

SCHOOL POLICY ON GRADUATION

Note: This version of School Policy on Graduation shall apply to students graduating in School Year 2006-2007 and shall also apply to all students currently in the School and those beginning in 2007.

Requirements for Graduation: The minimum requirement for graduation from St Mary's Secondary School is completion of a Senior Cycle Programme leading to the awarding of the Leaving Certificate or the Leaving Certificate Applied. Proficiency shall be determined in accordance with established Department of Education and Science procedures.

The aim of a School Graduation is to celebrate the achievement of each girl in completing her second-level education at St. Mary's Secondary School and to facilitate Parents/ Guardians and Teachers in sharing in this celebration.

The purpose of a School Graduation is to :

- Establish rigorous standards of learning that will enable all Students to meet the vision, aims and objectives of the School
- Realize their individual goals and aspirations
- Possess the attitudes, knowledge, and skills necessary to contribute positively and compete in a global society
- Exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Pursue post-secondary education and/or careers without need for remediation.

School Graduation Ceremony :

Preparation: Students will be prepared for their Graduation Ceremony by their Religion and Music Teachers in conjunction with those Post-Holders assigned to this process.

Timing : Graduation will take place after school, in the month of May prior to the commencement of the State Examinations

Location: Graduation will take place in St. Mary's Secondary School

Format: School Mass/Prayer Service followed by reception for Graduands, Parents/Guardians and School Staff.

Attire: Students will Graduate in full School Uniform with School Cap and Gown.

Presentation: School Graduation Diplomas will be presented to each graduating student.

