



Niamh Quinn

Head Girl

Which primary school did you attend?

I attended St Brigid's Primary School, Altamuskin.

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

I am studying Biology, Religion and BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate IT.

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

Over the past years, I have been involved in many enjoyable events and opportunities within the school. I have particularly enjoyed representing the school in Gaelic football teams across the years, along with being able to travel to support St Ciaran's at various football matches. Additionally, participating in our school choir and being able to sing in St Patrick's Cathedral for

our school mass last year were also great honours for me. Most recently, I was given the opportunity to travel to Lisbon with the school to World Youth Day 2023. This experience gave our group the opportunity to see different cultures and meet people from all over the world. During our stay we attended many ceremonies led by people from all over the world, saw Pope Francis, went sightseeing, met up with all the Irish pilgrims, and not to forget sleeping under the stars with 1 million other pilgrims whilst waiting on the final missioning mass – which was definitely an experience!

What are your career aspirations?

During my time in St Ciaran's, I have started to develop a keen interest in ICT, and I hope to work within this field. I studied Digital Technology – Multimedia at GCSE Level, and this has inspired me to continue studying ICT at Post 16 level. I can see a future studying Interaction Design at Ulster University or Computer Science at Queen's University Belfast.

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

My message is to simply embrace the vast range of opportunities that St Ciaran's presents to you. Get involved in clubs, teams, competitions, and trips! My involvement in these opportunities over the years has significantly helped me to remain motivated and has allowed me to establish new friendships. It is hard to believe I am now in my final year, so enjoy your time here and open yourself up to any new opportunities that come your way!



Niall Kavanagh

Head Boy

Which primary school did you attend?

Before St Ciaran's, I attended St Brigid's Primary School, Altamuskin.

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

At Post 16 level, I am studying History, Maths and Software Systems Development.

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

Over my time at St Ciaran's, I've had many great moments. Some of these moments include my time spent with the school choir, which I've been a member of since my first year. Performing at school masses and Christmas carol services has been some of the best moments I've had while at school, especially last year when I was given the honour of performing a solo.

Helping out at school events such as Open Nights has also been a highlight of my school career. Being able to showcase to children how much our school can help them is something I've always enjoyed. At Prize Giving last year I was awarded the Moynier Credit Union Shield for high achievement in my GCSE exams. Being handed that shield that evening was one of the best moments in my school career because it made me feel like all my hard work had paid off and that I was being recognised for all my effort.

What are your career aspirations?

After finishing St Ciaran's, I hope to study a Software Engineering course at Queen's University for 4 years and receive my bachelor's degree. To study Software Engineering at QUB, I need to achieve at least 3 Bs in my A levels. By studying software engineering, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of programming languages, software development methodologies and cutting-edge technologies. I am fascinated by the possibilities of creating impactful software solutions that can improve people's lives, transform industries, and shape the future. My goal is to become a skilled software engineer who not only develops innovative solutions, but also contributes to solving real world problems.

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

Don't be afraid of failure. If you fail, it is not the end, but rather a steppingstone on your journey towards success. Don't be discouraged by any setbacks. Learn from them, adapt and keep moving forward. Remember that mistakes are nothing more than opportunities for growth and improvement.



Ella McCaul

Deputy Head Girl

Which primary school did you attend?
I attended St Joseph's Primary School, Galbally.

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?
I study Technology and Design, Art, and System Software Development.

Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?
I have many fond memories of the school however, most of my best memories come from trips and days away. For example, competitions, Tayto Park, M and D's and the many choir trips we had. Getting to go somewhere with my friends and the rest of my year was always very rewarding as we all got to know each other better. I've also enjoyed getting to know my peers and teachers throughout these years.

What are your career aspirations?

My main career aspiration is to become a games developer and designer as I am very interested in art and technology. This industry is also still considered new and "in development" which means there are a wide range of jobs in this area. I am also very interested in animation, and I believe this could also be a possible career for me. I am a creative person so I think these jobs would suit me best. In the future I hope to apply to Ulster University and study Games Design.

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

As an art student some would think that I would have some creative words to say but I don't think I have any. From my seven long years of work in St Ciaran's the only message I could give to the lower years is that hard work will always pay off. Especially when it comes to exams and work in general. Don't worry about the future, if you focus on the here and now the future will work itself out and always remember to take time for yourself. School can be stressful however it can also be enjoyable and inspiring.



Sarah McDermot

Deputy Head Girl

Which primary school did you attend?

I attended St Marys Primary School in Ballygawley.

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

I am currently studying Religious Studies, Nutrition and Food Science and BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business.

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

I have experienced numerous memorable moments while studying at St Ciaran's College. I opted to study Business Studies in Year 13 and was given the opportunity alongside nine other classmates to participate in the Young Enterprise Programme. This opportunity gave me a practical insight into the business which was extremely beneficial to me as I didn't study Business Studies at GCSE. This opportunity gave me an insight into the various aspects of running a business. Aside from the learning, this programme also gave me the chance to

grow and develop new friendships, and work with pupils who I may not have known well. Other highlights for me include participating in the school choir, the music department has kindly given me several opportunities over the years to sing solo at school masses, carol services and musical productions, this has given me the opportunity to socialise with other students whom I share a mutual interest.

What are your career aspirations?

I am currently enjoying both studying Nutrition and Food Science and Business Studies. These are two very different subjects and I am considering career options in Speech and Language or Human Nutrition offered at the University of Ulster. I am also considering teaching as another career path and would regard Business Studies Teaching at St Marys University College Belfast as another possible option.

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

Upon reflection at my time at St Ciaran's I can unequivocally say that I really have grown to enjoy and embrace my time in this school. I would freely admit that when I first started St Ciaran's I initially struggled to settle, I'm sure that this is something that many students experience when transitioning from primary school. However, over the years I have forged a lot of good friendships many of which will be friends for life. I would advise all St Ciaran's students to involve themselves and participate in as many opportunities as possible. Aside from learning, the school offers us the opportunity to make the most of our time here, from travel, sport and performing arts to name but a few. There is something on offer for everyone that will enhance your time in the school. Not only will this have a positive effect on your school experience but it strengthens you as a person. These opportunities facilitate a platform for students to form strong relationships with the staff and other students, all of which are attributable to a positive and memorable school experience as sometimes we never appreciate the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.



Daire McGinley

Deputy Head Boy

Which primary school did you attend?

I attended St Mary's Primary School Ballygawley.

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

I am studying Maths, BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Engineering and Business Studies.

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

Over my six years here at St Ciaran's I have been involved in a wide range of activities, including representing the school on the football field. Throughout the years I have been lucky enough to captain teams at different levels which I am very proud of. As well as this I have represented our school while playing golf at different golf classics including an Ulster School event.

Outside of sport I have represented my school by singing in the choir, which I thoroughly enjoyed. This included performing in our school's carol service as well as being given the opportunity to sing in St Patrick's Cathedral for our school mass last year. A few years ago, I was lucky enough to go on a school trip to watch Manchester United play in the champions league. Also, we got to go on a stadium tour! This was an amazing experience which I may never get to experience again.

What are your career aspirations?

I have decided that I would like a career within the construction industry. Studying Engineering at GCSE level inspired me to carry this subject on for another two years at Post 16. This interest in Engineering as well as influences from my family background have helped me decide on a career as a Quantity Surveyor. I hope to study this at Ulster University through a degree apprenticeship program.

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

I would encourage students to try and get involved in anything that St Ciaran's has to offer. By doing this, I have made great memories and have made lifelong friendships. I would just hope everyone takes advantage of all the opportunities St Ciaran's has to offer and can enjoy their time here as much as I have.



Callum Ross

Deputy Head Boy

Which primary school did you attend?
St Joseph's Primary School, Caledon.

Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?
I am studying Biology, Food & Nutrition Science and Chemistry.

Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?
I have had many brilliant experiences in St Ciaran's in my time here. I fondly remember working in a group with my classmates on an English project. Each of us had our part and worked together as a strong team to do our best. This showed me how students in our school can come together to support each other and to make everyone do their best. It made me proud to be surrounded by such enthusiastic peers. The greatest highlight from my time in St Ciaran's

would have to be my time in the choir. All my friends and I joined the choir for the Christmas service and for other school events. It is a great team effort and shows again how we can come together to achieve amazing things. It has been events like these and other occasions that enriches the sense of community and family in the school, and makes me grateful to be a pupil of St Ciaran's.

What are your career aspirations?

I aspire to study Biochemistry at Queen's University Belfast. This career would have aspects from all my favourite fields of science and would open many doors for me in the future. Since a young age I have wished to study something in the science field, as I have always had a huge interest in both biology and chemistry and have been supported a great deal by my teachers to be ambitious, determined and to work hard for my goals and dreams. This course is perfect for me. I will be able to choose one of many areas to work in whether that is in industry or in a lab and achieve the career I hope for. My week at Queen's university on the a pathway programme gave me a taste of university life what the world after school can be like. I was able to refine what my career aspirations are in life. I hope to use my degree to make a difference in the science field and the world.

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

Always try your best. Your effort is always rewarded. Do your best in your subjects and support your friends and teachers as much as you can. Always go out of your comfort zone to meet new friends, have new experiences and enjoy school as much as you can. St Ciaran's is here to support you the whole way!