

St. Michael's College C.S.Sp. Development Update



November 2020

Introduction

Welcome to our 2020 St. Michael's College Development Update. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to make some adjustments to the way we deliver our education programme this year. Since the start of this academic term, we have been so proud of our students, staff and visitors who have been accommodating, patient, and extremely helpful during this difficult time. Despite the upheaval, life in St. Michael's College is thriving and we are delighted with the encouragement and positivity of all around the campus.



Letter from the Principals



Dear Parent,

We hope this Development Ezine finds you safe and well and we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the latest developments at St. Michael's College.

You may recall that earlier this year, we received planning permission to proceed with Phase 2 of our development programme. The plans will see the delivery of the Senior School's enhanced academic provision and a regeneration of the Junior School's academic and artistic educational facilities. These include a new Junior block to provide a number of more spacious classrooms and specialist teaching areas, along with a general purpose area which will incorporate a Science Hub, and a multi-activity area to accommodate Music, Art and Library spaces. For the Senior School, the plans include an innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) block resulting in six new state-of-the-art modern science and technology laboratories. In addition, individual learning spaces and four general classrooms will be provided for a multiplicity of use. This exciting plan will transform the teaching and learning environment for current and future St. Michael's boys and at a time when space is needed more than ever, will enable us to meet the needs of our pupils in the years ahead.

In order to facilitate social distancing more comfortably for our students and staff, we have just installed a number of temporary classrooms on the Junior School play area and over by the Sports Hall. We appreciate the support of the school community over the past week when this work necessitated the campus being temporarily closed off.

As a private school, St. Michael's College gets no state funding for any of our capital projects. Thus, we rely on our community to support our endeavours. We realise that the Covid-19 crisis has caused unexpected stress both to the economy and to individual families. As a result, the Boards of Management decided to postpone the 2020 launch of Phase 2 of our fundraising campaign. Subject to a successful tendering process, which is currently underway, it is our intention to start work on the first section of the Junior School block in 2021. We will, of course, continue to keep you up to date and informed of all our plans in the hope that next year, we will again ask for your help and support in funding Phase 2 of our *Building on Success* Development Programme.

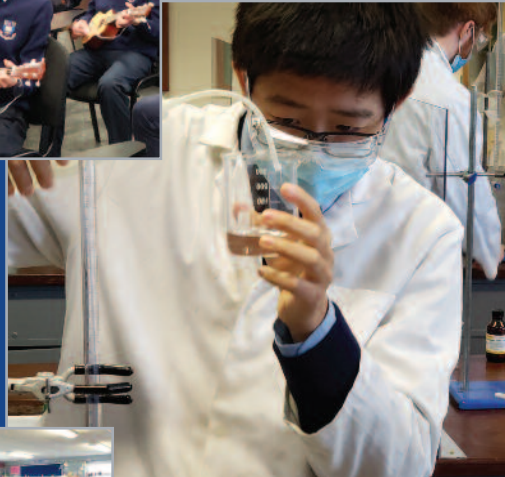
We look forward to sharing our plans with you in 2021.

With kind regards,

Tim Kelleher
Principal, Senior School

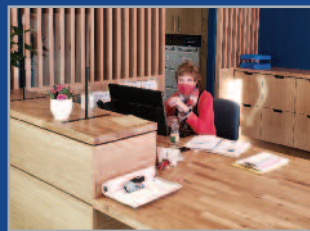
Lorna Heslin
Principal, Junior School

Back to School: Covid-friendly





Despite the recent crisis, we continually work to ensure that St. Michael's College meets the evolving needs of current and future educational requirements while remaining at the forefront of providing the best education we can for our students in a safe and caring environment. By working together as a community investing in St. Michael's College, we will ensure that our boys receive the best education they can to grow and develop in the Spiritan Ethos into fine young men who will help make the world a better place. To stay updated with all the latest St. Michael's College News, please check the News Section on the schools' websites regularly via: www.stmc.ie for Senior School news and <https://stmichaelscollegejunior.com> for Junior School news.



Further Information

Our plan is a work in progress and is dependent on us all working together to bring our vision to fruition. If you would like to learn more about any of our development initiatives, please contact Judith Hally in our Development Office, St. Michael's College, Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, tel: 01-2189421, or Email: judith.hally@stmc.ie. We look forward to keeping in touch.

