

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT TO PARENTS

## 2023/2024

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# ST. CECILIA'S

COLLEGE

"It takes courage to be kind"



ST. CECILIA'S COLLEGE  
House of Courage

"Embrace Grace"



ST. CECILIA'S COLLEGE  
House of Grace

"Peace begins with a smile"



ST. CECILIA'S COLLEGE  
House of Peace

"Let your hopes shape your future"



ST. CECILIA'S COLLEGE  
House of Hope

"Have faith in what will be"



ST. CECILIA'S COLLEGE  
House of Faith



Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Chairman of the Board of Governors. I have been a school governor with St Cecilia's College for more than 20 years and strongly support the school ethos of 'Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve'. I am focussed on the responsibility of being Chairman of the Governors and to support the staff and pupils of St Cecilia's College to achieve the best outcomes for our pupils.

As a parent, I have been fortunate in that my eldest daughter attended St Cecilia's College and benefitted from an excellent education that ultimately led to her attending university and progressing on to qualify as a teacher, she has such happy memories of this school and is still proud to call herself a "St Cecilia's girl".

Our Principal continues with the Senior team to drive the school forward and ensure that whilst the results at both GCSE and A Level are excellent and that all pupils are given an environment that enables them to achieve in their own unique way and to aspire to be the best that they can be.

As Chairman of the Board of Governors I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in school life and to our parents in particular for continuing the partnership in ensuring that each child reaches their full potential, as we endeavour to manage the difficult financial challenges that our education system currently faces

Our Senior and Junior Student Leadership Teams continue to work well in achieving their overall goals and this is reflected in the many external activities that our girls participate in throughout the year.

They are an inspiration to us all.

We thank you for your support in the past year and look forward to your continued support of St Cecilia's College.

Yours faithfully

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**Chairman of The Board of Governors**



Dear Parents / Guardians

I am writing to thank you all so much for the support you have given the school. This has been another very successful year in terms of results with the pupils achieving well above the NI average. We are very proud of all of our students' achievements and wish them all well in their future career paths!

Year on year we challenge our pupils to fulfil their potential in all aspects of their school and community life. We are delighted in this report to recognise the many achievements of our girls in the form of academic, extra-curricular and personal achievements. More detailed information about our examination results and student successes can be found in this report. So, at this time of year we reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to a new year. Personally, I am thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the students and staff have shown this year. The children have been a true credit to all parents, carers and the community. I am so proud of the St Cecilia's Family and how we continue to work together to get through the ups and downs whilst continually striving for success. It is a privilege for me to lead this great school.

Parents/ guardians who wish to discuss any issue or seek further information are welcome to contact the school to arrange an appointment with me.

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Mary Jo O'Carolan  
**Principal**



# Learning Support provision at St Cecilia's College

St. Cecilia's College has an inclusive SEN Policy and is committed to maximising its pupils' academic achievements within a broad and balanced curriculum which addresses the social, spiritual, pastoral, and emotional needs of its pupils. 18.9% of our school population are on the Learning Support Register and 7.2% have Statements of Special Educational Needs.

The learning Support Coordinator liaise with class teachers and the pastoral team on a regular basis. The class teachers implement strategies to aid learning which are listed in the student PLPs. Pastoral teams help with the review of the PLPs biannually. The Learning Support Coordinator, in conjunction with the KS3 Pastoral team, lead the transition of students from primary school to secondary school. We place great importance on this which allows us to hit the ground running with our SEN pupils. We have had great success with both Primary school and parental meetings, as well as liaising with various external agencies e.g., Educational Psychology.

<p>CPD is prioritised as an area of massive importance or our Teaching Assistants. A culture of KAIZEN is promoted to ensure the best possible outcomes for students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time is given to SEN in staff development days. This usually takes the form of staff training. TAs may get additional time during INSET days to upskill further.</li> <li>• Training courses (online and in-person) offered out to staff.</li> <li>• PPBSP brought in to conduct training with specific staff around the individual needs of certain pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificates available to provide evidence of CPD.</li> <li>• Recommendations provided by PPBSP disseminated to all staff.</li> <li>• Departmental meeting minutes</li> </ul>
<p>Early identification of pupils who may have been overlooked in Primary School for intervention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSC is given access to all necessary data, especially that of year 8 pupils. Allows for more informed decisions moving forward.</li> <li>• Pupils of note tested via the Woodcock Johnson test to allow for a deeper understanding of difficulties.</li> <li>• LSC is given additional time off timetable to implement interventions, manage staff and test pupils.</li> <li>• Funding is given to provide batteries of tests, and programs to promote independent learning.</li> <li>• Time is given for the review of PLPs and to conduct Annual Reviews.</li> <li>• MDTM conducted roughly every 6 weeks. Staff lead who they feel should be discussed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of statemented pupils has risen considerably. Evidence of St. Cecilia's being seen as a leader in SEN provision, but also efforts made to get more current pupils a statutory assessment of Special Educational Needs.</li> <li>• More testing being purchased as more pupils are availing of the service.</li> <li>• IDL program bought in to provide interventions for literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>• MDTM minutes from every meeting</li> </ul>
<p>Creating closer links with Primary schools to be able to showcase what our school has to offer, and be the number 1 choice for pupils and parents of SEN children in the Northwest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact is made with all our feeder primary schools and correspondence passed on to the parents of SEN children.</li> <li>• SEN children given private tours of the school to reduce anxiety and allow for a more relaxed atmosphere.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More contact with Primary Schools. Primary School staff are more familiar with our school than ever before.</li> <li>• Primary School often visit to discuss transitioning pupils, and vice versa.</li> <li>• Tours with SEN children weekly, especially from November – March.</li> </ul>

# Pupil Successes/ Events in 2023-2024

## September

Senior Prizegiving

30 pupils attended Cities of Peace Event

Launch of SistersIn

Principal had welcome breakfast event with all new Year 8 pupils

## October

Year 8 Halloween Event

100 pupils and 10 staff went on a school trip to New York visiting locations such as Central Park, The Met Gallery, a guided bus tour of the city, 911 Memorial, Times Square, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Bowling, Jersey Gardens and seen the Broadway Show 'Wicked'

Visitor: Marie Robb, Associate Psychologist in Psychological Therapies talked to Year 14

Pupils interested in studying Psychology

Geography Residential trip to Magilligan

School Formal was held at the City Hotel

Year 8 Mass of Commitment

The History department visited Stormont

'Walk and Talk' lunchtime club was launched for pupils

Year 14 Hospitality Afternoon Tea was held in aid of Foyle Hospice

Junior Leadership Interviews took place

Launch of our Prize Draw

A group of Year 10 pupils attended The Addams Family Musical

Year 14 Afternoon Tea raised £400 for Foyle Hospice

Year 8 Pumpkin Competition

St Cecilia's College was shortlisted for BT Young Scientist

Our annual Primary School Halloween workshops took place

## November

Launch of Global Entrepreneurship Week

Catechetical Centre held their annual primary school conference at St Cecilia's

Credit Union Awards winners in the 2023 Derry Credit Union Art Competition (Local stage of the national ILCU Art Competition) In addition, St Cecilia's College was a Top School winner: Eden (14 to 17), Tori (14 to 17), Sophia (14 to 17), Olivia (14 to 17), Kaidence (11 to 13), Alanah (11 to 13)

8 Faith 1 and 2 attended a workshop at the Lough's Agency held in the Millennium Forum

Feast of Saint Cecilia, whole school mass St Mary's Church, Creggan

Service of Remembrance for Mr Patrick Hume was held in our school oratory

171 Show Boxes were donated for the shoe box appeal

St Cecilia's took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Columb's Cathedral

Ms Rainey and pupils launched a clothes swap shop in aid of helping the environment "Swap with Style"

Rickety Wheel and Craft Fayre took place

Permanent Secretary Dr Mark Browne and Deputy Secretary for Education Linsey Farrell visited St Cecilia's

## December

Primary School P7 Christmas Workshops took place

SESP event was hosted at St Cecilia's, 8 Grace & Lisneal attended

Music pupils performed at the Deeds festival

Baker McKenzie Student Awards Belfast – We had 2 student nominees, Niamh received 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Student of the Year and Grace was Highly Commended

The Green Lounge Christmas Event organised by our Music department  
SistersIN afternoon Tea event - Mentors Leading Woman in Industry

Mark Durkan visited our Year 13 Politics class

School Carol Service

Pupil Christmassy week – proceeds were donated to St Vincent De Paul

Choir sang at the NW Cancer Centre, Central Library and Rathmor Centre  
Cheque presentation was made to St Vincent de Paul

KS3 Bowling Alley Trip

Craft Fayre/ Rickety Wheel took place

## January

Primary School Visits/ talks took place throughout the week

Our swim team participated in a swim gala

Dr Conaghan and a group of pupils attended *BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition* in the RDS arena in Dublin

We held a very successful Open Night

Exam week for KS4 & 5

We participated in the Derry Credit Union Annual Quiz

## February

St Cecilia's participated in the Eucharistic Procession

3 night sell out performance of 'We will Rock You'. This was exceptionally well received by parents, past staff, pupils, teachers and across social media platforms

P6 pupils from Primary Schools from across the city attended a matinee performance of the school show

We had a celebration breakfast for the cast of the school show

Gaelic Team attended GAA Gaelic Blitz

Trocaire spoke to the whole school at our liturgical assembly

Breakfast celebration took place for all cast members of the school show in the restaurant

We held our Year 14 retreat

Year 14 Hospitality pupils raised £110 for Trocaire from their bake sale

Our Environmental Team got through to the ECO-Den Semi-Finals of the Young Environmentalist Awards 2024

SistersIN team hosted a bun sale to raise much needed funds for the Reach Across, they successfully raised £157.50

Year 8 participated in a Shared Education event

## March

We appointed a Well-being Lead in conjunction with MD Educational

We celebrated National Careers Week

We had a week of celebration in aid of International Woman's Day

We launched the Connected Learning Project developed by the Learning and Teaching group the primary focus being on the theme of the role of women

We hosted a special whole school assembly in honour of International Woman's Day

Our AS English group visited Heaney's Homeplace with Mrs Murray

9Peace attended a talk with Emma Butterfield Danske Bank as part of Financial Capability Events

SistersIN Team and Ms Conaty attended a Celebration Event at the ICC Belfast

Financial Capability lessons were held for our Year 12 Maths classes

We held Ceili Celebrations facilitated by our Modern Languages Department

Financial Capability lessons took place for Year 13's & 14's; sessions which included student loans
We celebrated International Maths Day 8 Grace organised a bun sale and raised £236.95 for Trocaire
KS3 Jazz workshops took place
8 Grace attended a Shared Education trip to Lisneal with Ms Nicholl St Cecilia's participated in the Creggan Equinox Festival
Foyle Schools' Poetry Competition winners were presented with their awards/ certificates at the Ráth Mór Centre. Congratulations to the pupils below and the English department <u>KS3 Placed</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Bella, St Cecilia's College, Yr 10 <u>KS3 Highly Commended</u> Amelie, St Cecilia's College, 10 Peace Daira, St Cecilia's College, Yr 8 Ellie, St Cecilia's College, 10 Peace Grace, St Cecilia's College, Yr 8 <u>KS4 Placed</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Rebecca, St Cecilia's College, Yr 12 3 <sup>rd</sup> place –Cara-Leigh, St Cecilia's College, Yr 12 <u>KS4 Highly Commended</u> Jade, St Cecilia's College, Yr 11
10 Peace and Mr McDermott raised £105.00 in aid of Trocaire. Credit Union Awards took place at the City Hotel, we were awarded runners up in the Environmental Group category
Our school choir sang beautifully and were awarded -First Place- in the Two Part, Post Primary Competition at the Derry Feis
Year 9 organised a Movie afternoon for Trocaire
Year 8 Easter Bonnet Competition took place Our school Easter Service was held at Saint Mary's Church

## April

Ms Rainey and our Eco group attended the Semi Finals of the Eco-Unesco Young Environmentalist Awards (Armagh Discovery Centre) Jennifer McAlorum, Screen Academies Manager, Nerve Centre Belfast ICT department conducted a Gaming workshop with Yr 13 ICT Cambridge Technicals as part of their course when she visited ICT Department
Our Year 12 GCSE Music class held a lunchtime recital
Staff and pupils availed of Health checks and health stall as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness week
Our Gaelic Team competed in an U14 Match
Ms Rainey and her Eco team were shortlisted for the Finals of the Young Environmentalist Awards 2024, Final Showcase and Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May at the Dublin Royal Convention Centre
St Cecilia's dance students attended a professional dance Shrek the Musical workshop with other performing arts students from across the city at the Millenium Forum
Targeted pupils attended a session on 'Vaping' facilitated by OLT and St Mary's Youth Club held at St Cecilia's
Set Designer and former pupil Tracey Lindsay, presented her design for the recent sell-out performance in the Lyric Theatre, to Year 14 A Level Drama and Theatre Studies pupils

## May

PE department competed at the District Schools' Championships; Millie S Year 8 took gold in the Year 8 Shot Putt and Cora came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump. Cara Year 9 was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 75 m hurdles. Casey came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Year 9 100m and our Year 9 Relay Team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the final. Geography department participated in the Translink- Zero Heroes Roadshow with two Year 9 classes.

Wellbeing Yoga began after school for staff facilitated by Miss C King

Prospective Sixth year pupils from St Patrick's and St Brigid's visited for a tour of St Cecilia's

Our school jazz band played on the Gay McIntyre stage as part of the Jazz Festival.

PE department competed at the District Schools' Athletics.

St Cecilia's College was announced as a TES finalist for Teaching Assistant of the Year, Pupil Mental Health Initiative of the Year and Excellence in Creative Arts.

Year 14 Leaver's Celebration Mass took place

Young Environmentalist Awards finals (Dublin) took place where we were awarded the Young Environmentalist Award

Wellbeing hub – Netball after school sessions

Year 10 PD Healthy Minds Event took place

Vaping information attended by our Junior Leadership team

PE Department competed in the Ulster School's Championships took place, we had great success at this event

Primary School Visits began

Year 12 Celebration Event took place

Year 8 Induction Meetings

FLC CEIAG meeting was held at St Cecilia's College

## June

Years 8 to 13 went on an end of year trip to Portrush

We were announced Nurture Award winners at Families First Awards 2024 which took place at the Titanic Centre, Belfast

Year 12 Celebration Mass took place

Celebration of Junior Prizegiving

# Departmental Highlights in 2023-2024

## Art

- Credit union Art competition – Overall winner for Best School  
Seven top winners from KS3, 4 & 5
- After school sewing club for KS3, 4 & 5 had over 20 members who learnt how to sew from scratch creating final outcomes such as tote bags, cushion covers & make up purses.
- Past pupil art exhibition for International Women's Day at Pilots Row. Amber & Leona McL & Colleen McS showcased their fabulous exhibition for our exam pupils, and I was delighted to open the exhibition for them.
- The art department fully embraced International Women's Day with a Frida Kahlo inspired project. Our year 9 pupils created research pages on Frida and produced self-portraits inspired by her work.
- Our annual Easter bonnet for all year 8 pupils was a huge success with over 100 parents attending the event. The girls created their own bonnets made from recyclable materials and paraded them on a catwalk. There were easter eggs for every girl kindly donated by staff.

- We had a very successful end of year show for our Fine Art & Textile A level pupils. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

## Business Studies

### Business Department's Achievements 2023/2024

Throughout this academic year, there has been a number of achievements in the Business Department:

- Key Stage Three Business Club established – ‘Santa’s Little Helpers’ and ‘Cecilia’s Charms’. Sold their products at both the Rickety Wheel and our School Show.
- Young Enterprise Programmes implemented into different Year Groups – Year 10 ‘Project Business’, Year 8 ‘Blast Off programme’.
- Young Enterprise Company Programme set up with Year 13 Students – ‘Just To Say...’.
- Received £500 funding from Derry Credit Union to fund Business Clubs.
- Winners of Young Enterprise ‘Best Customer Service Award’ and Rachael D achieved a ‘Special Recognition Award’.
- Young Enterprise Group nominated for the Business and Entrepreneurship Award from Derry Credit Union.
- Awarded Enterprising School by Young Enterprise.
- Year 13 Students successfully completed University of Ulster Outreach modules.
- Links established with local businesses and guest speakers – Ferry Clever, Angry Cherry, Polish Perfect, HAN and Vine Home.

## Careers CEIAG DEPARTMENT (Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance)

Our Year 14 students did very well with most obtaining their first choice offers at university. **66% of our Year 14 pupils** achieved a place at University up by 22% from last year. **34% of Yr 14 Leavers progressed onto FE** Education, Training Organisations, FT Employment or taking a Gap year.

A number of year 14 girls experienced success in university access programmes. These girls have received reduced university offers and/or bursaries.

**100% success rate** (7 out of 7) with QUB Pathways Opportunity Programme – all pupils graduated the programme, subjects which the girls are studying include Mathematics, Engineering, Computer Science, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

### Baker McKenzie Student of the Year Awards.

Year 14 students Naomh and Grace were the recipients of **2023 Baker McKenzie Belfast Student of the Year** awards. Naomh was 3rd place and Grace was highly commended for The Student of the Year Award. An amazing achievement for both girls. The two pupils attended an award ceremony in the firm's Belfast office, where they were awarded a range of support including; new laptops, gift vouchers and the offer of career mentorship.

Lawler Fund Recipients - Aly and Holly were awarded £500.00 each from the **Lawlor Fund**

The Derry Credit Union Young People's Award -SistersIN Leadership Programme at St Cecilia's College. Shortlisted in the Leadership Award Category

**This year we had a very successful School Engagement Partnership with Fujitsu.**

Our school partnership equips students with practical skills, industry insights and guidance from experienced professionals. It's a golden opportunity for students to get a glimpse of the real world before they leave school.

**What we have rolled out at St Cecilia's College are:**

1. Apprenticeship information/ education and employability sessions

2. Women In Business presentations
3. Celebration of International Women's Day
4. Interview Skills/CV Workshops incorporating Dress for Success

### International Women's Day Careers Event

Celebrating Female Leadership, Inclusion & Empowering the Next Generation. The theme of the event is inclusion and what women in your family inspired you!

We had the following guest speakers:

**Jennifer Doherty** spoke about how proud she was of becoming the first blind person to conquer Ireland's seven biggest mountains. She spoke about the obstacles she overcame to become the independent woman that she is today. She also introduced her guide dog Quid.

**Mayor Patricia Logue** talking about the "inspirational women in her life!"

**Finneen Bradley** -Founding Director of Finesse Careers and Empowerment, sharing stories of the women who inspired her growing up.

**SistersIN Leadership Programme** continues to empower our young women by enhancing their leadership skills. Our 10 SistersIN pupils were matched up with a mentor and the pupils were responsible to set up monthly meetings with their mentors to discuss challenges facing women in leadership, their career pathways, and any tips for a young female leader.

The SistersIN Pupils decided on three main charities to raise much needed funds.

Guide Dogs Trust, Foyle Food Bank and R.E.A.C.H Across.

Last year alone we had over **75 career events** for our pupils to attend. Our pupils had the opportunity to go out on Work Experience in Year 13 during Year 13 Careers Development week. Many pupils choose to go to Generation Innovation Work Experience Programme (27 pupils this year) Other Examples of work-related learning for our pupils to develop their employability skills, raise awareness of Career knowledge and LMI are our Careers Weeks such as **Global Entrepreneur's Week, National Careers Week and Year 13 Careers Development week.**

## Dance

Congratulations to the Key Stage 4 Dance students. Outstanding results in August.

### Key Stage 4

- 100% A\* - C GCSE level

In 2023/2024 the Dance Department had a very busy year working on several different dance projects such as the school show, performances, and professional workshops. **'We Will Rock You'** what an amazing school show with over 60 students involved from year 8 to year 14. The students worked extremely hard during all rehearsals giving up their free time at evenings, weekends and even some of their holidays to help create a fantastic school show!!!! Well done... this was the highlight of my school year!!!!

The senior Dance students got the chance to work with the cast of **'Shrek'** the musical at the Millennium Forum as they were given the chance to undertake a professional workshop and attend careers talk on the world of the Performing Arts industry. This was an excellent experience for the students to work with professional dancers and gain a great insight into the world of Performing Arts. The students got first-hand experience of how a professional dancer works and realised quickly how hard life is as a dancer.... But they loved every minute of it!

During the school year we had many different inhouse performances based on issues such as mental health, social media, relationships from our senior students from year 11 & 12 and many of the junior students got the chance to attend these fabulous performances.

It was great to see the development of our afterschool clubs with both cheer and dance club running weekly. Our dance club and senior dance students got the opportunity to perform for Mark Browne the Permanent Secretary of Department of Education and his team in December 2023. They were truly amazed by our very talented students.

The Dance department were very busy during May and June working on the choreography for St. Eithne's Primary School show 'Moana', which was an outstanding show. This helped to develop great partnership between the two school, and we look forward to developing this further in the future.

The Dance department were delighted to be nominated with our colleagues in Drama and Music for the TES Creatives Arts award in London.... The Oscars of education.

WOW.....2023-2024 was an excellent Year for Dance in St. Cecilia's College... the students excelled themselves! We are looking forward to another successful Year 2024-2025.

## Drama & Theatre Studies

We are delighted with this year's outstanding results.

- GCSE Drama - 100% pupils achieved A\* – C grades (2022-23)
- GCSE Drama (2023-24) Predicted 100% A\* - C grades
- CCEA Level 2 Performance Skills – 100% B Grade (2023-24)
- A2 Drama and Theatre Studies – (2023-24) Predicted 100% A\* – C grades

We've been very busy (and highly successful!) again this year.

The highlight of the year was our highly acclaimed school show 'We Will Rock You', which was nominated for the TES Award for Excellence in Creative Arts. The show enriched the lives of all of us and was a magnificent celebration of the pupils' mighty talents. It was a joy to see how the commitment, professionalism and strong work ethic of the principal actors in the cast influenced all the younger actors. The show was outstanding and hugely rewarding for the whole creative team.

Another top moment was when we welcomed former pupil and award-winning Set Designer Tracey Lindsay back to the Drama Department. Tracey shared with Year 12 and Year 14 pupils her journey from Stage Manager to Set Designer for highly acclaimed productions such as 'Beyond Belief – The Life and Mission of John and Pat Hume' (which was lauded as one of the top five theatrical productions by The Observer for 2023) and Lyric Theatre's production of 'Little Women'. It is really gratifying to know that two sell-out professional productions, involving the theatre work of a former pupil, formed the basis of the answer to one of the exam questions in the Edexcel A Level written paper.

Playwright, director, and poet Damian Gorman led a feedback session with Year 14 Drama pupils during preparation for their practical exams. This professional advice was invaluable to the pupils and helped them to focus on reaching for the very highest standards in performance.

We were involved in a short film 'Nowhere and Everywhere' for Communities in Transition, which centred around some difficult community issues and featured Year 14 pupils in prominent acting roles.

In October, we played host to the marvellous Stage Beyond theatre company with their brilliant and hard-hitting production of 'The Great Dictator', which educated our pupils about the way in which people with special needs were treated during the Holocaust.

As part of our research for devising a play in the GCSE Year 11 Drama class, HURT counsellor, John, came in to talk about issues around addiction in the city and beyond. It was a highly effective way to create theatrical ideas based on real research and lived experiences.

Replay Theatre Company, based in Belfast and renowned for its great work with young people, facilitated an excellent workshop for our Year 11 and 12 pupils, based on exploring toxic relationships and gender-based violence. Drama proves again to be an important way to raise awareness and enable young people to have agency in their lives.

Theatre trips included 'Little Shop of Horrors' in The Playhouse, 'Blood Brothers' in the Millennium Forum and 'Little Women' in Belfast's Lyric Theatre and 'Wicked' on Broadway in New York!

Our After School Drama Club has had another successful and fun-filled year with professional actor and past pupil Tori Messenger bringing her inimitable magic as facilitator.

## English

St Cecilia's English Department has enjoyed another highly successful year of excellent exam results, and rewarding and memorable learning experiences that connect the classroom and community. Our girls have participated in a wide range of events, workshops and competitions to enrich their educational experience, develop their confidence and celebrate their strengths and successes- including the following:

- Winners in the Foyle Poetry Competition. (In preparation Carol Cunningham came and delivered a very successful poetry workshop for our year 8 girls.
- The school hosted two BBC Bitesize Workshops on The Media and AI.
- The Ulster University Outreach Programme delivered an interesting lecture on Wuthering Heights to our Year 13's.
- Year 13 Literature students visited Heaney's Homeplace for an immersive exhibition and QUB lecture on Heaney and Frost.
- World Book Day was celebrated with various activities and competitions.
- International Women's Day was celebrated in poetry and prose.
- The Creative Schools Project worked with poet, Julieanne Campbell, from January to June to create Happiness Poems for a delicious 'Soundscape' – launched in June 2024
- In March 2024 we were named Runners up in Community Arts Partnership Poetry in Motion.
- Three editions of St Cecilia's News were produced and published. A celebration of all the great things going on in the school.
- Libraries NI Class Visits
- Bounce Culture Workshop
- BBC Short Stories competition
- Daira K, St Cecilia's College, Year 8, Grace K, St Cecilia's College, Year 8 came highly commended in the Foyle poetry competition.
- Seraphina McM and Gracie T won the Year 9 poetry competition organised by Mrs Toye.
- Verbal Arts Storytelling Project.
- Past pupil and published poet Cara L launched her first collection, "The Beauty Of Breaking" with Year 8.

## Geography

### Geography, a year in review 2023- 2024

Another successful year in the Geography Department, as led by Davina Talbot before her departure in June 2024. The Environmental Club took Derry (and Ireland!) by storm with their "Swap with Style" swap shops and geography pupils got to experience fieldtrips, visiting speakers and workshops throughout the year.

Early September 2023 saw the start of fieldwork season. Each Year 12 GCSE Geography class travelled to Magilligan Field Centre by train to study a river. This was followed by a residential fieldtrip to Magilligan in October with the AS Geography class to study a sand dune ecosystem. Pupils absolutely love the outdoor learning experiences. Thank you to Michael Cross at Magilligan Field Centre for always guiding us.

We continued promoting our subject on social media and awarding certificates to "pupils of the month" for their geographical efforts. Environmental Club was back up and running every Wednesday after school with lots of new members. Recycling bins get emptied every Wednesday by hand to prevent landfill waste.

Ms Rainey attended the One Young World Summit on Climate Change in Oakgrove in October and first year geographers attended the Water Warriors show at the Millennium Forum.

In November, at a whole school assembly, The Environmental Club launched their Eco UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards competition idea – a termly swap shop to reduce textile waste and to change attitudes towards fast fashion. The Swap with Style swap shop was born! The first swap shop was a

resounding success – with over 250 items swapped, helping many pupils struggling with the current cost of living crisis. It was a fun day in the school and caught the attention of many media outlets. The Environmental Club featured on BBC Radio Foyle, the Derry Journal and many social media platforms to discuss the new initiative and upcoming competition in Dublin.

Year 8's experienced outdoor learning as they studied the "weather" topic in term 2. They had lessons in the snow, measured elements of the weather outside and learned how to use weather instruments. In March the Environmental Club took part in a community clean-up picking up litter in Creggan as part of the Feile Derry project. Also in March, the Environmental Club attended the Derry Credit Union Awards in the City Hotel and were runners up in the Leadership category. In April the group attended the semifinals of the Eco UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards in Armagh, meeting with other schools and judges. They got through to the finals!

May 2024 was busy! Translink NI visited us with a fleet of electric buses and pupils learned about Net Zero emissions for their city. Mrs Talbot and Ms Rainey accompanied the Environmental Club to Dublin for the all-Ireland Eco UNESCO YEA finals. Thank you to Mrs O' Carolan and the school for paying for transport and accommodation. It was the experience of a lifetime, as we won! Taking home the wooden trophy was a department highlight. Ms Rainey and the club also attended Climate Fresk workshop in Fujitsu, promoting STEM careers but also focusing on how businesses pledge to become Net Zero. The club held a uniform swap shop to end the year.

To conclude, after 24 years, Mrs Talbot departed the St Cecilia's Geography department. Mrs Talbot is sorely missed by staff and pupils. Davina dedicated her career at the school to promoting environmental sustainability and a love for all things geographical. The pupils were always at the heart of everything she did, a great believer in encouraging outdoor learning and organised hundreds of trips over the years to wind farms, businesses, Giant's Causeway and most notably, Magilligan Field Centre. She also headed Travel and Tourism for many years and guided many pupils through GCSE and A-Level geography, with excellent results. We wish her the very best in her new post in St Patrick's College Maghera, closer to her home.



## Health & Social Care

2024 has been a momentous year for the H&SC Department with the departure of Mrs Banat, Mrs O'Brien and Mr Quigley. Mrs Banat has been teaching at St Cecilia's for 23 years and Mrs O'Brien for 17. Both are retiring and deserve a well-earned break having supported so many girls along the way and facilitating their pathways into further education and employment. Legend has it that they have marked enough coursework to wallpaper the Great Wall of China ten times over! They will both be greatly missed.

Mr Quigley is also leaving after almost 4 years to take up a post in Thornhill College where he will teach Psychology, a subject he has great passion for. He greatly enjoyed his time in St Cecilia's and hopes to see our girls again in his classroom as members of the Foyle Learning Community.

With new departure comes new beginnings and we welcome into the H&SC department Ms Gemma Donaghey and Ms Mairead McCarron-Deane.

The Department has continued to produce excellent results. At KS5 2024: 91% A-C equivalent. 100% passed, 70% of the girls achieving Distinction \* or Distinction grades. Results like these give the girls great opportunities to take the next step in their lives.

For Prizegiving: Highest achieving students at KS5, Year 14, are Amy C and Ellie May D.

## History and Politics

- Year 13 Politics Pupils visited Stormont and had a visit from Mark H Durkan
- Year 9 History pupils took part in a Siege of Derry trail, visited the Apprentice Boys, Siege Museum and did a walking tour of Derry Walls
- GCSE History Results were 86%, higher than national average for non-grammar girls



## Home Economics/ Hospitality

The Home Economics Department had a successful start to 2023/24. Exam results for Childcare were 86% A\*- C and modules for Year 11's and Year 13 showed great promise for the rest of the year.

Year 14's made great contributions. They successfully raised £400 for The Foyle Hospice whilst hosting a staff Afternoon Tea and they raised £230 for Trocaire from their Hospitality Business Enterprise Bake Sale. Two great charities benefiting alongside the completion of course units.

Year 13's and Year 14's served food for Senior Prizegiving and Junior Prizegiving, both held in September. KS3 and KS4 girls continue to develop their culinary skills.

## ICT



100% of A Level pupils received A-C in Cambridge Technicals ICT with 11 of them receiving an A\*!

95% of GCSE Digital Technology pupils achieved an A\*- C grade.

92% of GCSE Occupational studies ICT students achieving an A - C grade.

*Again, this year we had a wide range of exam subjects running ensuring all our students can achieve an ICT qualification that suits their aspirations and ability.*

Throughout the year the ICT department has been investing in the teaching and learning of pupils in an endeavour to enhance their knowledge and learning of new technologies to keep them at the forefront of education here in Derry. Our biggest achievement was ensuring high-quality teaching as we deliver for the digital age and for our digital worldwide citizens.

*Throughout The Year we celebrated students of the term all year round here is Sophie from Year 8*



### **Internet Safety Talk**

During the month of October, Key Stage 3 students availed of an Internet Safety Talk online. This was a fun activity that enthralled the students and delivered the right message about how to keep safe online. This was followed by ICT class lessons reviewing Internet Safety at the beginning of the year as part of the **Code Create Communicate** curriculum.



### **Primary Visits**

We had very successful Primary School visits and workshops using animation green screen and iPad and a range of software. The Primary school students loved it and they had their Halloween dress on!



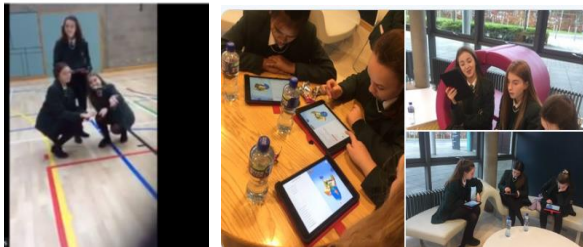
### **Yr 13 ICT Mrs Hardy's Class**

This is a collaboration with Nerve Centre and Bitzie a gaming workshop delivered by gaming programmers from Derry. Here you see the workshop underway with Year 13 ICT class.



### **Programming Workshop**

They followed this with an exciting learning experience using Swift Programming and in the afternoon spent time developing apps for mobile phones on App Inventor Software. This was a stimulating and thrilling experience for the students.



Ms Coyle brought a team of 4 Year 10 pupils to Belfast to participate in the Coding website competition where they won a prize for planning and layout – well done!

### **Cross Border Collaboration**

St Cecilia's Mrs Patton Mrs Hardy Year 14 ICT students delivering a Digital Story workshop to students from St Marys in Buncrana.



### **Foyle Film Festival**



Mrs Hardy was invited by a past pupil Zoe Carlin (camera assistant on Derry Girls) who was presenting at Film at the Festival. Zoe in orange was an amazing ambassador for the school and we were very proud to attend the reception in the Nerve Centre.

### **Video Conferencing Collaboration**



Year 14 ICT students partook of a Video Conference session with the University of Ulster undergraduates that they had met to discuss feedback and answer questions about their visit. This was a great experience for our students who gained first-hand knowledge of how video conferencing works and they enjoyed working with this new technology while producing evidence for their Cambridge Technical unit 12.

### **Dec: Shoe Box Appeal**



From this! Our first box to .....

This!!



What a wonderful opportunity for the ICT department led by Mrs Hardy to demonstrate the giving and kind nature of our students in the annual Shoe Box Appeal. Boxes were collected by the whole school in Mrs Hardy's classroom with over 200 donated! What an exceptional group of students we have. The whole school effort was led by Mrs Hardy's Year 9 and Year 10 ICT classes.



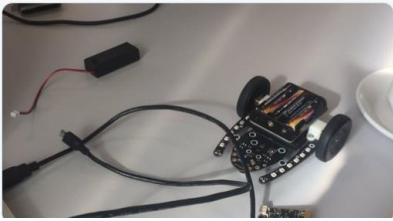
### **Meet the Digital Women Of the Future**

Seagate was also involved with Year 10 students in February when they came to visit the school with local female digital leaders in the city. This was a Careers and ICT event promoted by Seagate and involving 10 Faith. Its purpose was to clear the myth about programming and coding in general and get the students to think about possible careers in the digital world. A wonderful experience for the students to meet distinguished visitors and mentors to them. Year 10 pupils - talk on Women in ICT Industry (with School employers)



Ms Coyle Led the Virtual **Zoom session** with **All-State**

### **Microbit Training with University Ulster #python #Coding**



Online training course Teachers and pupils received training in the use of

Microbits

## Civica

A global leader in public sector software

Two classes of Year 10 pupils lead by Mrs Hardy participated in online activities. Civica gave us workbooks, mugs pens and rules for every Year 10 pupil and we had a week of activities in class promoting girls in Engineering and ICT

Halloween animation activities where new Primary school students visited the ICT department for a Primary School visits workshops.

### November: Animation Cross border

The ICT department hosted a cross-border Animation Event where 25 pupils from Scoil Mhuire in Buncrana came to an Animation workshop facilitated by Mrs Patton. ***Special thanks to the Parents association for part funding the Lego animation kits!*** The ICT department are very grateful indeed!



Mrs Hardys & Mrs Patton's Class preparing for the animation workshop. This workshop helped the students progress with their Animation unit for Cambridge Technical A level.

### January: Safer Internet Day

Mrs Patton led the Safer Internet Day and competitions here is an excerpt of her presentation to the whole school

February – Coding workshop at the Nerve Centre with Year 13 pupils.



We finished the year with a 4 week workshop in Digital Storytelling and Gaming launching a new planning document in collaboration with **Into Film**, **Northern Ireland Screen** and the **Department of Communities** with Year 9 and Year 10 students.



**Teacher Governor – Congratulations to Ms Coyle who became Teacher Governor in the school - well done!**

**Retirement** Marie Patton



Mrs Currie  
Mrs Patton  
Ms C McDermott  
Ms C Coyle  
Ms R Mitchell  
Mrs J Hardy

*23 years Mrs Patton ...now that's an achievement!*

## Maths

The Maths Department enjoyed another very productive and successful year.

### GCSE Results

We are very proud of our excellent GCSE Maths results again this year, 72% of students achieved A\*– C grades and 35% of students achieved A\*– B. St Cecilia's continues to perform well above the secondary school N.I. average for GCSE Maths results.

### A-Level Results

We are also delighted with our AS and A2 results, 100% of students achieved A\* –E grades and over 80% of grades were A\* – C. Well done to Bronagh G and Brogan L who got A Grades in their A-Level Maths.

### **Maths Week Ireland October 2023**

All Key Stage 3 classes took part in Maths competitions during Maths Week Ireland in October. They participated in quizzes, maths challenges and numeracy games. There were prizes for the winners and the feedback from the pupils was really positive.

### **SPARX Maths**

This year all year groups were registered for SPARX maths, an online mathematics resource that the pupils were able to access from home. As well as working through the tasks set by their teachers the pupils were also able to avail of the independent learning opportunities.

### **Financial Capability**

The year Mrs McCabe launched the Financial Capability programme for Key Stage 3 pupils. This has proved to be a very popular and successful initiative. It will equip the pupils with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to make well informed financial decisions in the future.

## **Modern Languages**

- The department welcomed Spanish pupils as part of an exchange programme – they had a brilliant time here.
- ‘European Day of Languages’ was celebrated with a French breakfast for Year 8 pupils and a European Quiz for Year 10 pupils. Our own pupils from Ukraine, Russia and Brazil gave talks to pupils about their culture and taught the pupils some words in their native language.
- Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations took place in March and involved an Irish quiz, poster and card competitions and ended with the Céilí Mór.
- Year 8 pupils completed the Cúpla Focal exam.
- Year 10 Irish pupils visited Gaelscoil na Daróige to experience the Irish language outside the classroom.
- Year 11 pupils visited the café in Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin to order lunch and to experience the Irish language outside the classroom.
- All Year 10 pupils completed the OLA EXAM – a CCEA accreditation in their chosen language.
- Three Year 8 pupils did their GCSE Irish exam.
- Pupils’ achievements continued to be posted on social media and we celebrated, as always, our PUPILS OF THE MONTH in all three languages.

## **Music**

- Several GCSE pupils took part in the Richard Meyrick piano masterclass in November
- The Choir performed at 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Kathleen Feeney in Termonbacca in November
- The Choir won the 2 part competition in The Derry Feis and the Michael Mason cup for best overall song for The Lilly and the Rose
- The Jazz band performed on The Gay McIntyre stage as part of The Jazz Festival
- The School Show “We Will Rock You” was nominated for a TES award
- The Ukulele/Guitar busking group raised £662.09 for Foyle Hospice
- The Junior Choir were selected to take part at the Every Voice Festival in June
- Our senior pupils Lauren D and Grace F were finalists for The Credit Union awards for Contribution to the Arts.

# Physical Education

## Athletics

### **Ulster/District Schools T&F Championships –**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Millie Sandy Year 8 shot putt.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cora P Year 8 high jump.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Eden F Inter girls' long jump. Jessica McG 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cara McD Year 9 75m hurdles.
- Millie S was crowned Ulster Schools Year 8 shot putt champion. A fantastic achievement. Cora P picked up an impressive silver medal jumping a personal best of 1.34m.

## Cross-Country

### District Schools

- Year 8 team finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Year 9 team (Sophie, Casey, Nicole, Kayla, and Brooke) finished 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sophie McA finished 14<sup>th</sup> and qualified to the Ulster Schools Championships.
- Several year 8 and 9 pupils competed at the Northwest Cross country Championships- December 2023
- Year 8 and 9 pupils competed at the Donegal Schools Cross-Country Championships.

### **Gaelic-The school entered 3 teams into the schools league this year.**

- U20 reached the semi-final of the Erne cup.
- U16 reached the quarter finals.
- U14 reached the quarter finals.
- Several of our students have made the u14 and u16 Derry panel. Sophie McA, Faye C, Eden F, and Eimear N.
- Year 8 Competed at the Ulster Schools GAA Blitz in Magherafelt-Oct 2023

## Swimming

- Team entered the Ulster Schools Swimming Championships
- Northwest swimming gala- Gold- Y8 Emily 1<sup>st</sup> U13 backstroke, Katie L 4<sup>th</sup> U13 freestyle, Orla W 3<sup>rd</sup> U15 breaststroke. Tillie McF 3<sup>rd</sup>, U15 freestyle and Eden F 3<sup>rd</sup> U16 freestyle.

## Football

- Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 took part in the IFA Futsal Regional Heats.

### Other information

- SEN badminton club numbers have increased this year.
- The department organised a very successful Sports Day. Both pupils and staff had a fun, enjoyable day.
- Several pupils from year 9, 11 and 12 helped at the Model Primary School Heath Promotion Week (June 2024)
- 8 Hope took part in a 6-week pilot programme in conjunction the University of Ulster and the Irish Heart Foundation called Y-Path PE 4 ME. The programme is aimed at improving physical activity levels of children and young people.

Monday	Netball
Tuesday	Badminton/Gaelic/Camogie
Wednesday	Athletics/Football
Thursday	Netball/Gaelic
Friday	Athletics

# Religious Education

Of course, we all know that Religious Education is much more than simply an examination subject and the department continues to go from strength to strength. Through the RE curriculum, we aim to provide an atmosphere and resources by which pupils can explore their faith in an intelligent and informed way, so that when they leave school they are able to make a mature adult and Christian commitment to God, to others and to life in the world which faces them.

They are given many opportunities to grow and develop their relationship with God from morning prayer, annual retreats, confessions, our Year 8 May Procession, and volunteering at Fan the Flame. Girls take part in the liturgical life of the school by reading, singing in the choir, and playing in our school orchestra at the many services held throughout the year.

The girls are given opportunities to give back to their parish and community through the Pope John Paul II Award and Papal Cross Award. This year we had 25 girls complete the award and 2 pupils went on to complete a leadership programme as part of their Papal Cross Award. The RE department is supportive of all Diocesan events such as Catholic Schools Week, a Mass for Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Sr Clare Crockett retreat.

Our girls have continued to support many local and global charities. We had St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, the Trocaire Lenten Campaign, Relay for Life and Hope Darkness to Light walk. Girls completed sponsored walks and silences, bun sales and a sweet shop to help raise money.

We have been blessed with our school Oratory, which is open all day and is an ideal setting for quiet prayer or meditation. We have morning adoration and the Rosary held in our Oratory. Last year the RE department started a Children of the Eucharist programme where classes were given time for quiet prayer in adoration. Every Monday morning, we have a Liturgical Assembly led by members of staff and throughout the week the form classes led the assemblies. The liturgical life of the school continues to be of prime importance, as we foster the Catholic Ethos and encourage pupils to enter into public worship.

# Science

2023/24 has seen the Science department successfully participate in a number of enriching activities for our pupils. In October 3 groups of pupils attended the Sentinus Young Innovators Competition, QUB and we had P7 visitors for our Halloween workshops. Year 8 pupils attended the Loughs Agency Water Warriors Roadshow at the Millenium Forum in November and enjoyed learning about our waterways. During December we had the privilege of hosting a Royal Society of Chemistry Workshop delivered by Dr Johanne Brolly and PHD students from Queen's University Belfast. December also saw our successful Christmas workshops for P7 pupils, this year we made festive slime and used quite a bit of glitter! There was much excitement in the new year when we bid good luck to Dr Conaghan and 2 groups of students as they left to compete in the BT Young Scientist Competition in Dublin. The pupils and Dr Conaghan had a brilliant experience and hope to be chosen to compete again next term. During March, 2 groups of Year 10 pupils visited St Mary's College during their Engineering week. They participated in STEM careers workshops, meeting local employers and higher education providers. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Year 9 pupils participated in the Amelia Earhart STEM Challenge and won Best Poster. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of June brought visitors from the Loughs Agency to the Science department. Pupils enjoyed hearing about our coastline and especially loved the Interactive Marine Machine and even got to meet some crabs and starfish. The school year was finished by a visit to Scifest at St Mary's College where Dr Conaghan and her Science club competed in a number of categories.

# Technology & Design

- Achieved outstanding results at GCSE level where we currently are 7.42% above the NI average.
- Changed examination board at A Level and achieved outstanding results of 100% A\*-C.
- At A Level we are 29.3% above the National average including all schools in England and Northern Ireland. This includes 34.37% A\*- A, 39.4% A\*- B and 29.3% A\*- C, with 83% of students going onto University education that includes aerospace and structural engineering, architecture, AI and robotics, technology teaching and the medical field.
- Department continues to grow with 2 classes in Year 11, 2 classes in Year 12 and 1 class in Year 13 with 12 students and 2 collaboration students.
- We are currently redesigning Key Stage 3 Scheme to include more theory content and increase students experience of SolidWorks software.

# Public examination Results 2023/2024

## GCSE

GCSE Achieving 5+ A\* - C = 94.35%

GCSE Achieving 5+ A\* - C including English and Maths = 65.32%

	Pupils	% A* - C
GCSE Art and Design: Fine Art	11	100.00%
GCSE Art and Design: Textiles	28	96.40%
GCSE Business and Communications	5	80.00%
City & Guilds Customer Service	11	100.0%
GCSE Design and Technology	31	77.40%
GCSE Digital Technology	9	77.80%
GCSE Drama and Theatre Studies	18	100.00%
GCSE English Language	123	85.40%
GCSE English Literature	52	96.20%
GCSE French	15	73.30%
GCSE Further Mathematics	18	83.30%
GCSE Geography	31	67.70%
GCSE Health and Social Care	33	57.60%
GCSE History	64	75.00%
GCSE Irish	6	83.30%
GCSE Mathematics	123	69.90%
GCSE Music	17	88.20%
Occupational Studies Business and Services - Child Care	25	100.00%
Occupational Studies Design and Creativity - Hospitality	13	92.30%
Occupational Studies Environment and Society - Health & Social Care	27	92.60%
Occupational Studies Technology and Innovation - ICT	16	87.50%
BTEC Performing Arts – Dance	14	100.00%
CCEA Performing Skills -Drama and Music	18	100.00%
Princes Trust	72	100.00%
GCSE Religious Studies	81	72.80%
OCN Religious Studies	41	100.0%
GCSE (Double Award) Science	30	86.70
GCSE (Single Award) Science	42	64.30%
OCN Science	12	100.0%
GCSE Spanish	15	93.30%
GCSE Sport / P.E Studies	7	71.40%
OCN Sport / P.E Studies	3	100.00%
BTEC Travel and Tourism	11	100.00%

# A Level

A-levels Achieving 2+ A\* - E = 98.61%

A-levels Achieving 2+ A\* - C = 93.06%

A-levels Achieving 3+ A\* - E = 94.44%

A-levels Achieving 3+ A\* - C = 75.00%

	Pupils	% A* - C
GCE Art and Design - Fine Art	5	100.0%
GCE Art and Design – Textiles	4	100.00 %
GCE Biology	1	100.00%
Childcare Skills (KS5EQ_PT21)	2	50.00%
GCE Design and Technology	12	100.00%
GCE Digital Technology	2	100.00%
GCE Drama and Theatre Studies	4	100.00%
GCE English Literature	8	100.0%
GCE Geography	1	100.00%
GCE Government and Politics	6	66.70%
GCE (Double Award) Health & Social Care	2	100.00%
GCE History	24	91.40%
BTEC Hospitality	7	85.70%
OCR (Cambridge Technicals) ICT	16	100.00%
GCE Irish	2	100.0%
GCE (Double Award) Life & Health Sciences	7	57.1%
GCE Mathematics	12	91.70%
GCE Moving Image Arts	1	100.00%
CCEA Level 3 Performing Arts	2	100.00%
GCE Professional Business Services	20	90.00%
GCE Religious Studies	15	86.70%
GCE Spanish	2	100.00%
BTEC (Triple Award) Sports Coaching - LLS	5	100.0%

# POLICY DOCUMENTS

*School Policy documents are available on request from the college.*

Acceptable use of ICT	Homework
Admissions Criteria	Hospitality Guidelines (EA)
Adverse Weather	Induction (Staff & Pupils)
Anti-Bullying	Letting of Facilities
Assessment	Library
Attendance (Students)	Literacy
Attendance (Support Staff)	Managing Infectious Diseases
Attendance (Teaching Staff)	Medicine
Charging & Remissions	Missing Child Policy
Charities	Mobile Phone
Child Protection	Numeracy
Code of Conduct – Parent Policy	P.R.S.D.
Confidentiality	Parental Complaints
Conflict of Interest	Pastoral Care
Critical Incident	Planned Absence
Curriculum	Positive Behaviour
Data Protection	Relationships and Sex Education
Disability and Accessibility	Risk Assessment
Disaster Recovery Plan	Salary
Disposal of Records	Self-Harm
Drugs Education	Smoking and Vaping
eSafety Policy	Social Media
Eating Disorder	Special Educational Needs
Educational Maintenance	Staff Development
Educational Visits	Teaching and Learning
Emergency Management	Teacher Well-Being (CCMS)
Equality Diversity and Inclusion	UCAS
Examinations	Uniform
Food in Schools Policy	Use of ICT
Guardian Angels	Use of Reasonable Force and Safe Handling
Head Lice	
Health and Safety	

## Charities 2023– 2024

Children’s Cancer Unit	£50.00
Foyle Hospice	£400.00
St Vincent De Paul	£1000.00
Trocaire	£1000.00
Foyle Hospice Christmas Hamper	£72.00
Foyle Hospice Easter hamper	£61.00
Foyle Hospice	£60.50
HURT	£79.60
Foyle Hospice	£712.09

## CFF Budget 2023/2024

Finance Name	Total To Date
Income Total	£+20,448
Staff - Pay Teaching Total	-£3,369,615
Staff - Pay Non-Teaching Total	£-504,643
Staff - Other Costs Total	£-3,812
PPP Unitary Charge Total	-£83,843
Premises, Fixed Plant & Grounds Total	£-124,604
Operating costs Total	£-336,482
Noncapital purchases Total	£-104,338
Re-allocations Total	£-188,833
Grand Total	£4,695,722

<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£4,762,283</b>
<b>Total carried forward</b>	<b>+£66,561</b>

## School Bank Accounts - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Name	Balance
School Fund Bank Account	£7778.06
Pupils Bank Account	£4211.73
Charity Bank Account	£1179.29
Petty Cash Bank Account	£1.02
Bookstore Bank Account	£5475.01
PTA Bank Account	£8878.59
Staff Bank Account	£656.29
Lawlor Bank Account	£10203.57
Income Account	£29123.07
Specialist School Fund	£1.00
First Trust Visa Account	£-325.30
ICT Fund Account	£100000.00
Sixth Form Account	£5595.68
Young Enterprise	£620.00

## Staff Training 2023/2024

Date		IN-SERVICE
25.08.23	Baker Day	<p><b><u>Staff Training Sessions included for all staff:</u></b>                      Middle Leader Training                      Dyslexia Training                      Addressing Bullying in Schools                      Child Protection                      SEN Training</p> <p><b><u>Staff Training Sessions included for all teaching staff:</u></b>                      A Catholic School RE Conference                      Clevertouch training                      Middle Management Training</p> <p><b><u>Designated Staff</u></b>                      Fire Warden Training                      First Aid Training</p>
28.08.23	Baker Day	
29.08.23	Baker Day	
02.10.23	Staff Development	
06.12.23	Staff Development	
17.04.24	Staff Development	
27.05.24	Staff Development	



# SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask your blessing on the pupils, teachers and all who work in this school. May it be a centre where knowledge and goodness will flourish and where peace will reign. We ask this through your divine Son, his Blessed Mother Mary and our patron saints, St Patrick, St Columba, and St Cecilia.



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