



ST KILLIAN'S COLLEGE
CHALLENGE, NURTURE AND RESPECT

EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



PROSPECTUS 2026



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



CARITAS ET VERITAS



Welcome to St Killian's College.

There are few decisions more important than choosing the right school for your child, so we are delighted you have taken the time to explore what makes our college so special.

St Killian's is a progressive, all ability school serving the Glens, East Antrim and beyond. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive Catholic community. Our School Motto, 'Caritas et Veritas', encourages our students to live with compassion and seek truth in their lives. It is a core value, emphasising the spiritual development of our young people alongside academic excellence. It guides our staff to nurture within our students, the desire to seek knowledge and to improve the world around them through their everyday actions. Our students have opportunities to foster their faith through prayer and liturgical services in our beautiful on-site College chapel. Students from the College also take part in the Faith Friends programme and the Pope John Paul II Award to deepen their faith. In addition, we live out our motto with a rich history of supporting local and global charities. Both staff and students are aware of social justice and this is something which permeates the entire school experience.

We offer a wide, high-quality curriculum designed to engage, challenge and empower students to reach their full potential.

We are proud of our strong record of academic success and consistently perform above Northern Ireland averages. The academic provision we offer enables those seeking top grades to excel, and year on year we are delighted by their achievements. However, what makes us truly unique is the understanding that success takes many forms, focusing on the holistic development of the child.

The staff here are passionate about helping our students to grow — not just academically, but socially and emotionally too. We understand that children learn best when they feel happy and secure, therefore pastoral care is central in ensuring that everyone in St Killian's feels valued and respected. Our pastoral care system puts our students at the centre which allows our dedicated and caring staff to work tirelessly to create a positive and respectful environment where learning thrives. Quite simply, we want every student to be challenged to be their best, nurtured as a unique individual and respected in a diverse and rich environment.

At St Killian's, we firmly believe in the power of partnership. We foster a strong ethos of teamwork by working closely with our families and the wider community. Together, we ensure our students receive the very best experience to leave us as confident, well-rounded young adults, ready to take on the world with resilience and ambition.

The Enrichment Curriculum is strong in the college, students have opportunities to take part in a wide range of activities. We have a proud tradition of competing in a wide variety of sporting competitions at all levels. Students also avail of enrichment experiences in Music, Drama, Languages and STEM. Students have enjoyed trips across Ireland, Europe and beyond, gaining an understanding of the world we live in and making memories they will cherish forever.

Excitingly, we are moving forward with our New Build project, which will deliver modern, future-proof facilities for generations to come. This is part of an inspiring vision for the future which will benefit both our college and the wider community.

Join us for Open Day where you will tour the school, meet our staff and students, and most importantly experience the vibrant atmosphere that permeates our school. We are sure you'll see that St Killian's offers a truly unique educational opportunity. Together, we can ensure your child enjoys a rich, rewarding, and successful school experience.

We look forward to welcoming you into the St Killian's community.

Bernie Haughey
Acting Principal

“THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO HELP US AT THE COLLEGE ”



Teaching Staff.



LSAs.



Office Staff and Technicians.



Kitchen Staff.



Challenge, Nurture, Respect

SCHOOL ETHOS



Our school provides a family environment which is Christ centred, and child centred encouraging our pupils to reach out to the wider community including other traditions, denominations and cultures.

“Our school ethos unites us all. I love that every morning the teachers greet you with a warm welcome. They are so nice. I have made many new friends. I really recommend coming here. It is a great school and my experience at St Killian’s has been amazing so far.”

Annie,
Glenann PS



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Starting post-primary school is more than a milestone—it's the beginning of an exciting new chapter. At St Killian's, we make this transition seamless, inspiring and supportive, ensuring every pupil feels confident and ready to thrive.

Our comprehensive Transition Programme is designed to welcome pupils and families into our vibrant community. From the P7 Taster Day which sparks curiosity, to the August Welcome Events that build friendships and support the transition, every step is carefully planned to create a sense of belonging and to ensure a smooth start to Year 8.

Our goal is to ensure every child feels welcomed, supported, and excited about their learning journey at St Killian's College.



Your future starts here!

WE GO FURTHER BY OFFERING:

- **Personalised Support** through visits to partner schools where primary teachers share their knowledge and insights; tailored class placements informed by the school assessment completed in June of P7.
- **Engaging Activities** including icebreakers, games, school tours, and fun orientation days led by senior prefects and our staff.
- **Strong Partnerships** with parents through induction sessions, Year 8 Mass, and ongoing communication providing parents with an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns.
- **Opportunities to shine** academically, in sports, clubs, and community projects—from charity fundraisers to creative workshops. Our pupils are encouraged to get fully involved in college life.



At St Killian's, we don't just prepare pupils for school—we prepare them for success. With dedicated pastoral care, academic mentoring, and leadership opportunities, every child is empowered to learn, grow, and lead.



Seamless, Supportive, Effective

HOW WE SUPPORT YEAR 8 PUPILS

To make this journey smooth and positive, our Year 8 pupils receive exceptional support from our staff and senior students:

Form Class Support: Senior Prefects are assigned to each Year 8 form class to assist with registration and classroom activities.

Academic Mentoring: Literacy and Numeracy Mentors work alongside pupils in class, while Reading Buddies offer additional support in the library.

Inclusion Ambassadors: These students promote a welcoming environment through assemblies, break and lunchtime support, and drop-in sessions for any pupil who needs a friendly face.

Extra-Curricular Leadership:

Senior Students organise a wide range of lunchtime clubs and activities to help Year 8 pupils make friends and explore new interests.



Athletics	Camogie	Drama Club	Hurling	Rugby
Board Games	Choir	Film Club	Lego Club	Soccer
Bracelet making	Coding	Gaelic Football	Minecraft	Table Tennis

LEARNING FOR LIFE

"St Killian's is the perfect starting point for a bright future. It has everything—from kind, supportive teachers to exciting sports and activities. Best of all, it celebrates individuality, letting everyone be themselves every day." **Connor, St John's PS**



EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING AND TEACHING

Education is more than knowledge—it's about how you learn. We empower pupils to take ownership of their learning, to build confidence and to develop strategies to become lifelong learners.

At Key Stage 3 pupils experience a diverse curriculum which broadens their outlook and fosters independence. By mastering logic, exploring perspectives and investigating new concepts, pupils develop vital critical thinking skills. They have opportunity to learn new languages, to find their voice and express their ideas and creativity to shape well-rounded individuals. By connecting academic theory with hands-on application, we ensure every student finds their unique strengths early in their educational journey.

"I have enjoyed my journey through St Killian's so far because we have been getting to learn new languages that I never thought I would speak. All the teachers in St Killian's are lovely and you can tell they have pride in what they do. I am so happy I get to wear this uniform every day." **Charlotte, Linn PS**



Growth, Discovery, Progress

A WIDE AND CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

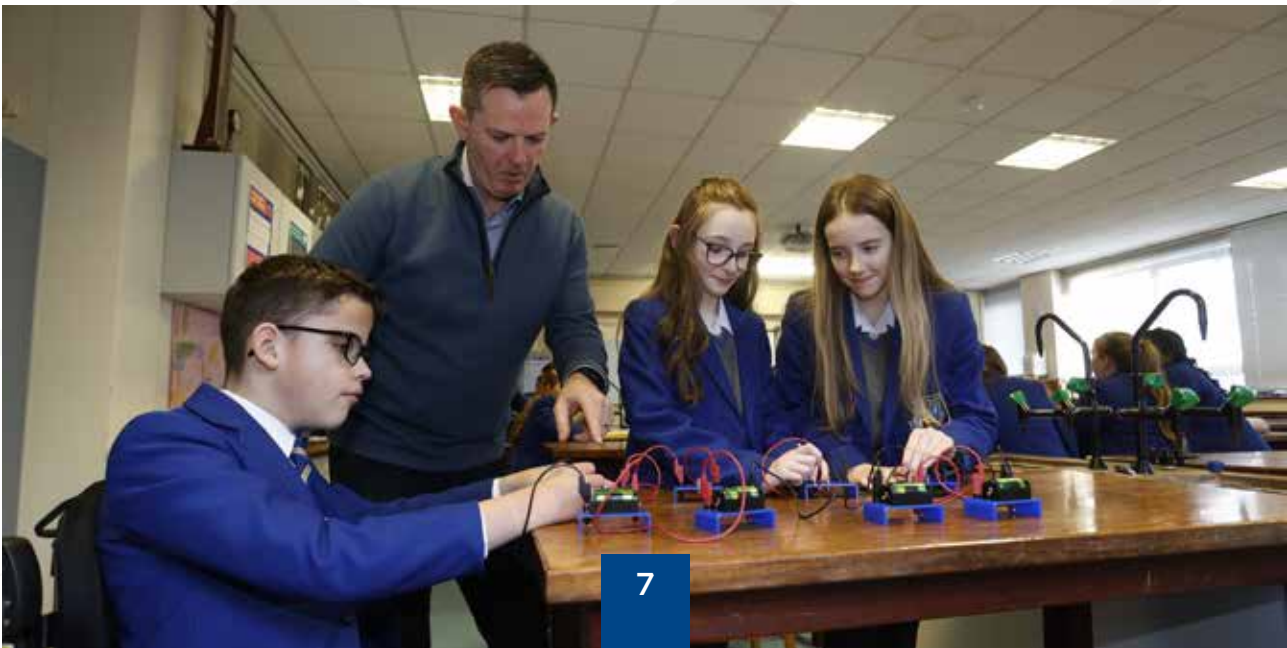
Our pupils enjoy a rich and varied learning experience developing skills for life including first aid, EPIPEN training and CPR. They have opportunities to learn about themselves during pastoral periods and form class, ensuring a strong foundation for future learning.

At Key Stage 3, our curriculum is innovative, challenging, and exciting, designed to develop:

- **Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities**
- **Literacy, Numeracy, and Digital Competence**
- **Confidence and Independence in Learning**



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



UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

The journey continues at Key Stage 4, with a wide and varied progressive curriculum designed to meet the needs, interests and aspirations of every student. We offer an extensive range of academic and vocational subjects, ensuring flexibility and choice so pupils can tailor their education to their talents and future goals by selecting a pathway that's right for them.

AT KEY STAGE 4, OUR PUPILS WILL:

- Access a curriculum that supports individual learning needs and interests.
- Receive high-quality care, guidance, and advice to make informed choices.
- Have opportunities to maximise academic and creative potential.
- Be prepared for the challenges and responsibilities of adult and working life.
- Enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities that enrich personal development.



OUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

- **Balanced Education:** Combining academic rigour with practical skills for success in further education and employment.
- **Career Guidance:** Comprehensive planning and real-world experiences through partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions.
- **Future-Focused Learning:** Developing responsible, caring, and capable young adults ready to thrive in the 21st century.

Strive, Improve, Excel



GCSE SUBJECTS ON OFFER AT KS4

Agriculture	Drama	Health and Social Care	Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies
Art and Design	English Language	History	Music
Business & Communication Systems	English Literature	Irish	Physical Education
Business Studies	French	Learning for Life and Work	Religious Education
Child Development	Food and Nutrition	Leisure and Travel and Tourism	Science Double / Single Award
Computer Science	Further Maths	Mathematics	Spanish
Construction	Geography	Media Studies	Technology and Design



LEVEL 2 SUBJECTS ON OFFER AT KS4

BTEC Business	Occupational Studies Technology & Innovation
BTEC Information and Creative Technology	OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Applied Science
Occupational Studies Business & Services: Childcare	OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Religious Studies
Occupational Studies Design & Creativity: Cuisine & Patisserie	Preparation for Adult Life
Occupational Studies Environment & Society: Leisure	The Kings Trust Achieve Programme - Extended Certificate

SHAPING THE FUTURE



WHERE AMBITION MEETS OPPORTUNITY

We offer a dynamic and flexible curriculum designed to unlock every student's potential. Our Sixth Form provides an extensive selection of **A Level** and **Level 3 vocational courses**, all fully accredited and aligned with the **Northern Ireland Entitlement Framework**. With a broad range of subjects and pathways, students have the freedom to shape their learning journey and prepare for success—whether that means university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

WE PROVIDE:

- **PERSONALISED PATHWAYS** to match interests and career goals.
- **WEEKLY ENRICHMENT sessions, PE, and Careers guidance.**
- **OUTSTANDING SUPPORT** for the transition from GCSE to A Level, including extra help for students joining from other schools.



BEYOND ACADEMICS, SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ENJOY:

- **Leadership roles as Prefects, Peer Mentors, and Ambassadors.**
- **Opportunities to plan events, lead charity work, and represent the school.**
- **Faith development through liturgical celebrations and the Pope John Paul II Award.**



Opportunity, Leadership, Enrichment

AT ST KILLIAN'S, WE LIVE BY OUR ETHOS: CHALLENGE, NURTURE, RESPECT

Preparing you for life beyond school - whether that's university, further study, or employment

A-LEVEL SUBJECTS ON OFFER AT POST 16

Art and Design	Environmental Technology	Irish	Physical Education
Biology	French	Life and Health Science	Physics
Business Studies	Geography	Mathematics	Religious Education
Chemistry	Health & Social Care Double Award	Media Studies	Spanish
Computer Science	Health & Social Care Single Award	Music	Technology & Design
English Literature	History	Nutrition and Food Science	Theatre Studies



LEVEL 3 SUBJECTS ON OFFER AT POST 16

Agriculture	Business	Construction	Information Technology	Sports
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ENRICHMENT COURSES ON OFFER AT POST 16

AutoCAD	Gold Crest	President's Award	Sisters In
Careers	Heart Start	Saphara	Take 5
GAA Coaching Award	Makaton	School Choir	

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

2024 - 2027



TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Support all students in achieving the highest possible standards of academic success.
- Provide targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities to meet diverse learning needs.
- Foster a community of self-motivated learners who take ownership of their learning journey.
- Embed strategies that promote The Science of Learning.
- Ensure the curriculum is responsive to student needs, interests, and future aspirations.
- Regularly review and adapt curricular provision to maintain relevance and rigor.

ETHOS

Our college ethos is grounded in the school motto Caritas et Veritas.

We commit to:

- Embedding the values of **CHALLENGE, NURTURE, and RESPECT** across all aspects of college life.
- Developing pupils as responsible, respectful individuals guided by strong moral principles.
- Establishing a culture that consistently **RECOGNISES, REWARDS, and CELEBRATES SUCCESS**, fostering motivation and achievement.

PASTORAL CARE

- Foster a college-wide culture that prioritises the physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing of both students and staff.
- Implement proactive measures to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment.
- Develop and maintain effective behaviour management strategies that are consistently applied.
- Monitor and evaluate behaviour data to inform targeted interventions and continuous improvement.
- Embed inclusive practices that celebrate diversity and respect individual differences.
- Provide a progressive, preventative curriculum where the content is within the catholic ethos, age-appropriate, learner-informed, and addresses contemporary issues relevant to students' lives.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Develop a culture of continuous professional growth for all staff.
- Provide high-quality training and collaborative opportunities to enhance teaching practice.
- Utilise data effectively to inform teaching strategies and improve student outcomes.
- Implement robust systems for monitoring progress and evaluating impact across the school.

THE COLLEGE IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

- Enhance the newly established Friends of Garron Tower (FOGT) as a bridge between past and future.
- Actively engage alumni to contribute to the growth and success of the college community.
- Develop and strengthen links with the wider community to enrich student learning and life experiences.
- Create opportunities for collaboration that benefit both the college and its local partners.
- Foster clear, consistent, and inclusive communication with pupils, staff, parents, governors, and the wider community.

Time
Organisation
Wear uniform well
Excel
Respect

PASTORAL CARE THAT PUTS EVERY CHILD FIRST

Valued, Respected, Nurtured

Pastoral Care is about the people in our school community. Together, we have developed a supportive culture where every child is nurtured to feel valued, respected, and supported. Our holistic approach places the child at the very centre.

We set high expectations, celebrate positive behaviour, and encourage pupils to develop integrity and empathy. Through charity work and awareness campaigns, students learn to make a difference in the world.



As a proud Take 5 school, we prioritise wellbeing, kindness, and healthy lifestyles. With dedicated pastoral teams and strong home-school partnerships, we ensure every

child gets the support they need to thrive.

When pupils need a helping hand, they are gently supported and guided towards the help they need. Our pastoral teams, safeguarding teams and partnerships with external agencies ensure that pupils find their feet again and get back on track.



ALL STAFF

All staff are approachable and trained to support our pupils when they need it.

FORM TEACHER

The main point of contact for parents and pupils. The form teacher meets pupils every morning for registration and monitors progress including attendance.

YEAR HEAD

The Year Head is responsible for the entire year group. They will monitor pupils closely and encourage positive behaviour.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Works across the whole school to promote pupil welfare and safety as well as in collaboration with external agencies and parents.

SCHOOL NURSE

Is in school everyday and will respond to illness and injuries.

LEARNING SUPPORT

The Learning support team oversees whole school support and interventions to promote academic and pastoral development.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Available upon request one day every week providing individual pupils the opportunity to talk through worries and concerns.

TAKE 5 & SOLIHULL

Promotes wellbeing and emotional regulation to ensure we can all perform to our best. Staff are trained in the Solihull Approach to enhance communication and strengthen relations.



NURTURING AND INCLUSION

Belong, Thrive, Accomplish

At St Killian's, everyone is welcomed, everyone is valued and every child matters. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school where every learner can thrive. Our staff recognise and respond to the different abilities, interests, and needs of our pupils, ensuring that all have the opportunity to be happy and to succeed.

What makes us different?

- **AUTISM IMPACT AWARD** – Recognised as an autism-accessible and welcoming school.
- **THE LEARNING HUB** – A safe, supportive space for personalised learning.
- **TAKE 5 ROOM** – Promoting wellbeing and mindfulness.
- **INCLUSION AMBASSADORS** – Senior students championing respect and belonging.
- **DEDICATED SUPPORT TEAM** – Over 25 skilled classroom assistants working alongside teachers.
- **SOCIAL COMMUNICATION UNITS** – Tailored support for pupils with specific needs.
- **LEARNING MENTOR** – Senior students helping individuals and small groups with literacy, numeracy or emotional wellbeing needs.



We work in partnership with parents and external agencies to ensure every child feels confident, cared for, and supported throughout their journey.

"When our son joined St Killian's, he was anxious and overwhelmed. The Learning Support team understood his needs immediately — offering calm guidance, practical support, and a safe space. Now in Year 13, he's confident, thriving in his A-Levels, and planning for university. We're truly grateful for the difference St Killian's has made." **Year 13 Parent**



CELEBRATING SUCCESS TOGETHER



Straight A's at A-Level.

At St Killian's, every achievement tells a story of ambition, resilience, and pride—because when our pupils succeed, we succeed too.

From the moment a child steps through our doors in Year 8, they join a community that champions excellence, applauds effort, and celebrates character. We believe that even the smallest acts, carried out with great love, deserve recognition.



10 A*s at GCSE.



7 A*s & 3 A's at GCSE, AABB at AS-Level.



Top achievers at GCSE.

Our prestigious Annual Prize Giving celebrates those who inspire others to follow in their footsteps by achieving impressive academic standards, testimony to our diligent pupils and dedicated staff.

At St Killian's, success is not just measured—it is shared, celebrated, and cherished, because our pupils are the heart of our story and the promise of tomorrow.



Determination, Celebration, Pride



IN ST KILLIAN'S COLLEGE SUCCESS IS MEASURED IN MANY WAYS.

Our students perform well above the NI averages in public exams.

Large numbers of our students then go on to study at university or take up apprenticeships, making use of the skills and qualifications they developed in their time with us.

GCSE OR EQUIVALENT SUMMARY OF RESULTS 2024-2025

	% Entered for 7+ GCSEs	% Achieving 7+ A*-C	% Achieving 7+ A*C inc English & Maths	% Entered for 5+ GCSEs	% Achieving 5+ A*-C	% Achieving 5+ A*-C inc English & Maths	% Achieving 5+ A*-G
St Killian's College	98%	74%	68%	98%	87%	73%	98%
*NI Non Selective		63%	51%		84%	58%	98%

GCE A LEVEL OR EQUIVALENT SUMMARY OF RESULTS 2024-25

	% Achieving 3+ A*-C	% Achieving 3+ A*-E	% Achieving 2+ A* - C	% Achieving 2+ A*-E
St Killian's College	64%	98%	90%	100%
*NI Non Grammar	58%	87%	82%	97%

*2023/2024 averages



YEAR 14 LEAVERS DESTINATIONS

Higher Education	Further Education	Employment	Training/ Apprenticeship	Other
72%	7%	12%	3%	6%

EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM SPORTS



Education isn't confined by the walls of our classrooms—it's also about opportunity, determination and achievement beyond academic subjects. Our students thrive in a world of experiences that build confidence, character, and lifelong memories.



2025 Camogie Allstars.



2025 Hurling Allstars.



Passion, Talent, Success



SPORT: WHERE PASSION MEETS EXCELLENCE

Sport is the heartbeat of our community. From Gaelic Games—Hurling, Camogie, Gaelic Football—to Soccer, Athletics, netball and beyond, we compete at the highest level and celebrate every success.

Our proud tradition includes Ulster Camogie victories, with the girls winning the Ulster Final to bring home the Fontenoy's Cup, 2025 and training continues as they prepare to compete for an All-Ireland title. The hurlers were Mageean Cup Champions 2024 and secured the Paddy Buggy All-Ireland Hurling title in the same year.

Many of our pupils receive All-Star honours in recognition of their sporting prowess and exceptional skill. Soccer thrives too, with MASSFA Cup wins and the prestigious Irish FA School Quality Mark for excellence. For those excelling in archery, golf, sailing, judo or swimming, we provide pathways to compete and succeed.

Our dedicated coaches and mentors teach our pupils skills, promote discipline and develop teamwork with many pupils stepping into leadership themselves as senior students gain GAA Coaching and Young Whistlers Awards, shaping the next generation of coaches and referees.



CREATIVITY WITHOUT LIMITS

Drama and Music create harmony in the college. From the magical Christmas Show to the vibrant Summer Jam, our students showcase talent and imagination worthy of an Oscar. Theatre trips to the Lyric, Grand Opera House, and Dublin's Bord Gáis Theatre, enrich learning and cultural experiences, while our Music Department offers everything from traditional Irish groups to rock bands. Our school choir can often be heard filling the air with beautiful song, including appearances on national television! With expert tuition in voice, piano, and guitar, creativity certainly flourishes here.



ENRICHMENT THAT INSPIRES

Our enrichment programme prepares students for life beyond school. From the Community of Life Savers and President's Award, to STEM initiatives, Faith Friends, and Culture Club, we nurture skills, leadership, and global awareness.



Perform, Lead, Inspire



UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEYS

Learning extends far beyond the classroom walls. Ski trips, cultural tours to Rome and Madrid, and field trips across Ireland give students experiences they'll never forget.



At St Killian's, opportunity is everywhere. Whether on the pitch, the stage, or across the globe, our students don't just take part—they lead, excel, and inspire.



CAREERS EDUCATION

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Every student develops essential employability skills throughout their educational journey, exploring career opportunities in the local and global economy, availing of personal career planning and entrepreneurship opportunities. We support and guide all students to identify their interests and aspirations helping them make informed decisions to pursue fulfilling careers.

Our Sixth Form careers programme places a strong emphasis on higher education and higher-level apprenticeships. We work closely with our local universities and Colleges including Queen's University

Belfast, Ulster University, St Mary's, CAFRE and Atlantic Technological University, as well as hosting visits from the Scottish University Roadshow to broaden horizons. Students receive expert tailored support with UCAS applications, personal statements, and interview preparation, including guidance for those applying to Oxbridge and other prestigious institutions.

Our students go onto progress on to a diverse range of career pathways including the arts, architecture, business, finance, engineering, education, healthcare and information technology. We believe that every student should leave us ready to thrive in higher education, apprenticeships, and the world of work. Indeed, our most recent cohort of graduates achieved first class

honours degrees in Accountancy, Architecture, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computing, Criminology, Finance and Investment, Graphic Design, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Screen Production and Teaching.

Our careers programme is comprehensive, aspirational, and tailored to each stage of learning. At Key Stage 3 and 4 students begin their journey by exploring career pathways through lessons and activities that develop self-awareness, employability skills, entrepreneurship, and an understanding of the opportunities available in today's economy. As students make important decisions about GCSEs and A 'Levels and future options, we provide personalised guidance to ensure every student is on the right path for them.

THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT PROVIDES:



Aspiration, Ambition, Achievement

PUPIL EXPERIENCE



"My time at St Killian's has been fantastic! The teachers are lovely, the dining hall meals are great, and everyone—from the bus drivers to the matron—is so kind."

Isla,
Toreagh PS



"St Killian's is a brilliant school! Moving from primary to secondary felt like a big jump but trust me—it's okay. There are great team activities like hurling, camogie, and Gaelic, and sometimes you even get to leave school for matches!"

Oscar,
St Mary's PS



Throughout my time at St Killian's, I have enjoyed many opportunities for academic, personal, and social development, including the Gaisce President's Award, a trip to Madrid and music competitions. My time here is full of happy memories surrounded by the best people. I have found the whole experience extremely fulfilling. Academically, I have been challenged, and I have grown. I am extremely grateful to all those in the College for contributing so positively to my school experience and for making it so special!

Charlotte,
Head Girl



"I've had a fantastic time here and know there's plenty more fun ahead. All the staff and pupils are supportive and welcoming."

Leo,
Seaview
Integrated PS



"My time at St Killian's College has been brilliant! I really like having a form class and split classes because you get to meet different people every day. I love St Killian's, and I hope you will too!"

Ava,
Mary Queen Of
Peace PS



St. Killian's College has been such a great experience for me. I have been presented with various opportunities to grow intellectually and academically, not to mention volunteering and charity fundraising experiences. A highlight is the expedition through the Lake District developing life skills, such as leadership, confidence and teamwork. I have received excellent support and guidance from the staff and the careers department who provide great advice about the next step. There's a warm community atmosphere here and I feel privileged to be part of it.

Shea,
Head Boy



"I'm so glad I came to St Killian's because I've made lots of friends. My favourite subjects are Art, Drama, and Spanish. I really love this school!"

Scarlett,
St Brigid's PS



"St Killian's is brilliant—the food in the school café is fantastic, especially the pain au chocolat! I've made great new friends, and even the bus journey is full of laughs!"

Kenan,
St MacNissi's PS



APPLICATIONS & 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.

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.

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8 AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Parents who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1 September 2026 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.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEARS 9 ONWARDS

Parents who wish their children to be considered for admission to Years 9 onwards should telephone or write to the Principal.

The following criteria will apply to those students seeking to transfer to St Killian's College from another school.

Admission depends on space being available in the classes to which access is sought.

Admission may be refused if a) the academic ability of the child is not of a standard equivalent to that of the students he/she would be taught with or b) the admission of the child would prejudice the efficient use of resources. In the event that there are more suitable applicants than places available in the College or a particular year group or class, the Board of Governors will determine a rank order.

Special consideration will be given to those students who wish to transfer because of special subjects which this College provides, or whose home residence has changed.

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**



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:

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);

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;

The cost of breakage and / or fines deemed necessary as a result of a student's misbehaviour;

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;

The cost of any re-marking of public exams when requested by the parent;

The cost of individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument;

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.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Friends of Garron Tower



Connecting the Past to the Future

Who We Are

Friends of Garron Tower unites alumni and parents to support and inspire the next generation at the Tower on the Hill.

Every alumnus has a story, and those stories can provide:

- Inspiration
- Guidance
- Financial support
- Real-world opportunities

Together, we can bridge the past with future.

Our mission- Unlocking potential, inspiring futures.

Why we would like your support?

Over the next three years, the school will undergo major development, including a new school build to enhance opportunities for our children and with your help we aim to raise an initial £250,000 to help with ancillary costs.

This is your chance to be part of that legacy.

How You Can Make a Difference

Inspire & Mentor

- Register your interest in FOGT
- Mentor students or offer extracurricular opportunities through your business or profession
- Encourage your friends and former classmates to join FOGT

School Build

- Support new facilities such as floodlights, catch nets, and more

School Supplies

- Contribute IT equipment, SEN resources, Home Economics & Drama equipment and other subject requirements

Bursary Programme

- Strengthen social mobility
- Sustain initiatives like our breakfast club, help fund school trips

Get Involved Today

Scan the QR code to support practically or financially.



Together, we can ensure the spirit of Garron Tower continues to thrive for generations to come.

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