



ST KILLIAN'S COLLEGE  
CHALLENGE, NURTURE AND RESPECT

PROSPECTUS 2024





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# Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians  
and Students,

I want to extend to you a very warm welcome to St Killian's College Open Day. Choosing a school for your child is often a daunting decision to make. I am delighted that you have taken the time to read our prospectus and hopefully you will enjoy our Open Day this year. I know you will be very impressed with what we have to offer.

As an inclusive Catholic College St Killian's welcomes all students regardless of ability and background. Pastoral Care provision is excellent as our students are the centre of everything we do. Our wide, relevant and quality driven curriculum ensures that all are engaged and empowered to reach their full potential.

We want our students' experience to be enjoyable and for them to be challenged, nurtured and respected. All of our staff are highly dedicated, caring and hardworking. They strive to create an atmosphere of positive discipline which delivers top quality education for all in our College community. In fact, my wish for all students in the College is to be happy coming to school, happy in school and happy leaving school.

St Killian's is a progressive school which provides the best non-selective education for all the local children in our catchment area of the Glens and East Antrim. We are very proud of the fact that we have developed strong academic and sporting excellence. We have been consistently well above the NI Examination averages, lead school league tables and deliver for our students high quality outcomes which allows them to progress on their educational journey.

There is no doubt that this is a time of significant challenge and change in education, however, at St Killian's College, we are confident that we will be able to meet this challenge and continue to deliver high quality Catholic education to all of the young people in our community.

St Killian's College is in the process of progressing our New Build project which achieved planning permission in May 2022. The College and the Design Team have worked hard to develop a detailed design which has been agreed by the Department of Education. The expectation is that by 2024 the tendering documents will



be sent out to interested contractors. Once the Lead Contractor is appointed and the design reviewed, the New build project will be constructed through a number of phases and will create modern and future-proofed facilities for future generations of pupils and staff. The plans for the new build are on display in the College.

However, judge the College by our students, our staff and as you tour the Open Day be in no doubt that St Killian's offers a unique educational opportunity and experience.

I hope that our prospectus and your tour of the College will give you an introduction to the high quality education your child will receive at St Killian's. I look forward to developing a strong and meaningful partnership with you, as parents, to ensure that your child receives the best possible educational experience.

*J. Brady*

**J. Brady**

BA(Hons), PGCE, MSc HRM PQH (NI)



# CHALLENGE, NURTURE

At St Killian's College we are aware of the importance of a smooth transition to post-primary education. The pupils are supported throughout their journey into Year 8 in a number of ways;

- MidYis testing in June of Primary 7 to ensure appropriate class placement, consolidated by CCEA adaptive testing in English and Maths early in Term 1.
- Visits to all partner primary schools by Head of KS3 and the Learning Support Co-ordinator to review academic progress of each pupil and highlight any pastoral needs.
- Allocation of pupils to specific form classes with a dedicated Form Teacher, Head of Year and Head of KS3.
- Participation of all Year 8 pupils in the Accelerated Reader Programme.
- Fun day in August to meet your classmates.
- Orientation day with Form Teachers including a tour of the school led by KS5 Prefects.

Danann Gillan, 8KN – St Patrick's Primary School

***"I have really enjoyed making new friends in St Killian's and I am now learning new things in new subjects. The highlight though is definitely our school canteen!"***

Saoirse McKenna, 8KN- St McNissi's Primary School

***"I enjoy getting the bus everyday because it's a lovely drive. The driver is very friendly and talks away to me. I really like that."***



Fergus McIlroy- 8ML- St Brigid's Primary School

***"I enjoy St Killian's because I've met some brilliant new friends that I would never have met if I didn't go to this school."***

Saoirse Scullion- 8ML- Glennan Primary School

***"I enjoy PE most because there are great camogie opportunities here for me and being with my classmates on a pitch is better than just sitting in a classroom!"***



Lyla Marshall, 8LR – St Anthony's Primary School

***"When I first joined St Killian's I felt nervous but that quickly settled. I have really enjoyed learning new things everyday such as History and Spanish, but my favourite subjects are English and Music. The teachers are very supportive and ensure you are always challenged."***

Finn McKeown - Gleann Primary School

***St Killian's College is a wonderful place to be as you make new friends, learn new things and feel happy everyday.***

# AND RESPECT



- Year 8 Mass in September to allow parents the opportunity to meet Form Teachers, Year Head and Senior Leaders as part of our mission to promote strong parental partnerships.
- KS5 Prefects allocated to each individual form class who attend registration each morning and assist with class activities.
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who lead assemblies and provide pupil training as well as ongoing support for all Year 8 pupils.
- Extra-curricular lunchtime activities run by KS5 Prefects including uni-hockey, girls' and boys' soccer, Robotics Club, ICT and homework clubs.
- Lunchtime and after-school sport specifically for Year 8 pupils including girls' and boys' rugby hosted by Ulster Rugby coaches, Gaelic football, Hurling and Camogie.
- Extra-curricular workshops and events including a sponsored walk for Marie Curie, participation in a Roald Dahl Storytelling Festival workshop, SVP fundraiser for Children's Christmas appeal and end of year trip.

*Eimear Black 8ML – St John's PS*

*"I like the academic opportunities in St Killian's. Science is particularly enjoyable because I find the experiments fascinating. Like the time we made coloured fire. Pretty cool!"*

*Harry Blaney – 8AR- St Mary's*

*"The teachers here really want you to do well and encourage you to try your best. I enjoy all my subjects; Maths, Geography, Technology and of course Home Economics!"*



*Jasmine Woods- 8NN Corran Primary School*

*"I love St Killian's because when I walk through the doors, I am greeted by the lovely faces of the staff, especially the office ladies who always have something nice to say."*

*Sean McAuley- 8NN St Patrick's Primary School*

*"I love being in St Killian's because our sports teams are full of a variety of players from different clubs and the PE coaches are very nice people."*



*Rachel McGrogan- 8AR -St Mary's Primary School*

*"I really like the uniform as it makes me look smart and I feel proud to wear it as a pupil in the school. The teachers have all made me feel so welcome. I really enjoy it here."*

*Killian Graham 8AR,- Glenann Primary School*

*"I love food! The variety in St Killian's canteen is excellent. It's hard to beat a jambon at breaktime and the occasional tasty fry!"*



# Mission Statement



‘ST KILLIAN’S IS A CATHOLIC COLLEGE WHICH STRIVES TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE FOR ALL, WITHIN A HAPPY, SUPPORTIVE AND STIMULATING LEARNING COMMUNITY.’

## St Killian's College Prayer

St Killian

We ask you to bless and protect us all in our journey through life.

Guide us in our studies and inspire us so we can make the right choices.

Thank you for all those who help us at the College.

Make our College a safe place for us.

Help our teachers to lead the way.

Teach us to be good learners.

Help our parents to be there for us.

We cannot all do great things but we can all do small things with great love.

Help us to live out our motto: Caritas et Veritas in our everyday life.

Amen

Created by students in 2014

## Spiritually alive

Our school motto, ‘Caritas et Veritas’, refers to the love and truth of God in our midst: an important part of helping our students grow into well-rounded adults is their spiritual development. Alongside a robust Religious Education programme, we provide opportunities for our young people to deepen their knowledge of God, discover a love of rich, meaningful prayer, and act with social justice in caring for our neighbours.

To these ends, our school has many active programmes in place. The ‘Prayer Labs’ programme is designed to give our pupils experiences of many types of prayer relevant to their maturity. The Year 13 and 14 students are given the opportunity to volunteer for various roles in school and their parishes such as Eucharistic Ministers and to assist with our ‘Faith Friends’ who help to mentor pupils from St John’s Primary School, Carnlough, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All our students enthusiastically take part in the Christmas Toy Appeal and the Trócaire charity campaign.

We are also blessed to have a beautiful College Chapel; a perfect place for quiet reflection or to come together for services throughout the year. Whatever the faith background a student has, it is our ambition that students from Catholic, or other Christian traditions, will deepen their faith, and that all will see the beauty and value that it holds.

## Why St Killian's College?

# Excellence for All

At St Killian's College we have high academic standards. We are committed to excellence for all ensuring that children are both happy and successful, achieving their full potential through the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum.

### We aim to ensure that:

- Our students regardless of their background, ability or talent will succeed and be the best they can be.
- All of our students' achievements will be celebrated.
- Our students are encouraged to develop skills and values which make them effective learners and inquiring, critical thinkers prepared to take the initiative in life.
- Our students will foster habits of intellectual curiosity, reading, thinking, discussing and problem solving.
- Become independent and life long learners.



“THE VERY HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THE TEACHERS WHO INSTIL IN THE STUDENTS A BELIEF THAT WITH HARD WORK, THEY CAN EXPERIENCE SUCCESS.”

ETI STANDARD INSPECTION REPORT

# Why St Killian's College?



## Spirit of Enquiry

### Key Stage 3

All of our students in Years 8 – 10 will have an equal opportunity to follow a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Students will be allocated to classes that are best suited to their individual needs as indicated by Primary school reports and by diagnostic tests in Year 8. These are designed to assess their aptitude not only in literacy and numeracy, but also in their wider skill base.

Key Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to transfer between classes based on their educational achievements and needs measured by continuous formative assessments.

Subjects that students will study include:

- Art and Design
- Drama
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Home Economics
- ICT
- Irish
- Learning for Life and Work
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science
- Spanish
- Technology and Design

“THE KEY STAGE 3 CURRICULUM IS BROAD AND BALANCED AND MEETS EFFECTIVELY THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE STUDENTS.”

ETI STANDARD INSPECTION REPORT





# Happy and Successful

## Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4 a wide range of academic and vocational subjects will be offered in order to meet the needs and range of ability of all our students. St Killian's will collaborate with a range of educational providers to fulfil that aim. The students will study the choice of subjects that best suits their educational needs.

**“THE PUPILS EXPRESSED A STRONG SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR SCHOOL AND ALL WERE ARTICULATE AND CONFIDENT.”**  
 ETI STANDARD INSPECTION REPORT

Subjects that students are offered at

Key Stage 4 include:

- Agriculture
- Applied Science OCN Level 2
- Art and Design
- Business & Communication Systems
- Business Studies
- Child Development
- Computer Science
- Construction
- Digital Technology
- Drama
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Food and Nutrition
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Information and Creative Technology BTEC Level 2
- Irish
- Learning for Life and Work
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies
- Occupational Studies Technology and Innovation Level 2 - Construction
- Occupational Studies Business and Services Level 2- Cookery
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Princes Trust Achieve Programme Level 2 P.A.L.
- Religious Education
- Religious Studies OCN Level 2
- Science Double Award
- Science Single Award
- Spanish
- Technology and Design

# Post 16 Curriculum

At Post 16 students may choose three or four A Levels and/or Level 3 courses from the following suite of subjects.

The College will continue to adjust the post 16 curriculum offer to meet with the academic needs of the students and the demands of an ever changing society. Additional subjects will be on offer through collaborative arrangements between our partners in the Larne Learning Community.

The College also offers a wide range of Enrichment courses at Post 16 to widen students' knowledge and skill base and prepare them for Adult Life and the World of Work; these include:

- Autocad
- Careers
- GAA Coaching Award
- Gold Crest
- Heart Start
- Makaton (sign language)
- School Choir
- President's Award



Subjects that students will study include:

- Agriculture Level 3
- Business Level 3
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Construction Level 3
- Digital Technology
- English Literature
- Environmental Technology
- French
- Geography
- Health & Social Care Double Award
- Health & Social Care Single Award
- History
- Information Technology Level 3
- Irish
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Nutrition and Food Science
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Religious Education
- Spanish
- Sports Level 3
- Technology & Design
- Theatre Studies

“POST 16 HAS A VERY GOOD RANGE OF SUBJECTS COMPLEMENTED WITH A COMPREHENSIVE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME.” ETI STANDARD INSPECTION REPORT



# Academic Results

“OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS A NUMBER OF STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED HIGHLY AT GCSE AND POST 16 WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED BY CCEA AWARDS ACROSS A RANGE OF SUBJECTS.”  
ETI STANDARD INSPECTION REPORT

# GCSE Results

## GCSE LEVEL RESULTS (OR EQUIVALENT) 2022-2023

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 132

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C*	C	D	E	F	G	U	X	Q
Agriculture	21	0	5	6	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Art & Design	18	4	2	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Business & Comm Systems	15	0	0	2	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business Studies	44	2	7	8	10	7	4	3	1	0	1	1	0
Child Development	26	0	1	5	5	8	3	0	2	0	2	0	0
Computer Science	16	0	1	2	1	1	6	4	0	1	0	0	0
Construction	34	5	8	11	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Design and Technology	30	2	5	11	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Drama	5	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
English Language	132	3	25	24	32	29	14	2	1	1	1	0	0
English Literature	22	0	10	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Nutrition	19	0	4	3	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
French	9	0	0	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geography	17	0	4	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health & Social Care	51	0	8	14	11	10	3	4	1	0	0	0	0
History	27	1	7	12	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information Technology	5	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irish	16	0	1	7	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	132	8	19	28	23	24	16	9	2	1	1	1	0
Mathematics Further	21	5	9	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Media Studies	16	1	0	2	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Studies	18	0	2	6	4	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Physical Education	33	18	9	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polish	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religious Studies	93	5	25	26	13	11	7	3	1	1	0	1	0
Science Single Award	19	0	0	0	10	5	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Spanish	19	0	3	7	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subject (Double Award)	Entries	**	*A	AA	AB	BB	B1	C1	C2	CC	CD	DD	DE
Science DA	95	5	7	4	6	12	15	14	16	3	9	1	3

Subject (Level 2)	Entries	Dist*	Dist	Merit	Pass	U
Occ Stds Business & Services (Cooking)	9	0	2	5	2	0
Occ Stds Technology & Innovation (Con-struction)	12	0	1	9	1	1
OCN Certificate Applied Science	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	3
OCN Certificate in Information Technology	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	2
OCN Religious Education	37	N/A	N/A	N/A	34	3
Prince's Trust Achieve Programme	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	3



# AS Level Results

**AS LEVEL RESULTS (OR EQUIVALENT) 2022-2023**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 79**

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	U/X
Biology	23	7	4	3	5	3	1
Business Studies	21	1	7	10	3	0	0
Chemistry	9	5	3	1	0	0	0
Computer Science	10	5	3	2	0	0	0
Digital Technology	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
English Literature	6	2	0	2	2	0	0
Environmental Technology	9	0	6	1	2	0	0
Geography	8	2	2	2	1	1	0
Health & Social Care SA	16	6	7	2	1	0	0
History	6	3	2	1	0	0	0
Irish	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mathematics	23	8	7	4	1	2	1
Nutrition & Food Science	14	5	5	2	1	1	0
Physics	8	1	3	0	1	2	1
Spanish	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
Physical Education	10	7	3	0	0	0	0

AS Double Award	Entries	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DE
Health & Social Care DA	15	1	2	4	3	3	1	1

# A Level Results



## A LEVEL RESULTS (OR EQUIVALENT) 2022-2023

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 71

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U		
Biology	21	4	5	3	5	2	1	1		
Business Studies	16	1	1	5	7	1	0	1		
Chemistry	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Digital Technology	4	0	1	0	2	0	1	0		
English Literature	7	2	1	4	0	0	0	0		
Environmental Technology	8	0	2	0	3	3	0	0		
Geography	6	1	0	3	2	0	0	0		
Health & Social Care SA	13	1	7	5	0	0	0	0		
History	11	1	7	2	1	0	0	0		
Mathematics	15	2	8	0	3	1	1	0		
Media Studies	4	0	1	0	2	1	0	0		
Nutrition and Food Science	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Physics	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0		
Physical Education	8	2	0	3	3	0	0	0		
Religious Studies	5	1	0	2	1	1	0	0		
Spanish	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	0		
Theatre Studies	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0		
Subject	Entries	**	*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD-U
Health & Social Care DA	14	0	0	0	2	5	2	1	2	2

Subject (Level 3)	Entries	Dist*	Dist	Merit	Pass	U
Extended Certificate in Agriculture	4	0	4	0	0	0
Extended Certificate in Business	8	0	3	3	2	0
Extended Certificate in Construction	14	1	6	5	2	0
Extended Certificate in IT	8	1	4	3	0	0
Introductory Diploma in Sport	12	12	0	0	0	0

# STEM Success

Last year our students again availed of the many opportunities to engage in STEM activities afforded to them.

A group of Year 9 students competed in the well-known First Lego League competition held at W5. The competition enhances the students' computational thinking skills in programming the robots and generating ideas to solve the project problem. More than this, however, they provide opportunities for the students to work together, develop presentation skills and hone interview techniques. The preparation and build up for these competitions begin early in the academic year with teachers providing opportunities to work on projects at lunch time and after school. Although we didn't come away from the competitions with individual prizes this year, the students definitely came away with a determination to return and improve in the next academic year.

In 2022/23 we continued our involvement in Sentinus' flagship initiative, the R&D Project. We had a group of five Year 13 students, Dara McCollam, Niall Hynds, David Murray, Kate Clarkin and Thomas Irvine, apply and successfully join to form our Sentinus R&D team. The project title:



Design of Reusable Closed Energy Network was decided upon in consultation with our link engineer from Northern Ireland Electric. Our link engineer this year just happened to be past pupil, Sean Martin, who was extremely keen to explore and engage with our students on the project. Our students were charged with the task of helping bring about the electrification of the Copeland Islands via an operational medium voltage closed renewable energy network. The Copeland Islands

being isolated off the coast of County Down provided an ideal case study for exploration. The methodology used was to create a new concept that increases reliability, and sustainability by incorporating the hardware into the existing environment. Following extensive research and deliberation over potential solutions the team presented their findings in a project document. They then attended the judging and celebration event in the Cultural Hub in Royal Avenue, Belfast. Feedback from the judges was so glowing they decided that they couldn't take marks off any aspect of the team's presentation and scrutiny under questioning. The judges returned their feedback sheet with a 35/35 total attached, a fitting return for the time and effort the group put into this real-world problem.





## Sporting Achievements

# Sports and Extra-curricular Activities

**Hurling** – The College continues to compete at the highest level in Ulster, where our teams participate at A grade hurling level. Our Year 10 Hurlers won the inaugural Antrim Cup under lights at Dunsilly. This year our Leonard cup team were very unlucky to lose in the final to St Mary's CBS and who can forget last year's epic Mageean final at the Dub arena where our Senior hurlers were pipped at the post by St Louis. The Senior Team have worked hard to get back to the final again this year and hopefully will go one better.

There was also great individual success for our hurlers: Year 12 students Orin McCambridge, Calum McIlwaine, and Callagh Mooney were all awarded Future All Stars 2023. While John V Morgan, Joseph McLaughlin and Cormac McKeown were Danske Bank Hurling All Stars 2023. Our Year 10 and 8 Hurlers have the laid strong foundations for future All-star success by gaining Antrim Cup All Stars they include, Paddy Morgan, Dylan McNaughton, Shane McQuillan, Chair McCambridge, PJ Kelly and Brian McNeill. While Alex McCambridge, Thomas McLaughlin, Cahir McCambridge and Callagh Mooney all achieved Ulster Representative Honours this year.

A great many of our past hurlers continue to represent both Antrim and Ulster at all age group levels. In the present Cushendall Ulster Championship team there are 21 past pupils out of the panel of 30.

**Camogie** – The camogie team completed at the highest level in Ulster competitions, setting high standards against all the schools that they competed against. The Senior Camogie team were hugely successful in Ulster where they were in the Corn Uan Uladh Senior A final where they were beaten by a particularly good St Patrick's Maghera team. The Junior Camogie team were beaten in their semi-final and went on to compete at All Ireland level only to be beaten in the quarter final. The Senior Camogie 7s team went on to win the Ulster 7 a-side competition.

Not surprisingly there were a number of significant individual awards for our players. Lara Haughey, Abi McNeill, Cara O'Boyle and Orlaith McAlister achieved Ulster College All Stars. While Abi McNeill, Clodagh McPeake, Cara O'Boyle, Kady McNeill, Laura Black and Orlaith McAlister were part of the Antrim Minor team which won the A Shield title and the Ulster Championship. At U 16 level Eva McNeill, Maeve McAlister, Kady McNeill,





Laura Black, Meadhbh Graham and Leona Gillan represented the Antrim team which won the All-Ireland shield. This year our camogie team was recognised by the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council by being awarded the School Sporting Performance Award.

**Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football** – The tradition of Gaelic football continues to grow strongly in the College. The Year 8, 9 and 10 teams both got through to their semi-finals in the Antrim Schools competition. While the U15 ½ squad were Nagle Cup winner and the Year 9 and 10 squad are in the final of the Nannery Shield. This success resulted in Daire Higgins representing Ulster at U15, Colla Ward, Eamonn Ward, Niall Hynds and Cormac McKeown representing Antrim. The future for Gaelic Football in the College looks bright with PJ Kelly and Cormac McMullan in Year 8 and Paddy Morgan and Oisín McAllister in Year 10 receiving All-Star nominations.

Last year the U16 Ladies footballers were beaten Ulster quarter finalists while the U14 team were beaten by the eventual winners in the semi-final. Several students have representative honours for Antrim and Ulster in Gaelic Football.



**Netball** – Netball within the College has continued to enjoy a revival of late. The Year 8 and Year 9s netball teams competed successfully in the NEBSSA and Ballymena Leagues. Individual successes included Kate Ewings being selected for the NI A Under 19 and 21 netball teams.

**Soccer** – This year the soccer team have started very well with the Year 12 team winning the Mid Antrim Football leagues while the Year 11, 10 and 9 teams all were runners up in their respective competitions. While the Year 11 team are through their league blitz and the Year 9 team were runners up. The College was awarded the Irish FA School Quality Mark Bronze Accreditation for excellent levels of football provision for our boys and girls.

**Rugby** – Ulster Rugby continue to support the development of the sport within the College by delivering sessions in PE class, lunchtime and after school. The target in 2022/23 was to increase participation of girls playing rugby which has begun to bear fruit.

### Other Sports:

We have a number of other pupils who participate in a range of sports from sailing, Taekwondo, Judo and Boxing. Congratulations to Alistair and Sophie Aistion both of whom won gold and silver in their respective age groupings in Taekwondo. While Aedan McRandle, Brian Magill all have been successful in a range of boxing competitions. Finally, the Ward brothers have all been successful at various age groups of Judo with Dara winning the Year 8 and 9 NI Schools championship and Colla and Eamonn winning silver and gold at the Commonwealth U21 Judo Championship. Melissa Galway in Year 11 became the Galway Cumann Rince Gaelach U15 World Champion 2023.

In addition to actually playing the sports the College now has a proud tradition in developing both coaches and officials for games. This year the GAA foundation Coaching and Young Whistlers award saw a large number of Year 13 and 14 students completing their foundation Coaching Awards and Young Whistlers Award. While both Mollie McKeown and Melissa Galway were trained and awarded Ulster Hockey Young umpires.



The College offers a wide range of sports and extra-curricular activities; these include:

- Athletics
- Archery
- Camogie
- Cycling
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Gaelic Football
- Hurling
- Netball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Rugby

**Gaisce President's Award** -The President's Award is the most prestigious youth award in Ireland and is a challenge to you from the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins to dream big and realise your potential. The Gaisce experience is a challenge that involves the participation in four activities – you choose your own activities for each challenge area: Develop a Skill. Help your Community. Get Active. Go on an Adventure! Gaisce provides a structured approach to measuring and recognising a young person's personal development. It's not about the additional work but more the additional value Gaisce adds to your life. Gaisce is not a competition, just an opportunity for young people to push themselves to achieve their goals.



To achieve the Gaisce Award, the pupils take part in activities for at least one hour a week in each of the three challenge areas:

- **Personal Skill**
- **Community Involvement**
- **Physical Recreation**

Our focus for this group of President's Award pupils is to achieve a presence through community involvement projects in the school and the Glens. The pupils have recently participated in Faith Friends. This was a project that involved working closely with the local primary school in Carnlough to develop their faith and prepare the younger pupils for their sacrament of confirmation. The pupils gave up one hour per week on a volunteering basis. Other Volunteering activities that they will now complete are as follows:

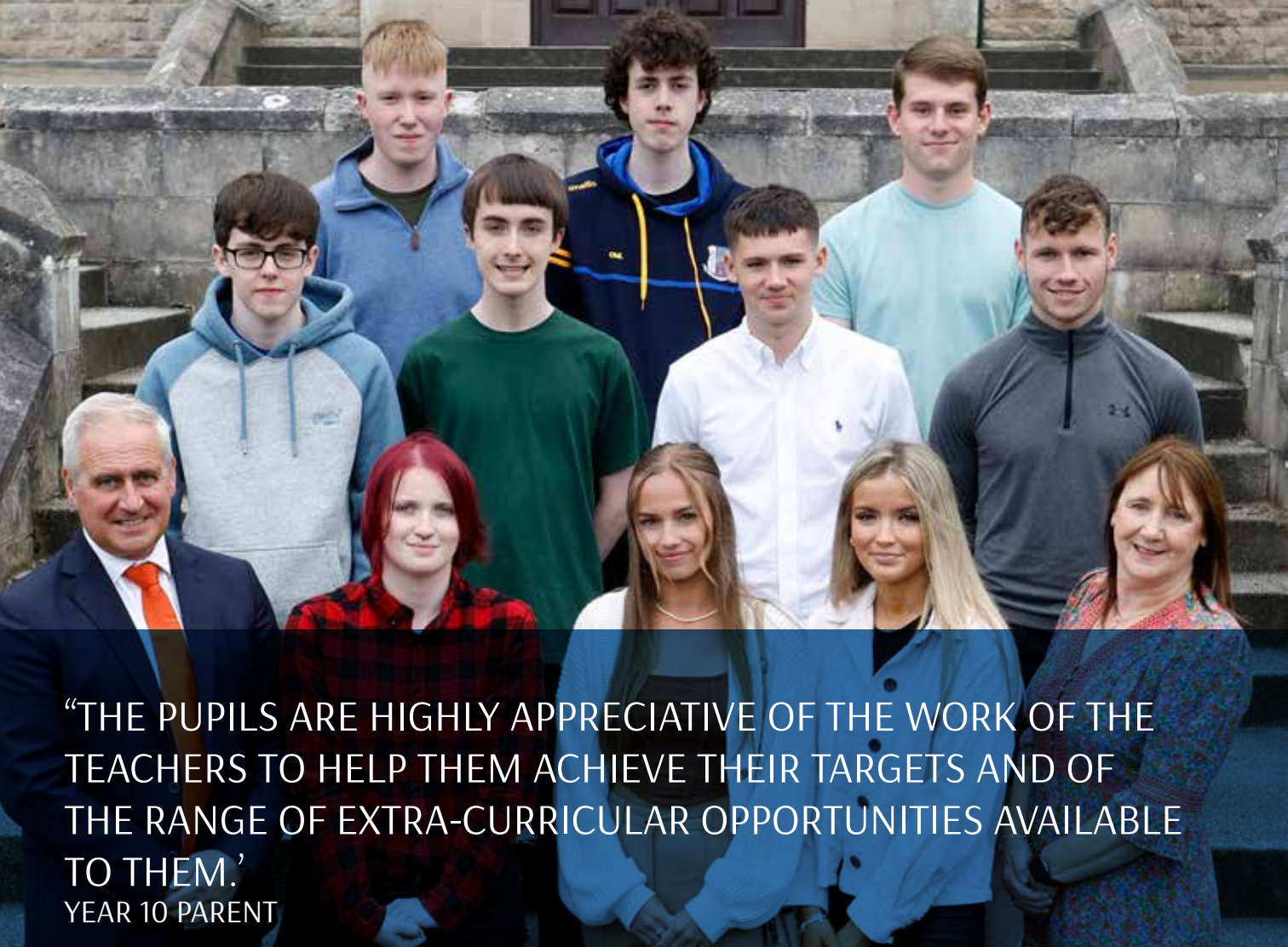
- **Gaelic Games Cul Camps**
- **Fundraising for in house projects**

They will soon undertake a 4-day hill walking expedition in the Lake District. The aim of this expedition is to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey as part of a team. The expeditions across all levels will involve one practice expedition and a qualifying expedition. Pupils will be hiking, camping and using small stoves to cook for the duration of the expedition.

A recent survey concluded that having a President's Award was the third most popular aspect which universities look for on an application form behind qualifications and work experience. There are many advantages of undertaking the President's Award and it is a worthwhile programme but it has proven to be physically, mentally and emotionally challenging for students.

This award has continued to grow throughout the school and we now offer the following awards in St Killian's College:

- **Gold – Lake District National Park**
- **Silver – Mourne Mountains Newcastle**



“THE PUPILS ARE HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK OF THE TEACHERS TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR TARGETS AND OF THE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM.’

YEAR 10 PARENT

- The wellbeing of our students is central to all that we do as a College.
- Communication with all of our College community is vital.
- We aim to meet every child’s needs.
- Your concerns will be listened to.
- Every step will be taken to resolve difficulties.
- The outcome will be reported to you as soon as possible.
- Parents are encouraged to play an active role in supporting the College in the promotion of good behaviour.
- Counselling services are available when needed.
- Bullying will not be tolerated.
- Every student will be expected to contribute in all aspects of College life to the best of their ability.

# Pastoral Care

## A Sense of Belonging

Our aim is to ensure that the College will be a happy community where all are respected, nurtured and listened to. A happy student is a successful person who will be committed to their life and add value to all that they do.

The welfare of the individual student is of paramount concern to all members of staff and we will promote the full academic and personal development of students within a child centred Christian environment. The form teacher has a detailed knowledge of the needs, aspirations, interests and academic progress of each student and integrates the work of teachers, parents and others to support the learning and development of students. This strong pastoral care system provides a network of support for all individuals and maintains close links with our parents to ensure that all students get the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Our students will become not only the positive contributors to society but will create and shape its future based on the values that they will learn in St Killian's.

We expect a high standard of behaviour from all of our students. The College prides itself on the family atmosphere that it creates which ensures that problems are detected and resolved at an early stage. Self discipline is a crucial part of the Pastoral Care Programme. We pride ourselves on the promotion of a positive reward system which leads students to take responsibility for their own actions and gives them confidence to act with justice. The College also works closely with outside government and voluntary agencies to deal with personal or social issues when they arise.





Why St Killian's College?

# Planning for the Future

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) forms an integral part of all students' programmes of study from Year 8-14. Students are enabled to become effective decision makers and are empowered to manage their own career development successfully giving due respect to their own needs, those of others and the wider community.

The 'CEIAG Learning Offer' underpins the careers provision across the whole school curriculum, taking account of careers education, careers information, the development of employability skills, work related learning and advice and guidance.

In Year 10, students begin to explore their personal strengths, skills and qualities. In order to assist research of potential career paths, students are introduced to the Skills Sector Council, STEM and school based 'work

related learning' opportunities. Each student will also receive an individual interview with a member of the Careers Department to ensure appropriate subject choice at GCSE.

In Year 12, students have the opportunity to research more fully the range of career possibilities within the Skills Sector that may interest them. They will explore all options available to them and will be assisted in making an informed career path choice at Post 16. To support this, all students will have access to a personal interview with a specialist careers advisor from the Careers Service NI and to externally facilitated employment programmes arranged by the Careers Department and other subject departments. Careers Fairs and Conventions promoted by local Business Enterprise Partnerships etc are used to further enhance our student experience.





In Year 13 the students' main focus is on the research of potential post 18 options, primarily Further, Higher and Degree apprenticeship options. This usually incorporates visits from representatives across a variety of institutions and trips to industry or conventions. They will also have the opportunity to experience the world of work through our work placement programmes as well as other work related activities. Students are encouraged to maintain a personal portfolio as they prepare for Post 18 career paths.

In Year 14 guidance and support is provided on the completion of application forms for UCAS, CAO, Universities in Europe, Further Education, US Scholarships, Apprenticeships etc... All students will be able to attend the local universities and Colleges Open Days as well as listen to talks from visiting speakers. The students are prepared for interviews and experience a mock interview.

## Student Destinations

Last year 92% of our Year 14 students secured their preferred College courses across the UK and Ireland.

St Killian's College has had students awarded All Ireland and The O'Fiaich Scholarships. Students are now applying successfully to higher apprenticeships in companies such as PWC and Kainos. Students are now applying successfully to Higher Apprenticeships in companies such as FP McCann, Kainos and PWC.

# A Message From Our Head Girl

I will never forget the nerves I felt when walking through the gates of St. Killian's College on my first day of school. The change seemed overwhelming, going from one classroom to ten, from one teacher to twelve. But after stepping into our incredible school, the nerves disappeared, and they were replaced with anticipation for the years ahead.

Feeling nervous for the transition from Primary school to Secondary school is a completely understandable emotion. However, I can assure you that our school provides the best possible support for anyone feeling this way. From our reassuring staff to our friendly pupils, you will always find someone who can help you, whether that's by helping you to find a classroom or by being a friend while you settle in. In fact, our Senior Prefect Team are always looking out for younger pupils and even take part in lunch time activities to help pupils gain confidence.

St. Killian's provides excellent extracurricular activities for people of all interests which are great opportunities to meet new people and make friends. Our sports clubs such as hurling, camogie, Gaelic, netball and football are all very successful and open to anyone. Having taken part in netball for several years I can say with great confidence that I enjoyed the experience and even made many friends. For those of you who aren't greatly interested in sports, our drama and art departments are very popular and provide opportunities for creativity and self-expression.



Having studied Biology, Chemistry and Maths at A-level and applied for Pharmacy at university I can assure you that St. Killian's College provides excellent academic support thanks to our devoted teachers. This devotion as well as the wide range of subjects available for GCSE and A level will allow for many doors to open for you in the future.

St. Killian's also provides many opportunities for pupils to learn while travelling abroad, such as the Rome trip and the Ski-trip. These trips allow our school to expand its education beyond this country and learn about different cultures in an adventurous way. The Rome trip is the perfect example of our school's values for the Catholic religion.

Moreover, the thing that makes St. Killian's stand out is its unique beauty and the surrounding views. Imagine having the privilege of saying, "I go to school in a castle." Even after spending nearly 7 years here, I am still amazed when I look out the window. We also have the privilege of having our own Catholic church. Overall, St. Killian's is an exquisite school full of opportunities and I feel honoured to have been Head Girl here and I believe that anyone would be lucky to attend school here.



# A Message From Our Head Boy

Seven years ago, I remember the nerves and fear of taking the next step in my education - a new adventure- secondary school. From being the oldest and wisest students in Primary School to entering a new, expansive environment teeming with unfamiliar faces.

I remember the bustling hallways, the frantic rush into the canteen, and the stress of getting accustomed to my new timetable. However, although these moments felt nerve-racking at the time I quickly became at home in St Killian's.

From the very first day, I began to build friendships with my classmates and realised that the staff were there to support us with this dramatic transition.

Transitioning from Primary to Secondary school can be daunting, but St. Killian's has an excellent pastoral support scheme that ensures staff are always ready to help, whether students feel lost or overwhelmed. To further this support, this year I have set up a new initiative to help with the transition to secondary education by developing a STEM Support Scheme to aid students' learning, enabling senior pupils to become mentors for students who may have learning barriers or may just find school stressful.

St. Killian's is a school that is dedicated to providing students with a well-rounded and diverse education. The Deputy Head Boy and I are proud to have started the Robotics Club this academic year. Designed for Year 8 pupils, the club offers an immersive experience in programming skills, where students code Microbits and BitBots to execute various tasks—ranging from programming them to play games to navigating mazes. The school's commitment to diversity extends beyond the realm of technology, as they offer an array of sports teams including but not limited to, hurling, camogie, Gaelic football, rugby, netball athletics, football and cross country and for those with musical talent, our



Comhaltas competes annually in the Larne Festival, while our choir is very active throughout the College. At St. Killian's, there's something for everyone, whether you're athletically inclined, musically talented, or interested in the world of robotics.

St Killian's also offers a range of extracurricular schemes and programs such as the Sentinus R&D Program which I was able to be involved in during Year 13. This program gave me the opportunity to work with NIE Networks, designing an electricity network using new technologies. This experience led me to gain a work placement with NIE Networks over the summer. Along with this work placement, my subject choices at A Level of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science have collectively influenced my decision to pursue a career in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

St Killian's College is not just a school; it's a part of the local community, offering support both inside and outside the school walls. In my seven years here, I've witnessed a remarkable community of people. It's a place where challenges are met with support, fostering a close-knit community that looks out for one another. St. Killian's College has played a significant role in my life, and I am honoured and proud to be the Head Boy of a school that has made such an impact on my education.



# Learning Support

## A Sense of Belonging

Provision for additional educational needs in St Killian's College forms an integral part of the whole school's overall policy in curricular and pastoral provision. The policy is informed by the caring Catholic ethos of the College; its practical procedures are shaped by the Code of Practice on the identification and Assessment of Special Needs established by the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, the Special Educational Needs Disability Order 2005 and the SEND Act 2016.

St Killian's College is committed to the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum, which offers equal access for all our students. As a College, we recognise that some students may have additional educational needs and we will make every possible arrangement to provide for their individual needs.

Students who have additional educational needs will be fully integrated in the everyday life of the College. The Learning Support Coordinator and Assistant Learning Support Coordinator working closely with the Senior Leadership and Pastoral Care Teams, will seek to identify those students who may experience barriers to their learning.

### AIMS:

- To provide a broad, balanced, relevant, and differentiated curriculum as a right for all students in our College.
- To ensure that all children with additional needs feel valued, have a positive self-image, and are encouraged to participate in all activities.
- To promote the inclusion of all students with additional needs.
- To create a caring and supportive environment in which students can contribute to the planned provision for their individual learning needs and are given some personal responsibility for their own progress.
- To identify children with additional educational needs as early as possible in consultation with all teachers and relevant personnel.
- To offer guidance and reassurance to parents of those children with additional educational needs, considering the wishes, feelings and knowledge of parents at all stages.
- To ensure that all teachers in the College have an opportunity to develop and utilise all resources in support of students with additional educational needs

Where identified, there will be a holistic approach to addressing these needs on an individual basis, in line with the Code of Practice.

St Killian's strives to provide effective working relationships with parents, external agencies and staff to ensure that the child is placed at the centre of the educational process in a caring and supportive environment.



## What help can be offered to pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability?

- A strong and experienced pastoral team
- Differentiated materials in lessons
- Teaching Assistant support
- Individual and small group literacy programmes
- Additional numeracy support
- A variety of programmes to help pupils improve their social skills and their behaviour
- Technology for access
- Personal Learning Plans
- A resourced SEN Hub with withdrawal small group teaching areas, social area, quiet reading room and sensory room.

## **How are pupils included in the planning for their support and provision?**

At St Killian's College, excellent relationships are fostered between students and members of staff to ensure all pupils feel comfortable and confident when having conversations about their education.

## **When a pupil requires additional provision, this will be explained to that pupil as appropriate.**

Pupils have the opportunity to voice any concerns or troubles they may be experiencing with their form tutors or any member of staff.

When reviewing provision, pupils will meet as appropriate with the LSCo, Head of Year or form teacher to resolve any worries they may have and promote understanding.

Well-established links and close co-operation with feeder schools ensures that appropriate provision is in place when pupils start St Killian's College. Parents and guardians are encouraged to provide relevant information about their child's special educational needs.

If a student is not making the expected progress, a record of concern will be raised by the student's form teacher before appropriate intervention and sourcing of additional support is put in place.

## **How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school?**

We have an outstanding Induction Programme in place for welcoming new pupils to the school. The LSCo and/or Head of KS3 will communicate with the primary SENCO and Primary 7 teacher to ensure all information is passed on and SEN information is transferred. Additional induction is provided to all as part of the normal induction process. Additional transition visits can be arranged for Primary 7 pupils by contacting the College.



# Drama and Music

The Drama and Music departments are a hub for creative expression and imagination. Pupils are empowered to share and develop their talents within an atmosphere of security, trust and respect.

At St Killian's there is a thriving Drama department where students from Year 8 – 14 flourish. The department's Drama Club is led by the Year 13 and 14 students at lunchtime. In addition there are regular trips to The Lyric, The Opera House and The Mac as well as visits to the Riverside Theatre, Coleraine. As a department, the outcomes for our students are of a very high standard with pupils progressing as far as Hollywood, where past pupil Seamus O'Hara has been recognised with a prestigious Oscar.

Similarly the Music Department offers a wide range of activities for students with differing tastes. There is a Irish Traditional group, a rock band and a beauty choir which recently performed for a TV audience on RTE. Furthermore, students can pursue other instruments which are offered through individual or group tuition by the peripatetic service, including guitar, piano and voice. Students are entered for Associated Board and Trinity College examinations in order to achieve their grades in the various instruments on offer.



# Take 5 Champions

We are very proud to be a Take 5 school. This year we have promoted Take 5 with our Key Stage 3 pupils who have voted to appoint Take 5 Champions. The role of the Champions is to actively promote positive relationships among students and staff around our school and to aid everyone's emotional wellbeing.

The pupils have been promoting health and wellbeing in the College and have made concerted efforts to ensure that we look after ourselves and each other. The Take 5 Champions have participated in a range of activities including mindful art competitions, leading assemblies and participation in shared education trips to Stormont and the Braid Arts Centre. Our work has been recognised by the EA and have been awarded with a Level 2 award.



# Student Council

The College has an active Student Council which is made up of representatives of all year groups. Each member took part in Student Council elections in September where they had to speak in front of their year group to convince them that they were the best person to represent their year group. The opinions of our students are frequently sought across a range of areas including Learning and Teaching, extra-curricular activities, lunchtime activities and student welfare (e.g.) Anti-Bullying Policy and Mobile Phone Policy. The council meets regularly and has been instrumental in creating the school badge, uniform and College Prayer which was created by the student body.



# Educational Visits

- Gold, Silver and Bronze Crest Awards.
- BT Young Scientist.
- Art Exhibitions.
- Digital Technology Exhibitions.
- Sentius Activities.
- Trips to Local and National Businesses.
- Ski Trip.
- Out Door Pursuits Activity Programmes.
- Geography and History Field trips.
- Theatre Visits.
- Educational Trips to England, France, Spain, Italy.
- Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
- Watersports Trip.
- Camp International to Kenya and Cambodia
- Emerald Park at end of Key Stage 3.



# Student Mentors

Our senior students are encouraged to give back to the College community. One of the most significant ways in which they do this is through our well defined mentoring system which supports students with difficulties and develops our Catholic beliefs.

- These mentors are involved in form class activities and build relationships with the younger members of the College community.
- We also have Anti-bullying mentors and class mentors.



# Applications and Admissions

## Admissions Criteria For Entry Into Year 8

**Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school.**

The Board of Governors of St Killian's College, has delegated to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which will comprise three Governors and the Principal, the authority to determine the admissions to the school. Preference will be given to students who are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the College over students not so resident.

If the number of applications is greater than the admissions number, the following Admissions Criteria will be applied in the order of priority set down below:

- 1. Applicants who have a sibling enrolled, at the date of application in St Killian's College.**
- 2. Applicants who are the eldest child in a family eligible to transfer to mainstream post primary education. This criterion covers "only children" and will treat twins or other multiples as joint eldest.**
- 3. Applicants who are children of the current permanent (including part-time) teaching, administrative, technical or ancillary staff of the school, or of staff due to take up such appointment by the 1 October.**
- 4. Applicants who, at the date of application, normally reside in any of the following parishes; Ballymena, Braid, Carnlough, Cushendall, Cushendun, Glenariffe, Glenarm, Glenravel, Larne.**
- 5. Applicants who attend any Maintained, Controlled or Integrated Primary School located within the boundaries of the parishes listed in criterion 4.**
- 6. In the event of oversubscription students will be admitted by a criterion that prioritises applicants where the letters of their name (as entered on a Birth Certificate) places them on a rank established by any order of all of the letters within the alphabet. Children will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on Birth Certificate) in the order determined by a randomised selection of letters carried out prior to the College receiving the online Transfer Forms.**

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In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetic order. In the event of two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.



## Transfer Between Schools

The College will welcome applications from students in years 9-13 who reside in the parishes listed above and who may wish to take advantage of the education that St Killian's will offer.

## Admissions To Year 8 After 1 September 2024

Parents who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1 September 2024 should write to the Principal clearly stating this. In the event of a vacancy arising the above criteria will be applied to these applications only.



## Duty to Verify

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any online Application Form/Transfer Form. The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within deadlines set by the College may result in the withdrawal of a place or the inability of the College to offer a place.

# Transport Arrangements

Students who transfer to the College and are entitled to free transport can complete the EA transport form which will entitle them to a bus pass. The College will have public transport arrangements for any student who lives within the catchment area of East Antrim and the Glens. For further details regarding transport arrangements contact the College so that queries will be dealt with prior to September.

## Contributing Primary Schools

The College will serve all of the communities of East Antrim and the Glens. The College will endeavour to provide seamless transition from primary to post primary school and welcome children from all traditions whose parents wish them to benefit from the opportunities for personal and educational development offered by St Killian's.

The College will serve all of the students who live in the following parishes or who attend primary schools in those areas;

- Ballyclare
- Ballymena
- Braid
- Carnlough
- Carrickfergus
- Cushendall
- Cushendun
- Glenariffe
- Glenarm
- Glenravel
- Larne

# Children Flourish in this Unique



# Environment



## Charges and Remissions Policy

The Board of Governors of each grant-aided school is required by the Education Reform (NI) Order 1989 to establish a charging policy for activities funded from resources under its control.

The policy of the College is to charge:

1. The costs of board and lodging for all students on residential field trips (when such field trips take place mainly within school hours parents in receipt of Income Support will have these charges remitted if they so request);
2. The cost of residential and non-residential field trips wholly or mainly outside school hours when the student's participation has been agreed in advance by the parent; the charge will include the cost of travel, entrance fees, equipment and materials and, where appropriate, board and lodging;
3. The cost of breakage and / or fines deemed necessary as a result of a student's misbehaviour;
4. The cost of entering a student to sit or re-sit an examination where no preparation has been provided by the school or where a student is re-sitting a modular element for a second time;
5. The cost of any re-marking of public exams when requested by the parent;
6. The cost of individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument;
7. The cost of optional extra activities, including transport, which are not an integral part of the school curriculum and where participation is on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet such charges as are to be made.

*Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Prospectus is correct at the time of going to press.*



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