



ST KILLIAN'S COLLEGE
CHALLENGE, NURTURE AND RESPECT

PROSPECTUS 2025





Board of Governors:

Mr Sean Doherty (Chair)

Mr Jonathan Brady

Mr Stephen Conway

Mr Brian McAuley

Mr Denis McKay

Mr Neil McManus

Mrs Mairead Scullion

Mrs Catherine McLaughlin (Vice Chair)

Mr Kieran Downey

Mr Tim Lowry

Mrs Anne McCaughan

Mr Martin McKendry

Mrs Diana Press

Mrs Portia Woods



www.stkillianscollege.co.uk

 @StKillians

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 2025 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



I have really enjoyed the first months at school. I like loads of things in St Killian's. Like the food, the teachers, learning new languages and subjects. I have made new friends, I play camogie in school, we have a range of different sports, computer club, and other activities that happen at lunchtime. I also like to go to sports. It's great that we can get out of school for a few hours for school.

Heidi McKinley, 8KN



I love St Killian's College as it is a great school to be at. The staff are very nice and very helpful as they have helped me to find great friends that never fail to make me smile.

Charlotte McKillop, 8LR

St Killian's is a good school. All the teachers are kind and help you when you don't understand something. My favourite thing about St Killian's is getting to meet new people and all the different subjects.

Charlotte Lilley, 8LR



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.

St Killian's is the best school to go to. All of the teachers are so supportive, funny and patient. Everyone in the school is so friendly and positive. Even when you are working hard the teachers still make the class fun. I found the experience so great in my first few months.

Holly Blaney 8SL

St Killian's is good because the teachers are really nice and are always there to help with your work and anything that you might be worried about. You make good friends in your form and split classes.

Niamh Cattigan 8SL

I love being at St Killian's because of the wide range of chances you get to be able to do something that suits you and your talents.

Zoe Lynn 8SL

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.

I have enjoyed many things at St Killian's so far, like how the teachers are so nice and how everyone here welcomed me in on my first day. Also, the older pupils who helped us fit in and have fun. The dinner ladies who provide us with food are so kind and caring. The matron who whenever we feel sick will help us and make us feel better. The bus drivers are also very nice and funny.
Emma Mitchell, 8KN

My experience at Garron Tower so far is unbelievable. I love coming to school every day it is so much fun. My favourite subject is PE and if you like sport there is plenty of it and all the teachers are friendly and kind. My favourite sport is hurling!
Odhran McLaughlin, 8LR

I love being at St Killian's College. I love coming everyday and just knowing that there is a warm greeting in the morning.
Daniel Holmes 8NN



Everyone at St Killian's College is really friendly have made lots of new friends here. I also like our school uniform, it makes me feel grown up! I wear it every day with pride. I really enjoy PE because we learn new sports and do fun activities.

Isaac Foster 8 ML

I Love St Killian's because I have made lots of new friends and got opportunity to learn new subjects. I like the freedom of being able to move classes every 44 minutes. A day in St Killian's is never boring.

Eva Norris 8ML



I really enjoy going to St Killian's because every day there is always an older student who is wanting to help and I cannot wait to be that person one day. I also like that there are so many sports on offer. I do not regret going to this school because it is fantastic!

Sean McKillop 8NN

I love St Killian's because I have met a few brilliant new friends who I wouldn't have met if I hadn't decided to come here. The view is awesome and the teachers are great!

Amelia Osinska 8NN

I like St Killian's because I like making new friends and I really like the canteen because you get to choose whatever you want for break. The food is scrumptious.

Evie McCambridge 8NN

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?



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
- Occupational Studies Business and Services Level 2
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Princes Trust Achieve Programme
- 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) 2023-2024

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 128

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C*	C	D	E	F	G	U	X	Q
Agriculture	18	0	2	5	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Art & Design	16	0	2	2	3	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Business & Comm Systems	20	0	0	4	3	3	6	1	2	1	0	0	0
Business Studies	22	0	4	3	2	5	6	1	0	1	0	0	0
Child Development	24	0	1	2	6	4	4	4	3	0	0	0	0
Computer Science	17	0	0	4	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	39	3	5	12	8	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
Design and Technology	16	0	2	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Drama	9	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
English Language	128	3	24	28	26	29	10	8	0	0	0	0	0
English Literature	25	4	12	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Food and Nutrition	19	0	1	4	2	4	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
French	28	2	2	6	4	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Geography	40	0	3	5	7	7	8	6	3	0	1	0	0
Health & Social Care	31	0	3	6	4	9	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
History	37	3	12	9	7	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Italian	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	128	3	23	31	21	22	11	7	6	3	1	0	0
Mathematics Further	15	2	3	4	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Media Studies	11	2	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Studies	15	0	3	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Music	8	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Education	37	6	9	9	4	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Religious Studies	92	9	23	17	16	8	5	5	3	4	2	0	0
Science Single Award	28	0	0	0	13	9	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish	27	3	5	2	6	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Subject (Double Award)	Entries	**	*A	AA	AB	BB	B1	C1	C2	CC	CD	DD	DE-X
Science DA	93	2	6	5	1	9	16	14	15	10	5	5	5

Subject (Level 2)	Entries	Dist*	Dist	Merit	Pass	U
BTEC Information Technology	25	0	0	4	21	0
Occ Stds Business & Services (Cooking)	3	0	2	1	0	0
Occ Stds Technology & Innovation (Construction)	16	0	5	10	1	0
OCN Certificate Applied Science	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A
OCN Religious Education	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	34	N/A
Prince's Trust Achieve Programme	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	N/A



AS Level Results

AS LEVEL RESULTS (OR EQUIVALENT) 2023-2024

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 83

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	U/X
Art & Design	5	0	0	2	2	1	0
Biology	14	3	2	2	3	3	1
Business Studies	12	1	5	3	1	2	0
Chemistry	7	2	3	1	0	0	1
Computer Science	5	0	3	0	1	0	1
English Literature	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Environmental Technology	11	0	2	3	3	3	0
Geography	8	2	1	4	1	0	0
Health & Social Care SA	16	2	8	6	0	0	0
History	9	1	7	1	0	0	0
Mathematics	16	7	6	1	2	0	0
Media Studies	3	0	1	2	0	0	0
Nutrition & Food Science	7	1	2	3	0	1	0
Physics	6	1	1	1	2	0	1
Religious Studies	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
Spanish	4	1	0	0	2	1	0
Physical Education	19	7	3	6	3	0	0

AS Double Award	Entries	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD-U
Health & Social Care DA	16	0	0	3	3	6	2	2

A Level Results



A LEVEL RESULTS (OR EQUIVALENT) 2023-2024

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 76

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U		
Biology	22	1	3	6	1	7	4	0		
Business Studies	19	0	2	1	5	9	2	0		
Chemistry	9	1	4	2	1	1	0	0		
Computer Science	10	1	2	1	5	0	1	0		
Digital Technology	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0		
English Literature	6	0	1	1	3	1	0	0		
Environmental Technology	8	0	0	6	1	1	0	0		
Geography	7	0	1	1	2	3	0	0		
Health & Social Care SA	15	0	5	9	1	0	0	0		
History	6	0	2	4	0	0	0	0		
Irish	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		
Mathematics	22	2	8	3	6	3	0	0		
Nutrition and Food Science	14	0	1	8	5	0	0	0		
Physics	6	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		
Physical Education	10	0	3	6	1	0	0	0		
Spanish	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		
Subject	Entries	**	*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD-U
Health & Social Care DA	15	0	0	1	0	5	3	2	3	1

Subject (Level 3)	Entries	Dist*	Dist	Merit	Pass	U
Extended Certificate in Agriculture	5	1	2	1	0	1
Extended Certificate in Business	9	0	1	5	3	0
Extended Certificate in Construction	6	1	1	3	1	0
Extended Certificate in IT	2	0	1	1	0	0
Introductory Diploma in Sport	12	2	6	4	0	0

STEM Success

Each year our students become involved in a wide range of STEM projects and initiatives which encourage them to develop an interest in these crucial areas as well as gaining valuable links with our local employers.

Last year a group of Year 10 students competed in the annual 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, they had a very successful day, coming in 6th place on the robotics challenge. The pupils really enjoyed being able to liaise with our partners at Caterpillar who were a massive help as always. Some are already looking forward to coming back next year to improve our finishing position again.



In 2023/24 we continued our involvement in Sentinus' flagship initiative, the R&D Project. In recent years we have built up good working relationships with NIE Networks as our link company. Aside from the opportunity to work towards a solution for a real-world problem, our students avail of the experience and expertise of link engineers. They are able to provide invaluable insight into the variety of career paths available to our young people at a stage when they are making important decisions for themselves. This year our group focused on the project title- 'Understanding Frequency and The Need for Network Monitoring'. With our network facing frequency losses during peak load times (5-9PM) due to an increased usage in power at this time. Our team was charged with finding a solution as we begin to transition to net zero. This kind of experience provided to our students will undoubtedly stand them in good stead for future endeavours into STEM careers.





Sports and Extra-curricular Activities

Sporting Achievements

Hurling – The College continues to compete at the highest level in Ulster, where our teams participate at A grade hurling level. Our Hurlers had a hugely successful year, one that I will never forget. Our Senior Hurlers began by winning the Mageean Cup in January which was a first for St Killian's, and bringing it back to Garron Tower for the first time in 60 years. The team then went on to become All Ireland Champions, defeating Portum-na from Galway in the semifinal and Blackwater College from Waterford in the final to win the Paddy Buggy Cup for the first time in our history. Congratulations and thank you all the mentors involved, to our local clubs, to our parents but in particular to a special group of players who truly deserve all their success.

Not surprisingly this success was also reflected in individual successes for Conor McCann as a QUB Future Star and to our at the six Ulster Schools Hurling All Stars - Joseph McLaughlin, Cormac McKeown, Orin O'Connor, Thomas McLaughlin, Colla Ward and Callagh Mooney.

In Junior Hurling the Year 10 Hurlers won the Antrim Shield which was played over several blitz days. The Year 8 hurlers were runners up to in the Antrim Schools Cup, both of these games were streamed live over Facebook and were under

lights at Dunsilly which is a great experience for the boys and mentors. Our Leonard Cup Hurlers deserve special mention as they were beaten by a last-minute goal in the Ulster Final by St Mary's Belfast in what was an excellent final at the DUB QUB.

Camogie – Camogie – Our camogie teams have competed at the highest level in all Ulster competitions since 2022, setting high standards against all the schools that they come up against. The Senior Camogie team have been hugely successful in Ulster where they were in the Corn Uan Uladh Senior A final in 2023 and 2024 where they were beaten by a particularly good St Patrick's Maghera team on both occasions. The Junior Camogie team also followed suit and featured in the 2023 and 2024 Corn Eimhear A finals, but unfortunately losing out to Maghera again.

Not surprisingly there were a number of significant individual awards for our players. Kady McNeill, Laura Black, Amy McAlister and Eva McNeill achieved Ulster College All Stars in 2024. While Maeve McAlister and Amy McAlister achieved QUB Future Stars in 2023.

We have had great representation at county level this



year with Laura Black, Rhianna Black, Kady McNeill and Leona Gillan all representing Antrim at U18 level. Whilst Maeve McAlister, Amy McAlister, Eva McNeill, Tamara Black, Erin McNaughton, Niamh McCollam, Laoise McCollam, Mia McKeegan, Kiera McLaughlin, Eimear Ward, Clíodhna Thompson and Laoiseach McNaughton all playing for Antrim's U16 and U15 teams.

Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football – The tradition of Gaelic football continues to grow strongly in the College. In Gaelic Football our Year 9 boys were JJ Reilly Shield Finalists while the Year 8 and 10 boys participated in the Antrim Schools Shields.

In Ladies Gaelic Football our U14 girls reached the Ulster semi-final and were beaten by a strong Fermanagh team and Meabh O'Kane, who was selected to play for Antrim, won the Ulster and All-Ireland U14 Championship.

Netball – Netball within the college is experiencing a revival. The Year 11 and 12 teams recently participated in the NEBSSA tournament at Ulster University, where their performances showcased their potential and dedication. Our Year 8, 9, and 10 teams will compete in the same tournament for their respective age groups in the new year, and we look forward to seeing their growth and achievements.



Soccer – The soccer teams have had an outstanding start this year. In football our Yr 11 boys were the Mid Antrim Schools League and Cup Winners for 2024 Our Year 10 team remained undefeated at the MASSFA 7-a-side blitz and were the NEBSSA 5-a-side Winners for 2024. The Year 12 team secured the runner-up position in the Mid Antrim Secondary School League. Both the Year 10 and Year 12 teams are making excellent progress in the NI Plate and are hopeful of reaching the final.

Alec Watson in Yr12 was selected to represent NI in U16 football and Grace McAlister in Yr11 was selected to NI Women's U15 squad. Outstanding achievements from two players who are totally committed to their sport.

Our football coaches in the college deserve special mention as they were 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. In Judo, Michael Dinning in Yr10 is the NI Schools Champion. Eamonn Ward is the 2023 U21 Commonwealth Judo Champion, not to be outdone his brother Colla is the 2024 U18 All Ireland Champion and the youngest brother Dara is the Ulster U15 Champion. Melissa Galway in Year 11 became the Cumann Rince Gaelach U15 World Champion 2024.

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

During my time here at St Killian's I have received an invaluable education as well as endless support and guidance from my fellow peers and staff. The transition from primary to secondary education is vast yet thanks to the incredible teaching staff my experience felt seamless. Walking through the school gates on my first day was nerve wracking, however as soon as I stepped inside for our introduction the nerves dissipated and I knew that St Killians was where I needed to be.

Many support systems have been put in place by staff and students to lessen certain challenges new students may face. Examples include designated senior prefects for each junior form class, first year lunchtime clubs and a range of sporting teams all designed to accommodate each one of our new students. Having had the privilege of being involved in these activities this year I have seen so many quiet young students begin to integrate and involve themselves in their year because of these support systems. It has been truly rewarding to witness.

In previous years St Killians has seen many students go on to become highly successful once they enter the world of work. This is not only due to the high calibre of teaching St Killians has to offer but also due to the devotion staff show in instilling courage and confidence into their students from foundation years right up until Sixth form as they prepare to leave. Another way St Killians sets its students up for success is by offering them opportunities to partake in many enrichment activities such as public speaking competitions and the GAISCE presidents award.

St Killians is constantly innovating and improving and I have seen this first hand during my time here at school. Over the years I have seen notable changes be made to teaching styles, classroom management, timetable arrangement and facilities. This would not be possible if it weren't for senior



staff members and their open minded attitude towards evolving and changes for the better. Having said this, one thing about St Killians is that it still holds traditional values that I doubt will ever change in the following years such as religious education across a majority of faiths, charity contributions and policies which maximise efficient learning and minimise distraction such as the mobile phone policy. All of these examples exhibit our ethos as a catholic school institution.

St Killians is located in a rural setting rich with nature and beauty. It is a truly unique aspect of the school and one that I appreciate on the bus into school every single morning. The setting also holds practical value as it provides a quiet, uninterrupted environment for learning and facilities for many sporting activities such as cross country trails and sporting pitches.

In all accounts St Killians is a fantastic school with so much to offer its students. At Its very core it wishes the very best to each and every one of its students as they are guided through secondary education. St Killians strives to give its students the best possible start in life no matter what path they take. It has been a true honour and privilege to serve this school as the head girl and I wish the very best to all the subsequent students who will enjoy the same experiences I have enjoyed throughout my time at St Killians.

A Message From Our Head Boy

Seven years ago, I remember feelings of excitement and enthusiasm tinged with a touch of apprehension, as I embarked on the next chapter of my education. I entered a new, yet illustrious environment overflowing with total strangers; many of whom would later become my classmates and good friends.

The transition between Primary and Post-primary school, for many, is an extremely nerve-wracking experience. I had a fantastic pair of year 14 prefects prepared to welcome me. These pupils made my start at Post-primary a much smoother and enjoyable experience.

St. Killian's exposes students to a broad range of subjects and ideas, encouraging curiosity and creativity. Pupils discover their passions and strengths through various curricular areas, teams and clubs, which can guide future careers and aid personal growth. The school has an exceptional Pastoral Care team, who meet the needs of each individual pupil. Senior pupils have the opportunity to help younger students overcome learning barriers, for example, by becoming mentors to younger pupils.

St. Killian's prides itself on providing a well-rounded education for all. This year the senior prefect team have created and organised a wide variety of lunchtime activities for year 8's. These activities include sports clubs, such as soccer, GAA, uni-hockey, ball games and table tennis; in addition, there are drama, board games, ICT and debate clubs. Our hope was that these activities would foster social interaction, helping Year 8's to learn to collaborate and build new friendships with one another. Extracurricular activities play a crucial role in a student's development beyond academics by creating a balance. St. Killian's offers a range of sporting opportunities including, football, hurling, camogie, Gaelic football, netball, rugby and athletics. I have thoroughly enjoyed my sporting experiences, earning myself an Ulster Schools medal in both Gaelic football and athletics. I captained the football team throughout our Ni

cup run as well as to a mid and East Antrim medal. Off the sports field the school offers many other opportunities including public speaking, musical and technological competitions.

St. Killian's offers a range of school trips, allowing students to learn practical skills and make memories that last a lifetime. I had the opportunity to take part in the Gold President's Award in June. This trip gave me the opportunity to see a new part of the world, giving me a new perspective on nature and teaching me valuable life skills. In January I travelled to France with the college for the ski trip. This trip allowed me to visit a new country and participate in a sport I would not have otherwise had the opportunity to try. Other trips the school offer include a Rome trip with the and a Madrid trip, enabling students to learn about different cultures, languages and people.

The school has also offered me a range of opportunities to get involved in all aspects of school life. In year 12 I became a Key Stage 4 Ambassador, becoming a school council member and a Eucharistic Minister in year 13. Being involved in both committees gave me the opportunity to develop my teamwork and communication skills, through providing my own ideas to help improve the school, in conjunction with listening to the ideas of others. At school I have participated in many charity fundraisers, including Saphara and St Vincent de Paul. This has developed my sense of social responsibility, as well as helping develop my leadership and interpersonal skills.

St. Killian's is much more than a school. Teachers and pupils alike pride themselves on a positive and supportive ethos, where staff do not view pupils as a number, but rather, they take time to build relationships and dive deeper into the lives of each individual student. I am extremely grateful for the time I have spent at the college; it has played a considerable role in my growth and development. I feel honoured to have the privilege of being Head boy of such a wonderful school.





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.

Autism Impact Award

We are delighted and proud to announce that St.Killian's College has been recognised as an Autism accessible environment through our achievement of the Autism Impact Award. This award recognises organisations that provide inclusive and welcoming environments for their employees and pupils with Autism.



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.**

B H C D Mc O M N Mac U E F K J P A I Z T S W X Q G V Y L R

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 2025

Parents who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1 September 2025 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.



ST KILLIAN'S COLLEGE
CHALLENGE, NURTURE AND RESPECT

25 Tower Road
Carnlough
Co. Antrim
BT44 0JS

t. 028 2888 5202