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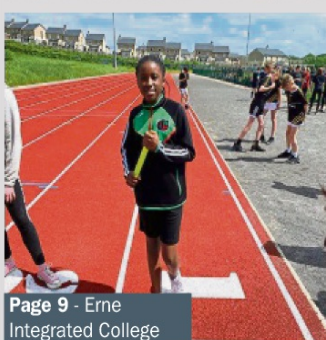
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# We are witnessing a real momentum building for Integrated Education

**The Integrated Education Fund and the Council for Integrated Education are proud to work together to help promote and support the development and growth of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland.**

There has been much to celebrate in the past year for Integrated Education. In September two more schools opened their doors as Integrated - Bangor Integrated Nursery School and Integrated College Glengormley, whose successful Transformation to Integrated status brings the total of Integrated schools to 70 and the number of pupils to 26,700, a significant achievement.

**BACKGROUND**

*What is Integrated Education?*

The Integrated school provides a learning environment where an intentional mix of children from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds, as well as those of other faiths, cultures and communities, can learn with, from and about each other every day in the same school.

The careful mix within Integrated Schools is not left to chance. The balance of children from diverse backgrounds is supported by parents, staff, and governors who all work to build inclusive communities which are strong and confident enough to recognise and celebrate their cultural and religious mix.

*Who is Driving Integrated Education?*

Each and every Integrated School has been built or Transformed to become Integrated because of the determination of parents to have their children educated with members of communities different from their own. It is only with the will of a majority of parents that the road to Integration will begin. Almost any school can become integrated (apart from hospital and special schools,) and you can register support for your child's school to explore this option at [www.integratedmyschool.com](http://www.integratedmyschool.com)

**MOVING FORWARD**

In March 2022, we welcomed the passing of the new Integrated Education Act at Stormont, thanks to a Private Members Bill brought forward by Kellie Armstrong MLA. The Act makes it a legal requirement for the Department of Education to 'support, encourage and facilitate' Integrated Education by way of aiming to meet demand for Integrated provision, as well as prepare and action a strategy to meet that demand.

This is a hugely significant opportunity that must see full implementation. Further positive legislative changes means that the exemption of teachers from the Fair Employment Treatment Order will soon become a thing of the past. The Fair Employment (School



STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE: Pupils at the recently Transformed Integrated College Glengormley

Teachers Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 was passed, which means that the recruitment of teachers can no longer be made on the basis of religion.

Within the last year, eight schools have successfully held parental ballots for Transformation and will seek Ministerial approval to become Integrated, and many others are currently moving towards this.

**PARENTS' PERSPECTIVE**

*Why should I #ChooseIntegrated for my child?*

"I want my child to know who he is and believe in himself but I also want him to respect others. I believe an education in an Integrated School is the best way for this to happen. I am delighted that the parents of Carrickfergus Central voted to Transform the school."

- Tara Nellins, parent Carrickfergus Central Primary School.

There is a sense that real momentum is building for Integrated Education. The IEF and NICIE are working with more schools, parents and local communities than ever before. None of this success could have been achieved without the help of our supporters here and indeed worldwide. If you would like to find out more about integrated education, then please contact **Jill Caskey** via email [jill@ief.org.uk](mailto:jill@ief.org.uk)

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CEO, Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education

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# A tribute to Baroness May Blood

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our great friend and champion Baroness May Blood.

May campaigned for Integrated Education for over twenty years. She had a unique ability to transcend the sectarian division of this society and devoted her life to the entire community and bringing people together. May yearned to see Northern Ireland at peace with itself. It was that desire for peace that drove her to do exceptional things for so many people. She was such an inspiration to all that knew her. She gave so much to so many people and sought nothing in return. She will be sorely missed.

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EMBRACING CHANGE: Pupils at St Anne's PS Donaghadee

## INTEGRATED EDUCATION IN FIGURES



### 18 PARENTAL BALLOTS

Between February 2019 and June 2022, 18 schools held positive parental ballots and are now on the Transformation journey or have recently opened as an integrated school.

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## INTEGRATED EDUCATION IN FIGURES



### 20% CAN START THE PROCESS

Once parents of 20% of pupils register on integratemy school.com to say they want their school to become integrated then the Board of Governors must explore this.

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INSPIRING AND POSITIVE THINKING: Pupils at Lurgan Model PS celebrating their successful parental ballot

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# An all-ability college which prides itself on excellent pastoral care

**B**lackwater Integrated College is inviting parents of children seeking admission in September 2023 to see around the College and speak with the Principal and senior members of staff during the months of November and December.

Principal Mr Taylor explained the importance of these visits that started through necessity during lockdown.

"As a small school we pride ourselves on our excellent pastoral care and we found that small group and 1:1 visits by parents and prospective students were extremely positive.

"Open Nights are great to show the school to a large number of people at one time but by meeting in a smaller group, it allows more specific and pertinent questions about individual students to be asked and answered."

Principal Taylor continued: "As an all-ability College, we are very proud of the fact that we offer a curriculum tailored to meet the needs of all students and, by facilitating these visits during the months of November and December, we hope to meet many prospective students and their parents to help make their Post Primary choices easier."

There is also an Open Night planned for Wednesday January 11 2023 from 7pm to allow P7 students and parents to see around the College and meet current students and staff. Blackwater Integrated College has been nominated for the 2022 County Down School of the Year Award in the NI Education Awards hosted by Families First following nominations from our parents who highlighted, in particular, the



excellent pastoral work the College provides for all its students.

With a designated Youth Worker on site to support students each day, the provision on offer is unique in providing a very tailored approach to pastoral care in line with the Integrated ethos that is evident throughout the College.

Situated on the outskirts of Downpatrick, Blackwater Integrated College, is a small Integrated Post Primary school that has grown in recent years and continues to place the needs of its students at the forefront of everything it does. Recent innovations have included the introduction of Chromebook laptops for every student which will be in place from September 2023. This has been the result of four years of investment through lockdown to ensure our students are

catered for in all situations and allows home-school learning through Google Classroom to become part of everyday learning at Blackwater IC.

As part of the growing Integrated movement in Northern Ireland we are delighted to see the Integrated Education Act come into effect from October 2022 and hope to be a part of an exciting future for Integrated Education in the coming years. As a part of this Blackwater IC is partnered with Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group to provide an increase in the number of available Integrated Post Primary places in the Mid Down area. The QR code alongside allows you to add an expression of interest in this exciting proposal that we believe offers a new and exciting future for Integration in the Mid Down area.

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- Principal Mr Taylor

Named after Baroness May Blood of Blackwatertown, who sadly passed away recently, Blackwater Integrated College provides an all ability education with a focused child centred approach to learning. With excellent GCSE results, above the NI average for similar schools, and bespoke pastoral care for all, Blackwater provides a unique small school setting that allows students to excel and achieve their potential in a nurturing environment.

Information on the College can be found on the website at [www.blackwateric.org](http://www.blackwateric.org) with information about the day-to-day life of the College.

**Appointments can be made by calling 028 4461 2115 or through the contact email on our website.**

# Blackwater Integrated College Primary 7 Parents & Students

Nominated for 'Best Post Primary School' (Co. Down) in NI Education Awards

Integrated education with a focus on accepting difference and all ability education

Chromebook laptops for all students for use in school and home

**Open Night  
11th January  
2023 at 7pm**



Expression of  
interest for  
Mid Down  
Integrated College



**Make an appointment to see the College  
during November / December - call 028 4461 2115**

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# New beginnings at Hazelwood Integrated College

At **Hazelwood** we are delighted to have been named as the *TES UK Secondary School of the Year for 2022* and our new Year 8 students have enjoyed a fantastic start to their time at the college.

It has been a busy first term for our new pupils and we are proud of how they have immersed themselves in school life. We want to tell you a little about our first term and hear from three of our new pupils; Alfie from Hazelwood Integrated Primary School, Stuart from St James' Primary School and Eva from Central Integrated Primary School, on how they have settled into life at Hazelwood.

At the beginning of the year, our year 8 pupils took part in various ice breaker activities and games. One of our favourite activities was our 'all about me' jigsaw puzzle, where each year 8 pupil designed a puzzle piece to describe themselves. It highlighted how each of us are different in so many ways, and how integrated education can unite us, no matter our differences. Alfie told us: "I chose to come to Hazelwood because I went to an

Integrated Primary School. My big sister attends Hazelwood, and she loves it."

Some of our year 8 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in Friendship Circles this term, where small groups of pupils spend one lesson a week together, outside of class, with the opportunity to get to know each other better. It helps our students to become more confident and eases their transition to Secondary School. "Being a part of the friendship circle was really fun. I made a new friend, developed my confidence and would recommend it to other people to join," said Eva. In October, our pupils got involved in Mental Health Awareness Month. They created a notice board all about "Mental Health Matters" and told other pupils about the activities they enjoy taking part in, to look after their mental health. They also took part in Yellow Day to promote awareness of mental health across the school. Hazelwood College offers our year 8 pupils a vast range of extra-curricular activities.

We are delighted to see our year 8 pupils getting involved. "I joined the chess club at Hazelwood, I love it because I get to spend time with other pupils who

have the same hobbies as me and it helps develop my problem-solving skills," said Stuart.

Our Year 8 boys are currently competing in a football cup, and we are delighted with their success so far.

"I have joined the football club at Hazelwood, I love it because it helps me stay active and I get to spend time with my friends," said Alfie.

We have had a significant number of pupils join our school choir, taking part in various events such as the City of Derry International Choir Festival and Peace Proms Choir Workshop.

We reward our pupils for aiming high, working hard, being nice and having no excuses.

Eva told us: "I have already earned lots of achievement points at Hazelwood College, it encourages me to always try my best in everything."

We are looking forward to the rest of the year, with many exciting opportunities for our year 8 pupils to get involved in, including a mental health workshop with Made for More and our year 8 Christmas outing to the cinema.

Very exciting times are ahead for our Hazelwood students.



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AWARD WINNING



**HAZELWOOD**  
INTEGRATED COLLEGE

MAKE US YOUR CHOICE FOR  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**2023**



Tes Schools Awards 2022  
Secondary School of the Year



DERRYTRASNA AWARD  
for exceptional Pastoral Care



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# Excellence for everyone at Drumragh Integrated College

**D**rumragh Integrated College is a vibrant, forward thinking and dynamic college.

Since our foundation in 1995, we have been striving to meet the needs of students who come from all faiths and traditions, backgrounds and academic abilities. We have grown from 85 students in 1995 to 700 today, reflecting the strong regard for Drumragh Integrated College by the local and wider community. Our College motto is 'Excellence for Everyone' and this permeates all that we do. Our success as a college is well documented, particularly for our focus on innovative Teaching for Learning, our comprehensive pastoral care programme and our endeavours to build close partnerships with parents and families. This approach has ensured that for many, Drumragh has been a natural choice for all in the family. As a child-centred college, we pride ourselves



on the warm and caring atmosphere and the excellent relationships between students and staff. This is a place of real learning, where we adopt a holistic approach to education, offering a comprehensive curriculum alongside an exciting extra-curricular programme.

In Drumragh Integrated College staff and students work together. Young people of all abilities, all nationalities and all religious traditions are not only welcome here, but they enrich the successful college that Drumragh has become. We offer a quality learning experience for all students.



Principal, Mrs Imelda Kirk



Drumragh Integrated College  
Excellence for Everyone



Visit our website:  
[www.drumraghcollege.co.uk](http://www.drumraghcollege.co.uk)



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- Grammar Pathway
- All-Ability Pathway
- Supporting and celebrating each student's personal best
- Providing a secure, positive learning environment
- Fostering mutual understanding, respect and tolerance
- Embracing those of diverse religious beliefs and none
- Encouraging all students to live and work, both in the present and the future, as helpful members of their local and wider communities.
- Encouraging an active and supportive partnership with parents



**FOCUS ON INTEGRATED EDUCATION**

# It's an exciting time to become part of the New-Bridge family as school looks forward to commencement of £20m new build

**N**ew-Bridge Integrated College is an age 11 – 18 school which welcomes boy and girls, all abilities, and families from Catholic, Protestant and other traditions.

The school was established in 1995 by parents from the Banbridge and Newry areas, who wanted a school where children from different communities could be educated together, every day, under one roof. As The Evens Foundation Laureate of Peace Education, we continue to play a significant role in promoting our inclusive ethos, celebrating diversity and developing our young people into well rounded tolerant citizens, who are happy and engaged in their learning and respectful of each other's beliefs and traditions. Our work in promoting peace education is acknowledged by the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) through the prestigious 'Excellence in Integration Award'. In addition, New-Bridge Integrated College is the recipient of the distinguished Gold Compassionate Award from Children in Crossfire.

The Educating the Heart programme offers our students a guide to developing skills and values that encourage compassionate young global citizens who are equipped to explore different perspectives, challenge assumptions, and develop an anti-bias approach to finding collective solutions.

At New-Bridge we provide high quality education through a broad and balanced curriculum which caters for the full ability range. With 22 subjects on offer at A-Level, our New-Bridge students continue to progress to high demand courses at university. We are very proud of our excellent record of academic and vocational successes which ensures progression for all our young people. I am proud to say that our dedicated and committed staff offer many opportunities for each student to achieve their full potential here and we celebrate the 'personal best' of every student at New-Bridge. Our child centred approach to learning and teaching is built on positive relationships between staff, students, and parents; with priority given to the care and welfare of our students. As an integrated school we celebrate

over 25 years of providing an authentic integrated experience which provides a model of education fit for building a prosperous and peaceful 21st century society.

Year 8 students will be joining us at a very exciting time as we look forward to the commencement of our new school build. We are delighted that under the Fresh Start Agreement Funding, we have received Planning Approval for our £20 million new school building. Our design plans are breathtaking and will offer so many new opportunities for our students and staff.

We are so looking forward to our state-of-the-art sports facilities which will enable us to enhance our current extra-curricular menu of Gaelic football, football, hockey, camogie, netball, orienteering, to name but a few. What a great time to be joining New-Bridge Integrated College.

New-Bridge is a happy place to learn and work and as our school motto states, we are indeed 'The School for All the family' as we celebrate the 'personal best' of every student at New-Bridge. We have high standards and high expectations, asking that everyone works and learns to their full potential, everyone helps those



**ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL SUCCESS:** Pictured are 'top in their subject' at AS Level award recipients with Mrs Anderson, Principal and Mrs Harbinson, Vice Principal

around them to do their best and everyone develops into a thoughtful caring member of her or his community. It is our integrated ethos; that sense of belonging and our capacity to care which has made our school the success story it is today. Through our school website, prospectus and our Facebook page, we have captured the ethos of our

school in word and pictures, as one of inclusion. We look forward to expanding our New-Bridge family by welcoming new students and new families to our school. [www.newbridgeintegrated.org](http://www.newbridgeintegrated.org) [www.facebook.com/newbridgeintegrated.org](https://www.facebook.com/newbridgeintegrated.org) Instagram: @newbridgeintegrated Twitter: @NewbridgeIC



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## NEW-BRIDGE INTEGRATED COLLEGE

### 11 - 18 SCHOOL

## OPEN DAY

### SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2023

#### 9.30am to 12.30pm



### NEW SCHOOL BUILD

- State of the Art Building
- Sports Hall/Fitness Suite
- Football /Gaelic/Rugby Pitch
- 4G Pitch
- Tennis Courts





*The School for All the Family*

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# Forging a brighter and better future

**Forge Integrated Primary School** opened in 1985, the result of a determined effort by parents with a vision for a shared future.

Over 30 years on we are firmly established, successful academically and committed to meeting the holistic needs of our children. Through Forest Schools, Global learning and Eco Schools our pupils get a diverse range of learning experiences. Our Model Schools status as part of the internationally renowned PATHS social and emotional resilience programme underpins our commitment to nurturing positive and resilient pupils. Currently just off the Ormeau Road adjacent to Wellington College, we serve the wider South East Belfast Area. Plans for a new school on the site of the former Knockbreda High School are well underway with the estimated project completion date now 2024-25.

## INTEGRATED EDUCATION IN FIGURES



## 70 SCHOOLS

There are currently 70 integrated schools throughout Northern Ireland, 2 Nursery, 47 Primary and 21 post Primary

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Our pupils and parents represent a diverse cross section of the community and we foster an atmosphere that allows children to explore and celebrate their similarities and differences. Forge has come a long way and we will go a lot further, preparing children to be the best they can for a brighter, better future Belfast.

# Growing and learning together at Bridge IPS

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

At Bridge Integrated Primary School, our vision is to ensure that every child is nurtured as an individual and is supported and challenged to achieve their full potential. Our children are growing and learning together to be the best that they can be.

## ABOUT US

Bridge IPS has 413 pupils and is in the heart of the community in the town of Banbridge. We value the links that we have with our parents, carers, school and wider community. We endeavour to provide our pupils with exciting and enriching experiences which enhance the day-to-day provision of high quality learning and teaching, in a kind and nurturing environment. We aim to meet the needs of every child. Our integrated ethos helps every child to feel included, valued and special in their own right, while being respectful of the similarities we share and the differences we cherish, that makes each of us an individual.

## P1 ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Our admissions criteria will be published on our school website [www.bridgeips.net](http://www.bridgeips.net) in December 2022. On January 17 2023, our school will be open from 6.30pm – 8pm for prospective parents to visit us and gain a flavour of day-to-day life in our school.

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We are also open to individual appointments and these can be organised by calling the school on 028 4066 2055.

## EA ONLINE PORTAL

All applications for P1 should be made using the online portal at [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions). This will open on January 10 2023 and will close at 12 noon on January 27 2023.

Forge Integrated  
Primary School  
&  
Pre-School Playgroup



Open Afternoon/Evenings

1st December 2022 3.30pm – 6.00pm

12th January 2023 6.00pm – 9.00pm

School Info & Prospectus:

[www.forgeips.co.uk](http://www.forgeips.co.uk)

02890492177 info@forge.belfast.ni.sch.uk

EA Online Portal: [www.eani.org.uk/parent/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parent/admissions)



Forging a Better Future, Together!

## Bridge Integrated Primary School



Is your child due to start P1 in September 2023?

Have you considered giving your child an integrated education?

Come to Bridge IPS where children learn and grow together every day.

Educating all our children in a diverse and stimulating environment, where children come first!



Apply online at

[www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions)

The applications portal opens at 12 noon on 10th Jan 2023 & closes at 12 noon on 27th Jan 2023 for punctual applications.

Applications received between 12 noon on 27th Jan 2023 and 4pm on 31st Jan 2023 will be considered as a late application.

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# Erne Integrated College approaching three decades of high quality education

**Erne Integrated College** has the rare distinction of being the most westerly of all Integrated colleges.

Sharing a campus with Enniskillen Integrated Primary School and Enniskillen Integrated Nursery in the beautiful island town of Enniskillen, Erne Integrated College has been providing the highest quality co-educational, all ability, integrated learning experience for 28 years. Formed as a response to the Enniskillen bomb in 1987, the college opened its doors on September 1 1994, symbolically coinciding with the historic IRA ceasefire.

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We encourage our children to dream big and to never accept limitations. We ask nothing except that our young people strive to be their very best selves and that they work to achieve their true potential

At Erne Integrated College, our student-centred approach recognises that students need support and guidance to meet their individual needs; academic success requires both expert teaching and individualised pastoral care which nurtures and supports the holistic development of our students. These are provided by our dedicated experienced and energetic teaching staff. A recent visit from the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) found: “In lessons observed, learning and teaching were consistently effective and founded securely on positive working relationships.

“The teachers used a variety of engaging strategies and resources, including ICT and practical equipment, to extend the pupils’ knowledge and understanding of key concepts, and to develop skills.

“They provided individual support when required. As a result, the pupils were well engaged and motivated to learn. They responded readily to their teachers and worked capably with their peers in well-structured activities.”

As an all-ability school with grammar entry, we work tirelessly to provide the highest quality learning experience and to give our students the opportunity to shine in any area they choose to pursue.

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We are proud to be a school where community is at the centre of everything that we do, where difference is embraced, explored and celebrated and where there is excellence for everyone. For more information contact the college at 028 6632 5996, check Facebook or go online at [www.erneic.org.uk](http://www.erneic.org.uk)



Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support NI



Western Area Athletics



College Evening of Celebration 2022



Ulster Rugby Senior Schools Cup Winners 2022

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# Slemish College: A vibrant, forward thinking learning community



Sixth Form students enjoying life at Slemish College

**Slemish College** is a vibrant, forward thinking learning community with a wonderfully diverse family of learners.

Since our foundation in 1996, we have been striving to meet the needs of students who come from all faiths and traditions, backgrounds and academic abilities.

We have grown from our first cohort of 84 students in 1996 to over 1,000 today, reflecting the strong regard for Slemish by the local and wider community.

Our College Credo is 'Learning Together for Individual Success' and we are committed to excellence for every student entrusted to us.

Our success as a school is well documented, particularly for our focus on creative and innovative teaching for learning and our endeavours to build close partnerships with parents and families.

The college has consistently achieved the top level of assessment in E.T.I. inspections.

The quality of education has been further underlined, by the number of teaching awards received by staff; as well as being the first Northern Irish school to win the highest level of award from The European Foundation for Quality Management, alongside numerous other globally recognised awards.

Our hallmarks are strong teaching, and strong identity as a college community. This has ensured that for many, Slemish has been a natural choice for all in the family.

We have the highest standards and expectations for our students and pupils from Slemish progress to every occupation imaginable.

Each year, our students are successful in gaining places on much sought after apprenticeships. Slemish consistently sends students to top Russell Group

universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

Whether a child is highly academic, or more practical in skills and abilities, our aim is that they will be able to attain the best opportunities available to them.

Whatever their aims and aspirations, Slemish seeks to provide courses that will help students achieve their goals, and the College aims to develop the strengths inherent in each individual character.

The credo sums up our belief that our school is truly about learning together for individual success. After seven years with us, we want children to take away more than just a set of great results at GCSE and A Level.

Our strong Christian ethos ensures that each and every member of our community develops a genuine sense of self-worth and respect for others - qualities that we hope will transcend the boundaries of the classroom to help shape a brighter, better future.

Our College Values are more than just words on a wall.

- **COMMUNITY**
- **KINDNESS**
- **DETERMINATION**
- **CREATIVITY**
- **INTEGRITY**
- **HIGH EXPECTATIONS**

The values were chosen not just through careful consultations with students, parents, staff and governors. They were chosen because they reflect all that we want the people of Slemish College to be.

We are proud that as an integrated school, our students have the opportunity to learn together. Students of the main faith traditions, and none, attend Slemish College.

Integrated education is not about diluting faith traditions, it is about affirming and sharing them.

The Report of the Independent Review of Integrated Education, in 2016, said:

"Students at integrated schools were more likely to self-disclose to members of the other community, sharing important aspects of themselves, an activity associated with higher levels of liking, trust and empathy."

Additionally, we have the designated status of 'bilateral' which means that we are both a grammar and all ability school, providing pathways for students of all academic abilities. A total of 35 per cent of our annual intake is admitted through grammar entry and whilst we host the GL Assessment at the college, those who complete AQE and/or GL assessments can use these results to apply for grammar entry. The remaining 65 per cent gain entry without any reference to academic ability.

This ensures that we enrol a wide range of abilities and that we can provide excellence in curricular choice for all.



Primary school pupils and their parents are warmly invited to attend our

# OPEN NIGHTS :



WEDNESDAY 26  
& THURSDAY 27  
JANUARY 2023



# 100%

of our GCSE students achieved 5 A\*-C grades or equivalent in 2022

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# Punk legends and their fans continue to support The Integrated Education Fund

**Stiff Little Fingers are still fighting for an Alternative Ulster after donating half the proceeds from t-shirt sales to the IEF, as well as supporting collections at both Dublin and Belfast gigs during their European Tour.**

Generous fans donated several thousands of pounds to help the cause of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland at both concerts, as well as at a charity pub quiz held in the Ulster Sports Club. Ali McMordie, bassist said: "We have been supporting the work of the IEF for over 10 years now and are proud to do so.

"My former primary school, Cliftonville in north Belfast, transformed to Integrated status around that time and it is wonderful to see how the school has flourished and become more diverse since. "Diversity is something we need to celebrate, not fear, as a society. It's going to take time but things are moving in the right direction. Our fans have really taken to the cause and have responded very generously."

Paul Caskey, IEF Head of Campaign added: "SLF and their fans have been amazing in supporting our work. We are so grateful. It's not some PR exercise. It is a genuine group of people who

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- Ali McMordie, Stiff Little Fingers

care passionately about Northern Ireland and who want it to be a better place that includes everyone, irrespective of your religious or community background. The local punk scene at the end of the 70s was intentionally anti-sectarian and many fans continue to hold these values dear."

The Integrated Education Fund (IEF) is a charity that supports the growth and development of Integrated schools. From the age of four, most children in Northern Ireland attend schools that are largely seen as belonging to one religious or cultural tradition. Less than two per cent of children attending Catholic Maintained schools come from the Protestant tradition and less than eight per cent of children attending Controlled Schools are from the Catholic tradition.



## Making learning purposeful and fun

**Cliftonville Integrated Primary School** is a friendly, welcoming school situated on the Cliftonville Road, Belfast.

We are proud of our diverse school population where all religions, traditions and cultures are respected and nurtured together. There are currently over 380 children enrolled in Primary One to Primary Seven classes, with an additional 26 places in the Nursery.

We are delighted to be part of the integrated family that is at the forefront of conflict resolution and the healing of our society. Together with our school community, we will continue building a better future for our children.

In Cliftonville, we aim to make learning purposeful, fun and challenging. We value and acknowledge each one of our pupils as individuals. Within a happy, caring and safe environment, we seek to address individual needs and hope all pupils experience success in learning and reap the maximum benefit from the educational opportunities offered to them. We want our pupils to leave with a sense of self-worth, confidence, social skills and be ready to take on new challenges.

The school has bright, modern, child-centred facilities. The accommodation consists of fourteen highly resourced classrooms, an assembly hall and a dedicated space for the Nursery unit. In addition, there is a computer suite, library and a newly established nurture classroom. The school is located on a spacious site with excellent outdoor learning space including a large green area, polytunnel and outdoor classroom.

In addition, there is a football pitch, a basketball

area, outdoor story-telling chairs, climbing frames and agility trails for the children to enjoy. We value parental interest and support. Home and school are viewed as a partnership, supportive of each other and working together to ensure that each child reaches their academic potential.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs to support parents by extending the school day, including Breakfast Club and 2-3 Club. A wide range of activities are offered to children from P4 - P7 including sporting clubs, film club and arts-based clubs.

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