

# Salesian Secondary College, Pallaskenry.

Welcome.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parents Registration Night

Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

By Zoom

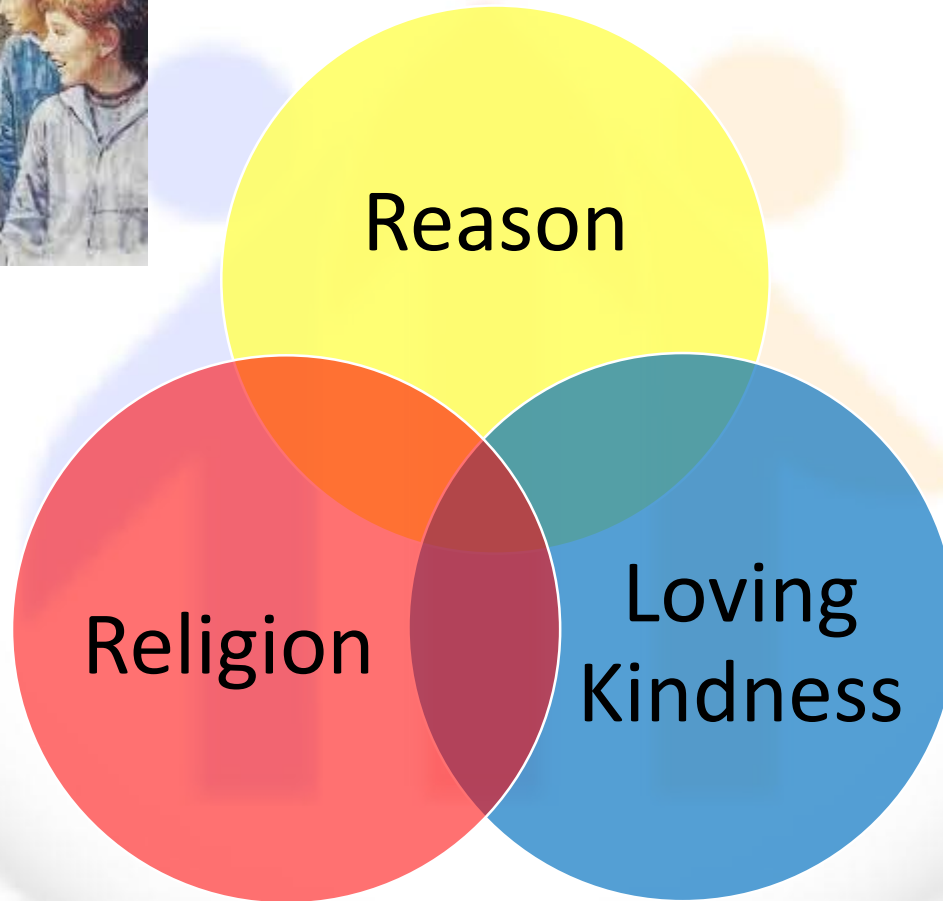
# What is a Salesian School?

- Our school is a Catholic, co-educational school, with a Salesian ethos.
- Our ethos is based on the teachings of the founder of the Salesian order, Don Bosco.
- Don Bosco lived in Italy in the 1800s and worked with poor, marginalised and in need of family care.
- Our school motto: “Students are at the heart of everything we do.”
- Mission statement:

*“Salesian Secondary College is a voluntary, catholic, secondary school under the trusteeship of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Our school dedicates itself to educational excellence taking into account the uniqueness and complexity of each individual pupil. We strive to create an atmosphere where pupils are happy and thrive in an environment imbued with St. John Bosco’s three educational principles of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness.”*



# The Preventive System



# The Four Elements of the Salesian School:

School



Church



Playground



Home





# Transition to Secondary School

- Transfer from Primary to Secondary is hard for every member of the family.....but it is EXCITING and full of opportunities!
- Change in day to day routine
- Change from one teacher to several teachers; every 40 minutes
- Change of location from class to class
- Change in classmates: “be friendly” versus “make friends”
- “New – ness’ can cause worry: parents, try to be supportive and understanding, while encouraging resilience
- Ensure your child eats well and gets plenty of rest: no mobile in the bedroom!
- Organisation of school bag, uniform and locker
- Homework increase – time management: written hw, learning and revision
- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)– School Journal
- Extra Curricular activities

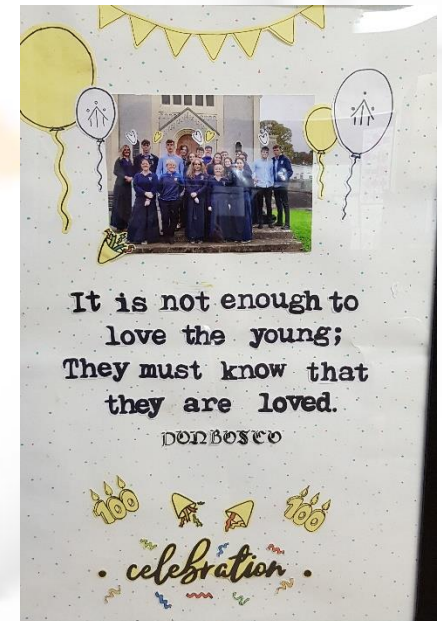
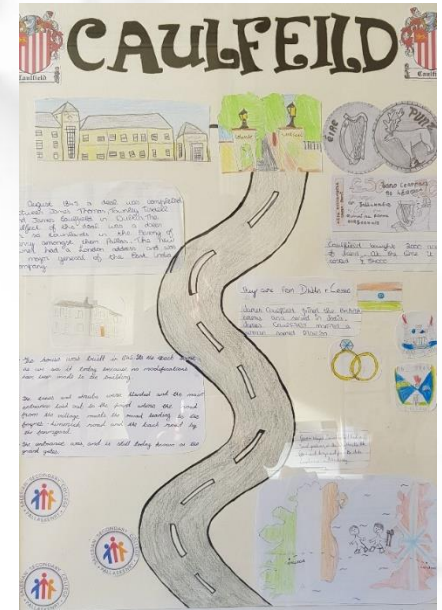
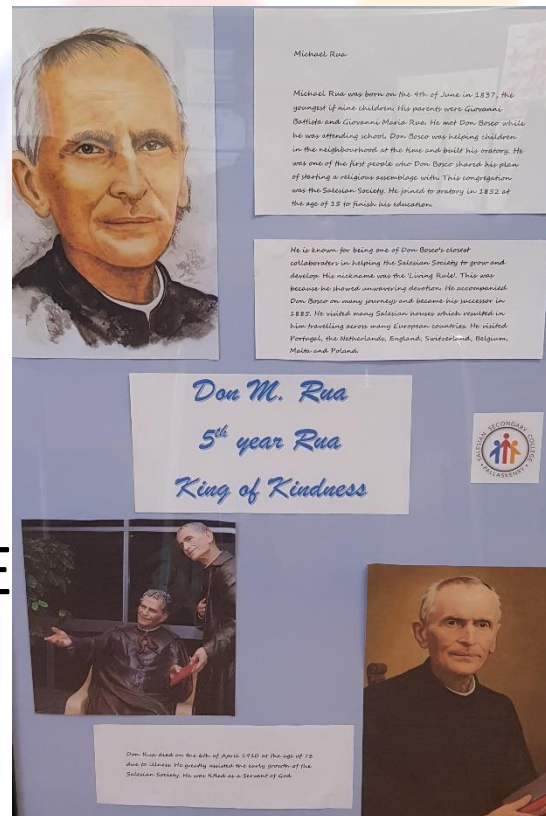
# Role of Parents / Guardians



1. Download VSWare and the School App. Details will be emailed to you tomorrow.
2. Keep contacts up to date through the office
3. Please insist on excellent attendance and punctuality: send absence notes on VSWare
4. Insist on perfect uniform every day
5. Show interest in your child's school day; ask questions!
6. Check for school reports and assessments on VSWare and Google Classroom
7. Check homework and Journal (sign on Friday, please)
8. Attend Parent Teacher Meeting
9. Work with school and staff to bring your child to his / her potential
10. Monitor online behaviour, especially the mobile
11. Consider getting involved in the Parents' Council

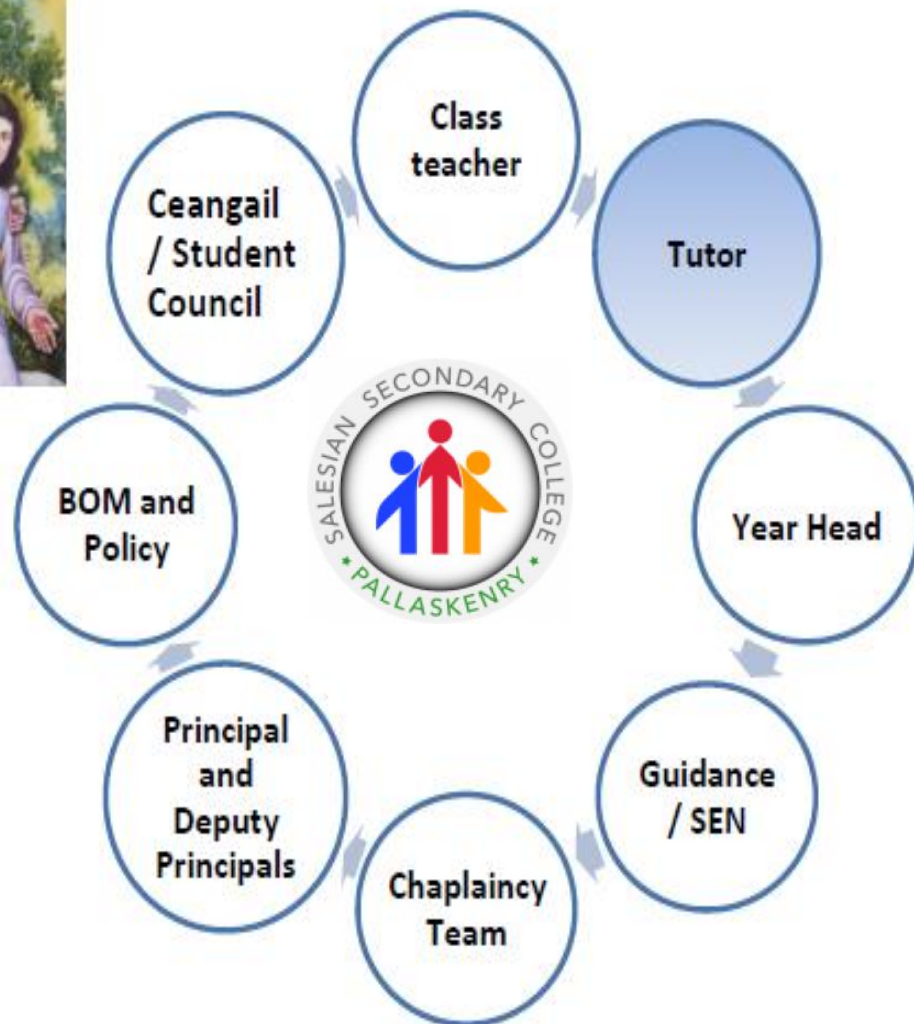
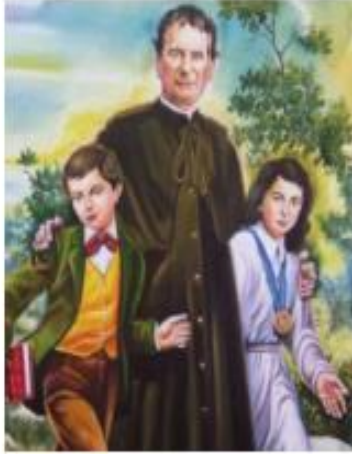
# Settling In To Pallaskenry

- Tutor Class: "I belong"
- Role of the Year Head
- Ceangail Mentors
- Student Council
- Locker area
- Change of mind (subjects)
- SPHE / RE / PE / CSPE
- Group work



# Pastoral Care Team

Our pastoral care structure is the bedrock of all we do in Pallaskenry.





# Special Educational Needs Department

**Mr. Ryan**



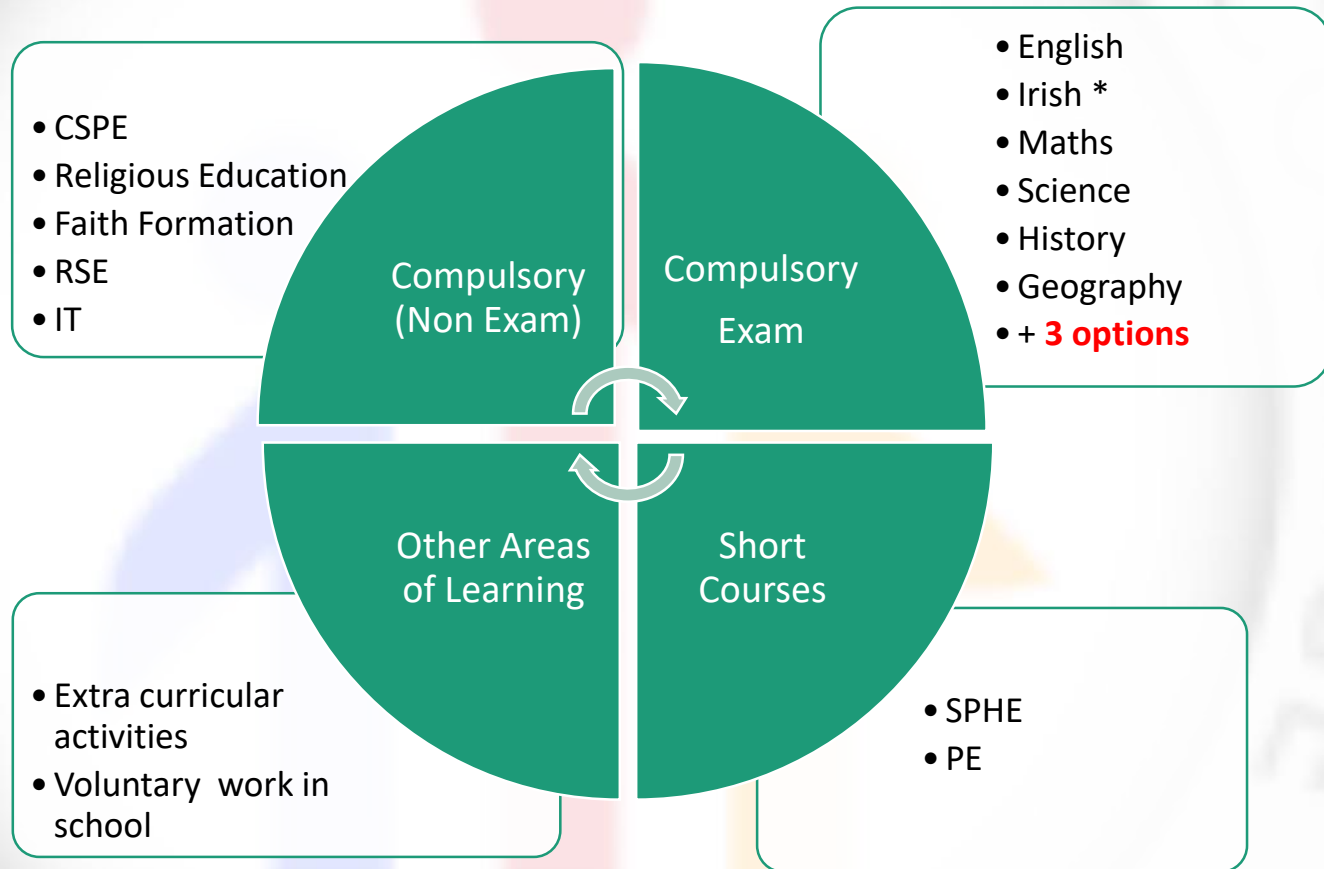
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**Mr. Ryan**



# Junior Certificate

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Home/Junior-Certificate-Fact-sheets>



# Optional Subjects.

Students take 4 optional subjects.

Indicate 1 to 9, in order of preference.

- Art
- Business
- French
- German
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Music
- Spanish
- Wood Technology

For timetabling purposes, if numbers are sufficient, some of these subjects may become “core”. Eg Business, Science.

Options are made  
through VSWare  
You will receive a user  
name by text later in the  
week.  
(and instructions.)




# How to choose the right options?

- Select subjects that students will enjoy
- Parents / Guardians are the greatest influence on subject choice decision
- Ask the 6th class teacher their opinion if in doubt
- Look at the text books
- Speak to older siblings and family friends
- Theoretical Content V Practical
- Some universities require a language at leaving certificate level as part of the entry requirements e.g. National University of Ireland colleges/Shannon Hotel Mgt/NCAD
- Students can use their native language if it is a LC subject (for LC, not JC!)
- Taking subjects at Junior Level can assist them in Senior Cycle



# Sample Timetable

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9:00	French R10 Mme. Armelle Mangan 1Fre-5.1 09:00 - 09:40	Mathematics R7 Ms. Siobhán Ronan 1Mat-CRea 09:00 - 09:40	Irish PP6 (Savio Hse) Ms. Serena Berry 1Iri-CRea 09:00 - 09:40	Technical Graphics DCG Mr. Brian Chambers 1TG-7.5 09:00 - 09:40	Science (JC) LabPhys Ms. Claire Sheehy; Mr. Cian O'Connell PME 1Sci-2.2 09:00 - 09:40	
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# Supervised Evening Study Homework Club

- Students have the option of staying after school for Evening Study.
- This is supervised by our own teachers.
- Study lasts for two hours Mon - Fri
- There is a charge per term which works out at €15 per week; payable in full at the start of term through the School App.

# Extracurricular life in SSC

- ▶ Choir and Ensembles
- ▶ Musical Theatre
- ▶ Junk Kouture
- ▶ Hurling
- ▶ Camogie
- ▶ Gaelic Football
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Rugby
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Equestrian
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Orienteering
- ▶ Games
- ▶ Green Schools
- ▶ Debating
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul
- ▶ Sailing
- ▶ Gym / Fitness
- ▶ Paired reading
- ▶ Ceangail
- ▶ Peer tutoring
- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ Rowing
- ▶ Young Scientist
- ▶ Trips to Spain, France
- ▶ Exchanges
- ▶ Ski Trip
- ▶ Crafts

***“Run, jump, shout....but do not sin!”***

***St. John Bosco***





# How to keep in touch?

You can keep in touch through:

- The School App
- The school journal
- The school website: [www.salesiancollege.ie](http://www.salesiancollege.ie)
- Our school database, VSWare (attendance, reports, exams)
- For daily updates, news and information, you'll also hear from us on



[www.facebook.com/salesiansecondarycollege](http://www.facebook.com/salesiansecondarycollege)



and

[@salesianpallas](https://twitter.com/salesianpallas)

We will ask you for:

- Your **mobile phone number** (for text messages, notifications of illness etc)
- Your **email address** (for weekly Tutor News and more)
- Note: *we can only use contact details given by a parent / guardian, not a student. So please keep us updated by email [secretary@salesiancollege.ie](mailto:secretary@salesiancollege.ie)*

# VSWare in Salesian Secondary College

- VSWare (Virtual School Software) is a computer management system in use in schools across Ireland.
- In Salesian Secondary College, we have enabled parental access to this database; all information is data protected.
  - Your child's timetable
  - Attendance records and absence notes
  - Exam results
  - School Reports
  - Subject Choices



# To install VSWARE:

Download the VS Ware app from your AppStore

**OR**

Copy this link into your web browser: (must be Google Chrome)  
and save as favourite on your homescreen:

<https://salesianscollege.vsware.ie>

**OR**

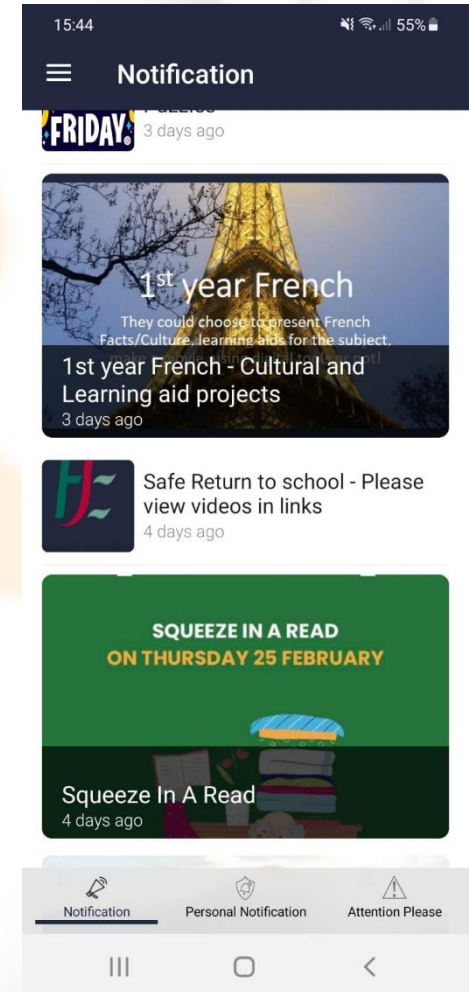
Go to [www.salesiancollege.ie](http://www.salesiancollege.ie)

Click on VSWare icon at the top of the page

- Supply your username (which you will receive tomorrow by text).
- When you first log in you will be asked to create a password. Then follow the onscreen instructions.

# Salesian Secondary College App

- Our App is managed by Unique
- The App enables you to get news updates, information, surveys and study links
- Consent forms
- Pay for trips, voluntary subs, fees etc
- Karen will email instructions on how to download the School's own app tomorrow





# Assessment Day

- NOTHING TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT!
- No date yet.
- Helps us to plan for how to give you the best supports we can.



# Documentation due to school:

- Long Version Birth Certificate (This was sent back with your Acceptance Letter)
- Bring Irish Exemption Certs (ask your Primary School)
- Bring documentation relating to medical issues
- Bring documentation relating to SEN
- Make application for DEN place, if applicable

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