

Coláiste Mhaigh Éne

Magh Éne College



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As Principal of Magh Éne College it is with great pride that I invite you to journey with us through the pages of this prospectus. Magh Éne College boasts a warm, welcoming atmosphere where positive relationships between our staff, students and parents are of paramount importance.

We firmly believe in offering a progressive academic curriculum as well as an extensive range of extra and co curricular activities which promote the holistic development of our students. The best ambassadors for our school are our students so please visit our school, engage with staff, parents and students and see for yourself what Magh Éne College has to offer you.

We look forward to meeting with you.



Pat Tighe
Principal



Colette McAree
Deputy Principal



"Tell me and I forget,
Teach me and I may
remember,
Involve me and I learn."

Mission Statement

We pride ourselves on the personal and individual attention given to each student and value the partnership with parents in achieving this goal.

Ethos

Magh Éne College is one of 15 ETB post primary schools in County Donegal.

ETB schools are state, co-educational, multi-denominational post-primary schools. The ethos of ETB schools is underpinned by the core values of Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect.

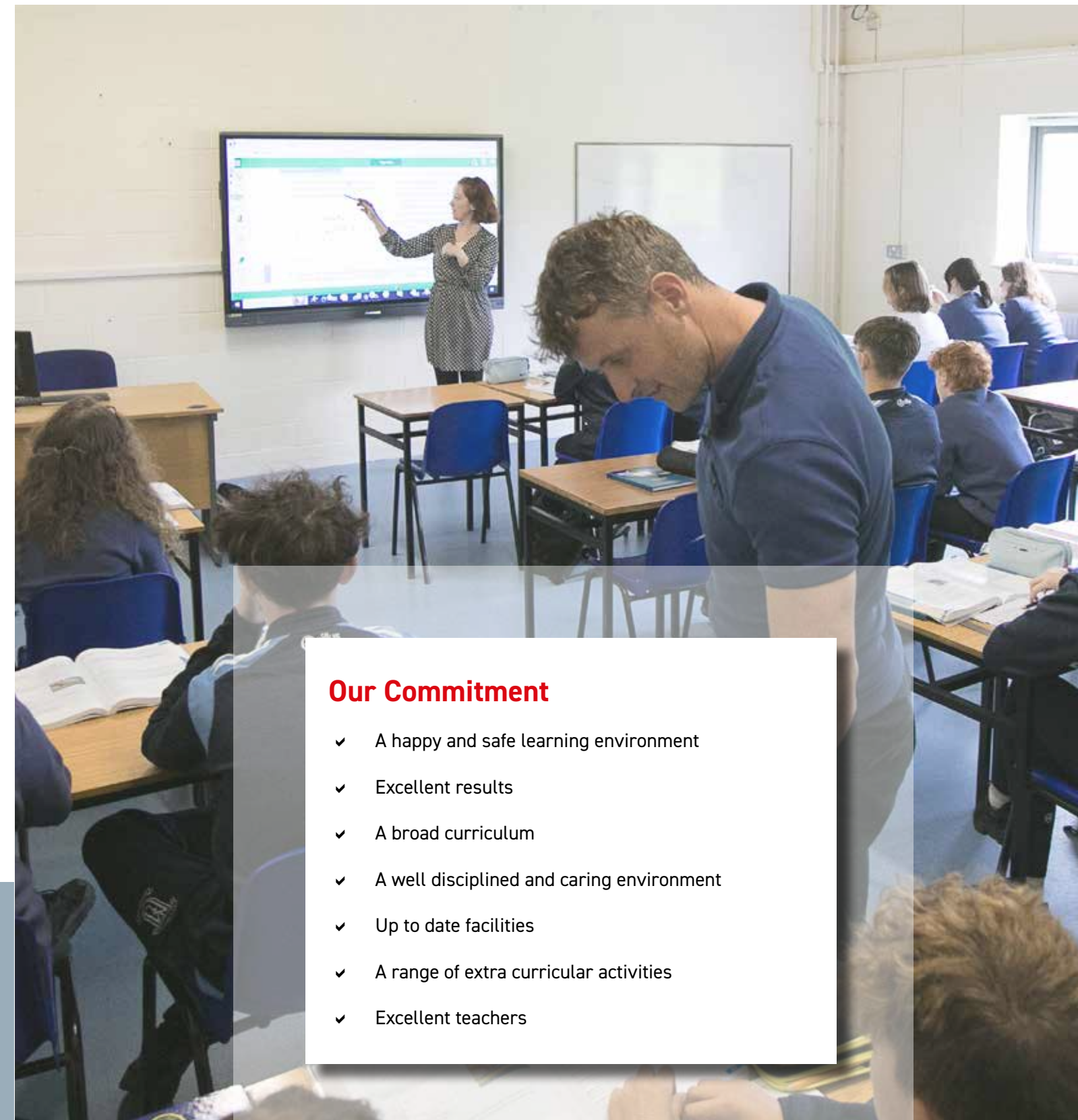
About us...

Our name 'Magh Éne' is derived from the old Irish words for 'welcome' and 'level land' i.e. plain of hospitality reflecting our open door approach to our parents who are always welcome.

Magh Éne College was established in 1992 continuing the tradition of second level education established by the Louis Order in Bundoran. The College is situated on a 14hectare site in a recently built building catering for the needs of families in the south Donegal, north Leitrim and north Sligo areas. We have 350 students. We are very proud of the educational provision we offer and especially of our students' achievements.



As Head Boy and Girl we invite you to browse through our prospectus. This is our sixth year here in Magh Éne and we will be truly sorry to leave yet excited also at the prospect of going to college. We look back with fondness on our years here knowing that our teachers have worked with us and encouraged us always to do our best. We know that our Student Leadership Team of Prefects and Deputy Prefects look forward to helping your son/daughter settle with us here in Magh Éne College. Magh Éne is special, we have a real sense of community - a sense of belonging. We are proud of our school and know that your child will feel the same and be helped, as we have been to do their best while here.



Our Commitment

- ✓ A happy and safe learning environment
- ✓ Excellent results
- ✓ A broad curriculum
- ✓ A well disciplined and caring environment
- ✓ Up to date facilities
- ✓ A range of extra curricular activities
- ✓ Excellent teachers

General Information

Supports for our Students

Tutor and Year Head System
 Student Leadership Team
 Academic Mentoring
 Wellbeing Co-ordinator
 Guidance Counsellor
 Learning Support & Resource Teaching
 Multi-cultural Provision
 Anti Bullying Programme
 Student Mentoring Programme
 International Student Programme
 Restorative Practice Whole School Programme
 Student Support Team
 First Year Induction Programme
 Book Rental Scheme

Positive Behaviour

All members of Magh Éne College community are expected to treat one another with respect, good manners and courtesy at all times.

We expect and promote high standards of behaviour centred on respect:

Respect for Self
 Respect for fellow students
 Respect for staff
 Respect for property



College Uniform

(available from Goodbuys, Bundoran)

- ▼ Crested College Jumper with tie
- ▼ Navy trousers / knee length skirt
- ▼ Navy socks for girls
- ▼ Plain black shoes
- ▼ Optional College Blazer available

PE Uniform

(available online from www.oreillysofficial.com)

Magh Éne College half-zip
 Magh Éne College T-shirt
 Magh Éne College skinnies/leggings

Enrolment

Applicants for First Year should ensure that they comply with all entrance and enrolment procedures.

Staff

The college has a dedicated and committed team of teachers and support staff. This includes a Career Guidance Counsellor, Learning Support Teachers and Language Assistant.





Parents

Our parents / guardians are always welcome. We value your contribution. All parents/guardians are invited to meet teachers in various capacities on numerous occasions throughout the academic year. Parent's views are invited and taken on board so that Magh Éne provides the best possible teaching and learning for every student. There is an active Parents Association which is very supportive of the college.

Curriculum

Here in Magh Éne College we offer a broad curriculum encompassing New Junior Cycle, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate & the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

Junior Cycle

As part of the revised Junior Cycle, students will study 9 subjects and 2 short courses. Everyone will study Irish, English, Maths, Science, History, French/Spanish and select from a range of other subjects. (See page 8)

Academic Excellence

High quality teaching and learning is paramount in our college. Students are consistently encouraged to do their best, and are supported by a year long, one to one academic mentoring programme. Success in examinations is vigorously pursued at both Higher and Ordinary level. Specific recommendations on homework and the use of a Homework Journal are issued by the college for the benefit of both students and parents/guardians. Magh Éne has adopted a whole school approach to Assessment for Learning and Instructional Intelligence ensuring that each student receives the very best of progressive and effective teaching and learning methodologies.

A tradition of excellent Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate results exists in Magh Éne. The majority of our students on an annual basis progress to third level pursuing a wide range of career opportunities.

Past Pupils – Where are they now?

Our students can be found throughout all career areas including medicine, business, IT, pharmacy, finance, law, education and engineering.

National University Awards

We are proud of our students who have received recognition at national level for their Leaving Certificate results. Students have received bursaries and scholarships in recognition of their outstanding achievements from NUI Galway, NUI Dublin, Trinity College and JP Mc Manus Scholarship.



Colin Gilligan and Rachel Connolly who both received entrance awards from UCD in recognition of their outstanding Leaving Cert results in 2022

Junior Cycle Curriculum

Core:
Irish, English, Project Maths, Science, French/Spanish,
PE, RE, History

Options:
Home Economics, Geography, Visual Art, Business
Studies, **Technology**, Engineering, Graphics, Music,
Spanish

Short Courses:
Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE), Coding,
SPHE

Transition Year

The Transition Year in Magh Éne College is firmly based on the ethos of TY in that it aims to develop autonomous young adults equipped with the skills required to cope with the demands of Leaving Certificate as well as the challenges faced at third level and in the workplace. We are very proud of our long tradition in delivering a comprehensive Transition Year programme which supports and aids our students in bridging the gap between Junior Cert and Leaving Cert.

LCVP

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme involves undertaking two additional subjects: Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work. The LCVP yields significant additional points within the CAO system of application for third level places. A Distinction in LCVP is awarded 66 points in the Leaving Certificate examination.



Senior Cycle Curriculum

Core:
Mathematics, Irish, English, Career Guidance,
Religion, S.P.H.E., Physical Education

Options:
Biology, History, Geography, Engineering,
Construction Studies, French, Home Economics,
L.C.V.P., Art, Business, Agricultural Science, Physics,
Chemistry, Spanish, Music, DCC 

After School Study

An excellent after school supervised study facility is available for two hours at the end of each school day. Parents and students find this very beneficial. The study centres are well supervised permitting students to study in a quiet and warm environment

Leading the Way - Intelligent Instruction

Magh Éne College is one of the leading schools in the country in this progressive and up to date teaching and learning methodology. The college has been working with Canadian Professor Barrie Bennett in the development of progressive teaching methods which involves our students using effective techniques to maximise their learning potential. The results of this method of teaching have been reflected in our excellent examination results and recognised by the Department of Science & Skills.

'A combination of mindmapping, individual tasks and group work helped all students to stay focused and maximise their learning potential'. DES Inspectorate





Facilities

Magh Éne College is in a modern state of the art building with the most up to date facilities in the area including:

- ❖ Science Laboratories
- ❖ Engineering Room
- ❖ Construction Room
- ❖ Technology Room
- ❖ Six Chrome book Trolleys
- ❖ Canteen
- ❖ Home Economics
- ❖ Art/Craft/Design
- ❖ Learning Support
- ❖ Social Studies
- ❖ Library
- ❖ Hardcourt Areas
- ❖ Sports Hall
- ❖ Landscaped gardens
- ❖ Polytunnel
- ❖ Flood Lit All Weather Pitch



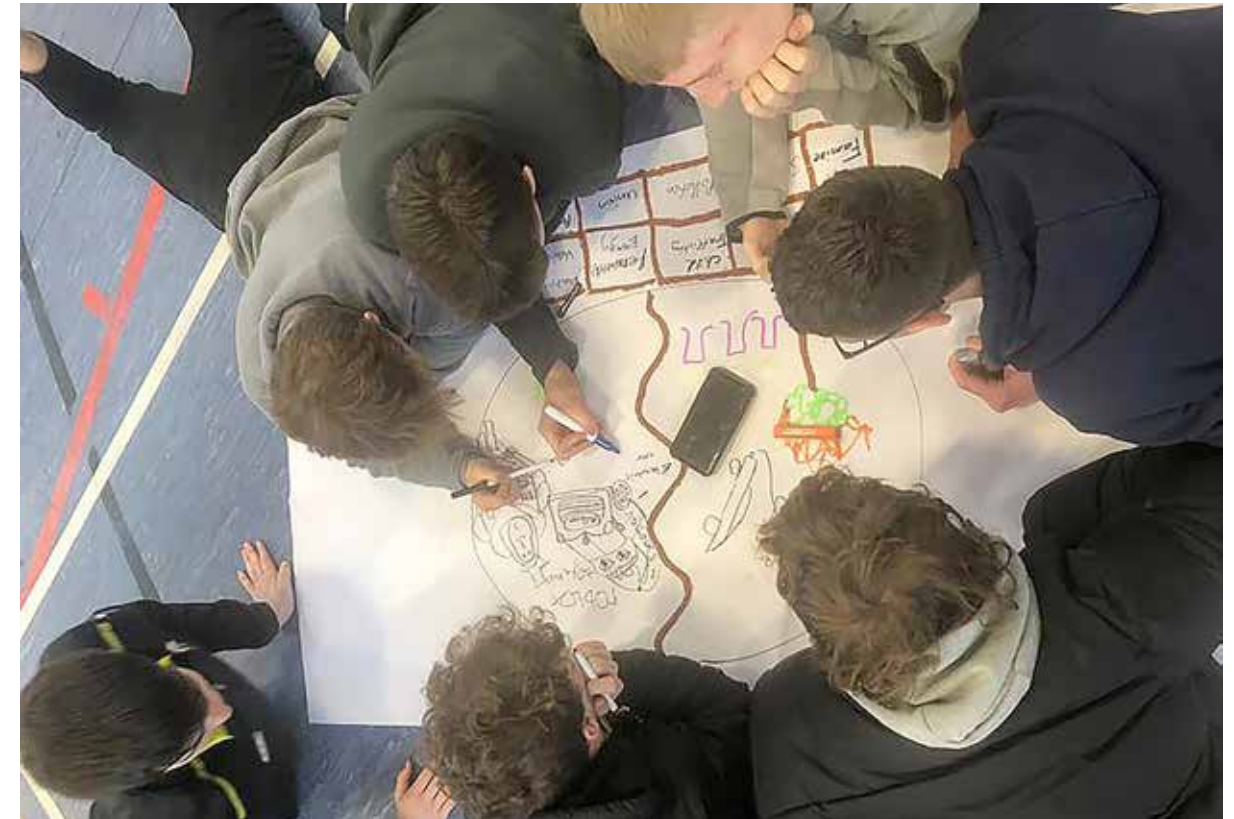
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

ICT is integrated across all areas of the curriculum with First Years having weekly timetabled classes. This is supplemented with portable 30 unit Chromebook trollies which can be used by students in any of the college's classrooms. Each classroom is fitted with a large interactive Smart screen which has replaced the traditional white board.

A number of our subject departments have their own blogs which are used as a means of communication, sharing of resources and a way for our students to submit work.

Students now use Google Classroom which allows them to access class and homework through 'cloud' using their own unique Co Donegal ETB e-mail address. Each of our students has also been given free cloud storage space for their files and folders. Google Classroom is designed to help teachers create and collect assignments paperlessly, including time-saving features like the ability to automatically make a copy of a Google Document for each student. It also creates Drive folders for each assignment and for each student to help keep everyone organised.

Students can keep track of what's due on the Assignments page and begin working with just a click. Teachers can quickly see who has or hasn't completed the work, and provide direct, real-time feedback and grades right in Classroom. Parents/Guardians can also have access to their own child's work.



Student Support

Students are encouraged to develop self confidence, take personal responsibility and show respect for self and others. They are expected to be hardworking and well behaved. Self expression is encouraged while a spirit of enquiry and a widening awareness of social values are promoted through many extra and co curricular activities provided in Magh Éne. Each student's talents are nurtured and encouraged.

Each student has a timetabled Tutor Class. Tutors look after the welfare of our students and liaise with Year Heads in ensuring each student fulfils their potential and is supported throughout their time with us here in Magh Éne. Our Student Support Team monitors and supports student welfare.

Guidance

The Guidance Counsellor works with all years. A dedicated guidance programme is followed by senior students. Each student is monitored and advised throughout Transition, Fifth and Sixth Years. Students are helped with study plans, exam targets, college applications, career options and when required, personal counselling.

Regular Parents Information Evenings are held throughout the year aimed at supporting you and enabling us to work together. Students receive ongoing guidance from First Year on Study Plans, Career Choices and paths to third level.

Student Voice

An active Student Council contributes hugely to the life in Magh Éne. The Council holds regular meetings, and representatives from the Council attend meetings with the Principal and senior school management, to discuss and decide on many school issues throughout the year. The Council holds regular meetings and representatives from the Council meet with the Principal to discuss and decide on many school issues throughout the year. Our students continue to be selected to represent the youth of the county on Co. Donegal Youth Council in the role as Youth Counsellors.

Student Leadership Programme

Aimed at enabling the development of young autonomous adults our Student Leadership Programme involves peer nomination of Class Prefects and Deputy Prefects who then go on to have a leadership role within the college. Student Leaders receive formal training to carry out their role. Through the course of the year our young leaders grow in confidence and go on to develop excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills. Being a member of our Student Leadership Team is a major accomplishment and something our students aspire to.

Health Promoting Schools

Magh Éne College has been a Health Promoting School since the late 1990s. This initiative supports schools to focus on health and wellbeing and involves all members of the school community. Our Health Promoting Schools committee is made up of both staff and students. We raise awareness on many topics such as healthy eating, positive mental health, LGBTQI and the importance of physical activity for each student's wellbeing.

We promote these causes through activities and events such as Positive Mental Health Week and Stand Up Week. In recent years, we've been awarded the Health Promoting Schools flag. This was presented to us by the HSE as an acknowledgement of our work to help improve the health of our school community.

We've also received the Amber Flag from Mental Health Ireland in recognition of our work in promoting and actively bringing about a cultural change in the promotion of positive mental health within the education system.

Green Schools

We have been participating in the Green Schools scheme for several years and due to the hard work of our students and staff we have achieved both the Litter and Waste flag and the Water Conservation flag. We are currently working on the Sustainable Travel theme. Some of our initiatives that have been undertaken to make our school a more environmentally friendly place include the use of recycling bins in classrooms, the use of a rainwater harvester in the garden, various workshops, and the installation of a water fountain in the canteen area to reduce the number of plastic bottles being used in the school. We look forward to new members joining each year.



Extra and Co Curricular Activities

In Magh Éne College we provide a wide range of activities for our students, these include:

Sport – Gaelic Football, Rugby, Soccer, Basketball, Athletics, Surfing, Badminton, Table tennis, Swimming

Drama – Musical, Drama and Dance workshops, Stilt Walking, School Choir

Charity – Students are involved in various fundraising activities including Concern, North West Hospice and various local charities

Student Mentoring Programme – part of our mentoring programme for our younger students

Educational Trips – Fieldtrips, educational trips and European tours.

Competitions

Maths Blitz, Concern Debates, Public Speaking, All Ireland Maths Olympiad

BT Young Scientist, Debating, County Enterprise Mini Companies, NFTE Enterprise Award European Title

Games and Book/Film Club





Awards

Students are nominated for awards in recognition of:

- ❖ Student of the Month
- ❖ Most Improved
- ❖ Extra Curricular Activities
- ❖ Student of the Year
- ❖ Academic Excellence
- ❖ Attendance & Punctuality
- ❖ Subject Achievement
- ❖ Special Merit
- ❖ Sportsman of the Year
- ❖ School Spirit Award
- ❖ Principal's Award
- ❖ State Examination



Achievements

Magh Éne College has a long tradition of providing excellent education to girls and boys in the area and can boast many achievements:

- ❖ Excellent academic reputation in the state examinations
- ❖ Among the top feeder schools in the area for third level
- ❖ University Entrance Scholarships
- ❖ Regional Basketball Winners
- ❖ Proud record of fundraising for charity
- ❖ Winners of County and Ulster titles in Gaelic Football Boys and Girls
- ❖ Debating - All Ireland Finalists
- ❖ Recipient of many Mini Company & Enterprise Awards
- ❖ Rugby County Titles - Girls and Boys
- ❖ School exchanges
- ❖ Pilot Programmes in conjunction with UCD, Fáilte Ireland and NCCA
- ❖ Commendations and awards in BT Young Scientist Competition
- ❖ Gold Medal Gaisce: The President's Award





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