



ALL SAINTS COLLEGE

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Principal's Welcome

I am extremely proud to be the Principal of All Saints College. We are a vibrant, inclusive and family-orientated school with a strong community ethos.

We have a dedicated, enthusiastic and committed team of staff who endeavour to provide exciting and enriching experiences for our children. We value every child as an individual and we believe that our staff make a real difference.

All Saints College welcomes students of different Christian denominations, other religious faiths and those with none. We encourage students to grow in their own faith and religious practice while at the same time respecting the distinctive Catholic ethos of our school.

It is a privilege to educate your children in a child centred, warm and inspiring environment. We believe that all students can make outstanding progress and attain at the highest level, whatever their starting point. We will not make, nor accept, any excuses for our students, firmly believing that there are no barriers to achievement that cannot be overcome by a determined and resilient student supported by a nurturing school.

There is breadth and balance in our curriculum, while an extensive range of extracurricular activities encourages participation, positive relationships, a healthy lifestyle and the holistic development of each child.



We encourage our parents to become involved in all aspects of school life, so that, as partners, we can promote high standards of learning, behaviour and a positive attitude to learning, that enables every child to reach their full potential.

A major step in ensuring we continue to meet the needs of students, staff and the wider community has been the announcement by the Department of Education that All Saints College will benefit from a purpose-built, state of the art school campus. This will be on the old Cross and Passion site with sporting facilities on our current Glen Road campus. We are now at the planning and design stage of this exciting project.

This brief welcome is only but a small insight into what All Saints College offers our students. We hope the following pages will clearly display what our school has to offer.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require further information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Coyle'. The signature is stylized with a large 'D' and a cursive 'Coyle'.

Mr Damian Coyle





ALL ABILITIES



Our Curriculum

Our curriculum, as with every other aspect of school life in All Saint College, is built around the individual needs of our students. We offer courses of study that are both challenging and stimulating, encouraging our students to reach for excellence.

Your child will have access to a diverse range of subjects throughout their time in the college. Our options are second to none and will open the door to a host of GCSE, BTEC and A-level programmes. We offer courses of study, such as Law and Arabic, which no other school provides.

As a pupil, your child will avail of pioneering educational programmes in literacy and

numeracy. Innovations, such as Accelerated Reader, IZAK9 and Sparx Maths, will make a difference in your child's academic progress.

Through the rigorous collection and use of data, your child's progress will be monitored and tracked. If there are any indications that they are not progressing satisfactorily, intervention strategies will be sensitively implemented to support them in their learning.

Our staff work in partnership with students at GCSE and A-level as mentors, in order to raise them to the next level. Academically, we will ensure your child's continued development.











ALL INSPIRING

Extracurricular Enrichment

As a pupil at All Saints College, your child will have the opportunity to participate in a wide selection of extracurricular activities. The provision of extracurricular experiences and activities is a priority for All Saints College, based on the evidential benefits to our students.

These range from our highly successful school sports teams to our after-school clubs; from Minecraft to Eco-Schools, Coding to Horticulture, Yu-Gi-Oh to Geology - our students' choices are vast. The college also offers curriculum related excursions locally, nationally and internationally.

Extracurricular activities in All Saints College motivate our students and promote confidence, self-belief and high self-esteem. Our students learn from and teach one another. Through our varied choices in extracurricular programmes, our students develop essential social skills such as communication, teamworking and cooperation. Each pupil involved in extracurricular activities builds strong relationships with both their peers and teachers within a safe and positive learning environment.

Research shows that regular participation in extracurricular activities increases self-esteem and status amongst peers, significant indicators of academic performance. Our extracurricular programme inspires our students and opens the door to interests beyond their academic studies.

Our extensive afterschools and enrichment programme includes, but is not limited to:

- African Drums
- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Arabic GCSE and A-level Programme
- Board Game Club
- Basketball
- Choir
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Digital Photography
- Eco Schools
- French Club
- Gaelic Football
- Geology Club
- Homework Club
- Horticulture
- Hurling and Camogie
- Instrument Lessons
- Ju Jitsu
- Kids in Control Drama Workshops
- Making Our Community A Better Place (Youth Leadership and Community Development Programme)
- Minecraft Club
- Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh Club
- Safe Space
- School Band
- Soccer
- Spanish Club
- Sports Club



*The quality of life is
determined by its activities.*





ALL EMBRACING

Pastoral Care

All Saints College strives to create a caring, supportive, pastoral community for all our students, from the moment a pupil enters the school to the moment they leave.

Our pastoral care provision seeks to ensure that each and every pupil is fully aware that they will be supported by All Saints staff, especially in times of personal difficulty. All our students are fully supported by our Principal, Senior Management, Year Heads, Form Teachers, Teaching Assistants, and all other staff through every aspect of school life.

All our students are provided with the opportunity to access counselling services and we work hand in hand with community and statutory agencies to ensure a positive school experience for our students and parents.

We firmly believe that the happiness and wellbeing of every child is paramount, and each child is unique. A tailored, personalized approach will ensure your child, as a member of our school family, will receive the support they require.

All Saints College leads the way in adopting innovative, targeted, and proven approaches to pastoral care. For example, we work together with Family Support Hubs within our community; teach both our students and staff restorative justice practices in addressing conflicts; and we utilise the latest software to measure, monitor and improve your child's wellbeing.

Partnership working, between home and school, will ensure the most successful outcome for your child.



At All Saints College I know everyone really cares about me.

Everyone knows who they can talk to if they have a problem, if they are worried about their subjects or they're having difficulties with their friends.

I was nervous moving from my primary school but my teachers and assistants have really helped me to settle in.





Safeguarding and Child Protection

Our aim is to provide an environment where our students feel safe and secure, valued and respected; where they feel confident and know how to approach adults in their life, should they be in difficulty, and feel that they will be listened to effectively.

All our staff are fully trained to identify when a young person may be in need of help. We have clear procedures that we all follow to ensure that any concerns are passed on promptly and are dealt with appropriately.

All students are educated about how they can keep themselves safe. Through our curriculum and assemblies, we promote personal safety enabling our students to know who to turn to when they are concerned about themselves or, indeed, someone else.

We have access to and engage with many outside agencies, both statutory and voluntary, that aid us in ensuring the wellbeing of our students.

The Designated Officer for Safeguarding and Child Protection is our Vice-Principal, Mr McCaughan. He has a team of Deputy Officers - Mr Coyle, Ms McCallion, Mr S. Quinn and Mr Banks. They work closely together to ensure that the school procedures and practices are in place across both campuses.

We are committed to tackling bullying in all its forms. Any form of bullying is unacceptable. No pupil should be allowed to hurt another, either physically or otherwise. We recognise that all forms of bullying, especially if left unaddressed, can have a devastating effect on individuals; it can create a barrier to learning and have serious consequences for mental wellbeing. By effectively preventing and confronting bullying our school strives to create a safe and disciplined environment, where students are able to learn and fulfil their potential.

"If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, learn to trust, share their feelings, and grow."

Our Uniform

Our boys and girls look amazing in their full school uniform. School uniform is compulsory in All Saints College; this includes wearing it to and from school each day. All Saints College students must wear the following.

Boys' uniform

School blazer.
White shirt.
School tie.
School jumper.
Dark grey trousers.
Black leather shoes.
Head coverings required for religious reasons, must be in school colours.

Girls' uniform

School blazer.
White shirt.
School tie.
School jumper.
Grey skirt.
Black tights.
Black leather shoes.
Head coverings required for religious reasons, must be in school colours.

Students are encouraged to wear -
All Saints College PE kit.

Trainers and sport shoes will not be permitted, nor will fleeces or hooded tops. An all navy school coat should be worn, and should you choose to bring this coat to school, the school blazer must also be worn.

*Our uniform
is part of our
school identity,
uniting our
students.
We believe
that all of our
students should
feel proud
to wear it.*



Student Voice



All Saints College actively listens to the views of our students and encourages their full participation in the decisions that affect their learning, their well-being and their daily experiences.

Our students elect their Student Council annually and entrust them to accurately represent their views and to target areas for school improvement. Our students' views are reported back to our staff body, reinforcing the many aspects of school life wherein the college supports the learning, development and everyday life of our school.



Pupil participation in council promotes student citizenship and leadership skills, develops confident and strong speakers and supports learning and scholarship amongst its members.

Our Student Council represents the school in student forums and youth parliaments at a local and national level. All Saints College are committed to the rights of each child, enshrined in the UNCRC, ensuring their views are expressed freely in all matters affecting our students.



We will assure the right of each child to express their views freely in all matters affecting them.

Embedded in our Community

All Saints College is proud of our academic and pastoral strengths and our students' achievements. As a school embedded in our community, we understand that much of this success relates to a partnership with our parents, family and community.

It is with great pride that we are recognised as a School of Sanctuary, fostering a culture of welcome and inclusion in, your school and community to all of our students.

We are working towards the Eco School Green Flag award, encouraging our students to engage in their environment and actively protect it, both in the school and the community.

Our Making Our Community a Better Place programme creates a space for our students to volunteer in supporting the needs of our community, including litter picks, graffiti removal, recycling initiatives and mental health awareness campaigns. This programme has been the proud winner of numerous West Belfast Partnership Community Environment Awards.

Through the difficulties presented by the pandemic for both our students and families, All Saints College's contribution to our community was recognised through the prestigious Blackboard Awards in the category of Outstanding Community Engagement.

Our example of community encourages and develops our students as full and active citizens and supports them in realising their full potential.







ALL ACTION

Sports and Coaching

In welcoming the return of individual and team sports, All Saints College is actively engaged in developing the sport stars of the future. Our targeted coaching programmes are focused on our young camogs, hurlers, gaelic and soccer players, basketball players, handball and table tennis players, as well as supporting our active athletics academy.

All Saints College work in partnership with Gaelfast, Michael Davitt's GAC, St Teresa's GAC and O'Donovan Rossa GAC to ensure our students are embedded in their local GAA communities and receive the highest standard of GAA coaching available. These partnerships have shown significant results with two All Saints College students receiving Antrim School's Cup All Star nominations this year.

Our soccer teams have progressed through numerous competitions and the College counts amongst its ranks a significant number of boys and girls competing for NI Premiership club teams, including Cliftonville, Linfield, Glentoran and Crusaders.

Students are also encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle throughout our curriculum. All Key Stage 3 students develop their physical and mental well-being through participation in the John Muir Award in cooperation with the Belfast Hills Partnership and Belfast City Council.

The PE Department provides academic programmes and careers pathways leading directly to employment in the sports industry. All Saints College offers a wide range of qualifications at GCSE and A-level, catering for numerous future careers through BTEC, OCR and OCN studies.



There is no better feeling than stepping out on that field and stunning them all by doing what none of them thought you could.





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