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Celebrating 150 years of Spiritan Education



Principal's Message:

Over the course of its 150 year history, Rockwell College has undergone many changes. What has remained consistent, however, is the high quality educational programme that is delivered to the pupils of the College year after year.

In choosing Rockwell College, you are choosing a school with a reputation for success and for academic and extra - curricular achievement. A broad curriculum, combined with our unparalleled range of on-site facilities, offers pupils an opportunity to excel inside and outside the classroom. Our staff members take a real interest in the development of our pupils and work hard to prepare them for the next stages of their education and of their lives. The daily programme of the College benefits our pupils by providing a structure within which the various educational, sporting, cultural and personal developments can progress.

Our College motto “Inter Mutanda Constantia” refers to the values that remain constant amidst the change that is inevitable. Values of respect, honesty and commitment have a place in every society and we endeavour to foster these values in our pupils.



Audrey O'Byrne
Principal

Parents and prospective pupils are welcome to view our College and Residential facilities by appointment. Further information and regular updates on College events can be sourced on our website.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rockwell College.



Michael Doyle
Deputy Principal

Location

Situated beside the M8, six kilometres south of Cashel, Rockwell College is located on a large estate of approximately 350 hectares. It is part of the Golden Vale, an area of rich farmland and major centre of the dairy industry. The College looks out on the impressive vista of the Galtee and Knockmealdown mountain ranges.

Cork City: 1 hour
Dublin (Red Cow Roundabout) : 1.5 hours
Galway: 2.5 hours
Waterford City: 1 hour

Exits from M8: from Cork direction take Exit 10, and then New Inn road (R639); from Dublin direction take Exit 9, and then New Inn road.



MISSION STATEMENT

Rockwell College is a Catholic, co-educational school, where boys and girls can grow and develop in a caring and supportive atmosphere. The pupil body comprises boarders and day-boarders educated in the Spiritan tradition. The College operates under the trusteeship of the Des Places Educational Association.

The Spiritan Education Ethos is guided and grounded by seven core values:



Openness to the Spirit

A Sense of Community

High Educational Standards

Global Vision

Personal Development

Concern for the Poor

Commitment to Service



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ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rockwell College attaches great importance to its reputation for high academic standards. In 2014, 30% of pupils who sat the Leaving Certificate in Rockwell College achieved over 500 points.

Close personal attention is given to each student. There is regular contact between the school and parents on academic issues and any other issues that may arise. Year Deans are available to speak with parents at designated times each week, and Periodic Assessment reports are sent out to parents five times during the school year, in addition to the Christmas and Summer test results.

Leaving and Junior Certificate Results

In Rockwell College we pride ourselves on our exceptional results. The points below highlight this:

- Over the past five years circa 25% of our Leaving Certificate students have achieved over 500 points on an annual basis.
- We offer 21 subjects on our curriculum for Leaving Certificate, ensuring provision for a diverse range of interests.
- At Junior Certificate level over 90% of our students sit their exams at higher level.
- Sixteen Leaving Certificate pupils were awarded Entrance Scholarships to U.C.C., Trinity College Dublin, U.C.D. and N.U.I. Maynooth in the last two years .
- In 2013, 100% of pupils who sat the Leaving Certificate in Rockwell College progressed to Third Level in Ireland.

“Students were active participants in all lessons and responded with interest and purpose. The positive classroom atmosphere and rapport between students and their teachers significantly enhanced the interactive and communicative quality of these lessons.” DES Geography Report.



Top Leaving Cert. points 2015

(With French Ambassador Jean Pierre Thebault)

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*Maximum “A” Grades Junior Cert.
2015*



U.C.D. Entrance Scholarship 2014

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JUNIOR CYCLE STUDENT AWARD

In order to ensure that pupils have the benefit of a broad education, the Junior Certificate curriculum provides for all pupils to take the following subjects:

IRISH
SPHE
BUSINESS STUDIES

ENGLISH
SCIENCE

HISTORY
MATHEMATICS

GEOGRAPHY
P.E

CSPE
RELIGION

Pupils also choose **one subject from each of the following blocks**, following a trial period of 3-4 weeks in each subject:

Block 1: SPANISH FRENCH GERMAN

Block 2: ART MUSIC TECHNICAL GRAPHICS HOME ECONOMICS

TRANSITION YEAR

Having completed Junior Cert, there is an option of participating in Transition Year. This year places an emphasis on the student's growth in maturity and personal development, including social awareness and social competence. The programme also includes the promotion of academic skills and self-directed learning in preparation for the Leaving Certificate cycle. Pupils sample modules of all Leaving Certificate subjects during T.Y., thus enabling them to make a clear, informed choice of subjects for the Leaving Certificate programme.

There is a full academic programme timetabled for TY pupils, with the content designed to introduce the pupils to those subjects at Leaving Certificate level. The pupils also take modules, including "Toastmasters", Film-making, Drama, and Self-Defence, on a rotation basis during the year. The social development of our pupils is important. Support is given to a number of charities, most prominently the Hope Foundation. The Social Outreach programme involves pupils assisting in and visiting local schools and the elderly.

All pupils take the mandatory two week Work Experience period as required under DES guidelines for the Transition Year programme.



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LEAVING CERTIFICATE

The following subjects are offered:

ACCOUNTING
APPLIED MATHS
BIOLOGY
ENGLISH
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY
IRISH
MUSIC

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
ART
BUSINESS
CHEMISTRY
ECONOMICS
FRENCH
GERMAN
SPANISH

L.C.V.P
RELIGIOUS STUDIES*
P.E**
DESIGN & COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS
PHYSICS
HOME ECONOMICS

Participation in the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme is available to students as an option. This programme includes modules on Enterprise Education, Preparation for Work and Work Experience.

*at examination and non-examination level

**non-examination only

SUPERVISED STUDY

All pupils can avail of fully supervised study each evening. Facilities are provided as part of the Full Day Fee:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5.45 p.m. – 8.15 p.m.

Wednesday: 3.30pm – 5.00pm, 5:45 p.m. -7:15 p.m.

Friday: 4.15 p.m. -5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. – 7.15 p.m.

Pupils taking Supervised Study in Third and Sixth year may also avail of Saturday morning study.



FACILITIES

“A strong emphasis on the development of the whole person is evident in the (extra-curricular) programme offered, which provides experiences of a sporting, cultural, social & spiritual nature...the outstanding efforts of the staff in devoting their time and energy to the holistic development of the pupils can be roundly applauded”. DES WSE Report

Rockwell College enjoys some of the finest extra-curricular facilities available to cater for our students’ recreational and personal needs. Whether they enjoy sporting or cultural interests, on a team or individual basis, pupils in Rockwell College can grow and learn outside the classroom through their involvement in the extra-curricular life of the College.

The following is an indication of what we have to offer:

- A 25 Metre Indoor Heated Swimming Pool.
- A Nine Hole Golf Course.
- A Gymnasium, and Basketball courts.
- Weights Room.
- 20 acres of Sports Pitches.
- Three Tennis Courts.
- A Lake covering 23 acres on our grounds.
- Full size All Weather Sports Pitches – Floodlighting facility.



- **Rugby** – Coached at all grades to the highest standards. Competition takes place at Munster and Irish level. ‘Friendlies’ are played with other Irish and International rugby schools. Both schoolboy and senior Irish internationals have graduated from our school teams. The game has a history in the College dating back to 1896.
- **Basketball** for both Boys and Girls, with competitions at several grades, including national level.
- **Swimming** – recreational swimming, lessons, life-saving and inter schools competitions.
- **Hockey** for girls; ‘Friendlies’ , Munster Cup and League competitions at all levels.
- **Golf** – inter schools competitions at Munster and All Ireland level.
- **Tennis** – three tennis courts on site; participation in the inter schools competitions.
- **Canoeing** – Training on flat and white-water; kayak surfing.
- **Hurling and Gaelic Football** -at senior and junior level for boys and girls, competing at county and Munster level.
- **Soccer** – available for both boys and girls at junior and senior level, with competition at provincial level.
- **Debating** in- house at junior level, with seniors participating in the Munster Schools’ competition.
- **School Choir** – participation in College events and national competitions.





Left: Shanahan Hall Residence

Right: Frank Fitzgerald
Director of Boarding



"I left Rockwell as a young adult with an excellent education, amazing memories and a wide network of international friends." Gerold Ortlepp Germany 2006 to 2009

Boarding at Rockwell College

Boarding at Rockwell College allows the pupil to maximise his/her potential by participating in a structured educational and pastoral environment. The Director and staff aim to create a "home away from home" for pupils. Boarders can avail of a strong academic, sporting and extra-curricular programme aimed at improving all aspects of a pupil's development. Shanahan Hall provides boarding facilities for 150 boys between the ages of 12 and 19. Recently modernised dormitories provide facilities which house single and double bedrooms. Boarders can also avail of an in-house cinema and weights room. Regulated internet access is also available.

"Rockwell College Boarding provided my boys a safe, nurturing, fun environment built on mutual respect where each individual was a valued member of this close knit community. They enjoyed every minute of their six years and I am extremely proud of the young gentlemen they have become." Sandra McNulty Waterford 2 boys from 2005 to 2012

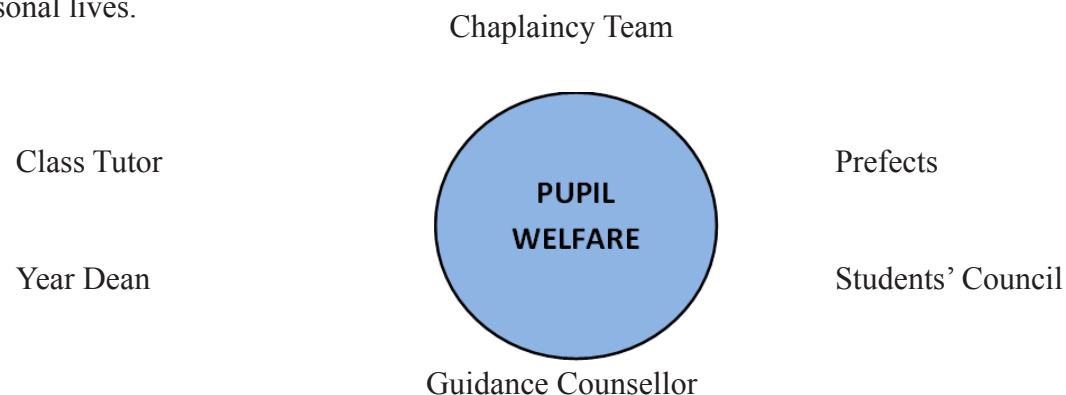


Girls from Ireland and abroad have attended Rockwell College as Boarders for almost thirty years. Girls are currently resident in the homes of families living close to the College. These families have a long standing relationship with the management and staff of Rockwell College. Weekend facilities are arranged by the College for girls and boys at parents' requests.

GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING PROGRAMME

Career Guidance: The Career Guidance programme includes aptitude testing, interest identification and subject choice for senior cycle. Intensive career and job investigation takes place; career talks are given by professionals, and open days at third level institutions are attended. The application systems for Irish and British third level institutions are comprehensively covered.

Chaplaincy: Each student who comes to the College will meet with the Chaplain, who forms part of a team working closely with the Year Deans and the Guidance Counsellor. The Pastoral team liaise with the teaching staff and Deans. Counselling will be available to students who may be under stress in the school environment or in their own personal lives.



INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Rockwell College has a long history of international pupils attending the school to complete their second-level education. Their participation in the school community allows all the pupils to share cultural experiences and foster friendships.

Spain

Germany

U.A.E.

U.S.A.



France

Russia

Korea

New Zealand



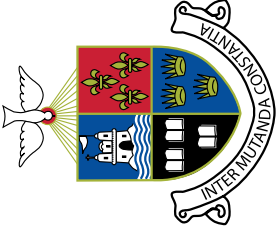
THE ROCKWELL COLLEGE UNION

Founded in 1927, this organisation of Rockwell College past pupils has a database of more than 7,000 past students based all around the world. The Union seeks to maintain and develop the association between the College and its former pupils. It encourages the building of networks between present and past pupils, and provides valuable contacts across all aspects of professional life. Union members provide students with support in career guidance and employment placement, and support College projects.

Below: Dearbhail Gildea, Union President 2015-2016, presenting the “Student of the Year” award to Betty Barlow



ROCKWELL COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM



For Academic Year Beginning 20 _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of Birth: _____ PPS No.: _____

Applying to join: 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ TY ☐ 5th ☐ 6th ☐ Repeat ☐

Name of Parents / Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Contact Details - Phone Number Home _____

Contact Details - Phone Number Mobile: 1) _____ 2) _____

Email: _____

Work Contact Details: _____

Alternative Next-of-Kin Contact Details: _____

APPLICANT'S DETAILS:

Medical Card Yes ☐ No ☐

Religion: _____

Present School _____

Class: _____

Please enclose two School Reports (NB, your application will not be processed without two school reports)

Please state reason for transfer from previous secondary school (if applicable)

Special educational requirements:

Yes ☐

No ☐ Please enclose relevant reports

Do you have an exemption from the study of Irish?

Yes ☐

No ☐ Please enclose relevant documentation

Particular medical / psychological requirements

Yes ☐

No ☐ If yes, please specify:

ENROLMENT POLICY

The Admission Policy of Rockwell College is in accordance with the Education Welfare Act 2000.
The Policy is inclusive

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please remove and return completed Application Form to the Principal



The School Day

8:40am: Assembly for all pupils in designated Studies

8:50am: Classes commence – 3 periods x 40 minutes

10:50am: Morning Break

11am: Class continues – 3 x 40 minute periods

1pm: Lunch served to all pupils

1:45pm: Class continue – 3 x 40 minute periods

3:45pm: Class ends.

4:00pm: Extra-curricular programme for all pupils

5pm: Tea served

5:45pm: Supervised Evening Study commences

8:15pm: Evening Study finishes, day boarders leave for home.

*Wednesday class finishes at 1pm. Study commences at 3:30pm for pupils not involved in extra-curricular at that time. Study finishes at 7:15pm, Tea at 5pm. Friday Study commences at 4:15pm and runs to 7:15pm, with Tea at 5:30pm.

Note: Pupils selecting the Reduced Day option do not take Tea or Evening Study. They depart the College at 5pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday and at the end of extra-curricular activities on Wednesday & Friday.

