



Student Leaders

2022-23



Katie Rois McCann
Head Girl

Which primary school did you attend?

I attended St Mary's Primary School, Ballygawley

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

I am studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Nutrition and Food Science

Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?

One standout memory I have of St Ciaran's College is when I was chosen as one of ten to go to Barcelona as part of the mTech academy. This was a new initiative which aimed to connect pupils and educators with industry. Here, I had the opportunity to speak in front of global companies, including BT and PWC, which was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Equally, it has been the occasions where the school body has come together, such as prizegiving, musicals and sporting occasions. These all highlight to me the strong ethos St Ciaran's College has and reaffirms how proud and fortunate I am to be part of such a wonderful school community.

What are your career aspirations?

I hope to study Medicine in Queen's University Belfast. From a young age,

I have aspired to become a Doctor. Medicine enables you to be involved in the unique aspects of a patient's life, highlighting how it is not only a career but a vocation. With this career in mind, I carried out a range of volunteering and work experience opportunities. I volunteered at the Arvalee summer scheme for three weeks, a soup kitchen for the homeless in the people's kitchen Belfast, placements in Southern Trust Hospitals and have also been fortunate to have been involved in both dementia and Makaton training. I have also gained a part time job in Craigavon Area Hospital as a patient feedback assistant, which has given me great insight into the holistic role of health care professionals. These quality experiences have collectively reaffirmed to me my desire to study Medicine.

What message would you like to give to the students of St Ciaran's College?

Always be open to new experiences and embrace all aspects of school life. Some of my fondest memories to date are when I have seized the many opportunities presented to me. Enjoy your time in St Ciaran's College, it goes in a flash!



Conor Kerr
Head Boy

Which primary school did you attend?

I attended St Mary's Primary School, Ballygawley

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

I am studying Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Maths at A-level

Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?

Visiting the World War I battlefields and war graves in Belgium and France on a history trip in Year 10 really stands out as one of the highlights of my time at St Ciaran's College. I have enjoyed going to several Premier League and Champions League football matches with the school. Another highlight of my school career is when I underwent a Neurophysiology Research Placement held by Trinity College, Dublin. During this placement, I researched conditions such as epilepsy, analysed rare data sets and attended lectures held by the Professor. During my time at St Ciaran's College, I have enjoyed taking part in various extra-curricular activities including football, hurling, public speaking, and quiz teams.

What are your career aspirations?

I am planning to study medicine at Queen's University Belfast. I have chosen this career path because I have a huge interest in science, specifically human biology, and would like to further increase my scientific knowledge. To gain a perspective into what it is like to study medicine and what it is like to be a doctor, I have completed work experience in a variety of healthcare settings. Furthermore, I have been volunteering with the Saturday Club in Omagh which is a volunteer driven project that supports children with special needs. The prospect of applying my interest in science to help others is ultimately what draws me to a career in medicine.

What message would you like to give to the students of St Ciaran's College?

St Ciaran's College offers so many different opportunities and so I would encourage the students to really make the most of their time at St Ciaran's College by participating and being proactive in the school community. I would also encourage the students to work hard as it is worth it in the end and to take every opportunity available to them.



Ellen McGirr
Deputy Head Girl

Which Primary School Did you attend?

I attended St Malachy's Primary School, Glencull

Which Subjects are you studying at Post 16?

I am studying English Literature, Nutrition and Food Science and BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate IT

Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?

One of my most enjoyable experiences in St Ciaran's College would have to be my trip to Barcelona with the MTech Academy in 2018, with nine other classmates. The MTech Academy programme was a chance for younger students to list the areas in which are communities lack innovative technologies and are wasting resources such as electricity. We were given the opportunity to see and learn about many modern and upcoming IT technologies that we had never known about before. This experience instilled a love for learning GCSE ICT and a desire to continue this subject into Post 16. The many memories I also have from school football would also have to be a core highlight of mine. We may not have achieved many medals but

the days playing football were full of unforgettable moments and memories. I have also enjoyed my experience as a B Strong Online Ambassador as it has enlightened me with the safety precautions we must take online to ensure everyone's safety.

What are your career aspirations? From a young age, I had a strong aspiration to study Law and attend Queen's University Belfast. However, now that I have developed a great interest and love for ICT, I can see a future with a career in ICT by either studying Computer Science at Queen's University Belfast or UJJ. A higher-level apprenticeship is also something on my horizon.

What message would you like to give to the students of St Ciaran's College?

I would advise all St Ciaran's students to grab the opportunity of taking part in as many aspects of school life as possible. It will not only benefit your future but will also enhance your relationship with staff and other pupils. My involvement in football, Be Strong Online Ambassador, school debates and the MTech Academy really broadened my experiences as a St Ciaran's student. Seize all opportunities that come your way!



Ruairi O'Sullivan
Deputy Head Boy

Which primary school did you attend?

I attended St Brigid's Primary School, Altamuskin

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

History, Mathematics and Chemistry

Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?

Some of my career highlights from school have been going to Barcelona through the mTech academy where I attended the Mobile World Conference and the Youth Mobile Festival. I was one of the 100 students from NI selected. Another highlight from my school career was winning the YPI award for public speaking. My group won £2,000 for our chosen charity which was Starbreakers in Carrickmore.

What are your career aspirations?

My aspiration for my future career is to be an accountant and work globally. I plan to go to Ulster University and study accountancy or I apply for the higher-level apprenticeship through South West College.

What message would you like to give to the students of St Ciaran's College?

Listen to your teachers, managers, and anyone who is trying to give you advice as they are always right especially the teachers and managers in St Ciaran's College. They will always do their best to better your future and they will always look out for you and support you in your school years and beyond.