



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

Building on Success – Phase 2

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INTRODUCTION

This new academic year sees another exciting chapter for all in St. Michael's College as we look forward to the continuing improvements to our campus' educational infrastructure. The recent enhancements to both the Junior and Senior Schools will support your sons' academic, artistic and sporting education by providing them with a modern environment where they can grow and develop to be the best young men they can be. This Autumn edition of our Development Newsletter brings you the latest update on our progress to date.

PROJECTS UPDATE

Junior School Progress: We are delighted to inform you that the Junior School Multi-purpose Building works are well underway and scheduled to be complete at the end of December 2023. This new building will be a great addition to the Junior School, as it will provide us with a general-purpose area, which will incorporate a science hub and art space, along with a biodiversity garden. As we go to print, we have been notified that the general-purpose area will be handed over in time for the Junior School Christmas Carol

Singing while the Science Hub and Art spaces will be ready for the boys after the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, the Junior School Library was equipped over the summer break and is already a favourite space for the boys. The Library contains a mix of fiction and non-fiction books to read both for pleasure and to gain information; thus, developing both literacy and data collection skills. Since the start of term, the Library is being enjoyed every day as you can see from the photos.





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Senior School Progress: The Senior School's new STEM building is now fully operational and was ready for the boys upon their return from the summer break. The new building houses four modern, spacious and flexible science labs, a resource room and a computer science room. Conversion of the original science labs commenced during the summer holidays, and these improvements provided an additional science lab, two new classrooms, resource rooms, locker spaces and a Year Head Office. These new facilities are a wonderful addition to the school and are now available to support the Senior boys in their practical and theoretical study of the sciences, which is great news. Refurbishment of the existing Biology Lab is currently ongoing and will be finalised during the mid-term break.

Swimming Pool Status: We look forward to commencing construction of the Swimming Pool project as soon as we have surety around funding. As you know, we delayed the start of this project until we were within sight of reaching our fundraising target. With your generosity, we continue our fundraising campaign and plan to commence with the tender process by the end of this year. Once a contractor is appointed, the estimated building construction phase will only take 15 months to complete. All going well, we expect to mobilise in summer 2024. We will keep you updated with any changes to the timeline.



THANK YOU

We take this opportunity once again to thank all our donor families for their continued and generous support of our *Building on Success* development programme. Their generous response has enabled us to deliver the first two stages of the project quickly providing an environment of learning excellence for the benefit of both your sons today and future generations of St. Michael's students.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have received unstinting support over the past two years and are delighted to report that, to date, we have raised €4.6 million in pledges and donations towards our €6 million fundraising target. Our challenge now is to raise the outstanding €1.4 million of our €6 million target in order to expedite the completion of the final phase of our building project, the Swimming Pool.

We can do this over the coming months with the generous support of the remaining St. Michael's families who have yet to give.

During the past few weeks, we have met many new families, shared with them the story of our development plans, and asked for their support towards our development campaign. We continue to share our development story by meeting those who have yet to hear it first-hand.

It is our hope that the support, which has been given so graciously by previous generations of St. Michael's parents, will continue to be available to us in the coming months in order that we can provide the best possible facilities for all the boys from Preschool to Leaving Cert.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to become part of the St. Michael's College legacy and wish to make a donation, please contact Judith at 01-2189421 or email: judith.hally@stmc.ie. There are a number of methods to give:

1. Direct Bank Transfer:

You can make a bank transfer to St. Michael's College Campus Development Fund at Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin 2. Details are:
IBAN: IE09 BOFI 9000 1794 621982
BIC: BOFIE2D

2. Once-Off Contribution:

You can make a once-off contribution by sending a cheque, made payable to St. Michael's College Development Fund and returning to St. Michael's College, Development Office, Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

3. Online Donation:

You can make a donation via the Online Donation Button on our Website:
<https://www.stmc.ie/development/development-donation.html>.

For further information:

If you would like more information about our development programme, please contact Judith at 01-2189421 or email: judith.hally@stmc.ie.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to keeping you updated with our progress.



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