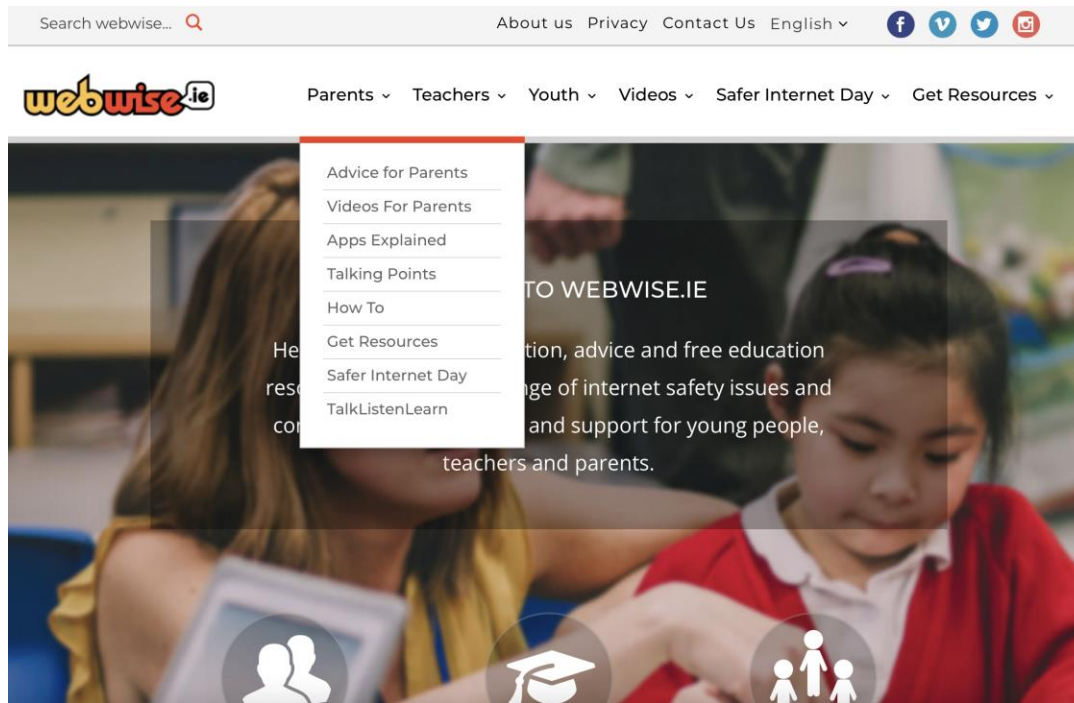


SCHOOL JOURNAL

- Signed by parent/guardian weekly
- Monitored for homework recording and completion
- Timetable written into journal
- Absence notes
- Parent/guardian notes to teacher/tutor
- Weekly reflection

CYBER SAFETY

- webwise.ie



SEN

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Allow settling in time
- Monitor progress
- Establish structure and routine
- Be alert to problems – either socially or academic
- Communication
- School reopens Thursday 22nd August – further information to follow

