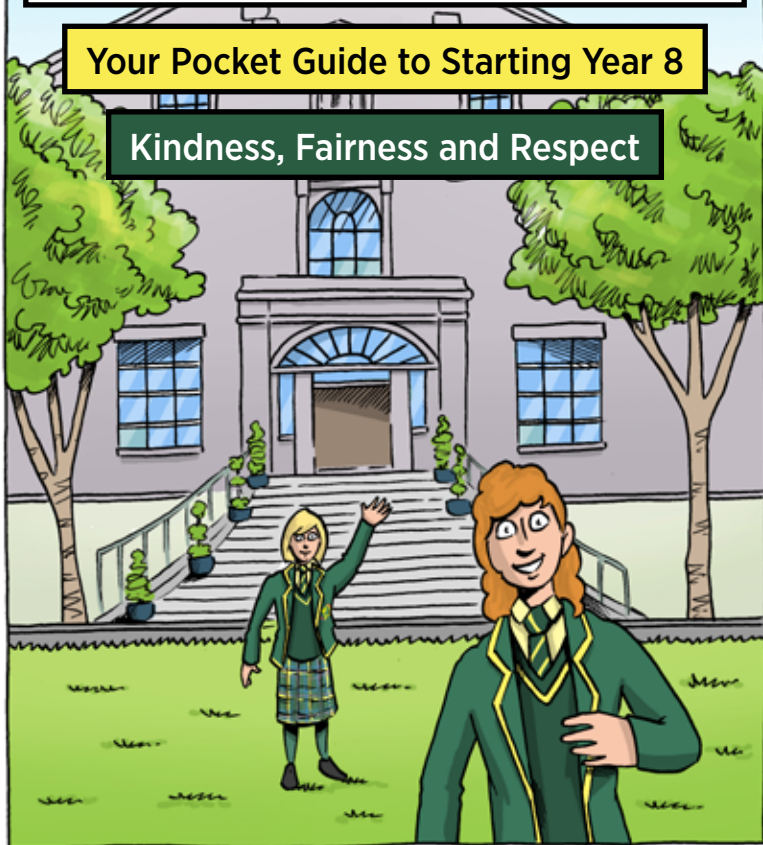




Welcome to
**St Catherine's
College, Armagh**
Cor Unum – One Heart

Your Pocket Guide to Starting Year 8

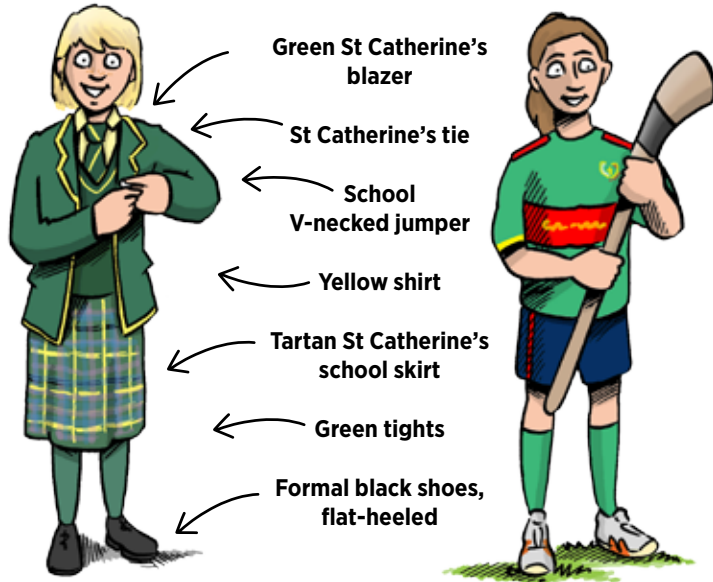
Kindness, Fairness and Respect



What do I wear for my first day?

We are proud to be members of St Catherine's College family and we hope you are already feeling part of it too.

You will show pride in our school by wearing the correct school uniform from the very first day.



Your Form Tutor will tell you which day you should bring your PE kit to school.

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Tip**

Check you have your full uniform in plenty of time before your first day.

What will I need for my first day?

- A suitable bag for your books and other equipment.
- Basic stationery such as a pen, ruler and eraser.
- Snack/lunch from home if you are not purchasing from the canteen.

If you are using the canteen, you will need to set up your cashless account. Your parents/carers can pay money in via the app or you can credit your account by paying cash in via the machines in the canteen. Once your account has credit in it, you 'pay' for your food using your fingerprint. It is so easy!



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Tip**

Pack your bag the night before each school day. You will be less likely to forget anything.

Sacred Heart Education

We are a Sacred Heart school and there are five goals of a Sacred Heart Education:

Faith
Character
Intellect
Community
Social Awareness



You can work towards these goals by:

- following your faith actively
- developing a resilient and compassionate character
- taking an active role in school life, in your studies and in related extra-curricular activities
- supporting our school community actively and supporting members of both our school and wider community

We all follow these values at St Catherine's College, which helps make our school such a wonderful community!

You will earn badges when you have demonstrated that you have achieved one of these five goals. You will soon see that the badges are in big demand and your aim is to have all five badges before you leave St Catherine's College. When you have collected all five badges, you will be presented with the Cor Unum Badge.



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Tip**

Think about what you can do to earn your badges.

What will happen on my first day?

- You need to arrive no later than 8.50am.
- You will meet your Year Head and the other students in Year 8.
- You will spend the first day with your Form Tutor in your form room.
- You will have your photo taken.
- You will be shown how to use the cashless canteen system.
- You will be given your school notebook and a copy of your timetable.
- You will learn about 'Positive Behaviour'.
- You will go on a tour of the school with your 'befriender'. They will be an older girl who will answer any questions you have and help you to settle into St Catherine's College. You can identify befrienders by their white shirt and 'B' badge.

What happens in a normal school day?

The school day looks like this:

Registration:	8.55am-9.05am
Period 1	9.05am-9.45am
Period 2	9.45am-10.25am
Break	10.25am-10.40am
Period 3	10.40am-11.20am
Period 4	11.20am-12.00pm
Period 5 First Lunch	12.00pm-12.40pm
Period 6 Second Lunch	12.40pm-1.20pm
Period 7 Third Lunch	1.20pm-2.00pm
Second Registration	2.00pm-2.05pm
Period 8	2.05pm-2.45pm
Period 9	2.45pm-3.25pm



It may seem like a lot to take in. But don't worry - you will soon feel at home and know how everything works!

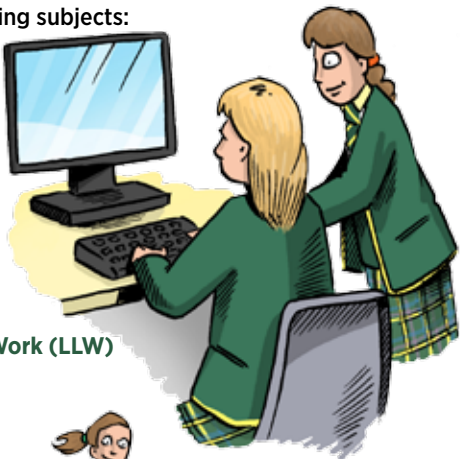
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What subjects will I study in Year 8?

You will study the following subjects:

- Art
- Drama
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Home Economics
- ICT
- Irish
- Learning for Life and Work (LLW)
- Maths
- Music
- PE
- RE
- Science
- Technology

You will move between classes for each lesson.



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Tip**

Don't worry about getting lost. Just ask an older student or adult and they will be happy to help you!

What else can I do at St Catherine's College?

We run lots of clubs and activities. They take place at lunchtime and after school, and there really is something for everyone. You can take part in an activity you love already or try something new!

We offer:

An Cumnann Gaelach
Science Club
Eco Club
Junior Drama Club
Breakfast Club
Art Club
Ethos Club
Times Tables Club
Scribblers Club
Readers Anonymous
Coding Club

And our brilliant after-school sports clubs:

Gaelic Football
Camogie
Golf
Handball
Running Club
Soccer
Netball
Swimming
Show Jumping

Have a look at your year group Google Classroom and our website to see more information about what's on offer!



Try at least a couple of clubs.

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Tip**

Who can I talk to if I am upset or worried about anything, or just need to talk?

PUPIL
HUB



You can speak to any teacher, but the best people to speak to are:

- A Befriender
- Your Form Tutor
- Mrs Byrne, in the Pupil Hub
- Your Year Head
- Any member of the Pastoral Team

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Tip**

If you are worried about anything, tell one of the people above. It always helps to talk!

Ask your parents/carers to show you what happens at St Catherine's College on our social media platforms or on our website.



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