



St Ciaran's College
Coláiste Naomh Ciarán



Choose St Ciaran's

PROSPECTUS 2026

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School Mass to celebrate the 150th Anniversary
of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

2022/23~2025/26

INCLUDING EVERYONE,
INSPIRING ALL TO SUCCEED



Welcome to St Ciaran's

Dear Primary Seven students, parents and carers, I thank you for taking the time to get to know St Ciaran's a little better; I hope that you will find our prospectus informative in offering you an insight into the life of our school. It will give you a flavour of the wonderful opportunities St Ciaran's affords each one of its pupil.

St Ciaran's is an inclusive all ability Catholic maintained school catering for students from 11-18 years of age. At present we have 883 pupils and this year we accepted 158 new pupils into our Year 8 cohort. We provide a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of all learners. As well as securing excellent academic results our students also have opportunities to nurture their gifts and talents in a wide range of extra- curricular activities, academic and sporting, with the emphasis on learning and enjoyment.

St Ciaran's is a school where pupils, in partnership with parents and the community, fulfil their potential in all areas of school life. We continue to be a beacon for Catholic education through our nurturing, caring and inclusive ethos. Pupils of all abilities benefit from an educational experience which is inspired by the school's motto 'Fortis in Fide' meaning 'Strong in Faith'.

Relationships are the key to a successful school and St Ciaran's is recognised for its friendly, family atmosphere. Our Pastoral system aims to ensure that each student is known and supported not only to progress academically but also to immerse themselves into the life of the school. We encourage an atmosphere where our students and their parents feel free that they can talk freely to any member of staff and know that they will be dealt with in a sensitive, confidential way.

Parents and carers are very important partners in the education experience and we encourage good communication between school and home for the benefit of our students. We appreciate transferring from primary school can be an anxious time so we have an excellent induction programme in place, assisted by our partner primary schools, to make the process easier and to address any concerns students might have.

I hope you enjoy our Open Night and I very much hope that you will choose to become a member of the St Ciaran's family especially at the beginning of our 60th anniversary celebrations. I wish all the young people transferring from Primary School, this year, every success in their future studies.

Yours faithfully,

P. Lavery

Principal





ST. CIARAN'S

COLLEGE



Our mission

As a Catholic school community St Ciaran's College provides high quality, holistic education for all our pupils so that they can develop their full uniqueness and potential in a climate of mutual respect, support, challenge and celebration.

St Ciaran's prepares pupils to lead fulfilling and purposeful lives, becoming responsible citizens who will contribute positively to society.

Our vision

<i>Inclusion</i>	<i>Aspiration</i>
<i>Growth</i>	<i>Success</i>







The Curriculum

The school aims to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. As a Catholic school, Religious Education is central to the pupils' education and is a compulsory subject throughout all years. The other time-tabled subjects comply with the learning areas as laid down by the N.I. Curriculum.

Key Stage 3 Learning Areas

The Arts	Art and Design Drama Music
Environment and Society	Geography History
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Modern Languages	French Irish
Physical Education	Physical Education
Science and Technology	Science Technology and Design ICT
Religious Education	Religious Education
Learning for Life and Work	Personal Development Employability Citizenship Home Economics

Key Stage 4 Learning Areas

GCSE Core (compulsory) Subjects	English (Language & Literature) Mathematics Religious Education
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In addition to the above core subjects all pupils study Learning for Life and Work and have classes in Careers Education and Physical Education.

The following optional Level 2 subjects are offered:

Optional GCSE Subjects	Agriculture and Land Use Art and Design Business Studies Drama Digital Technology (Multimedia/ Programming) Engineering and Manufacturing French Further Mathematics Geography History Home Economics (Child Development/Food & Nutrition) Irish Learning for Life and Work Media Studies Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies Moving Image Art Music Physical Education Science (Single/Double Award) Technology and Design
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BTEC (Level 2)	Sport
Optional OCN Subjects	Business Skills IT Applications
Optional Occupational Studies	Bench Joinery Childcare Computer Aided Design Contemporary Cuisine Horticulture

Post 16 Curriculum

St Ciaran's College offers a range of courses for Post 16 students with excellent results over many years. Students are offered three or four post 16 subjects. Subjects offered include:

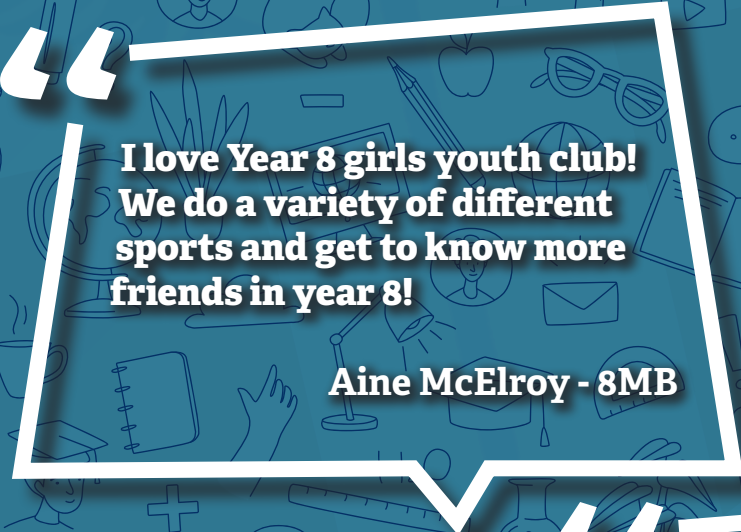
GCE AS/A2 Courses	Art and Design Biology Chemistry English Literature French Geography History Irish Mathematics Moving Image Arts Music Nutrition and Food Science Physics Religious Education
GCE Applied Course	Health and Social Care Software Systems Development
BTEC (Level 3) National Extended Certificate	Business Sport Engineering IT Children's Play, Learning & Development

Students can sample many extra curricular activities such as GAA coaching awards in Gaelic Football and Handball, Paired Reading and many career oriented activities.

Admission Criteria for Post 16:

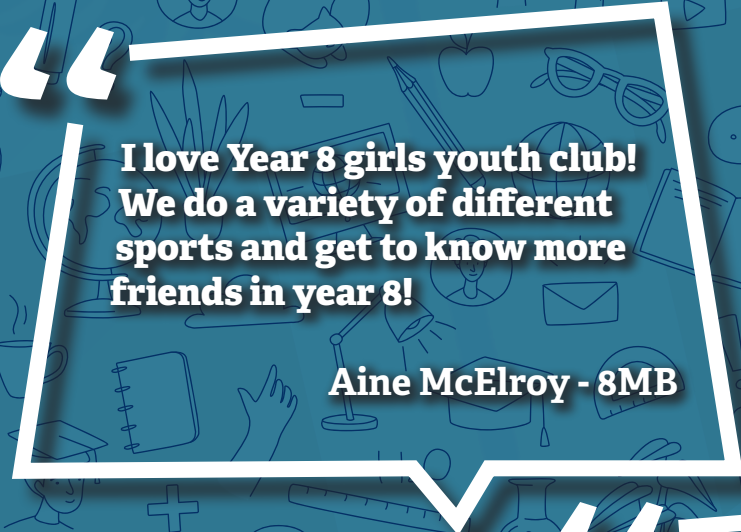
- Six GCSEs (Grades A*-C) including English and/or Mathematics
- Students must have a record of good attendance, good conduct and application to study





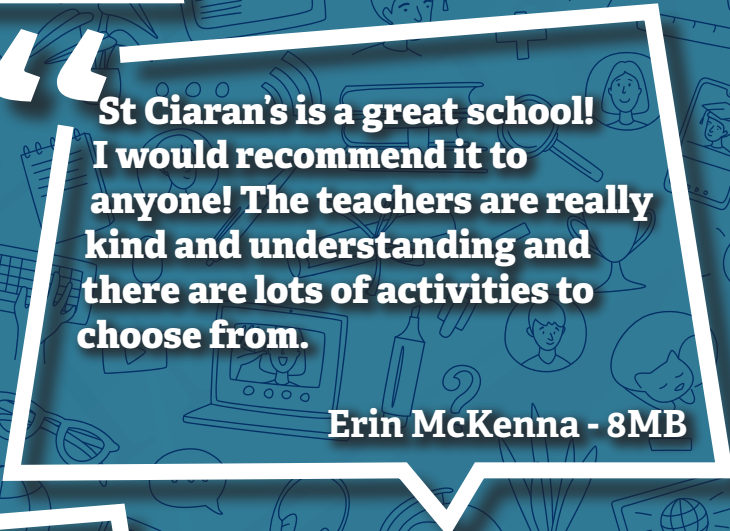
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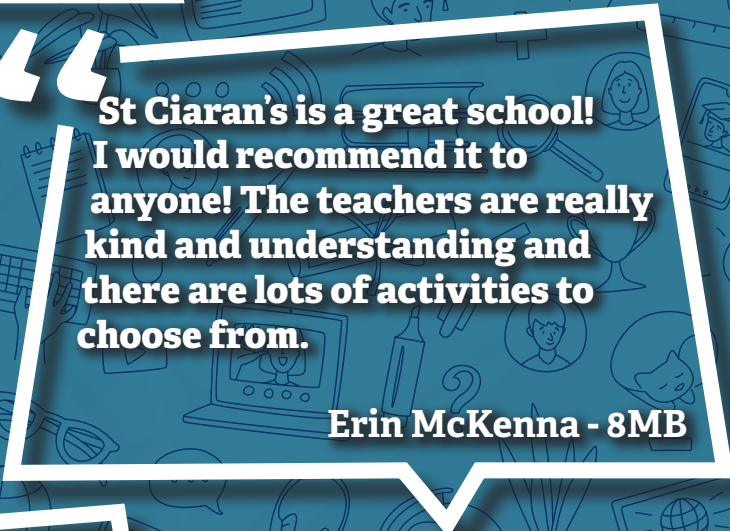
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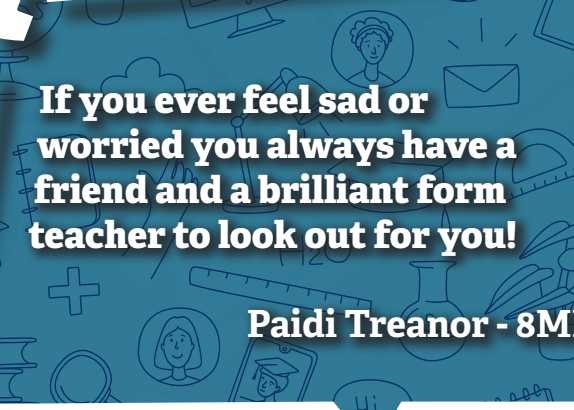
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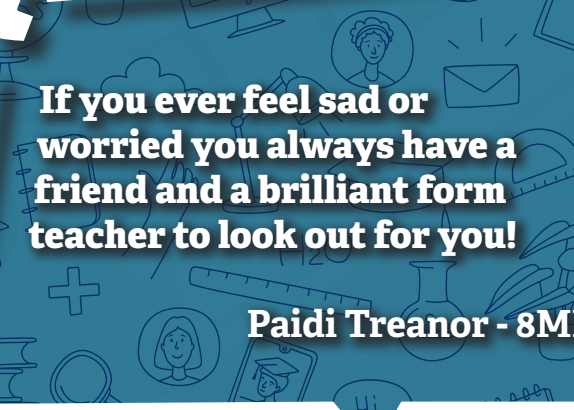
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Uniform

Boys' Uniform (compulsory for all years)

Grey Shirt
Black Trousers
Black, Fine Knit V-neck Trutex Jumper
School Tie (clip-on)
Black Shoes
Black Blazer with School Crest
Black Socks
School Scarf (optional)

Girls' Uniform (compulsory for all years)

Turquoise Blouse
Kingfisher Blue Skirt
Silver Grey, Fine Knit V-neck Trutex Jumper
School Tie (clip-on)
Black Shoes
Black Blazer with School Crest
Grey Socks/Black Tights in Winter
School Scarf (optional)

P.E. Uniform (Boys' and Girls')

St Ciaran's PE Jersey
St Ciaran's Navy Shorts
Navy Socks
Trainers (non-marking sole)
All PE Kit is available to purchase from Begley's Sports, Dungannon

The School Day

Assembly/Registration	9.15am - 9.25am
Morning Lessons (1-2)	9.25am - 10.45am
Break	10.45am - 11.00am
Lessons (3-4)	11.00am - 12.20pm
Junior Lunch (5)	12.20pm - 1.00pm
Senior Lunch (6)	1.00pm - 1.40pm
Afternoon Lessons (7-9)	1.40pm - 3.40pm





The Student Council

The Student Council is the 'voice' of the student body at St Ciaran's College. It gives members of the school community a chance to voice their views and opinions about any issues in the school with the aim of making the school as good as it can be. The student council also assists with fundraising initiatives throughout the school year; fostering awareness of social justice and building relationships with stakeholders in our local communities.

The Student Council consists of members from Years 8 to 14 who have been elected by their form classes to represent them and they generally meet up once a month. Any issues or questions raised by the students, concerning areas of school life, are addressed to the Council.



St Ciaran's College Student Council







Peregrini Volunteers Travelling to Zambia

VISION
INCLUSION · ASPIRATION · GROWTH · SUCCESS
MISSION
INCLUDING EVERYONE, INSPIRING ALL TO SUCCEED
MOTTO
FORTIS IN FIDE – STRONG IN FAITH



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Religious Education

The RE programme revolves on three key principles. Our relationship with God, how we connect to others and how we see ourselves. These three different forms of love provide balance and perspective in our lives. In St Ciaran's, faith is nurtured through a challenging academic curriculum, and developed through our involvement in a wide range of local and international outreach programmes.

Giving young people the confidence and vocabulary to speak openly and publicly about their faith is an important element of the RE programme. In recent years St Ciaran's has won the Knights of Columbanus All Ireland Public Speaking competition. Pupils prepare for the Knights competition as well as Concern debates and the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, all of which invite them to speak publicly on issues connected to their faith.

In Religious Education the pupils learn that God is present and active in their daily lives. They are given the opportunity to explore the richness of Sacred Scripture seen through the lens of faith and lived out in practice. They also come to view the Human Person as created in God's "image and likeness," and destined for eternal life. They learn to apply Scripture to their own lives as a tool for prayer and as a guide for living a good life. The pupils learn they are "their brother's keeper," and have a responsibility to respond to the needs of those around them. They are encouraged to participate in their own communities on a wide range of justice issues. They do this through; the SVP appeal, Trocaire, during Lent, the Pope John Paul Award, the school's new YPI charity scheme and the St Ciaran's Peregrini.

"Faith, if not accompanied by good works, is dead" JAMES 2:17









Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is concerned with the well being of all students and is the responsibility of all staff within our school.

Our Pastoral system:

- Actively supports the aims of the school;
- Contributes to the personal, social and emotional development of each individual through Personal Development class and throughout the curriculum;
- Delivers the Personal Development Programme in line with our ethos and values;
- Acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of all.

Each pupil has a Form Teacher who provides guidance and support to their form class, monitors progress and encourages success. As well as teaching, form teachers meet with their form classes on a regular basis and with individuals when the need arises.

Form Teachers in each year group are led by a Year Head who coordinates the work of the Year Group and becomes involved where particular student issues give cause for concern. These areas are regularly monitored by the Pastoral Team in addition to daily monitoring by subject teachers.

St Ciaran's College stresses the importance of full attendance, regular homework and hard work. Good

links between home and school are vital to ensure that our students achieve their full potential. The pastoral team encourages parents/carers to contact them with their concerns and to arrange a time to meet that suits everyone.

We are supported by Links Counselling Service provided by the Department of Education who come into the school once a week. They aim to listen to and support our young people in a caring and confidential way. Parents/carers should feel secure in the knowledge that we will always consult them and keep them informed when a young person is in need of help.

Detailed policy available on request.



Code of Conduct

St Ciaran's strives at all times to maintain a harmonious atmosphere and so expects:

- respect for self;
- respect for others;
- courtesy and good manners;
- respect for school property;
- commitment to consistent hard work;
- a high standard of dress, punctuality and attendance.

While recognising the importance of rules and regulations, St Ciaran's places great emphasis on rewards and providing opportunities for students to take personal responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. We take a restorative approach to behaviour issues.

Drugs Education

St Ciaran's College is committed to protecting and promoting the health and safety of all members of the college. The protection of all college members will be achieved through the general ethos of the college, through an effective pastoral care programme and a comprehensive Drugs Education Programme. By working in partnership with parents and outside agencies, we have a vital preventative role to play combatting the misuse of drugs by young people.

Health Education

St Ciaran's College is a Health Promoting School. We encourage our students to make healthy food and lifestyle choices which play a crucial role in the development of all pupils. We believe that all students should be encouraged to eat a healthy balanced diet and therefore the food we provide is nutritious, varied and appealing for pupils. All food served complies with current guidelines for healthy eating and our whole school Food Policy complies with current guidelines for healthy eating.

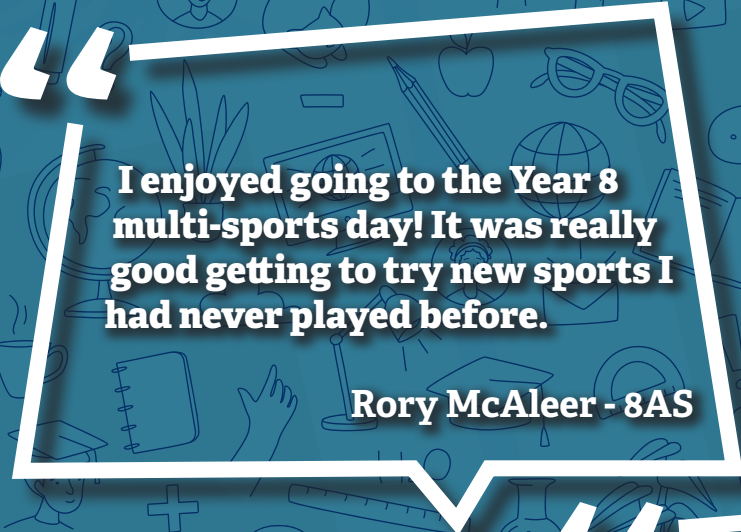
All staff are aware of pupils with food allergies. Nuts or nut products are not used or served anywhere in the school and parents have been asked not to use foods which contain nuts when sending packed lunches.

Cashless Canteen

The canteen operates a cashless system and students can add funds in the morning when they come into school or parents/carers can add money via the new online school App. The menu is varied and complies with our healthy eating policy. Year 8 students in St Ciaran's have their own dining room.

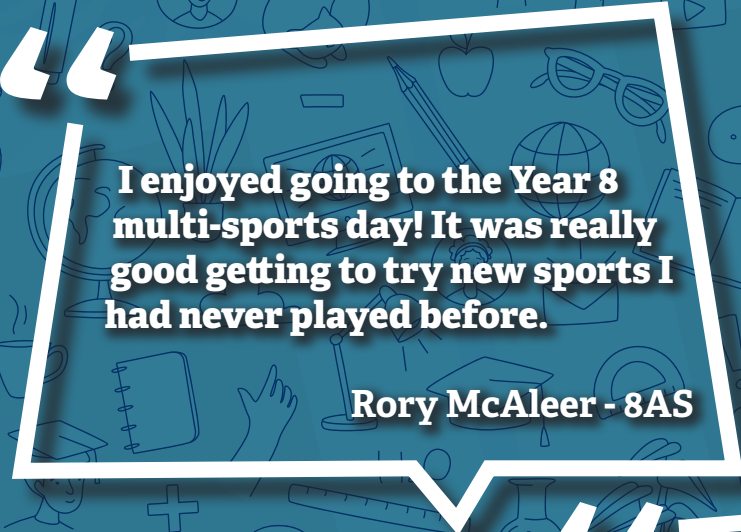






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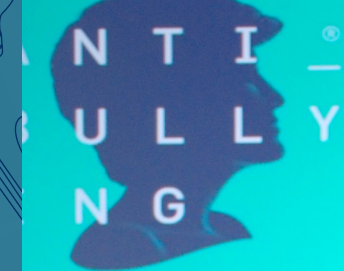
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FROM THE DIANA AWARD

BE_ STRONG ONLINE



Re-introducing
the St. Cieran's
Be Strong Online
Ambassadors



Be Strong Online Ambassadors

eSafety

St Ciaran's College is committed to the protection of pupils online. Pupils are educated on the safe use of the internet and social media through the Personal Development Programme for each year group. We also invite experts in e-safety to present guidance and advice to pupils and parents/carers in an attempt to promote safe internet use among all pupils. We participate in activities for Safer Internet Day each year and have a range of pupils fully trained, as "Be Strong Online Ambassadors" to promote safe use of digital technologies and campaign about online issues that are most relevant to our school population. All online information available in St Ciaran's is monitored by the C2k internet filtering system.



Child Protection & Safeguarding

St Ciaran's College accepts and adheres to the principles of Child Protection as outlined in DENI Safeguarding & Child Protection In School Guidance (2019). The school provides a safe and caring environment which allows students to feel safe and secure. The school has designated teachers who will deal with all issues raised by individual students, parents and outside agencies.





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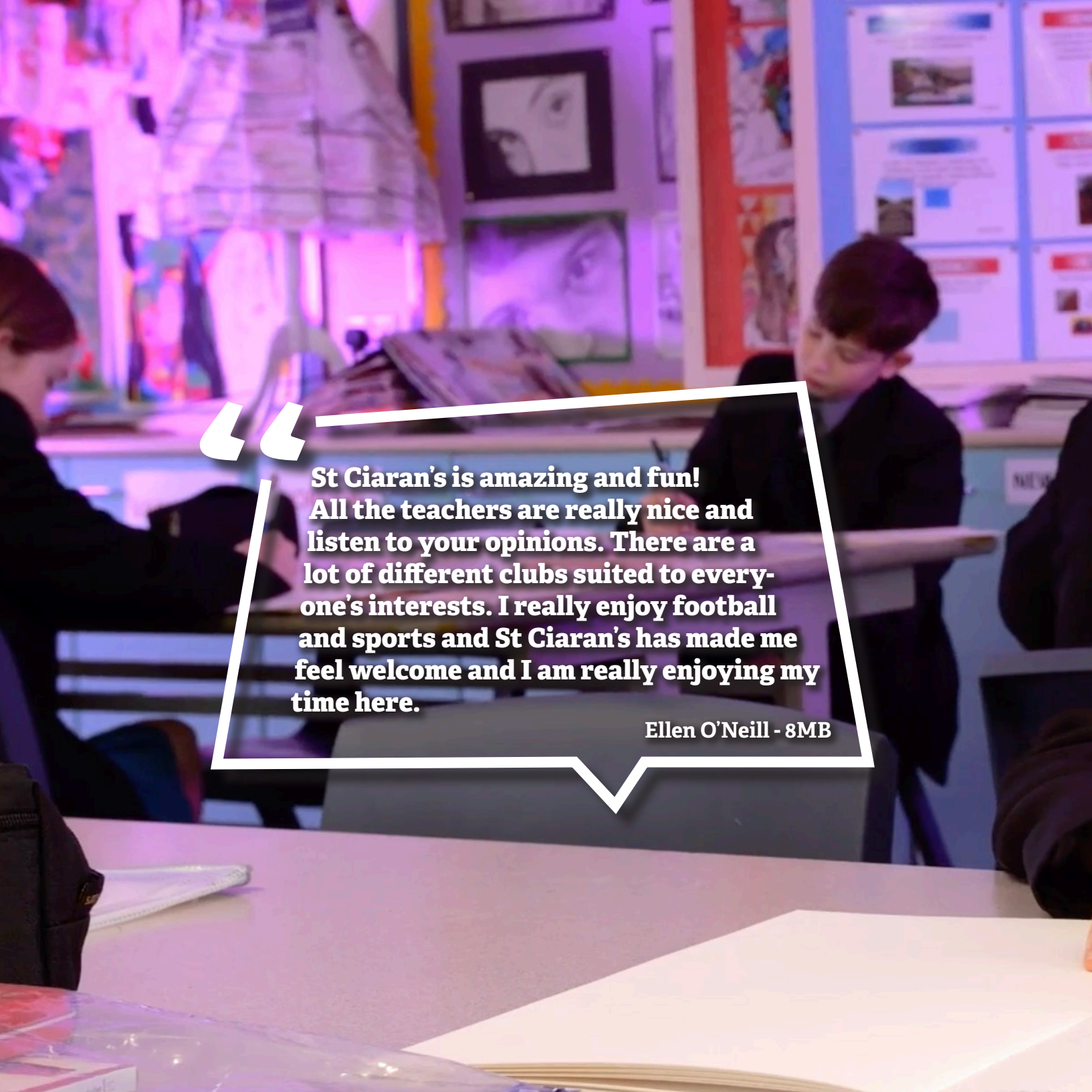
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**“ St Ciaran’s is amazing and fun!
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listen to your opinions. There are a
lot of different clubs suited to every-
one’s interests. I really enjoy football
and sports and St Ciaran’s has made me
feel welcome and I am really enjoying my
time here.**

Ellen O’Neill - 8MB





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**There is always help at St
Ciaran's when you need it
and there are so many
opportunities!**

Michael Conroy - 8AD

Learning Support

Transition from Primary School to Secondary School can be a worrying time for Primary 7s, but there is no need to worry! At St Ciaran's College we offer an integrated model of Learning Support so students can experience all aspects of school life. Classes are smaller so students will be given all the help they need.

When Primary 7s come to St Ciaran's College they will be provided with expert support from all staff. They will be assisted by an experienced team who will help them settle in and support them throughout the year. If they need extra help with reading, spelling or maths they can join our daily Spelling Club, Reading Partnership, ICT Club and Tables Club.

Students are encouraged to make enquiries about any other support they need. Pupils are also offered

the opportunity to join the Learning Support Student Voice committee. Classroom assistants have been trained on how to use the Texthelp software Read Write to support pupils with literacy difficulties.

We are delighted to have received the *Impact Award* from Autism NI in November 2024 and are now 'Impact Award Champions'.

"St Ciaran's College has achieved this recognition for implementing reasonable adjustments for autistic pupils and staff in line with the Autism Act 2022."

Aimee Molloy (below centre) is our Year 13 Learning Support Ambassador for Autism and has delivered assemblies to all year groups.





Sólás

In September 2017 Mr Lavery and Mrs McMahon along with the help of support staff were delighted to set up and open the “Sólás” room which aims to provide nurturing provision for all pupils who experience barriers to learning due to identified “social, emotional or behavioural difficulties (SEBD).” The name “Sólás” means solace, tranquillity, comfort and relief.

THE SIX PRINCIPLES OF NURTURE:

- Children’s learning is understood developmentally;
- The Nurture room offers a safe base;
- Nurture is important for the development of self-esteem;
- Language is understood as a vital means of communication;
- All behaviour is communication;
- Transitions are significant in the lives of children.

The “Sólás” room is managed by specifically trained staff with dedicated assistance from support staff. “Sólás” is similar to a home environment including a comfortable and relaxing living area, a work area, kitchen area and recreational area. It provides pupils with a safe environment promoting positive behaviour, positive thinking, relationship building skills, social skills, self-esteem and self-confidence. It is designed to cater for individuals and small groups. Identified pupils engage in individual programmes and group activities depending on their needs. Pupils can access support in the Sólás room at any time during the school day. It reflects our school motto which is “Including Everyone, Inspiring All to Succeed.”





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Northern Ireland Netball Champions 2025



CHAMPIONS

Sport

Sporting activities are central to life at St Ciaran's. All students are expected to take part in Physical Education classes (one hour twenty minutes per week) and there are many opportunities for our students to take part in our sporting extra curricular activities.

Our students benefit greatly from our excellent sports facilities which include:

- Sports Hall
- Fitness Suite
- Tennis/Netball Courts
- Handball Courts
- Gymnasium
- 3G Pitch
- Basketball Court

Students have the opportunity to participate in the following sports throughout their years in St Ciaran's:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Netball
- Soccer
- Dance
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Handball
- Badminton
- Gaelic Football
- Gymnastics
- Minor Games
- Rounders
- Tennis
- Rugby

Students participate in team games such as Gaelic football, netball, soccer, basketball, handball and in individual sports. In recent years our school has enjoyed success at local, County and All-Ireland level.





GAA
HANDBALL





Year 10 Boys Ulster Champions
McDevitt Shield Winners 2025





Express
Creating, developing, presenting and publishing ideas and information using a range of digital media.
Manipulate information and media effectively using a range of devices.

Exchanges
Communicate using a range of contemporary methods and tools.
Share, collaboratively, thoughts and develop ideas digitally.
Understand how to keep safe and develop responsible online behaviour.

Exhibit
Always and protect your cloud data.
Transfer your ICT expertise across the curriculum.

Evaluate
Take time, record and make judgements to make, reflecting on the process and outcome.
Consider the context and relevance of work.

Work things out step-by-step

Make links in learning

Give reasons for my ideas



Ask good questions

Think about what I can do when I'm stuck

Say why when I agree or disagree

Listen carefully

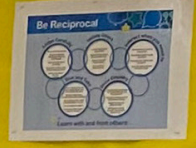
Know that what I say and do will affect others

Pick up good habits from others



Find information and use it well

Work with others when I need to



Build on what others have said

Work well in a group

Respect others' ideas

Be a good role model

Share my ideas

See other ways of doing things

Ask for help when I need it

Talk about how I feel when I'm learning

Learn from what has worked before



Information and Communication Technology

St Ciaran's College recognises the importance of developing digital skills, not only through the curriculum on offer, but also through enrichment opportunities such as Minecraft club, Digital Futures Competition & the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. We have state of the art ICT facilities which are constantly being updated and extended. Each classroom is equipped with at least one computer and has an interactive whiteboard or data projector. We have seven large ICT suites in addition to rooms comprising apple mac technology. Microsoft surface pro devices, iPads and chromebooks are also available and used daily. Furthermore, we use video conferencing equipment and Google Workspace tools (e.g. Google Classroom and Google Drive) as well as Office 365 extensively throughout the school. We have a set of Virtual Reality headsets which are used to promote pupil engagement and focus on high-quality, interactive learning and teaching.

St Ciaran's College won the 2021-2022 NI ICT Excellence Award for our use of digital technologies. This award celebrates our effective use of digital technologies to transform the educational experience and improve the engagement and achievements of teachers and learners. The award recognises the excellent use of digital technologies in St Ciaran's



in relation to leadership; learning, teaching and assessment; wellbeing; e-Safety and teacher professional learning. The judging panel consisted of representatives from the Education Network (ENni) Innovation Forum, Lancaster University, Ulster University, the Education Authority and an independent education IT consultant. In addition, in September 2022 St Ciaran's College was recognised by Mid Ulster District Council for ICT Excellence. St Ciaran's is proud of how we use digital technologies effectively across the school and we are delighted to be formally recognised for our ICT excellence.





Spring Concert

Music at St Ciaran's

St. Ciaran's College has a vibrant and thriving Music Department through curricular and extra-curricular Music. Pupils in KS3 can learn new instruments, listen to, and perform Music. Pupils can also develop Music technology skills through Garageband and Logic.

Pupils in KS3 study the following topics amongst others:

- Theory of Music
- Bass clef and Riffs
- African drumming
- Ukulele
- Performance skills
- Instruments of the Orchestra
- 12 bar Blues
- Film Music

Students can also learn a new instrument through EA Music Service and Private instrumental tutors. Lessons are available in.

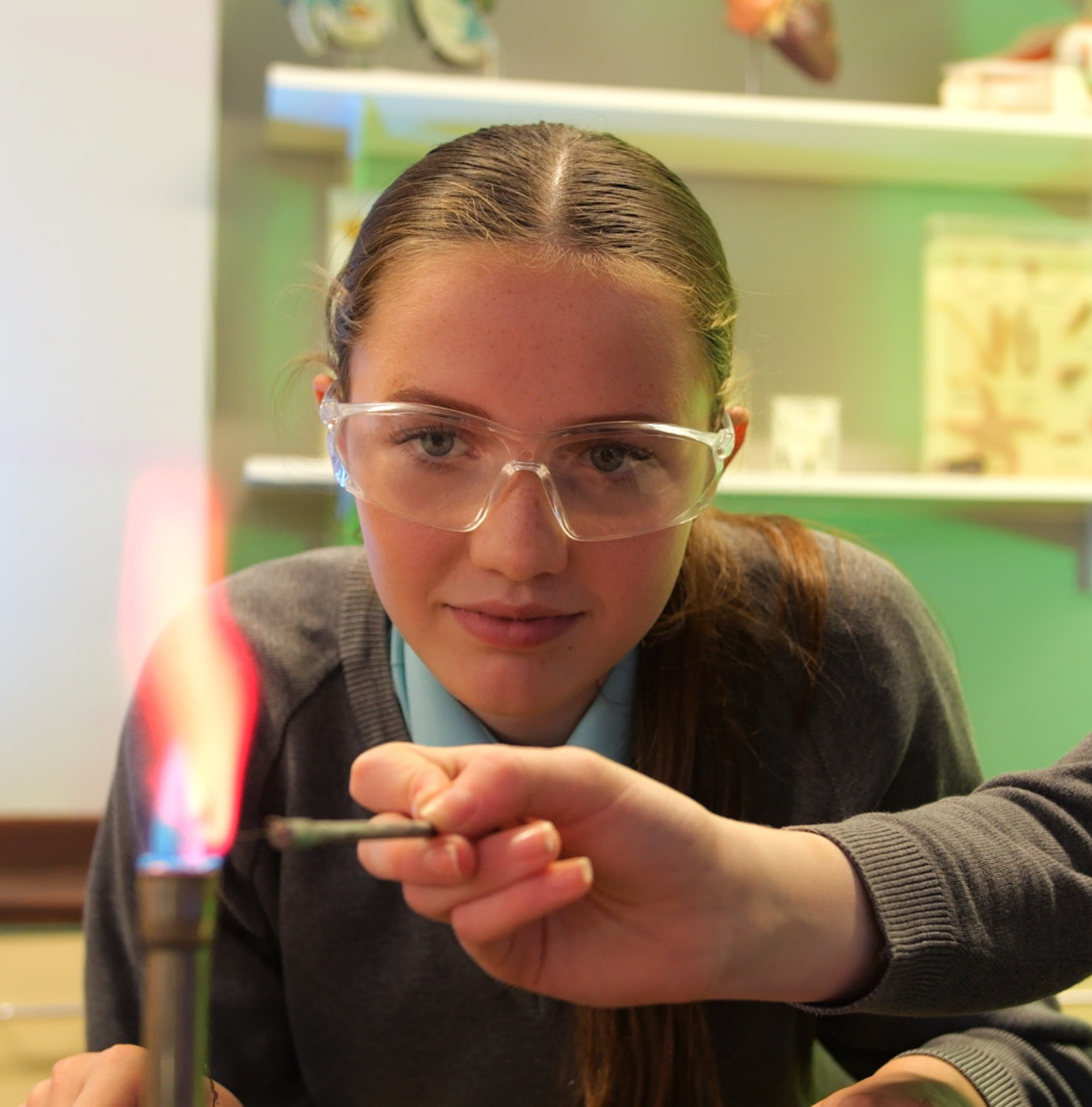
- Strings
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Percussion
- Guitar
- Piano
- Singing

The Music Department is renowned for its extra-curricular provision in terms of choir, traditional group, instrumental and pupils regularly perform at various events throughout the school year.

The school enjoys an excellent reputation for musical productions. Past shows have included *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Blood Brothers*, *Hairspray*, *Made in Dagenham*, *Legally Blonde* and most recently we presented *Calamity Jane*.







Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

The College CEIAG and employability programmes are an important element in the school's curriculum. The careers team provides a high quality programme which is relevant, up to date and gives impartial career information to everyone. The careers team, along with all staff, take a great interest in their students to ensure that they develop the personal qualities, skills, knowledge, understanding and attitudes needed to give them a strong foundation for the world of work in a rapidly changing economic environment. There is lots of careers information available to all students via computer networks in school, specialist software and the internet.

The school has strong links with local industry, commerce, the professions, all the Higher and Further Education establishments and the Local Area Learning Community Career Teams. Advisers from the Northern Ireland Career Service assist in making appropriate career decision and choices, which are informed and considered. Each year the Careers Department and subject departments arrange visits to industries, universities and colleges and there are lots of visiting speakers from various professions. Students get the opportunity to participate in planned and appropriate experiences in the world of work to increase learning, motivation and to develop their employability skills and give relevance to the learning programme.

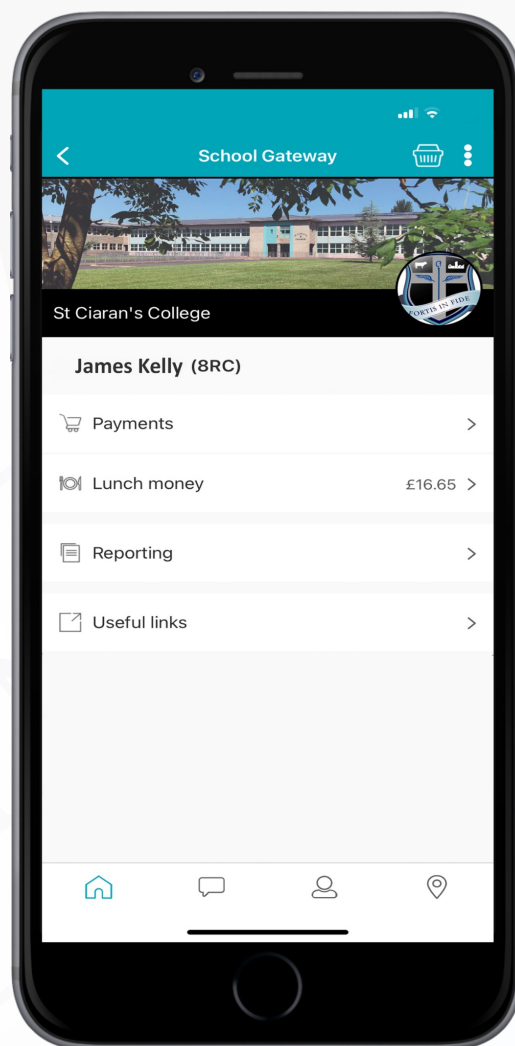


School App

Our School Parent App provides parents of our school with an effective way to be kept up to date on all aspects of school life. School reports, information on achievements, attendance as well as pupil timetables are all accessible on our app. Automated alerts and notifications are sent to your phone in relation to school messages, attendance and school meal balances, you may need to enable notifications on your device for the app.

Accessing the app enhances communication with parents, provides real-time information and helps support your child's development. Functionality allows parents to edit contact information, make payments and message the school.

The app also provides parents with an online payment system, enabling parents to make payments by card or bank transfer for items such as school meals, trips, events or other school activities in a safe and secure way.







Extra-curricular Activities

- Literacy Club
- Social Club
- Coding Club
- Film Club
- French Club
- Sports Training
- Be Strong Online Ambassador Programme
- Miss Enterprise Competition
- Numeracy Club
- ICT Access
- Maths Club
- Science Club
- Drama Club
- Choir



Extended Schools & Primary School Links

We aim to forge strong relationships and close links with our partner primary schools through projects such as the Extended Schools Programme, Post 16 Language Tuition, PE Outreach Activities, the Canavan Cup and Fundamental Skills activities.

The close links enable teachers and schools to learn from best practice across the key stages. We also work together to ensure that Year 7 pupils from our partner primary schools experience a smoother transition when they transfer to St Ciaran's College through the Year 7 Induction Day in June and the Year 8 Parent Induction in August.

As a past pupil of St Ciaran's, and now a principal of a feeder primary school, I have been able to experience St Ciaran's from many different view points and their child centred approach and the focus on developing each individual person continues to shine through. The holistic mission of St Ciaran's specifically show the Catholic ethos by providing high quality education which meets the needs and talents of all pupils not just academically.

I feel the children have access to a range of

extra-curricular activities which is essential so pupils can develop emotionally and socially.

There is a lovely warm feel from the minute you enter St Ciaran's through meeting with office staff and pupils who always welcome you.

Mrs Cara Donnelly - St. Mary's PS Ballygawley

As a P6/7 teacher, the transition to potential post-primary schools is frequently mentioned to me. We have a high percentage of students who move on to St Ciaran's and I am pleased to say the reputation of the school is extremely high amongst our parents.

*Mrs Alisa McGuinness - St. Macartan's PS
Clogher*









STEM

STEM influences nearly every part of our daily lives and it has already become an important aspect of the curriculum in secondary schools. Here at St Ciaran's we also include Art, so STEAM is an important part of our teaching and learning. Within many subjects, across the curriculum, there are opportunities to talk about STEAM during lessons. Each subject allows students to use different skills and showcase their range of talents. We also endeavour to engage students and foster an enthusiasm for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths through



extra-curricular activities. There are opportunities for students to enter competitions, such as the annual BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition, Young Innovators and SciFest competitions, Nuffield placements and Sentinus workshops. These all give students fantastic experiences and help develop skills that they carry with them throughout their lives.



Eco-Schools

Young people today are more aware of their environment and they care deeply about current environmental issues. This awareness encourages them to make positive contributions to the environment around them. The Eco-Schools Programme within St Ciaran's College aims to provide opportunities that will foster environmental awareness within the whole school community. Eco-Schools endeavours to extend learning beyond the classroom walls and develop responsible attitudes and commitment, both at home and in the wider community. The primary aim of our Eco-Schools Programme is to educate our pupils to make positive, responsible decisions that will contribute to an environmentally sustainable world.







St Ciaran's Youth Centre

St Ciaran's Youth Centre is an after-school facility for young people between the age of six and sixteen. It provides a suitable environment for our youth in which to develop and grow, physically, intellectually, spiritually and emotionally.

The centre programme and opening times are as follows:

Monday

- Senior Boys (16.00 - 17.30) Gaelic Football/Paddle Ball/Basketball/Fitness
- Junior Boys (18.00 - 19.30) Indoor games

Tuesday

- Seniors year 8+ - (16.00 -17.00) Conditioning
- Juniors (18.00 - 19.30) Arts & Crafts/ Drama

Wednesday

- Senior Girls (16.00 - 17.30) Gaelic Football/soccer/ Netball
- Junior Girls (18.00 - 19.30) Gymnastics

The members are encouraged to join in as many of the varied programmes as possible;

- Arts & Crafts (seasonal - Christmas, Easter, Halloween)
- Baking
- Sports - football, volleyball, dodgeball, table tennis, obstacle course
- Trampolining Class

- Gymnastics
- Pretzel Play - Kids Yoga
- Jiving classes
- Tae Kwon-do
- Movie Nights
- Cheerleading Class

Themed parties are always a 'hit' with our members including charitable events i.e. Children in Need, Red Nose Day. Other termly trips include shopping trips, waterparks, Airtastic Parks and other outdoor centres.

Every year we have a one-week summer scheme (usually the first week of July) which is fun packed with a variety of activities to suit all tastes and age groups. Registration includes daily activities, an inflatables day, a trip and a barbeque.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook!

We're always on hand to help. Our helpful team is on hand to answer any questions you might have:

- Call us on 028 85568640 and ask for Fionntan or Tina (Mon-Wed 9am-5pm)
- Call Cathy (Youth support Worker) on 07902144145 for all programme enquiries
- Email fdevlin085@c2kni.net or tmcgeary361@c2kni.net and we'll respond as soon as we can
- Speak to any one of the supervisors at St Ciaran's







“When I first walked through the doors of St Ciaran’s I was really worried but after a while I settled in . All the teachers were so kind and welcoming.

Senan McElroy - 8AS



Academic Performance

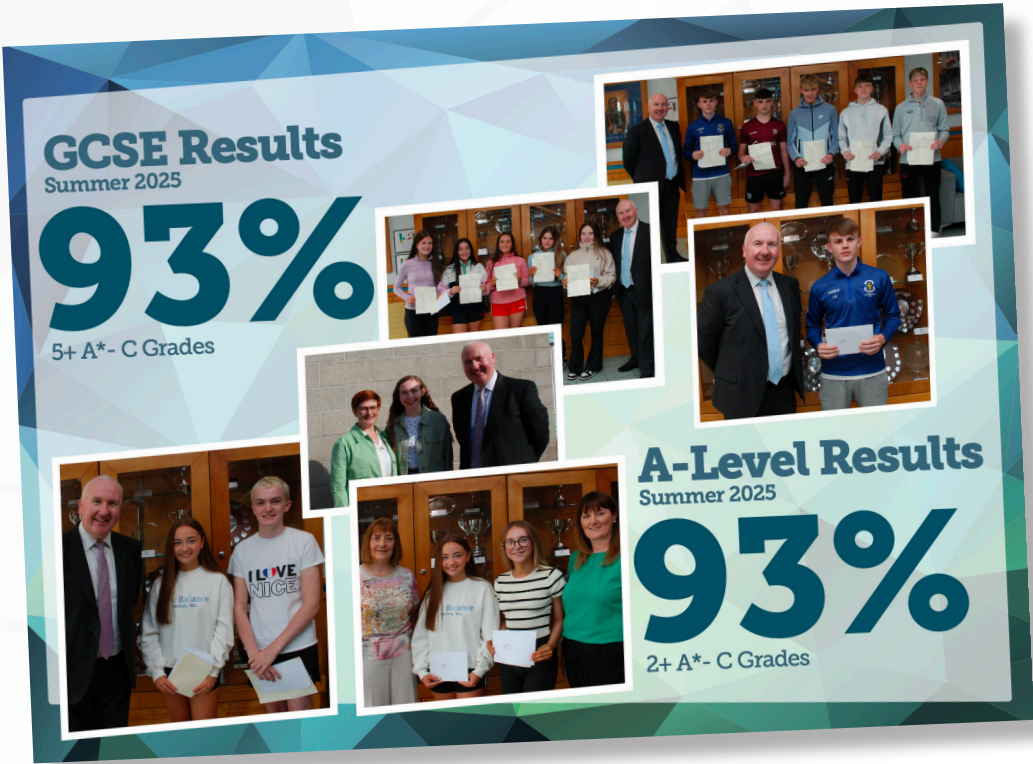
Performance in Public Examinations 2015-2020


	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25	
	St Ciaran's	N.I. Average	St Ciaran's	N.I. Average	St Ciaran's	N. I. Average	St Ciaran's	N. I. Average	St Ciaran's	N. I. Average
% Achieving 5+ GCSEs at Grades A* to C (or equivalent)	98%	N/A	92%	N/A	96.2%	87.3%	94%	84%	93%	85%
% Achieving 2+ A Levels at Grades A* to E	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	98.8%	97.2%	100%	97.3%	98.7%	97.2%

Attendance Rate

Total attendance rate for school year 2024-2025 was 93%.

Further information on all our policies can be found on our website.



The background of the image is a close-up of a dark grey or black fabric, likely a school uniform. In the upper right, there is a small, light blue and white crest with the motto 'FORTIS IN FIDE' on a banner below it. Below this is a small gold-colored pin of a musical instrument, possibly a trumpet. In the lower right, there is a larger, embroidered crest in light blue and white. The crest features a shield with a cross, a bull's head, and a building. Above the shield is the text 'ST. CIARAN'S COLLEGE' and below it is 'BALLYGAWLEY'. A banner at the bottom of the shield contains the motto 'FORTIS IN FIDE'.

“ One of my favourite subjects is technology because you learn how to measure and do woodwork.

The teachers at St Ciaran's are really kind and they keep you safe!

Joey Hackett - 8AD

Admission Criteria 2026

Parents are responsible for ensuring that the Transfer Application contains all the information necessary for the Admissions Subcommittee to apply their admissions criteria and that the applications are submitted on time.

The following admission criteria will be applied by the Board of Governors of St. Ciaran's College to P7 students applying for admission in September 2026.

In the event of over-subscription in the case of the first or subsequent criteria the next criteria will be applied in order.

1. Resident in the parish of Aghaloo, Aughavea/Aughentine, Beragh, Clogher, Errigal Ciaran, Eskra, Killeeshil.
2. Applicants for whom a sibling is currently attending.
3. Children who attend St Joseph's Primary School, Galbally
4. Children who are not a resident of a contributory parish but who attend;

*Blessed Patrick O'Loughran, Castlecaulfield
Derrylatinee P.S. Drumduff P.S.*

Roscavey P.S.

St Brigid's P.S., Altamuskin

Roan P.S.

St Joseph's P.S., Caledon

St Lawrence's P.S., Fintona

St Macartan's, P.S., Clogher

St Malachy's P.S., Glencull

St Mary's P.S., Aughnacloy

St Mary's P.S., Ballygawley

St Mary's P.S., Cabragh

St Mary's P.S., Fivemiletown

St Oliver Plunkett P.S., Beragh

St Patrick's P.S., Donaghmore

St Patrick's P.S., Aughadarragh

St Patrick's P.S., Eskra

St Mary's P.S., Carland

5. The eldest of the family.
6. Age - The eldest applicants established by date of birth as entered on a birth certificate.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or uploaded to the online application. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the online application or uploaded to it including whether the child attends a contributory primary school and which parish they belong to.

Duty to Verify

Board of Governors require supplementary evidence to support or verify information on any application. The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by the school can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's application.

Documentation to be uploaded with application

Any one of the following documents can verify child's age or name: Child's Birth Certificate; Letter awarding Child Benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit; Child's Medical Card; Child's passport; Child's adoption certificate.

Any 2 of the following documents can be used to verify address at which child is resident: Bank or building society statement; Utility bill (for instance Electricity, Gas, Television Licence, Telephone); Addressed payslip; Letter awarding Child Benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit; Mortgage statement; Land and Property Services rates demand; Financial statement such as ISA, Pension or Endowment; Current Driving Licence; Rental agreement.

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 27 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 19 February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 19 February 2026 and up to 4pm on 24 February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

Applications and Admissions to Year 8

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Admission Number	125	125	125
Total Applications All Preferences	154	156	152
Total Admissions	145	148	158

Criteria for Transfer Between Schools

In the event of St Ciaran's falling below the total enrolment number attributed to it by The Department of Education Northern Ireland, (i.e. being undersubscribed) transfer of students from another secondary/grammar school into St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley during Year 8 or



into other years i.e. Years 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, may be possible. In such an event, the Board of Governors has determined that the criteria set out below will apply if there are two or more suitable applicants for a place.

1. Resident in the parish of Aghaloo, Beragh, Errigal Ciaran, Clogher, Eskra, Killeeshil, Aughavea/Aughentine.
2. Applicants for whom a sibling is currently attending.
3. Children who attend St. Joseph's Primary School, Galbally.
4. Children who are not a resident of a contributory parish but who attend the Primary Schools listed above.
5. The eldest child of the family.
6. Age - The eldest applicants established by date of birth as entered on a birth certificate.

Candidates must provide sufficient information at the time of application to allow the admissions criteria to be fairly applied. They must also indicate acceptance of all school rules and regulations. Incorrect information may lead to the withdrawal of an offer of a place.

Admission Criteria for Year 13

1. All applicants seeking admission to Year 13 must provide satisfactory reports from their Year Head in relation to attendance, punctuality and conduct. Applicants from other schools may be considered subject to acceptable school reports, attendance, work record and behaviour.
2. A pupil may be accepted into the school provided that this would not prejudice, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, the efficient use of the school's resources.
3. For admission into all Post 16 courses a minimum of 6 GCSEs at grade C is required including GCSE maths and/or GCSE English. Students who have not obtained a grade C or above in English or Maths will be required to repeat.
4. A pupil will be considered for enrolment provided that the school will not exceed its enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education; class sizes, including practical sizes as determined by the DENI would not be exceeded.
5. The admission of a pupil may not result in an increase in class size beyond that which is deemed appropriate by the school.
- 6(a) In the case of oversubscription to our sixth form priority will be given to our own previous Year 12 pupils and also may be based on best results at GCSE using a points system with 10 points for an A*, 8 points for an A, 6 points for a B and 4 points for a C* being used to fill vacant spaces.
- 6(b) In the event that two applicants have the same points score, priority will be given to pupils accordingly to chronological age, starting with the youngest.

6(c) Admission to any Post 16 study area will be dependent on the numbers of places available, subjects with very small numbers of applicants may not be viable to timetable.

7. Acceptance of applicants to attend this school at Post 16 is dependent on the agreement of students and their parents/guardians to accept and observe all school regulations.

Criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission into Year 13

The Department of Education may, on request, increase the number of pupils that the school can admit to its Year 13. Places that become available in this way shall be allocated only to pupils who meet the basic eligibility criteria for sixth form study (as above) and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in St Ciaran's College.
2. Pupils from other schools, when admission to an extra place at St Ciaran's College has been agreed by the Department of Education.

Admission Criteria for Year 14

1. Entry to Year 14 from Year 13 is dependent upon a satisfactory academic performance at AS Level as determined by the Post 16 Leadership team in consultation with the relevant Advanced Level teachers. The pupil's attendance, punctuality and behavioural record will also be taken into account.

St Ciaran's College does not operate a waiting list for students who apply for a place to any year group and are unsuccessful. Each application is decided upon at the time of receipt.





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