St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School
Scoil Mhuire na mBráithre Críostaí

Edmund Rice Schools Trust

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Essential Information for Year 8 Parents

- Year 8 Induction is from **Monday 24th- Friday 28th August.**
- **We invite parents to attend Parental Induction from 14.00 – 15.00 pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026.**

Uniform

- School blazer black with crest **(to be worn at all times)**.
- Formal plain black trousers.
- Grey shirt
- School tie.
- School pullover.
- School crested outdoor coat.
- **Black shoes only** - **no** trainers / **no** trainer style shoes (no black canvas shoes, no black shoes with white markings).

Suppliers

Truly Fare	**Chaplains**	**Louis Boyd**
Kennedy Centre	Park Centre	Park Centre
90614447	90312711	90232943

PE Uniform
MFC Sports

How to Contact the school

If you need to contact the school to discuss any matters relating to your son, please phone the school office **(90294000)** or email our info account info@stmaryscbgs.com outlining the nature of the issue. Office staff will direct you to the correct person who will be able to deal with the issue. There are clear structures in place to ensure that your query is dealt with quickly. You may not be able to speak immediately to the appropriate person as teachers will be teaching, so please be patient. Staff will contact you as soon as possible.

For Pastoral Issues
Form Teacher

For Curriculum Issues
Subject Teacher

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Year Head
Head of School
Pastoral Vice-Principal
Principal

Head of Department
Curriculum Vice-Principal
Principal

Most queries will be able to be dealt with in a phone call. However, if you wish to speak in person to a teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. **Staff will not be available to speak to parents if they arrive without an appointment.**

Roles of Important People

Form Teacher: Pupils meet their form teacher for morning registration each day and during the form period on Wednesdays. This is your first point of contact.

Head of Year 8: Mr Michael Moore

Head of School: Mrs Michaela Lewis is the Senior Teacher for Key Stage 3 (Years 8-10).

Vice Principals: Mrs Amanda Barr (Pastoral) and Mr Garvan O'Connor (Curriculum)

Designated teacher in charge of Child Protection: Mrs Amanda Barr

Deputy designated teachers in charge of Child Protection: Mrs Michaela Lewis and Mr Paddy Linden (Learning Support Co-ordinator)

Principal: Mr Brendan McComb

Transport

All pupils that live over three miles from the school may be entitled to a free travel pass for public transport. Applications must be made online at the following web address: **http://www.eani.org.uk/**

Other than on the North Belfast route, no *specific* St Mary's CBGS school buses are available in the morning.

Translink currently offer the following morning bus services:
A **106** service operates from Crumlin (Main Street), the **81, 81A, 82 and 82A** buses also serve the Glen Road and the **10J and K** services stops directly outside the school. See the Translink website for full details.

Blacks Road and Finaghy Bus (although a School Bus service, this is not a specific service for St Mary's) Starts at 8.00 am opposite Ladybrook Park – Finaghy Road North – Lisburn Road – Blacks Road – Suffolk Road – School.

Afternoon Services that are specifically for St Mary's CBGS students are as follows:
Blacks Road and Finaghy Road
Bus 1: School Grounds - Suffolk Road - Blacks Road - Lisburn Road

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Bus 2: School Grounds - Petrol Station on Blacks Rd - Hunterhouse College (2 stops only)
These buses are scheduled to leave the school grounds at 3:23pm. Please contact Translink for specific information on stops covered.

Crumlin/Glenavy
There is a St Mary's School Bus to Crumlin that leaves from the lay-by outside the school on the Glen Road. This **106** bus departs at 3.35pm and is exclusively for St Mary's pupils. There are no stops *en-route*. The service terminates at Main Street in Crumlin.

A **106A** bus leaves from the opposite side of the road outside of All Saints and stops at both Glenavy and Crumlin.

Translink contact details: W: www.translink.co.uk T: 028 9066 6630

North Belfast Bus
This serves the **Antrim Road** (Zoo 07.45; Innisfayle Park 07.50), **North Circular Road** (Sunningdale Park North 07:55), **Cliftonville Circus/Old Park Road** (Blooms Florist 08:00; Ardilea St 08:02) and **Crumlin Road** (Holy Cross Chapel 08:15). This is a private bus service for which a charge is made (currently 50 pence each way). **Travel Passes are not valid for the North Belfast bus. To set up an account for your son to avail of this service, please contact: cftcoaches@hotmail.com**

Travelling by Car or Bicycle
- Pupils who are driven to school in the morning should be left off at the school gates – not driven up the driveway. All parents are specifically requested, whatever the weather, **not** to bring cars onto the school avenue.
- The use of bicycles requires permission from the Pastoral Vice Principal.

Break and Lunch Arrangements

At break, there is a Tuckshop in the Assembly Hall should your son wish to buy food. We operate a split lunch system. Your son will take his lunch during period 6. There is a designated area for Year 8 pupils only on the all-weather pitch. Both Tuckshop and Canteen facilities are available at lunch. **The current cost for a school meal deal is £3.34.**

11.10 am to 11.25 am	**Break time for the whole school**
12.45 pm to 1.25 pm	**Lunch time for Years 8, 10 and 12**