

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT TO PARENTS

## 2022/2023

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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



February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new 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".

I take the tenure of Chairman from Mr Ciaran O'Neill and I would like to thank him for his dedication and professionalism as Chair, since 2018 and as Governor since 2011. Ciaran devoted his time and skills to ensuring that every child in St Cecilia's received a good education and that the Principal and staff were fully supported. He will be a hard act to follow, but I am delighted that Ciaran has decided to remain on the Board of Governors to share his knowledge and wisdom.

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

*Mr Pat Armstrong*

**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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Jo O'Carolan', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mary Jo O'Carolan  
**Principal**



*'Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve'*

Number of Pupils on roll 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	846
Ownership	The site and buildings are vested in the trustees of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Derry.
Management	Board of Governors
Members of the Board of Governors	Mr C O'Neill - DENI Representative (Chairperson) until June 2023 Mrs T. McPhillips - Trustee Representative (Vice-Chairperson) Fr J Gormley - Trustee Representative Mrs B Stevenson – Trustee Representative Mrs C Dunne – Trustee Representative Mr P Armstrong - EA Representative Mrs P Logue – EA Representative Ms A M McLaughlin– Parent Representative Miss L A McGrory - Teacher Representative
Secretary to the Board of Governors	Mrs 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 6.9% 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 stated 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 2022-2023

## September

- SistersIN Launch - Leadership Development Training (Sixth Form)
- Celebration of Senior Prizegiving
- Year 8 Mass of Commitment
- School Formal at the City Hotel

## October

- School hosted BBC Share your Story Event for Years 8-11
- Halloween Howl took place for Primary School pupils
- Year 8 Halloween Event
- Woman in Business Event

## November

- Year 13 & 14 Retreats
- Cara Leigh Doherty in 11Faith who submitted a story for the Lyra McKee creative writing competition and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the young person's category
- School competed IFA NI Futsal Finals @ Shankill Leisure Centre
- Derry City FC visited the school with the FAI Cup
- Celebrated St Cecilia's Day with School Mass in St Mary's Church
- Entrepreneurial Week was held at the school with a variety of workshops and talks

## December

- Craft Fayre/ Rickety Wheel took place
- LLS hosted a successful well-being day for Year 9 & 10
- Primary School Workshops took place
- H&SC department hosted the Foyle Down Syndrome Trust
- Cello Fella Recital took place in our MPH
- Introduced our new student council
- We hosted our Green Lounge which is a fantastic event for music pupils to showcase their talents as part of their music course
- We hosted a Christmas themed day for all pupils – all proceeds went to SDVP
- Carol Service was held at St Mary's Church
- Debuted our new school promotional video

## January

- School hosted a very successful Open Night
- A selection of Sixth Year pupils attended SistersIN launch in Queen's University

## February

- Drama Dept Matinee visit to Blood Brothers for Year 12 and 13
- IFA NI Year 8 9-Aside Cup Fixture VS Castleberg High School
- SistersIN Masterclass with Eimear Hone this was delivered as part of our Staff Development Day
- 8Hope and 8Hope 2 visited Lisneal College for an SEP event
- Options Night was held for Year 10 & 12
- Pancake Tuesday celebration as part of Year 8 Induction Programme
- 8 Hope visited the Creggan Library to attend a workshop with award winning author and illustrator Paul Howard.
- Local author Sue Divin held a book talk for pupils in aid of World Book Day
- We host a Shared Education event with 10Hope and Lisneal College

## March

- Year 11 attended a careers event in Foyle Arena organised by Derry City and Strabane Council
- Healing Hearts training took place for SistersIN pupils
- Women in Business Audition (Year 13), SistersIN in Belfast
- SistersIN Pupils attended Ulster University
- SistersIN Masterclass Victoria College Belfast
- Year 10 Careers Talk with Shannon Wilkinson as part of Careers Week
- Fujitsu Woman in Business Event
- UCAS Convention, Year 13 attended
- Day 2 of Shared Education trip with Lisneal and REACH Across to the Museum
- Ceili Mor took place for pupils, this was organised by the Languages department
- Creative Schools Ambassador Event at Destined Foyle Road 9 Peace
- SistersIN pupils attended a Celebration Event held in the ICC – Belfast
- Derry Credit Union Young People's Awards – Sarah & Aoibh won 'Contribution to the Arts'. Year 8's Katie & Eve were awarded the 'Courage' Award
- Creative Schools Ambassador Event at Destined Foyle Road for 9Peace
- Day 3 of Shared Education Trip - 10 Hope Belfast Trip with REACH Across and Ms McTague
- Darragh McCleary, Cara Gillespie and Ava McDowell won first prize in the Creative School's History Project ran by the Bloody Sunday Trust

## April

- Holy week service took place
- Year 8 Easter Bonnet competition as part of Year 8 Induction Programme
- Two of our LLS pupils had success in the Irish Dancing World Championships Aimee (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Jamie Lee (6th place)
- Sue Divin local author visited the school to distribute - Book Awards

## May

- A selection of Sixth Years received certificates on completion of their 10 week Peer Mentoring Programme
- 27 pupils from Year 14 were awarded OCN level 2 Prefects and Leaders Qualification by Reach
- 10 Peace, Mr Gill and Mr Lafferty attended the Balmoral Show
- PE Success at Finn Valley Track: 60mH (u12) Casey (1<sup>st</sup>) Emily (3<sup>rd</sup>), 60mH (U13) Cara (2<sup>nd</sup>), Katie (3<sup>rd</sup>), 60m sprint Casey (1<sup>st</sup>) & Nicole (2<sup>nd</sup>), 600m Sophie (1<sup>st</sup>) Shot putt/Javelin Cara McCabe (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- Mental Health Awareness Week – this was a week packed with activities/ talks which included health checks for staff, talks and physical activities for pupils.
- Year 14 had a Leaver's Celebration Breakfast
- Family First Awards in Titanic – St Cecilia's received an award of recognition

# June

- Science department took part in Sci Fest
- Ava, Year 13 was the winner of Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the NW Business Awards.
- Year 13 pupils attended Ulster University
- Year 13 Interview Skills Day
- SistersIN Celebration event
- We hosted a fantastic sports day
- We held our annual OCN Award ceremony
- Year 11 Hospitality pupils participated in a Bake Off organised by Ardnashee
- Michael McKillop Paralympian gold medallist spoke to our Year 8 & 9 pupils
- Our Brilliant Club attended their graduation event at Queen's yesterday
- The Derry Journal Awards St Cecilia's College had 4 nominations
- Years 8 to 13 went on an end of year trip to Portrush
- Year 14 Leaver's Mass was held in the school
- Year 12 Celebration Mass
- Celebration of Junior Prizegiving



# Departmental Highlights in 2022-2023

## Art

- St Cecilia's College Art pupils showcased their final pieces around the Creggan community in conjunction with Feile Derry in an exhibition called 'Graffiti on the Walls'
- Our Year 14 Fine Art student's work was showcased around the Creggan community area as part of Feile derry in partnership with Graffiti on the walls.
- We were delighted with our 100% A\* to C at A Level and at GCSE
- We piloted a 'Sewing club' after school workshop in October. The numbers were fantastic and the interest in traditional and modern sewing skills was immense. The girls are learning new techniques every week which they can then incorporate into their work and everyday lives.
- Once again, our girls did amazing in the annual Credit Union Art competition. Not only did we have seven winners, we were also 'top school' and received a reward for this!
- We thoroughly enjoyed working with vibrant and 'rock n roll' style themes to help create the fantastic interactive sets for the show.

## Business Studies

- Ava Year 13 was the winner of Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the NW Business Awards
- 20 Year 13 Pupils successfully completed three modules with University of Ulster Outreach Academy
- 100% A- C Pass Rate at AS Level
- 100% A-C Pass Rate at GCSE in Year 11

## Careers

- We hosted a University Roadshow in September for all Yr 12, Yr 13 and Yr 14 pupils to attend
- In September Careers Department launched SistersIN Leadership Programme.
- Entrepreneurial Week was held at the school with a variety of workshops and talks in November 2022.
- In February careers department facilitated a SistersIN Masterclass with Eimear Hone Past Pupil, Senior Associate Account Manager ICC Belfast
- Celebrated a Woman in Business event in October with our KS5 pupils
- Healing Hearts training took place for SistersIN pupils in March 2023.
- SistersIN pupils delivered Healing Hearts Bereavement Training to all staff at St Cecilia's College March 2023.
- Women in Business event hosted by Danske Bank (Year 13) was attended by the SistersIN Team in Belfast, March
- Mrs O'Carolan, Ms Conaty and parents along with SistersIN pupils attended SistersIN Women in Leadership Celebration Event at the ICC Belfast March
- We celebrated National Careers Week, hosting various past pupils and skills workshops. March 2023
- Yr 13 and Yr 14 Pupils attended many University Talks hosted by St Cecilia's College such as Queen's University Belfast, Scottish Universities Tour, Atlantic Technological University, Liverpool John Moore's, CAFRE College and NWRC.
- SistersIN Pupils attended Good Friday Event at Ulster University April 2023
- SistersIN Pupils attended Women in Leadership Masterclass at Ulster University April 2023 by invite from Victoria College Belfast
- As part of our partnership with Fujitsu we participated in several Woman in Business Events throughout the year.
- All Year 13's attended an annual UCAS Convention Belfast. March 2023
- Year 10 pupils attended a careers event in Foyle Arena in May organised by Derry City and Strabane Council to support their GCSE subject choices.

- Year 13 Careers Development Week – June 2023, all Yr 13 pupils:  
Visited Ulster University Magee Campus for tours and talks
- Attended a CV/Interview skills Workshop in liaison with Sarah Quinn Dressed for Success and Liz Morrison Fujitsu
- Participated in 3 day Work Experience
- Participated in Generation Innovation Design Thinking Work Placement at The Guildhall
- SistersIN Celebration Afternoon Tea event took place in June 2023

## Dance

- Fashion show performance in September 2022
- Introduction of new contemporary and street dance clubs
- Hosted a dance workshop with Courtney Brady December 2022
- Career's talk with past pupil Shannon Wilkinson February 2023
- Dance pupils performed in the annual St Patrick's Day Performance
- Dance pupils performed at the Launch of Interact Festival June 2023
- 100% pass rate at GCSE and the introduction of AS level Dance after school with 100% pass rate

## Drama & Theatre Studies

- Participated in Playhouse workshop in 2023
- St Cecilia's became an affiliated school with the Lyric Theatre
- Film roles in two films in 2023: one community funded and one corporate funded
- Pupil involvement in forthcoming feature film to be shot in April 2024 with our school as one of the locations.
- After School Drama Club has sustained and continuously increased in numbers
- Participated Bruiser Theatre Workshop 2023

## English

- In October we hosted Makey Uppers Creative Writing Workshop for 9 Courage
- Sue Divin local author visited the school to distribute - Book Awards in May
- 8 Hope visited the Creggan Library to attend a workshop with award winning author and illustrator Paul Howard.
- Cara Leigh Doherty in 11Faith who submitted a story for the Lyra McKee creative writing competition and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the young person's category.
- Local author Sue Divin held a book talk for pupils in aid of World Book Day
- Creative Schools Ambassador Event at Destined Foyle Road 9 Peace attended in February
- We hosted a professor from Ulster University May to do a lecture on Frost/Heaney Poetry.
- We continued to produce monthly newsletters for our school community
- The Year 13's went to Heaney's Homeplace in March followed by a lecture series from Queen's University Belfast

## Geography

- The Geography department and Year 12 pupils attended a Magilligan residential visit
- Year 13 travelled to Magilligan Field Centre to complete a study River & Sand Dune Ecosystem
- Our Environmental club is going from strength to strength. We have implemented successful clothes swap shop
- Geography department has had excellent growth in GCSE & A level uptake
- The Geography department was very proud of their excellent A2 results this year with 50% of this class continuing on to do a geographical related course at university level

## Health & Social Care

- In December our H&SC department hosted the Foyle Down Syndrome Trust.
- Health & Social Care received their best results to date at A Level
- Visited multiple care homes as part of the Reminiscence Project
- Students doing H&SC Occupational Studies got a flavour of what it's like to work in an early years' setting when they visited local Nursery Schools and put into practice the fruits of their labour in the classroom. The girls worked with the local school children using games that they had created themselves; this was a great success.

## History

- Darragh, Cara and Ava won first prize in the Creative School's History Project ran by the Bloody Sunday Trust
- The History Department took 10 Peace on a school trip to the Free Derry Museum in May
- Mr Rodgers, Head of Department was shortlisted for Teacher of the Year at Derry Awards in May 2023
- GCSE Success with 88% A\*-C, 10% higher than national average for other non-selective all girl schools
- Launched the Brilliant Club for our Gifted and Talented pupils, all of these pupils graduated from Queens University Belfast on a STEM and Literary Theory module.
- The History & Politics Department took pupils to the Good Friday Agreement 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and met ex-USA President Bill Clinton

## Home Economics/ Hospitality

- Year 11 Hospitality pupils participated in a Bake Off organised by Ardnashee in June
- Home Economics facilitated Health Eating stands in the school Foyer for staff and pupils during lunchtime as part of Mental Health Awareness Week and for Health Eating Week
- 100% A\* to C in Hospitality in Year 11 modules
- Catered hot and cold buffets for school events such as Prizegiving
- Participated in Primary 7 Christmas Workshops making muffins and milkshakes

## ICT

- ICT Dept piloting Level 2 Occupational Studies to Year 9/Year 10 pupils
- ICT Dept have introduced a new A Level Cambridge Technicals this year to Year 13 pupils
- Miss Coyle joined with Software Alliance group (Western area) to pilot collaboration between education and ICT industry
- St Cecilia's collaborated with primary school pupils as apart of Digital SchoolHouse Project
- Collaboration with Primary school doing workshops in-house Holy Child – Primary 5 classes which focused on coding and a group of Primary 6 pupils who participated in creating animations
- Setting up of Coding Club after school for Year 8
- Ms C Coyle attended the Google conference held in Dublin

## Maths

- In April our KS5 Maths Pupils attended the Deloitte Brightstart Apprenticeship Talk. This provided an interesting insight into the opportunities available to students, they can experience the world of work with Deloitte while continuing to study for their degree.
- All KS3 pupils took part in Maths Week Ireland in October. Pupils were able to put their problem solving skills to the test as they completed Maths challenges and competitions.
- All KS3 and KS4 pupils have been given access to SPARX. This is an online resource that gives pupils access to video examples, assessed homework and independent study opportunities.

- In October and from March we ran after school revision clubs for KS4 pupils. Teachers led the pupils through detailed study of the past papers in preparation for their formal GCSE examinations.
- Our KS4 and KS5 pupils benefit greatly from intense full day revision sessions which were provided before their modules. These sessions allow pupils to go into their examinations feeling confident that they are going to remember the methods and rules required for success.

## Modern Languages

- ‘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 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 successfully completed the OLA EXAM – a CCEA accreditation in their chosen language.
- Year 12 Language pupils achieved excellent GCSE results.
- One Year 9 pupil achieved Grade A in GCSE Irish and a Year 10 pupil achieved an A\*.
- Pupils’ achievements continued to be celebrated on Twitter and Facebook and we celebrated, as always, our Pupils of the Month in all three languages.

## Music

- In December we held our Green Lounge at Christmas which is a fantastic event for music pupils to showcase their talents as part of their music course
- Participated in the Choral Festival
- We held a virtual piano masterclass with concert pianist Richard Meyrick for our GCSE pupils
- The school choir sang at the school annual Carol Service and a variety of business during the Christmas season
- Cello Fella recital was held in December
- Derry Credit Union Young People's Awards – Sarah & Aoibh won ‘Contribution to the Arts’
- We hosted Le Foyer Des Artistes in June
- We held a recital from cellist Rafael Wallfisch (father of the renowned film composer Benjamin Wallfisch) as part of the Walled City Music Festival
- Participated in various events at the Jazz Festival
- Our Ukulele group raised over £900 busking in Foyle side with proceeds going to Autism NI
- Several Year 10 students produced an electronic dance track at Celtronic Studios
- We achieved 100% pass rate at GCSE Music and 100% Pass rate at A2 Level with Performing Arts

## Physical Education

### Athletics/cross-country

- Donegal Schools Cross-Country Championships- Year 8 team finished an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.
- District schools’ cross country- St Cecilia’s entered in 3 different age groups mini, minor, and junior. Sophie McAllister qualified for the Ulster School Championships at Mallusk.
- Year 8 cross-country team competed at the Northwest Cross-Country Championships on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January

- District Schools Track & Field Championships- Mini girls- Cara McCabe 2<sup>nd</sup> shot put, Sophie McAllister 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m, Casey Morrison 4<sup>th</sup> high jump, Nicole O' Kane 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m, Erin Kelly 4<sup>th</sup> minor high jump, mini 4x100m relay finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our best result from year 8 in several years. Harriet McCrossan 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m and 200m
- Year 8 finished won best overall team at the district schools and qualified for the Ulster Schools Y8 team competition. This is the first time the school has qualified for this competition.

### **Ulster Schools Championships**

For the first time in the history of St Cecilia's College Year 8 pupil Mary-Kate O'Neill picked up a GOLD medal in the 100m Para race at the Ulster Schools.

- Harriet McCrossan - 3<sup>rd</sup> SG 100m, Sophie McAllister- 7<sup>th</sup> 800m, Cara 7<sup>th</sup> shot put and the relay team finished 6<sup>th</sup>.
- In May the PE department celebrated success at Finn Valley Track: 60mH (u12) Casey (1<sup>st</sup>) Emily (3<sup>rd</sup>), 60mH (U13) Cara (2<sup>nd</sup>), Katie (3<sup>rd</sup>), 60m sprint Casey (1<sup>st</sup>) & Nicole (2<sup>nd</sup>), 600m Sophie (1<sup>st</sup>) Shot putt/Javelin Cara McCabe (2<sup>nd</sup>).

### **Swimming**

- We celebrated success at the Northwest Swimming Gala in June.  
U16- **Amy McLaughlin 1<sup>st</sup> 50m freestyle, Emily Meehan 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 backstroke**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 4x25m freestyle  
U14- 4<sup>th</sup> 4X25m freestyle relay  
U13 3<sup>rd</sup> 4x25m freestyle relay and Ava McLaughlin 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m freestyle.
- Year 8 relay team 3<sup>rd</sup> 4x25m freestyle relay

### **Gaelic**

- U14 Gaelic team made it to the semi-final of the of the Erne Shield
- U20 team made it to the semi-final of the Erne cup.
- U16 team made is as far as the quarter final of the Erne Cup.
- Year 8 participated to two GAA blitz's organised by Ulster Ladies GAA.

### **Football**

- Derry City FC visited the school with the FAI Cup
- Year 8/9 football team played in the Electric Ireland regional finals. They missed out on a semi-final place.
- We participated in the IFA NI Year 8 9-Aside Cup Fixture VS Castlederg High School which took place in February.
- Year 11/12 football team played in the Danske Bank IFA Northern Ireland Final.

### **Lidl Sport for Good Health Programme**

- St Cecilia's College were delighted to welcome Dr Michael McKillop MBE to the PE department. The school got selected to participate in a fantastic mental health programme with Michael and received £1000 worth of sports equipment.
- Michael McKillop Paralympian gold medallist spoke to our Year 8 & 9 pupils.

### **Camogie**

- U14 team entered a blitz in Magherafelt.

### **Badminton club**

- The PE introduced a badminton club this year for SEN pupils.

### **Fitness suite**

- The gym is available afterschool to ks3/4 pupils.

### **Sports Day**

- The PE Dept organised and hosted a fantastic sports day in June. This year we organised a sports day for each year group individually- it was a great success.

### **Awards**

- Kaci Deery and Faye Leonard were shortlisted for the Derry Credit Union Young People Sport Award.

## Religious Education

- In November our Year 13 & 14 Retreats in St Mary's Church
- We participated in the Fan the Flame event in Celtic Park
- Participated in the St Columba's Day Mass
- Organised masses for The Feast of Saint Cecilia, Leaver's Masses, Holy week services and the Carol Service
- We participated in the Sister Clare Crockett Retreat and one of our pupils gave a talk at the evening ceremony
- 18 pupils completed the gold award for the Pope John Paul II Award
- We fundraised for many charities throughout the year such as St Vincent de Paul and Trocaire
- We supported Diocesan events such as the Mass for Deceased Young People and Children
- We have daily rosary and adoration in the Oratory at 8.25am
- The RE department lead the Monday morning liturgical whole school assemblies.

## Science

- Science department took part in Sci Fest which was held in June
- One of Year 10 pupils won first prize at the Primary Engineer Competition in Belfast and a number of pupils were shortlisted for this competition
- Participated in Christmas Primary 7 workshops
- Staff visited and hosted Science workshops in local Primary Schools
- Year 8's attended a Lough's Agency event at the Millennium Forum
- 10 Peace, Mr Gill and Mr Lafferty attended the Balmoral Show
- A group of Year 9 pupils participated in the Amelia Earhart STEM Challenge at Magee

## Technology & Design

- Achieved excellent results at GCSE in line with the NI average
- Achieved excellent A Level results which were 14% above the NI average including grammar schools, 25% of our A Level pupils continued onto university to study a technology related course and 88% have gone on to university education.
- Gave talks about Technology & Design to visitors such as American university lecturers and St Mary's University visitors to the school
- Subject content for KS3,4 & 5 is now all available in an online platform to facilitate independent and virtual learning

## Travel & Tourism

- Continued growth of Department at GCSE with an intake of 2 Year 11 classes, increased from 1 class the year before
- Level 3 Results 100% Distinction - Pass
- Level 2 Results 87.5% A\* - C, 100% A\* - D

# Public examination Results 2022/2023

## GCSE

GCSE Achieving 5+ A\* - C = 96.46%

GCSE Achieving 5+ A\* - C including English and Maths = 68.14%

	Pupils	% A*-C
GCSE Art and Design: Fine Art	16	100.0%
GCSE Art and Design: Textiles	20	100.0%
OCN Business Studies	11	100.0%
GCSE Business and Communications	16	62.5%
City & Guilds Customer Service	18	100.0%
GCSE Design and Technology	8	75.0%
GCSE Drama and Theatre Studies	6	100.0%
CCEA Performing Arts -Drama and Music	9	100.0%
GCSE English Language	113	85.0%
GCSE English Literature	50	92.0%
GCSE French	8	75.0%
GCSE Geography	50	58.0%
GCSE Health and Social Care	50	72.0%
GCSE History	48	87.5%
GCSE Digital Technology	19	68.4%
GCSE Irish	18	88.9%
GCSE Mathematics	113	71.7%
GCSE Music	7	100.0%
Occupational Studies - Child Care	42	83.3%
Occupational Studies - Health & Social Care	11	81.8%
Occupational Studies - ICT	13	76.9%
BTEC Performing Arts - Dance	12	91.7%
Princes Trust	61	100.0%
GCSE Religious Studies	65	84.6%
OCN Religious Studies	44	100.0%
GCSE SA Science	43	62.8%
OCN Science	12	100.0%
GCSE DA Science	33	81.8%
GCSE Spanish	6	100.0%
GCSE Sport / P.E Studies	3	66.7%
OCN Sport / P.E Studies	5	80.0%
BTEC Travel and Tourism	16	87.5%

# A Level

A-levels Achieving 2+ A\* - E = 98.51%

A-levels Achieving 2+ A\* - C = 86.57%

A-levels Achieving 3+ A\* - E = 88.06%

A-levels Achieving 3+ A\* - C = 56.72%

	Pupils	% A*-C
GCE Irish	1	100.0%
GCE Art and Design - Fine Art	5	100.0%
OCR Health & Social Care	32	90.6%
OCR ICT	18	100.0%
CCEA Level 3 Performing Arts	5	60.0%
GCE Art and Design - Textiles	3	66.7%
GCE Mathematics	4	75.0%
GCE History	6	66.7%
GCE English Literature	6	100.0%
BTEC (Triple Award) Sports Coaching - LLS	7	100.0%
GCE Government and Politics	11	45.5%
BTEC Travel and Tourism	18	77.8%
BTEC (Double Award) Sports/PE Studies	1	100.0%
BTEC (Single Award) Sports/PE Studies	4	75.0%
GCE DA Life & Health Science	10	80.0%
GCE Religious Studies	7	85.7%
GCE Physics	1	100.0%
GCE Geography	9	77.8%
GCE Design and Technology	8	87.5%
Childcare Skills (KS5EQ_PT21)	4	75.0%
GCE Professional Business Services	7	42.9%
GCE Biology	1	0.0%



# POLICY DOCUMENTS

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

Acceptable use of ICT	Homework
Admissions Criteria	Hospitality Guidelines (EA)
Adverse Weather	Letting of Facilities
Anti-Bullying	Induction (Staff & Pupils)
Assessment	Library
Attendance (Students)	Literacy
Attendance (Support Staff)	Medicine Policy
Attendance (Teaching Staff)	Managing Infectious Diseases
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 & Sex Education
Disaster Recovery Plan	Risk Assessment
Disability and Accessibility	Salary
Disposal of Records	SEN
Drugs Education	Self-Harm
eSafety Policy	Smoking and Vaping
Eating Disorder	Social Media
Educational Maintenance	Special Educational Needs
Educational Visits	Staff Development
Emergency Management	Teaching & Learning
Equality Diversity and Inclusion	Teacher Well Being (CCMS)
Examinations	UCAS
Food in Schools Policy	Uniform
Guardian Angels	Use of ICT
Head Lice	Use of Reasonable Force and Safe handling
Health & Safety	

## Charities 2022 – 2023

Trocaire	£733.00
Foyle Hospice	£70.00
St Johns Ambulance	£50.00
St V De Paul	£1000
Foyle Hospice	£92.00
Autism NI	£924.38
Childrens Cancer	£50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2919.38</b>

## School Bank Accounts - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Bookstore	£832	Pupils	£51446
Charity	£2399	School Fund	£4424
Income	£6612	Sixth Form	£3
Lawlor	£22664	Staff	£704
Petty Cash	£840	ICT Fund	£100,000
P.T.A.	£4740		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£194,569</b>

## Summary of Bank Account Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Charity Account £	Lawlor Account £	Bookstore Account £	PTA Account £	Teachers Account £	Petty Cash Account £
Receipts	2785	4000	0	4366	538	9125
Transfers In		0				
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2785</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4366</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>9125</b>
Expenditure	-2136	-406	0	-4518	-730	-8285
Transfers Out						
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>-2136</b>	<b>-406</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4518</b>	<b>-730</b>	<b>-8285</b>
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	649	3594	0	-152	-192	840
Balance 1st Sept 2022	1750	19070	832	4892	896	0
Balance 31st Aug 2023	2399	22664	832	4740	704	840

  

	Pupils Account £	School Fund Account £	Income Account £	Visa Account £	ICT Account £	Sixth Form Account £
Receipts	110716	36136	9006	4893	0	4745
Transfers In						
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>110716</b>	<b>36136</b>	<b>9006</b>	<b>4893</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4745</b>
Expenditure	-103459	-47972	-2464	-4470	0	-8733
Transfers Out						
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>-103459</b>	<b>-47972</b>	<b>-2464</b>	<b>-4470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8733</b>
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	7257	-11836	6542	423	0	-3988
Balance 1st Sept 2022	44189	16260	70	-518	100000	3991
Balance 31st Aug 2023	51446	4424	6612	-95	100000	3

## CFF Budget 2022/2023

Teaching Staff Costs £3,387,118

Non-Teaching Staff Costs £521,353

Non Salary Staff Costs £3,639

***Sub Total*** £3,912,110

### Total Non-Staff Costs

Fuel Costs £166,834

Premises Costs £103,387

Books, Materials & Equipment £72,424

Exam Fees £93,198

Operating Costs £252,830

Transport Costs £20,367

Furniture & Fittings+ £23,205

Cleaning Costs £142,270

Income **-£20,552**

Capital £20,170

***Sub Total*** £874,132

**Total Expenditure** £4,786,242

CFF Funding **4,502,088**

SENCo Funding 50,904

**Total Budget** **4,552,992**

Engage Programme II 11,342

Engage Programme III 15,123

Period Dignity 7,654

Shared Education 404

Easter Revision Scheme 4,000

Extended Schools 24,246

Qualification Support Fund II 10,992

National Insurance Funding (Teach) 3,638

CFF Reduction 0.5% **-23,195**

Teaching Increment 12,017

Teaching NI Cont 17,261

Non-Teaching Pay Award 37,018

Non-Teaching NI Cont 2,389

Add Fund Electricity 17,478

Add Fund Gas 18,714

**Additional Funding** **£159,081**

**Total Funding** **£4,712,073**

## Staff Training 2022/2023

Date		IN-SERVICE
29.08.22	Baker Day	Special Educational Needs, GDPR and Child Protection
30.08.22	Baker Day	Learn Spark
30.09.22	Baker Day	Assessment, Teaching & Learning & Sensory Training
25.11.22	Baker Day	Dyslexia & Raising Standards
23.12.22	Staff Development	Departmental
04.01.23	Staff Development	Bullying in Schools Act
20.03.23	Staff Development	Literacy & numeracy
28.04.23	Staff Development	Departmental reviews
30.05.23	Staff Development	Safe Talk Training



# 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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