



St Ciaran's College

Coláiste Naomh Ciarán

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.



Choose St Ciaran's

PROSPECTUS 2022

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Including



g 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, together with our promotional video, will give you a flavour of the wonderful opportunities St Ciaran's affords each one of its pupils.

Due to the pandemic we have not been able to have our Open Night which is usually one of the highlights of the year. During a 'normal' year our partner primary schools would have engaged in taster activities which would also give pupils an opportunity to meet our staff and experience the unique St Ciaran's atmosphere. Unfortunately, we have been unable to engage in such activities this year.

St Ciaran's is an inclusive, all ability, Catholic school, catering for students from 11-18 years of age. At present we have 819 pupils and this year we accepted 136 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, where the main emphasis is on learning through 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', '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, enabling them to progress academically and, perhaps more importantly, to immerse themselves fully in the life of the school. We encourage an atmosphere where our students and their parents feel that they can talk freely to any member of staff and know that they will be dealt with in a sensitive, confidential way.

Our students, parents and carers are very important partners in the educational experience, and we encourage good communication between school and home for the benefit of our students. We appreciate that transferring from Primary School can be an anxious time, so if there is anything that we can do to make the process easier please feel free to get in touch.

I very much hope that you will choose to become a member of the St Ciaran's family. I wish all young people transferring from Primary School this year every success in their future studies.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Paul Lavery, Principal

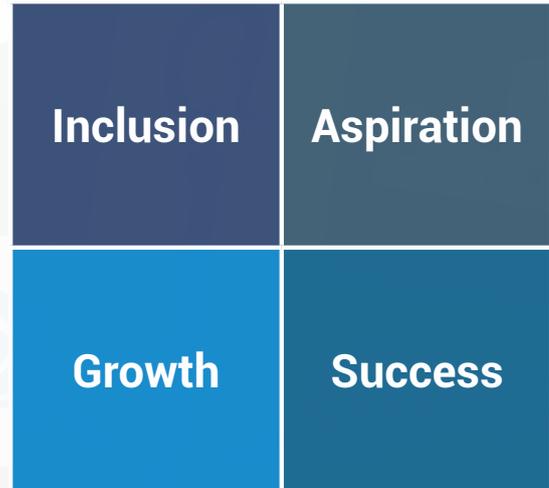


Our mission

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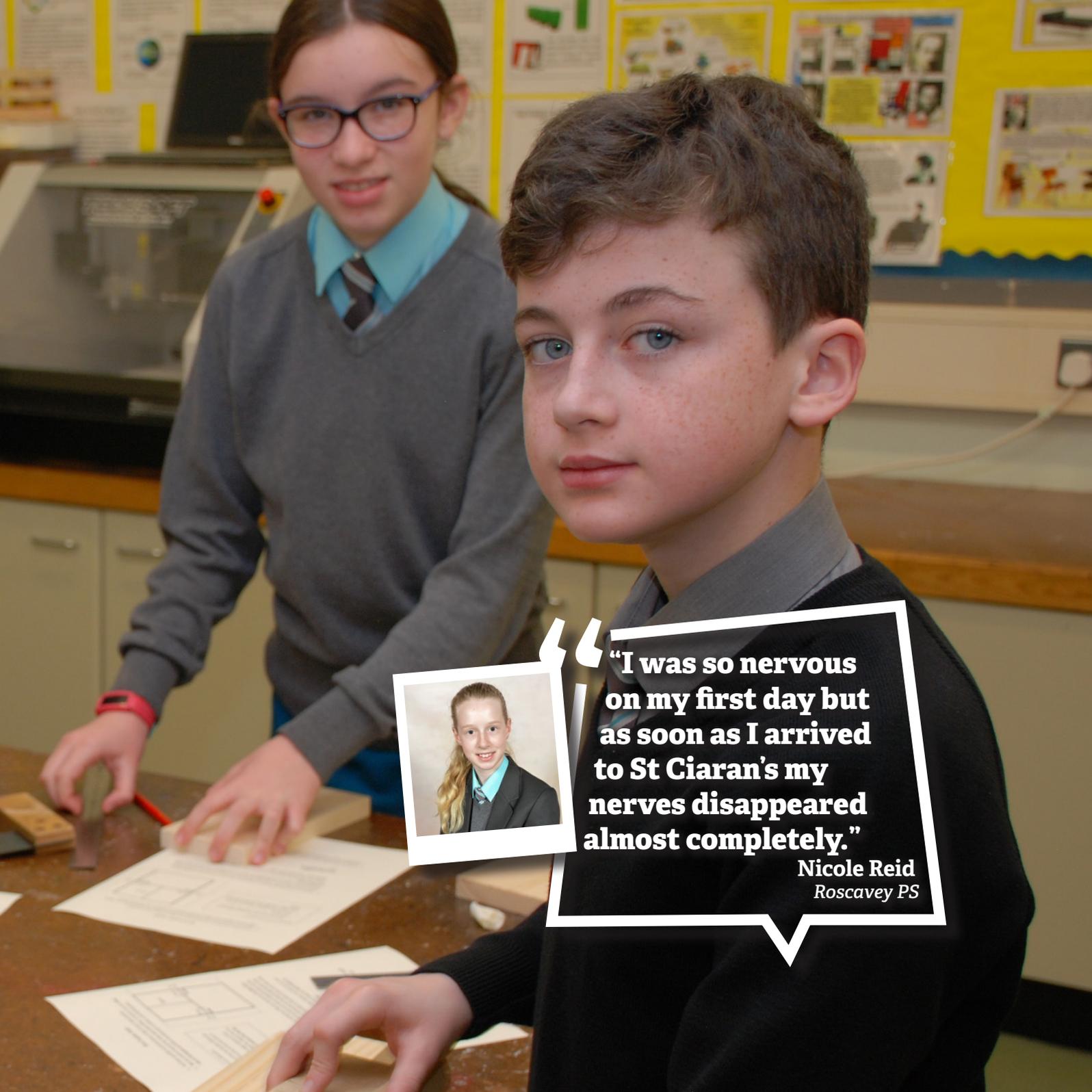
Our vision





**“You can talk to
any teacher if you
have any worries or
concerns.”**

Katie Rose Mallon
Derrylatinee PS



**“I was so nervous
on my first day but
as soon as I arrived
to St Ciaran’s my
nerves disappeared
almost completely.”**

Nicole Reid
Roscavey PS

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 pupil's 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 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 are optional GCSE subjects offered:

Optional GCSE Subjects	Agriculture and Landuse Art and Design Business Studies Drama Digital Technology (Multimedia/ Programming) Engineering and Manufacturing French Further Mathematics Geography History Home Economics (Child Development/Food) 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 Occupational Studies OCN (Open College Network Qualification) Prince's Trust
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Post 16 Curriculum

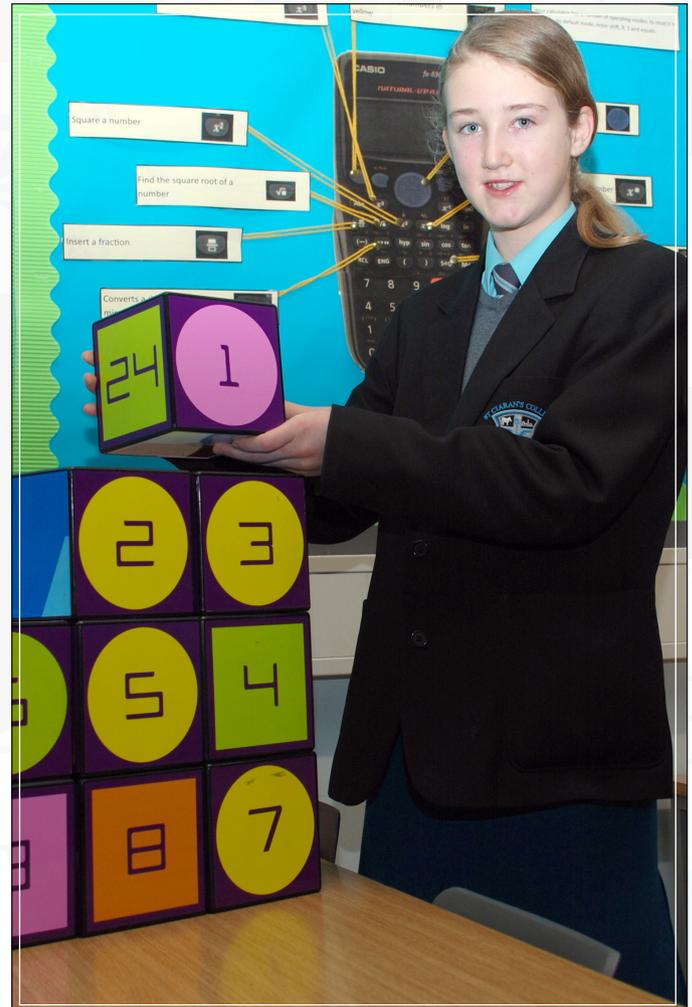
St Ciaran's College offers a range of courses for Post 16 students with excellent results over many years. Students are offered three or four post 16 subjects. Subjects offered include:

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 (Single/Double Award) Software Systems Development
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Business Sport Engineering IT CPLD

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





**"The teachers are kind
and very friendly!"**

Michael McCrystal
Roscavey PS



**"I recommend St
Ciaran's because no
matter what you want
to do as a career, you can
achieve it here!"**

Eoin O'Neill
Roscavey PS



**"I am so happy I chose St
Ciaran's because it has so many
extra-curricular activities such
as football, soccer, basketball,
minecraft, French, art and Irish."**

Jayden McFarland
St Mary's PS Fivemiletown

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“I’m so proud to be wearing the St Ciaran’s uniform and say which school I go to. We have the best fun but also learn lots of new things.”

Lucy Kate McIvor
St Malachy’s PS Glencull

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 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.

“ At my first meeting the other student council members made me feel like I belonged there and it suddenly filled me with confidence to talk to others and say things.
Aoife O'Neill, Year 8

“ I felt very proud to be elected by my peers and I feel I have the opportunity to show my peers how I can represent them and their views. *Aoife Moore, Year 8*

“ I am delighted to be a part of the student council and to be given an opportunity to represent my class.
Caden Noble, Year 8

“ It is a great opportunity to be a part of the student council. I was a little bit nervous going to my first meeting but it was a good experience'.
Isla McGinley, Year 8

“ I was over the moon when my form teacher said that I was elected for the student council. Although I was super nervous for the first meeting, everyone was so welcoming and kind.
Ava O'Donnell, Year 8

Year 8 St Ciaran's Student Council Members





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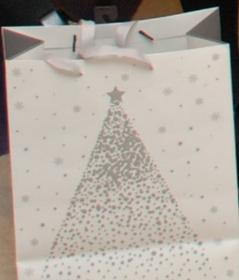
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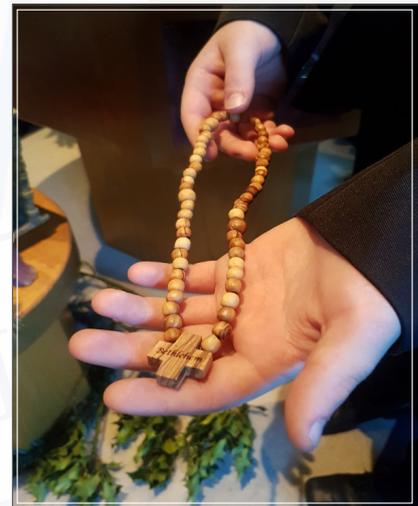


Religious Education

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 have 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 invites 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 schools new YPI charity scheme, the Armagh Muiredach Award and the St Ciaran's Peregrini.



"Faith, if not accompanied by good works, is dead"

JAMES 2:17



“In St Ciaran’s we are a family of families - we look out for each other and show respect for each other.”

Megan Boyle



COMMUNION
Come Into Union
With Jesus
And Others



Year 8s in the School Oratory on the Feast of St Ciaran



“My advice is to try and get to know everyone in your form class, you could even set yourself the challenge to speak to everyone by the end of September.”

Alanna McGirr

St Patrick's PS Aughadarragh



“I highly recommend St Ciaran's College because it has wall to wall fun and opportunities!”

Liam Og Murray

St Malachy's PS, Glencull



“St Ciaran's teachers have taught me to be enthusiastic about learning, have confidence and always be positive even when I am experiencing difficulties.”

Caitlin McKenna

St Patrick's PS Aughadarragh

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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 Family Works Counselling Service provided by the Department of Education who come into the school on a Wednesday from 9.30am to 3.30pm. 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.





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CHILD PROTECTION
Need to talk? need help?
Need someone to listen?



“In St Ciaran’s we have a merit system, where the best class or pupil gets rewarded at the end of every month for many different achievements and good behaviour.”
Eabha Trainor
St Patrick’s PS Aughadarragh

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.

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.









“In St Ciaran’s I feel so much a part of the school and with the wonderful support and help that everyone provides, I am so excited to continue my educational journey!”

Evie Williams
St Joseph’s PS Galbally

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.



BOOKS



READING gives your imagination wings...

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information

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIQUE

X marks the spot

Educational/Health Warning
None of these poems to be used
in connection with any examination
whatsoever!

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“If you have been off school, you can keep up-to-date with your school work via Google Classroom so you don't fall behind.”

Ava McCann
St Joseph's PS Galbally





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.





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.”





“There are weekly lessons for almost any musical instrument!”

Patrick O'Donnell
Blessed Patrick O'Loughran PS



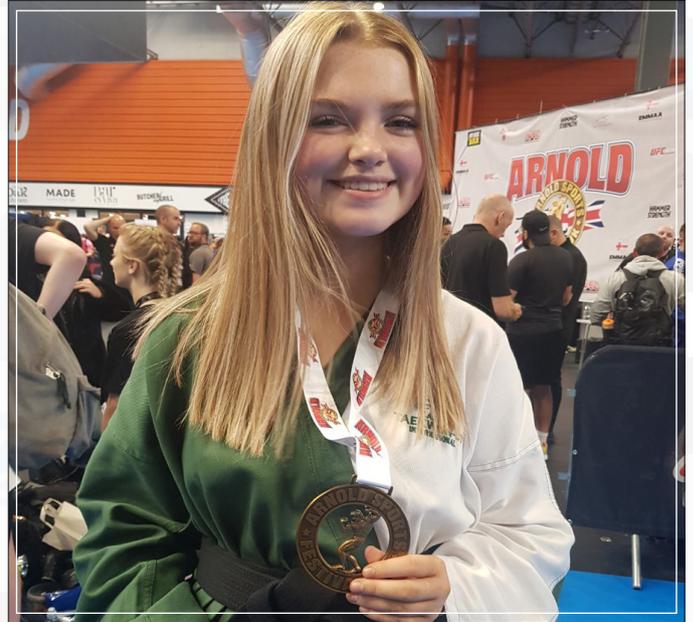
“I have made a lot of friends in my form class who were all from different primary schools.”

Maria Tber
St Mary's PS Ballygawley



“In Science we are learning about plant and human cells and we are making 3D scuptures of these.”

Riona Quinn
St Mary's PS Ballygawley





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

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.



ST. CIARAN'S
COLLEGE



Past pupils of St Ciaran's on the Tyrone All-Ireland Winning Panel 2021





**SAFEGUARDING
CHILD PROTECTION**


Mrs D. McSorley
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS


Mr P. Lavery
PRINCIPAL


Mrs [Name]
DESIGNATED

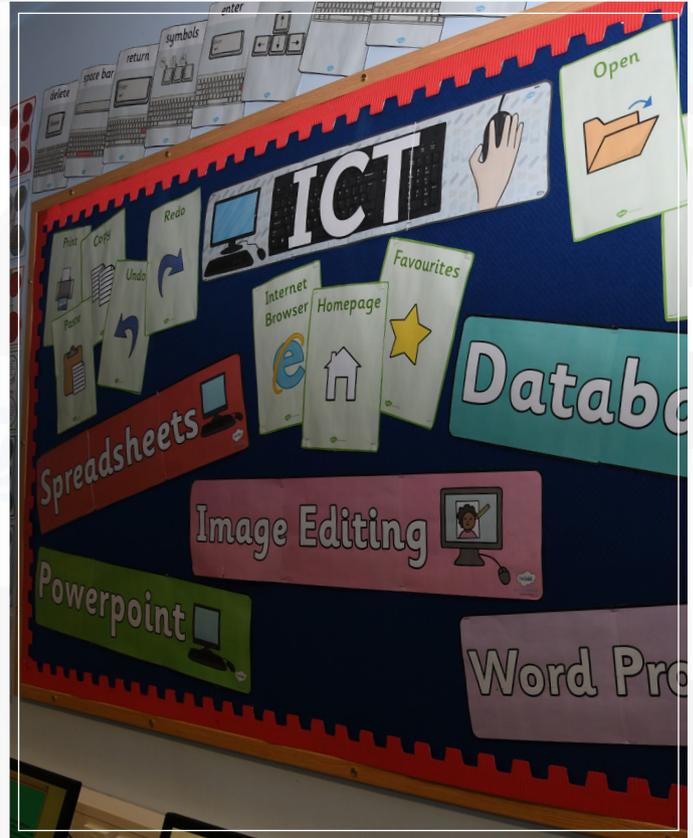

Mr B. Rodgers
DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER

Aoife Horrisk, 2021 Ulster All Star Award



Information and Communication Technology

St. Ciaran's College recognises the importance of developing ICT skills, not only through the curriculum on offer, but also through extra-curricular activities such as our Minecraft and Coding clubs. 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 six large ICT suites in addition to rooms comprising apple mac technology. iPads and chromebooks are also available in the Learning Support Department. Furthermore, we have video conferencing equipment and Google Workspace (comprising Google Drive and Google Classroom) is used extensively throughout the school.







Annual Carol Service

Music at St Ciaran's

St Ciaran's College has a thriving Music Department and students in all years have the opportunity to be involved in music in a variety of ways. Opportunities for all students to come together and perform are provided and instrumental tuition is available. Lessons in Guitar and Drums are available from private tutors who visit the school and the EA Music Service offers lessons for Brass, Woodwind and String instruments and also Voice and Piano. In addition to Junior and Senior Choirs and the Traditional Group, there are other musical ensembles that perform at a wide range of events both local and beyond. In October 2017, the school's senior choir travelled to Rome and performed in the Vatican's St Peter's Basilica.

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' and most recently we presented the West End hit musical 'Legally Blonde'.





Why Study Music?

Develop as contributors to the economy & environment

Develop as contributors to society

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Collaboration

Band, orchestra and choir allow you to achieve something more than what you could do by yourself. Working towards group goals prepares you a future workplace

Self-Esteem

The study of music, you can build self-esteem by developing creativity and freedom of expression as you tackle complex things.

Individuals

Creative

FACT: 90% of music majors who apply to medical school are admitted, compared with only 4% of non-music majors

FACT: The very best engineers and technical designers in the United States are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians.

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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.

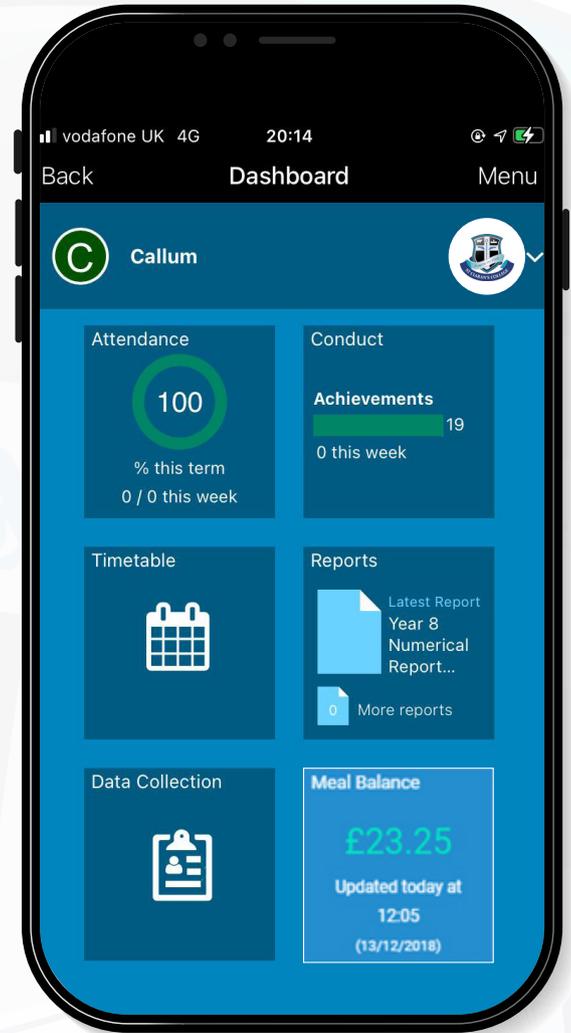
The school has strong links with local industry, commerce, the professions, all the Higher and Further Education establishments and the Local Area Learning Community Career Teams. Advisers from the Northern Ireland Career Service assist in making appropriate career decision and choices, which are informed 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

SIMS Parent App is the latest tool of our parental engagement. All parents who installed it have found it extremely useful and we would encourage all parents to sign up to this system when your child comes to St Ciaran's in September. The app will give you important information about your child at the click of a button. The school uses the App to provide parents with electronic copies of reports, student attendance details, achievements from teachers and timetable information. Parents can also use the data collection facility to inform the school of any changes in parental or student personal information.

Pay 360 is an online payment system, which enables St Ciaran's to collect payment for items such as school meals, trips, events, clubs and other school activities, in a safe and secure way. You will be able to view your child's school meal balance via the app. Messages from Pay 360 will be sent to the app to inform of low school meal balance, new products, payment confirmations and when payment instalments are due.





Legally Blonde



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



Primary School Links

We aim to forge strong relationships and close links with our partner primary schools by participating in projects such as the Extended Schools Programme, PE Outreach Programme, Post 16 Languages Tuition and reviewing our Literacy & Numeracy curriculum content across key stages so that pupils can make continuous progress both academically and in terms of their soft skills. These close links enable teachers and schools to learn from best practice across the key stages. We also work together to ensure KS2 pupils from our partner primary schools experience a smoother transition when they transfer to St Ciaran's College.

Coding Club - Extended Schools Programme

“The Coding Club definitely benefited the KS2 curriculum. My pupils learned the skills in the Scratch programme. They designed their sprite, created backgrounds, generated codes which allowed the sprite to move therefore creating a short story.”

A Primary School Teacher's Feedback

“The KS2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the Coding Club. The workshop was introduced and led very well by the host teacher. The sessions were fun.”

A Primary School Teacher's Feedback

Gymnastics

“The KS2 children were able to expand and develop their skills with particular focus on their balance, coordination, movement, flexibility and core strength. It also incorporated aspects of each of the thinking skills and personal capabilities, including working with others, problem-solving and decision making along with opportunities to socialise and communicate with students outside their own school.”

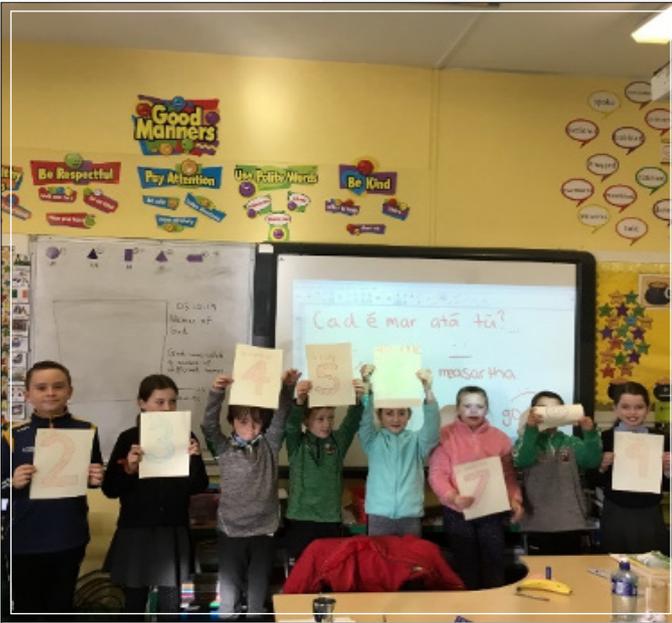
A Primary School Teacher's Feedback

Technology

“KS2 students produced and created their own piece of equipment for a purpose. The children developed their self-esteem through the process of this workshop especially by being given the opportunity to make a product of their own.”

A Primary School Teacher's Feedback





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.



Junior Leadership Team Profiles



Matthew Wray
Head Boy

What primary school did you attend?

I attended St Brigid's Primary school Augher.

What A-Level subjects are you studying?

Maths, IT - BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate and
Business - BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate.

Can you recall some highlights in your school career?

I have made so many great memories during my time at St Ciaran's College. My favourite would have to be

Irish dancing at the Carol Service in 2018. I also took part in two different virtual work experiences over the summer. The first one was with Catalyst Inc. for Generation Innovation. This was such an enjoyable week as I got to work with people from other schools on a project for the Bank of Ireland. We had to think of a way to protect their most vulnerable customers, which helped me develop thinking skills and teamwork skills. I also took part in work experience with PWC for accountancy, as this is what I would like to do in the future.

What are your career aspirations?

My career aspiration is to be an Accountant. This is because my aunt is an accountant and she speaks very highly about. It is also something that interests me as I really enjoy maths. I organised a work experience with my aunt over February mid-term last year, which helped confirm that accountancy was for me. I am considering an apprenticeship in accountancy instead of going to university as I would learn while working.

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

My message to the students would be to work hard, focus on yourself, get involved in school life - but most importantly have fun!



Niamh O'Connell

Head Girl

What primary school did you attend?

Knockconan N.S.

Which A Level subjects are you studying?

English Literature, Irish and BTEC Sport.

Can you recall some key highlights in your school years?

I have really enjoyed my time at St Ciaran's and have a number of highlights. Two of my favourite moments were winning the Year 8 Ulster Blitz along with my friends and classmates and making it to the U16 schools Ulster Final. I also enjoyed taking part in the different clubs that the school has to offer. Another key highlight was entering the Science competition 'The Big Bang' where we won a prize for our invention 'Found It'. My appointment to the role of Head Girl

has also been a key highlight of my time at St Ciaran's College. I loved taking part in the school choir and playing for the football team. I also enjoyed helping out with Open Nights and activities such as the P7 taster day and the Canavan Cup as it allowed me to get involved in the school community and have fun while doing so.

What are your career aspirations?

I am currently considering a career in teaching or occupational therapy as I enjoy a challenge and helping people. I would like to study Irish teaching in St Mary's College Belfast as I enjoy working with children and the idea of helping educate the younger generation inspires me. I have an interest and love for the Irish language as it is our native tongue. I am also considering occupational therapy which I would study in Ulster University - Magee. Similar to teaching I believe occupational therapy would be a rewarding and fulfilling role. The idea of possibly working in a community and helping others, be it young or old, is something I believe would be enjoyable.

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

I would encourage the students to enjoy their time at St Ciaran's College and to take any opportunities they are given. I would also advise them to work hard and do the things they enjoy and to treat everyone the way they would like to be treated.





Oliver Sherry

Deputy Head Boy

What primary school did you attend?

I attended St Mary's Aghnacloy.

Which A Level subjects are you studying?

History, Health and Social Care and Btec Level Extended Certificate in Business Studies.

Can you recall some key highlights in your school years?

During my time at St Ciaran's College I have made many fond memories but one of my most favourite times was when the U16 boys won the Ulster Football Final. This required a lot of commitment from everyone on the team as there were many training

sessions throughout the week. Another memory that I will never forget is the time I took part in the school musical "Legally Blonde". This was another event that took a lot of time and preparation from everyone but it was all worth it as the show turned out to be a great success. I enjoyed the GCSE and A-level visits to the Gaeltacht in Donegal. We enjoyed many fun activities such as going to the beach, visiting different landmarks and going to an outdoor activity centre. These are all great memories of the school which I'll never forget.

What are your career aspirations?

After school I aspire to become a Social Worker and I want to study this at Magee in Derry.

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

My message to the students of St Ciaran's College would be to work hard, take part in school life as much as you can and always encourage others to do their best.



Grainne O'Connell

Deputy Head Girl

What Primary School did you attend?

I attended St Patrick's Primary School, Aughadarragh.

What A level subjects are you studying?

Chemistry, Biology and Religion.

Can you recall some key highlights in your school years?

Over the years, I have had many memorable experiences at St Ciaran's College. I particularly enjoy playing football and have been involved in many teams over the years, and I was also a part of the camogie team as a junior student. On many occasions I have entered, along with fellow group members, The BT young Scientist Competition and had the opportunity to present our project in Dublin. Our project was called The Smart Trough. It was a

censored device that when livestock approached it opened and then closed again after they finished eating so the meal didn't get destroyed. We had to present our project to many judges at our project stand.

Recently, I was placed third in an essay competition for the Knights of St Columbanus for my essay which was based on the topic, 'Migrants remind us of a basic aspect of our faith, that we are strangers and exiles on the earth'. It was a great opportunity to develop my literacy skills and voice my opinions on a taboo topic.

What are your career aspirations?

My first choice of career would definitely be a midwife. For as long as I can remember this is the career that has always come up time after time. I would like to study midwifery in Queen's University Belfast. Another option is the University of Manchester, also for midwifery.

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

As a student I would say school is not always going to be easy, but if you work hard and listen to the teachers it will make life a lot easier. Hopefully you will get where you want in life and always believe in yourself, even when others may not.



Enrichment

Mental Health Ambassadors

Post 16 students take part in Mental Health Ambassador Training Programme, organised and delivered by Action Mental Health, and supported by Mrs Owens. The aim of the training programme is to be committed to raising awareness of mental health problems.

New Driver NI Presentation

Emma Duffy from New Driver NI presents to our Post 16 students on useful information for those who are starting out on the road for the first time.

The presentation discusses the following topics:

- Learning to Drive;
- Passing the test;
- Buying a car;
- Insuring a car;
- Avoiding penalty points;
- Staying safe on the roads;
- New Driver Pledge.

The students are encouraged to sign up to the 'New Driver Pledge' and to raise awareness with their friends and family. Each student receives a copy of the booklet entitled 'New Driver NI - Northern Ireland's Guide for New Drivers'.

Transitional Skills Training

The QUB Transitional Skills Training Programme is

offered to Post 16 students. The Library at QUB has developed the Transitional Skills Online Training Programme to assist students making the transition from school to HE. Aimed at Post-16 students, the content is of relevance to those embarking on HE but the skills are transferrable and of value to those choosing to enter the working environment too. There are five components including Academic Expectations followed by four modules: Undertaking Research Literature, Searching the Web, Plagiarism and Referencing, Social Media and Email Etiquette.

The Firs

Each year Post 16 students have the privilege of working with the staff and residents of The Firs Services Ballygawley with their programme of support each year. The students attend The Firs on a weekly basis and are recognised for their valuable contributions made to the day care service/activity programme. The students are so fortunate in being afforded the opportunity to take part in such a worthwhile programme and they certainly gain a wealth of experience from the programme.

Buddies

The Buddy Scheme is set up especially to help the incoming Year 8 students settle into school life at St Ciaran's. The Buddies are Year 14 students who have volunteered their time and undergone training involving listening skills and team building. This consequently equips them with the know how to offer practical support, a friendly face and be approachable





to Year 8 students in these formative days within the first term.

Unlike the staff, who may not remember as easily the first time they started secondary school, the Buddies do have a better working knowledge of what it is like to be on the corridors at break time, of not knowing where each room is located, and of what to do if lunch money has been forgotten. The Buddies are there to help allay any fears the Year 8 students may have. Two buddies will be allocated to each class in KS3.

Anti-bullying Ambassadors

Post 16 students take part in an interactive Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training Programme, organised and delivered by Mrs Owens and Mr Rodgers.

The aim of the training programme is to develop confidence in the students in challenging bullying behaviours. They learn several strategies on how to respond to low-level bullying behaviour and they understand the need to, and mechanisms for, reporting bullying concerns to appropriate school staff.

Paired Reading

Our Paired Reading Programme is organised in conjunction with the Mid Ulster Community Planning Schools Together Initiative and facilitated by Learn Spark (Training and Facilitation Programmes for Education, Charities and Business). Paired Reading is when pupils (mentors) work with other pupils (mentees) to help improve their reading and

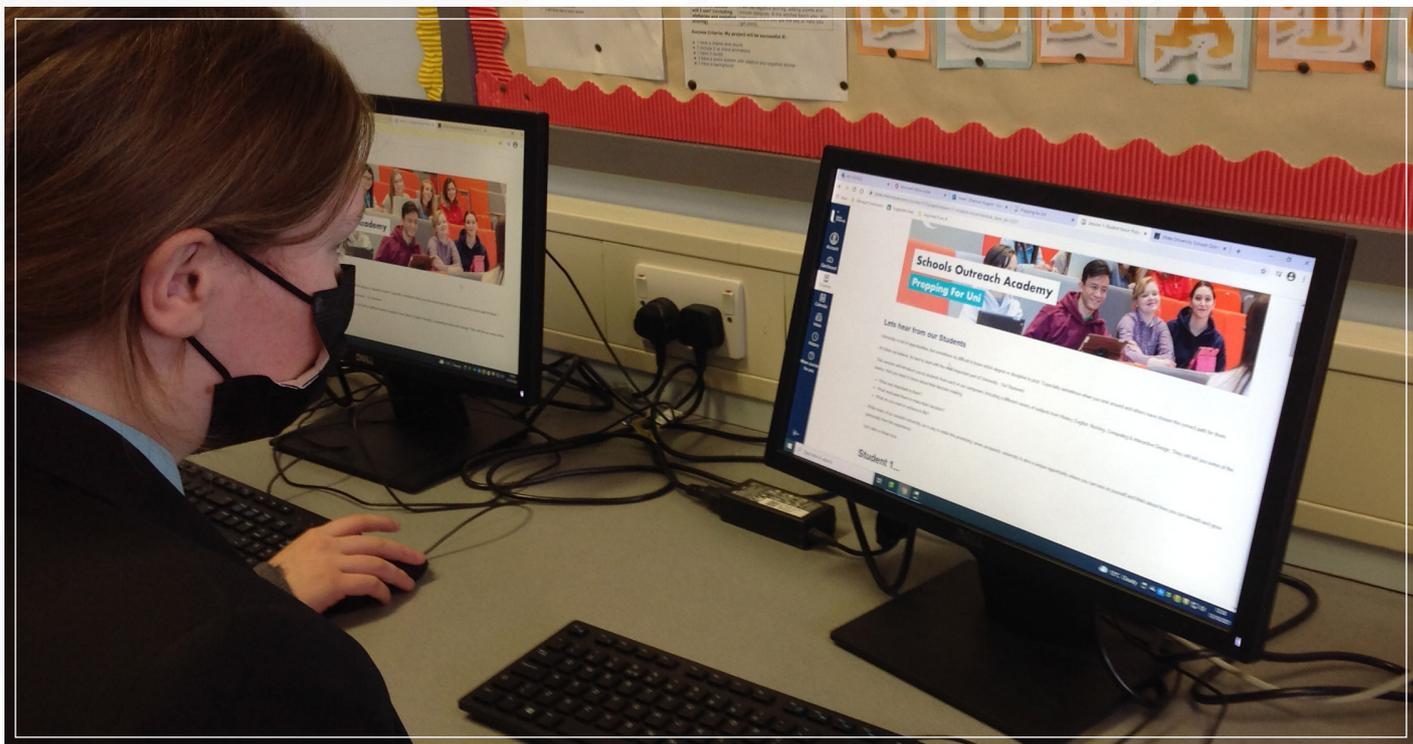


understanding of what is being read. The aim of the programme is to increase the mentees' interest and ability to read for enjoyment and to gain better access to their subjects across the curriculum, improving outcomes. Our students volunteer to take part in this valuable and rewarding programme and they continue the excellent practice within our school - Students Supporting Students.

Physical Education Programme

A key theme of our new Sixth Form Physical Education enrichment programme is developing independence, positive relationships, teamwork skills

and self confidence in our students and increasing numbers of our students are involved in projects where they play a lead role which we feel as a school is crucial for the pupils physical, emotional, and social well-being. During this enrichment programme, the students have undertaken team sports such as Volleyball, Basketball, Dodgeball and many more. As modules within the enrichment programme focus on PE, and Mental Health ambassador training, students had the opportunity to listen and engage with guest speaker and local business owner, Pauric Grimes. Pauric is a well-established fitness coach, and not only is he a past pupil of St. Ciaran's but owner of



“Level Up- Home of coaching” based locally in Augher. Our students have embraced this enrichment experience and thoroughly enjoyed having a successful local business owner speak with them.

St Ciaran’s College Business Programme

The St Ciaran’s Business Programme, within the enrichment programme, helps the students develop real-life skills they need for the future. Through the St Ciaran’s Business Programme, the students improve upon valuable skills, such as collaboration and teamwork; planning; collecting and analysing data; promotion, production, and sales. The students have the opportunity to use their creativity to construct their own unique business proposal and carry out research to determine the viability of their product/service. The students have the responsibility of sourcing the finance for their project, setting a profitable price and keeping account of their financial records. The St Ciaran’s Business Programme develops students’ leadership skills, embraces their competitive side and enables the students to build confidence, self-reliance and a determination to succeed.

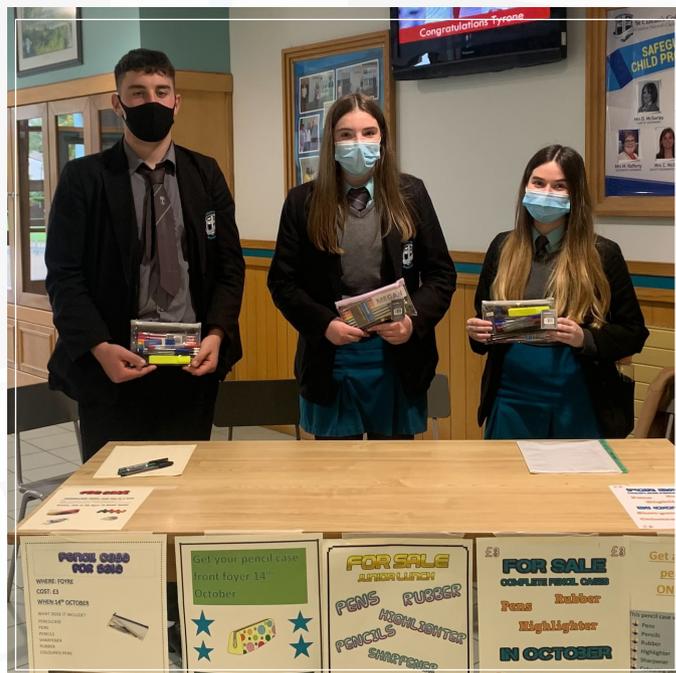
Ulster University – Schools Outreach Academy

The Ulster University Outreach Academy’s online programme is designed to raise aspirations, widen participation and increase attainment across the post primary sectors. There are lots of subject specific courses, so-designed by Educational Outreach Officers and Academies across all four of their University faculties. All courses help our students understand the different disciplines they could eventually study at Ulster University. All courses

are self-paced. Each course finishes with an end of course quiz. On successful completion of their quiz, our students receive an Ulster University Course Completion Certificate for each module undertaken.

Bloom Training

Delivered through scenario-based discussion and relatable topics, such as ‘social pressures’ and ‘exam stress’, Bloom leaves our students with a better understanding of mental health in themselves and others. They will also possess a suite of tools they can deploy in ways which are right for their own mental health both now and in the future. Topics covered include: Resilience, Exam pressure, Social pressures and Managing stress.



St Ciaran's Youth Centre

St Ciaran's Youth Centre is an afterschool 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 opens weekly from Monday to Wednesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Junior Night (P2 to P7) operates on Wednesday.

Senior Night (Yr 8 to Yr 11) operates on Monday and Tuesday.

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.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we currently have restricted numbers attending. However, we are mindful of the need for our members to remain positive and focused both in their school work and their own personal health and welfare. We put together a little pack which we hope will be useful for the winter months. It comprises of; sports bag, water bottle, hat, sanitiser, handball and resistor bands. Those who register can receive a pack (while stocks last).

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. All covid regulations are strictly adhered to. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

We're always on hand to help. Our helpful team are 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 Youth Centre (Mon-Wed)







"I look at the Open Night video last year but trust me, it's far better when you get to the school!"

Caitlin Shields
St Mary's PS Cabragh



"I would recommend St Ciarán's to you because the teachers work hard to develop your life skills and education very well."

Oisín McElroy
St Macartan's PS Clogher



"I was scared of moving to big school but please trust me on this... Year 8 in St Ciarán's will be one of your best experiences... seriously, there is nothing to worry about!"

Cara McCrory
St Brigid's PS, Altamuskin

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Academic Performance

Performance in Public Examinations 2015-2020

	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21	
	St Ciaran's	N.I. Average								
% Achieving 5+ GCSEs at Grades A* to C (or equivalent)	87%	74%	96%	80%	80%	80%	94%	N/A	98%	N/A
% Achieving 2+ A Levels at Grades A* to E	99%	59%	98%	98%	100%	72%	100%	N/A	100%	N/A

Attendance Rate

Total attendance rate for school year 2019-2020 was 94%.

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

Leavers' Destinations

- Ulster University, Coleraine
- Ulster University, Magee
- Ulster University, Belfast
- Ulster University, Jordanstown
- SWC, Dungannon Campus
- SWC, Omagh Campus
- Queen's University, Belfast
- University of South Wales
- Gap Year
- Employment



Admission Criteria 2022

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 2022

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/Aughentaine, 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

5. The eldest of the family.
6. Child of a staff member.
7. 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 reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine 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.

Applications and Admissions to Year 8

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Admission Number	125	125	125
Total Applications All Preferences	134	121	127
Total Admissions	134	121	126

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/Aughentaine.
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. Child of a staff member.
7. 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.





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