

SACRED HEART GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 2015



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Sister Patricia Rogers
Former Principal of Sacred Heart Grammar School
Died 30th May 2015

It was with great sadness that Sacred Heart Grammar School announced the death of former Principal, Sister Patricia Rogers. Sister Patricia, a native of Dublin, succeeded Sister Mark Hollywood as Principal at a time of great change, and successfully steered the school through the many changes which faced the N.I. educational system. Having begun her career as a chemistry teacher, she soon moved into administration and served as Principal for twenty-four years, eleven of those in Sacred Heart. Sister Patricia had a keen interest in all aspects of school management, and, as an executive member of both The Catholic Heads Association and The Governing Bodies Association, contributed to many new initiatives in educational management in Northern Ireland. In July 2000 she retired from Sacred Heart to take on the post of Abbess General of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Clare.

Mary Connolly
Former Chairperson of The Board of Governors of Sacred
Heart Grammar School
Died 17th April 2015

Mary was keenly interested in all aspects of life in Sacred Heart and carried out her role as Chairperson of The Board of Governors with characteristic commitment, wisdom and good humour. Mary contributed to many new initiatives in educational management in Northern Ireland.

May they rest in peace

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the effective management of the school. The Sisters of St Clare are the Trustees and, as such, nominate six members of the Board, one of whom is always a parent of a pupil attending the school. The Department of Education nominates two members. The teaching staff and parent body each elect a representative of the Board.

MEMBERSHIP

Nominated by the Sisters of St Clare

Mrs Posey Gilsenan **Chairperson**

Sr Maureen James

Sr Maureen O'Dea

Ms Catriona Regan

Mr Mark Reynolds

Sr Elizabeth Wall

Nominated by Department of Education NI

Dr Sean Digney

Mr Ciaran Rafferty

New members nominated by Department of Education NI from 2015 to replace Dr S Digney and Mr C Rafferty

Mrs Margaret Casey

Mr Michael Hannaway

Elected by Teaching Staff

Mr Joe Boardman

Elected by Parents

Mr Dominic Wadsworth

Secretary and Correspondent to Board of Governors

Sr Julie McGoldrick, Principal

The main responsibilities of the Board of Governors include:

- a establishing aims and objectives for the school and drawing up policy statements for those areas of management where a written policy is required
- b implementing the N.I. Curriculum
- c selecting and appointing staff and undertaking other personnel responsibilities
- d drawing up an Admissions Policy and applying it to prospective students
- e managing the school's finances
- f providing information to parents
- g ensuring that the premises are properly maintained
- h fostering links with other schools and pursuing the objectives of Education for Mutual Understanding

TEACHING STAFF 2014-2015

Sr. Julie McGoldrick	Principal
Mrs O Brown	Vice-Principal/French
Mrs M Bell	Head of English Department
Mrs M Friel	Head of Physical Education Department/History
Mr P Kane	Senior Teacher/Science/Physics
Mrs S McCaffery	Sociology/Year Head
Mrs L Fleming	Business Studies/LLW/Year Head
Mr J Boardman	Senior Teacher/Biology
Mrs L Curtis	Senior Teacher/Careers/Mathematics
Mrs A McElhinney	Head of Home Economics
Mrs A Lannon	Head of Economics & Business Studies/Year Head
Mrs C Kearney	Head of Art Department
Dr D Frame	Head of Music Department
Mrs B Rankin-Sands	Senior Teacher/Drama/Theatre Studies
Mrs K Dorins	Irish/Year Head
Ms R McCreesh	English/Literacy Skills/Year Head
Sr K Small	Religious Studies
Miss L Curtis	Mathematics/Further Maths/Geography
Mrs S Kelly	Physical Education/Religious Education
Mrs T Quigg	Chemistry/Science
Mr D Cotter	Science/Chemistry
Mr P Flanagan	Head of Technology Department
Mr D McCann	Science/Physics
Mrs S Carragher	Art/Science
Miss L Bell	Music/English/Literacy Skills
Mrs K McMahon	Religious Education/Year Head
Mr S Burke	French/ICT
Sr Treasa Davey	Head of Drama Department/Theatre Studies

Mrs C Hegarty	Head of Geography Department
Mrs P McClelland	Business Studies/Learning for Life and Work
Mrs MT Brennan	Geography
Mrs O Corey	Head of Mathematics Department/Further Maths
Mrs M King	Mathematics/Further Maths
Miss B Hegarty	English
Mr P McEvoy	Science/Head of Physics Department
Mrs A McKeivitt	Physical Education/Home Economics
Mr R Mc Nally	Technology/ICT
Mrs M McCourt	Home Economics
Mr K Smyth	Mathematics/Further Maths
Mrs C Rooney	Science/Head of Chemistry Department
Miss Y Commault	French
Mr E Devlin	Head of History
Ms P Dickson	Biology/Science
Mr P Taggart	History/Politics
Ms O Cunningham	Head of Religious Education
Mr J Quinn	Head of ICT
Mrs C O'Hagan	English
Miss S McIntyre	French/Spanish
Mr J White	Head of Irish
Mrs L Gribben	Head of Careers/History
Ms C Muckian	Science/Biology/Psychology

NON-TEACHING STAFF 2014-2015

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Miss C Gorman (Bursar)	Ms B Crimmins	Mrs B Grogan
Mrs P Loughran	Mrs J Webb	Mrs G Maginn

TECHNICAL STAFF

Mrs T Carragher	Mrs A Lively	Miss I Krivousaite
Mr A Cowan	Mrs N McCoy	Mr D Mc Clure
Mr G Gransbergis	Sr M O'Shea	

LIBRARY STAFF

Mrs T Fleming (Librarian)	Ms U P Lennon	Miss K Fearon
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CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

Mrs M Quinn	Miss C Digney
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PUPIL COUNSELLOR

Sr A Lyng

DINING HALL STAFF

Mrs M Crozier (Supervisor)	Mrs M Kane	Miss J Rickard
Mrs T Byrne	Mrs M Murdock	Miss N Rickard
Mrs F Clinton	Mrs V Murtagh	Mr R Yates
Mrs I Gribben	Miss K Mc Clorey	
Mrs R Hollywood	Mrs H Mc Conville	

CARETAKING STAFF

Mr R Connolly	Mr G Fleming
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CLEANING STAFF

Mrs T Quinn (Housekeeper)	Mrs M Kane	Mrs B Rocks
Mrs P Byrne	Mrs A Keenan	Mrs S Sobala
Mrs P Carvill	Miss D Keenan	Miss M Thompson
Mr D Demczuk	Mrs P Maguire	Mrs G Vasilenko
Mrs B Heaney	Mrs M Niblock	
Mrs J Holland	Mrs A Palis	

SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS

Mrs M McCoy (Supervisor)	Mrs A Magennis	Mrs D Rice
Mrs M Greenan	Mrs G Mc Parland	Mrs B Rocks
Mrs R Greenan	Mrs S Pollock	

SECURITY STAFF

Mr S Holland	Mr A Sobala
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THE CURRICULUM

The curriculum in Sacred Heart Grammar School is concerned with values and attitudes as well as knowledge and skills. It is designed to help students to become independent learners and take responsibility for organising their own learning. Curriculum planning is guided by current statutory requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. The school is on target to fulfil the requirements of the Entitlement Framework. Classes are un-streamed except for Mathematics classes, which are grouped by ability in Years 11 and 12. Key Stage 3 classes are taught in classes of 30 students and most specialist/practical subjects in classes of 20 students. Where GCSE and AS/A Level students are free to choose options, class size varies according to the subject.

KEY STAGE THREE SUBJECTS

Art	Home Economics
Biology	ICT
Chemistry	Irish
Drama	Learning For Life and Work
English	Mathematics
French	Music
General Science	Physical Education
Geography	Physics
History	Religious Education
	Technology

Key Stage Three students are also assessed on the Cross Curricular Skills of:

- Communication
- Using ICT
- Using Maths

Area Learning Community

Sacred Heart Grammar School is a member of Newry & Mourne Area Learning Community. Collaborating with 16 other local schools and learning-providers, the Community strives to offer greater choice and flexibility for all post-primary learners aged 14 and above. Sacred Heart has in recent years extended its curriculum provision at GCE AS and A level by collaborating with The Abbey Grammar School to offer students a broader curriculum so that they can choose a blend of courses which best meets their needs, aptitudes, aspirations and interests.

KEY STAGE FOUR SUBJECTS

The school offers a broad range of subjects at GCSE level

Art & Design	History
Biology	Home Economics
Business Studies	ICT
Chemistry	Irish
Design & Technology	Mathematics
Drama	Music
Economics	Physical Education
English	Physics
English Literature	Religious Studies
French	Science (<i>Double Award</i>)
Further Maths	Spanish
Geography	

Key Stage Four students also have classes in:

Careers/Learning for Life and Work

Personal Development

Physical Education (*non-exam*)

AS/A LEVEL SUBJECTS

The school offers an extensive range of subjects for AS/A Level.
Year 13 students choose either 3 or 4 AS subjects.

Accounting	History
Art & Design	Home Economics
Biology	ICT
Business Studies	Irish
Chemistry	Mathematics
Design & Technology	Moving Image Arts
Drama & Theatre Studies	Music
Economics	Physical Education
English Literature	Physics
French	Psychology
Further Maths	Religious Studies
Geography	Sociology
Government & Politics	

All Year 13 and Year 14 students have classes in Careers. They also have opportunities to use the equipment in the Fitness Suite and have access to the Library and computer facilities.

PASTORAL CARE

Sacred Heart Grammar School is committed not only to the intellectual development of students but also their personal and social development. An excellent Pastoral Care Programme, incorporating Personal, Social and Health Education, ensures that this goal is realised. All staff members contribute to the delivery and development of pastoral care. Special attention is given to Year 8 students to help them settle into their new surroundings. In addition to the pastoral care provision by teaching staff, a qualified school Counsellor is available to students for private consultations.

ROLE OF THE YEAR HEAD

The Year Head occupies a key role in the Pastoral Care Programme. He/She works with the Principal, Vice Principal, Form Teachers and other staff to encourage the personal and academic development of students and to actively promote the aims and objectives of the school within the year group. The Year Head who is assigned to each year group leads and supports the Form Teachers in their role.

ROLE OF THE FORM TEACHER

A Form Teacher is assigned to each class from Years 8 -14 and meets the students as a Form Class group each day. Form Teachers monitor attendance, punctuality and academic progress. They also deal with any difficulties that a student may experience. The Form Teacher may refer students to the appropriate Year Head who may then contact outside support agencies as the occasion arises.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Good behaviour creates the conditions for effective learning and helps to develop in students responsible attitudes and values for life. Teachers consistently encourage high standards of behaviour within the school and beyond, in the interest both of the student and society. There is an excellent relationship between students and teachers. Good order is maintained, not simply by a regime of sanctions and rewards, but by encouraging self-discipline. Teachers endeavour to create an environment where constructive and purposeful activity can take place. Full details of the School Rules are in the Student Planner.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Year 8-12 students and Year 13 and 14 Religious Studies students attend timetabled Religious Education classes each week. In addition to the formal Pastoral Care Programme, Sacred Heart Grammar School provides opportunities for each student to grow in an appreciation of the Catholic faith and in the knowledge and love of God. This is achieved by providing experiences for the spiritual growth and development of each student through the following:

- the Eucharist
- morning prayer/reflection
- the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Stations of the Cross
- School and Class Masses
- prayer services
- retreats
- Carol Services
- Liturgy Committee
- Spiritual Direction from the School Chaplain

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		
Art Club	Gaelic Football	President's Award
Camogie	Golf Society	Public Speaking
Careers Committee	Health Awareness Committee	Quiz Teams
Charity Committee	ICT Club	Science Clubs
Choirs	Irish Traditional Music	School Bank
Cross Country Running	Group	STEM Club
Debating	Liturgy Committee	Student Forum
Drama Group	Mini Company	Technology Club
Equestrian Club	Netball	Theatre Visits
Folk Group	Orchestras	Writing Club
French Club	Pioneer Society	Youth St Vincent
	Politics Committee	de Paul

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2014-2015

Students at Sacred Heart are encouraged and challenged to explore their gifts, spiritual as well as intellectual, physical as well as social. The following pages give an insight into the events, activities and achievements of the school year that help students to explore and develop these gifts.

SEPTEMBER 2014

8th The Golf Team won the Tavistock Cup

10th University of Ulster Open Day

11th Young Enterprise Northern Ireland delivered their programme 'Your School, Your Business' to Year 8 students, and their programme 'Moving On' to Year 9 students

11th Queen's University Open Day

12th A representative from Headway spoke to Year 12 students

12th The Pope John Paul Awards were launched by Ms Frances Mc Nally, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry

13th School Formal in Canal Court Hotel

16-19th Year 8 students completed Midyis testing

17th A group of top fundraisers for last year's ReadOn from Years 9 and 10 attended the NI Cancer Fund Open Day at Daisy Lodge, Shimna Valley

19th A speaker from Oxford University spoke to Year 12,13 and 14 students

24th Year 12 students took part in the Tree of Knowledge Programme and a STEM workshop

25th-7th Oct Year 11 students completed Yellis testing

29th A representative from the Dairy Council spoke about Sports Nutrition to Year 11-14 students

30th Internal Prizegiving took place

Five Year 12-14 students were selected for the SELB U19 Netball squad

OCTOBER 2014

1st Prayer service for the opening of the academic year

1st-Staff and students participated in an **Ice Bucket Challenge** for Motor Neuron Charity

1st A representative from John Moores University, Liverpool spoke to Year 13/14 students

1st Meeting for parents/guardians of students going on Berlin trip

- 1st U16 Camogie Blitz
- 3rd Year 11 annual Samaritans sponsored walk**
- 9th A representative from Action MS spoke to Year 8 students
- 10th A group of students competed in the Ulster Schools Swimming Championships
- 10th Students attended a Mock Council at Stormont
- 10th Year 10 students were runners-up in the Gael Linn Quiz
- 15-21st School Show: 'Crazy For You'**
- 21st The Diocesan Advisor met Year 14 Pope John Paul Award students
- 22-25th All Year 13 students were on work placement
- 22nd Year 11 Science fieldwork in Oxford Island
- 23rd The Legion of Mary met with all Year 8 students to distribute Miraculous Medals and Rosaries
- 24th Year 8 sponsored walk for Action MS**
- 24th Year 9 Charity cake sale
- 24-27th 49 students went on a History trip to Berlin**

NOVEMBER 2014

- 3rd Under 16 Camogie Team won the County Down Shield
- 6th Year 13 Theatre Studies visit to The Lyric Theatre, Belfast
- 6th Presentation of Year 8 shoe-boxes for charity
- 10th Year 10 students attended a November Remembrance service
- 11th Newry and Mourne Cross Country Championships
Year 8 Team finished 2nd. Year 9 Team finished 1st. Year 10 Team finished 1st
- 12th Mini Company attended an enterprising workshop in Craigavon Civic Centre
- 13th 3 students were selected to play in the Camogie All-Stars Day at The Dub QUB
- 13th Year 13/14 Sociology students attended the Annual Conference at QUB
- 13th Presentation of Sponsored Walk charity money to Samaritans
- 14th 'Safe Driving' talk to Year 13 students
- 15th GL Assessment took place
- 17th - 21st Careers Awareness Week**
- 17th Address by UCD Representative to Year 13/14 students
- 19th Address by DKIT Representative to Year 13/14 students
- 19-22nd Physics trip to CERN**
- 24-27th Year 11 personalised Christmas card initiative for charity
- 27th Open Night**

DECEMBER 2014

3rd Year 9 Christmas Fayre

3rd Christmas Dinner

3rd 'Wear Your Christmas Jumper To School Day' organised by School Council

5th GCSE Prizegiving

5th GCSE Drama students attended screening of 'The Crucible' in Newry Omniplex

8-12th Advent Services for Year 9 students

11th Year 8 Christmas Jewellery Sale for charity

18th A Level Prizegiving

19th Christmas Concert

JANUARY 2015

7th A Level Theatre Studies Workshop

7th Year 10 Subject Options Presentation

8th Year 12 Subject Options Presentation

9th Orienteering Workshop in Palace Stables for GCSE PE students

12th Retreat Day of Prayer and Reflection- Year 14

13th Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting

14th Year 8 charity Cake Sale

14th A representative from SRC spoke to Year 14 students

15th Two students attended the launch of the YAFTAs(Youth and Future Talent Awards)

16th AS Government and Politics students attended a Forum in St Colman's College

20th Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting

20th A representative from NI Cancer Fund For Children spoke to the Junior school about ReadOn

21st Trinity College Admissions talk for Year 13/14 students

22nd Cake Sale to raise funds for South Ulster Youth Orchestra

23rd A representative from Autism service gave a presentation to all Year 8 and 9 students

23rd A group of students attended Junior Gael Linn in Lurgan

28th Students represented Sacred Heart at a Diocesan Celebration in Newry Cathedral for Catholic Schools Week

28th Economics and Business Studies students attended Open Day at

Queens University School of Management

28th Year 8 charity Cake Sale

28th Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting

29th A Level RE students attended a Religious Ethics conference in Stormont Hotel, Belfast, organised by Trinity College's Loyola Institute

29th County Down Cross Country Championships in Downpatrick

29th The School Bank launched their new venture

30th Year 8 Quiz Team competed in The Newry Credit Union Challenge

Two students began Teaching Practice in the Maths/Science and RE/History Departments

A Year 14 student was awarded a Camogie All-Star Award

FEBRUARY 2015

1-11th French Exchange

2nd Year 9 Parent Teacher Meeting

2nd A group of Year 14 students attended a 'Bright Start' information session in The Abbey Grammar School

4th Year 13 students attended an admissions talk by Oxford University at St Louis Grammar, Kilkeel

4th Charity Cake Sale

4th Co Down Schools Cross Country Championships in Downpatrick. The Junior Team finished in 2nd place and a number of students qualified for The Ulster Schools Championships

5th Admissions talk for Year 13 students by a representative from Newcastle University

5th Maths Intermediate Challenge for Year 12 students

6th Health Committee Cake Sale

10th Liverpool University Admissions talk for Year 13 students

10th Art students attended the True Colours Exhibition in Belfast

10th Two Year 9 students got through to the Finals of the Youth Speak Competition

11th Stranmillis Open Day

11th 19 Year 13/14 students attended the St Vincent de Paul Youth Day in Ballymena

11th Year 10 Cake Sale

12th Year 9 Cake Sale

12th Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting

13th Liturgy Committee attended a Day of Prayer and Reflection in Dromantine

23rd 'Mood Matters' workshop for Year 12 students

- 23rd** Information Meeting for parents/guardians of students going on Ranafast trip
- 24th** 40 Year 8 students took part in a World Record Attempt at ‘the largest practical science lesson’ in The Odyssey, Belfast
- 24th** A Year 13 student qualified for The All Ireland Senior Girls Cross Country Championships
- 25th** A representative from the Scottish universities spoke to Year 13 students
- 26th** A group of Year 13 students attended a Medical Symposium in Daisy Hill Hospital
- 26th** A group of Year 13 students attended an Engineering Awareness Day at QUB
- 26th** Year 14 Theatre Studies students attended a production of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ in Dublin
- 26th** AS Religious Studies students attended an Ethics Conference in The Stormont Hotel, Belfast
- 26th** The Darren Clarke Schools Golf League began
- 26th-1st March Trip to Ranafast**
- 27th** GCSE PE students attended an Orienteering event in Tollymore Forest Park
- 27th (and 2nd March)** Year 14 History students attended an A Level History Conference in The Somme Centre

The Intermediate Netball Team won the SELB Final

MARCH 2015

- 2nd** Student Finance Presentation for Year 14 students
- 2nd** Students from The School Bank attended the Regional School Bank Competition in Derry and made it to the last 8 out of the 33 schools
- 2nd** The School Internal Feis took part this week
- 3rd** ‘Love For Life’ programme for Year 9,11 and 13 students
- 4th** Year 13 students attended a UCAS Convention in Belfast
- 5th** The Intermediate Netball Team were nominated for The Newry and Mourne Sports Award in The Canal Court Hotel
- 5th** 29 Year 13 Geography students went on a field trip to Murlough Nature Reserve
- 6th** Year 12/13 Home Economics students attended a Health and Nutrition workshop in Loughrey College
- 6th** 5 Year 11 students competed in The Stock Market Challenge in The Abbey Grammar
- 6th** Sacred Heart School hosted the Gael Linn Public Speaking Competition
- 6th** Year 11 students were participated in a survey as part of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Project they have been involved in since Year 9
- 7th** A Year 13 student competed in The All Ireland Cross Country Championships

- 9th** In the Camogie Blitz The Under 14 Team got through to the Cup
- 11th** An Irish Mass was celebrated for GCSE and A Level Irish students
- 11th** Two Year 8 classes took part in Prayer and Meditation in St Clare's Convent
- 11th** A Year 8 class attended an Ecumenical Service in Newry Cathedral
- 12th** Mock Interviews for all Year 13 students
- 12th** The Intermediate Netball Team played in the Final of the Northern Ireland League
- 12th** Year 13/14 Theatre Studies students attended the theatre in Belfast
- 18th** Two Year 8 classes took part in Prayer and Meditation in St Clare's Convent
- 18th** 6 Year 13 students attended a university information seminar in Antrim Grammar School
- 18th** Admissions talk for Year 13 students, given by The University of Ulster
- 18-26th French Exchange student visit**
- 19th** The St Patrick's Day Irish concert for the Junior school took place
- 19th** The Senior Schools Challenge Quiz took place in St Peter's, Lurgan
- 20th** Sacred Heart's Got Talent, organised by the Mini Company
- 20th** Year 14 Home Economics students attended a Consumers' Conference
- 20th** A group of Junior students attended a concert in The National Concert Hall, Dublin
- 21st** The Senior School Choir sang the Mass in Newry Cathedral
- 21st** A group of students took part in the Irish Feis in Newcastle. Several students won scholarships and medals
- 23rd** Year 11 Biology students went on fieldwork to Oxford Island Nature Reserve
- 24-26th Business Studies/Economics Trip to London**
- 25th** Northern Ireland Intermediate Netball Final
- 27th** The new Stations of The Cross outside the Oratory were blessed. Sister Nuala Kelly attended. She kindly donated the Stations in memory of her brother, Finbar, a religious brother with the Spiritans.
- 30th** Year 8 students had a Eucharistic Retreat
- 31st** Under 14 Team won the Camogie Blitz in Cookstown Sports Arena to go through to the Ulster Quarter Final

Sponsored ReadOn in the Junior school for NI Cancer Fund for Children raised £1387.89

APRIL 2015

1st Irish students took part in the Gael Linn Scholarship Awards

4th A Year 10 student, who came 2nd in the Northern Ireland Pony Club Dressage Championships, competed in the National Pony Club Championships in Warwickshire

13th All Year 11 students visited Stormont

15th A group of Year 13 students attended a Medical Symposium at Methodist College, Belfast

15th Admissions talk to Year 13 students given by DCU

16th Information Evening for parents/guardians of students going on Government and Politics trip to London

21st Finals of Internal Feis

22nd Special Needs Feis (Newry Musical Feis) took place in St Clare's Hall

22nd A group of Year 13 students attended a presentation by the University of Ulster, Faculty of Life and Health Sciences

23rd Annual Spring Concert. £2,940 was raised for the work of the Sisters of St Clare in Central America

23- 25th Government and Politics trip to London

27th Government and Politics Question and Answer session in School Library

30th Junior Maths Challenge for Year 9 students

30th A representative from Comhaltas Uladh conducted the Ashbourne Shield Competition. Students from Year 12,13 and 14 participated

A Year13 student was selected to represent Northern Ireland in the London Marathon

A Year13 student was selected for the NI U21 Netball Squad

NEWRY FEIS

The Senior Orchestra, Junior Choir and Irish Traditional Group came first in their competitions

The Junior Drama Club won the Kevin Neary Cup. The Year 12 production of 'Daisy Pulls it Off' won the Senior Drama Section and The Declan Bell Memorial Cup. The group was also awarded The Newry Reporter Cup for achieving the highest mark in the Feis

A Year 12 student won The May Mc Henry Shield for Best Actress

MAY 2015

1st Year 8,9 and 10 students took part in the Co.Down Schools Athletics Championships

6th Year 12 Presentation of Records of Achievement

7th Leavers' Mass

7th 4 GCSE PE students were placed in the top four in an Orienteering event at Palace Stables, Armagh

8th Sports Day

11th The U14 Camogie Team played in the Ulster Final at Assumption Grammar, Ballynahinch

13th Meeting for parents/guardians of students going on the Paris trip

19th The Final of the Internal Feis took place

20th Year 8 Ulster Camogie Final against Dungannon Academy took place in Keady

20-24th Year 10 students and 13 staff went on Paris trip

26th Year 11 students visited Armagh Planetarium

28th A group of students attended the Irish Open Golf Championship in Royal County Down, Newcastle

28th Quiz Club got through to the NI Finals of The Junior Schools Challenge

Year 8 Camogie Team beat Our Lady's, Newry, Our Lady and St Patrick's, Knock and St Louis, Kilkeel to go through to the Ulster Final

A Year 10 student competed for Ireland in show jumping in France. She won the Grand Prix and her team was place 2nd in The Nations Cup

JUNE 2015

3rd Information Evening for new intake of Year 8 students

3rd The Senior Choir sang at the Requiem Mass for Sister Patricia in Dublin

5th Ulster Schools Year 8 Football Blitz took place in Derrymacash

10th 4 Year 11 GCSE PE students attended an Orienteering Presentation Ceremony in Navan Centre

16th All Year 8-10 students attended an 'Appropriate Use of Social Media' presentation

17-19th Year 8-11 students attended Young Enterprise workshops

23rd Information Session for parents/guardians on Internet Safety/Social Media Usage was given by the PSNI

25th The end of year Staff Celebratory Dinner was held in Newry Golf Club

The School was awarded the Ashbourne Shield for Irish Speaking

CHARITY REPORT

Sacred Heart School is renowned for their generosity and contribution to charity and this year was no different. It has been an eventful and productive year for the students in Sacred Heart. Through hard work, commitment and dedication we raised a considerable amount of money which was distributed between local charities. All the money raised will make a beneficial difference in people's lives.

Total Raised: £21,903.94

BREAKDOWN

Year 8 -	£5,009.73
Year 9 -	£2,413.17
Year 10 -	£424.80
Year 11 -	£1,284.33
Year 12 -	£270.10
Year 13 -	£1,347.00
Year 14 -	£849.00
Whole School -	£3,337.92
ReadOn	£1,387.89
School Council -	£2,640.00
Spring Concert -	£2,940.00

CHARITIES WHO BENEFIT

Action MS, Samaritans, Southern Area Hospice, Shoebox Appeal, Motor Neurone Association, South Ulster Youth Orchestra, KBRT, Concern, Anaphylaxis UK, Michaela Foundation, NI Children's Hospice, NI Cancer Fund for Children, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, St Oliver Plunkett Tanzania, CLIC Sargent, Children's Heartbeat, Pretty n Pink, Special Olympics Ireland, TAG, St Vincent de Paul, Chest Heart & Stroke, Ving Ping Children's Home, Sisters of St Clare in El Salvador & Guatemala



Examination Results 2015

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Destinations of A Level Students

EXAMINATIONS

The school appreciates the importance of examination success and makes every effort to ensure that students achieve their academic potential.

At the end of Year 12 students were entered for GCSE Examinations. Year 11 students sat GCSE Modules in some subjects

In Year 13 students were entered for AS examinations and, on completion of Year 14, students were entered for A Level examinations. The majority of the subject options sat NICCEA Examinations.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS 2015

GCSE

Number of students in Year 12	122
Students who achieved Grades A* - C in 5 or more GCSE subjects	122
Students who achieved Grades A* - C in 7 or more GCSE subjects	121
Number of A* grades obtained	334
Number of A grades obtained	497
Number of B grades obtained	293
Overall percentage of A*/A grades	68 %
Overall percentage of A*/A/B	93%

3 students achieved A* grades in 10 GCSE subjects
35 students achieved A*/A grades in 10 GCSE subjects
52 students achieved A*/A grades in 9 or more GCSE subjects

A LEVEL

Number of students in Year 14	116
Students who achieved 3 Grades A* – C	96
Students who achieved 2 Grades A*- E	116
Overall percentage of A*-B	76%

2 students achieved A* Grades in 4 A level subjects
9 students achieved A*/A Grades in 4 A Level subjects
33 students achieved A*/A Grades in 3 or more A Level subjects

ATTENDANCE RATE: The attendance rate for the year was 96 %

HIGH ACHIEVERS 2015

Top Candidates in Northern Ireland

GCSE

A Year 12 student was placed 3rd in Economics

GCE

A Year 14 student was placed 1st in Home Economics

A Year 14 student was placed 2nd in Government and Politics

DESTINATIONS OF A LEVEL STUDENTS 2015

Queen's University Belfast

Actuarial Science and Risk Management, Agricultural Technology, Applied Maths, Architecture, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science, Business Economics, Business Information Technology, Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Dentistry, Drama, Economics, English, English with Creative Writing, European Planning, Film Studies, Finance, French, Geography, International Business with French, Irish, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Physics with Astrophysics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Sociology, Software Engineering, Spanish.

University of Ulster

Accounting, Accounting & Law, Aerospace Engineering, Art and Design, Biomedical Sciences, Business Studies, CAM, Communication with Counselling, Computing with Education, Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging, Engineering Science, English, Environmental Health, Finance & Investment Management, Food and Nutrition, Human Resource Management, Irish, Journalism, Law, Marketing, Mechanical Engineering, Occupational Therapy, Politics with Criminology, Product and Furniture Design, Sociology, Software Engineering.

Other Colleges and Universities

Bangor University, Bedford, Belfast Met, BIMM (Cork), Bristol, Derby, Durham, Edinburgh, Glasgow University, Goldsmith College London, Herriot Watt, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool John Moores, Liverpool University, Manchester, Newcastle University, Plymouth College of Art and Design, Regents University London, St Mary's University College Belfast, Southern Regional College, Stranmillis Belfast, Strathclyde University, Sunderland, Trinity College Dublin, University College, Dublin, Warwick.

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS: Year 14

Number of leavers from Year 14 for 2014-2015	<i>NUMBER OF LEAVERS GOING TO</i>		
	Higher Education	Year out before taking University place	Further Education
116	99	8	9

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS: Years 12, 13 & 14

Number of leavers from Years 12, 13 & 14 for 2014-2015	<i>% OF LEAVERS GOING TO</i>			
	Higher Education	Year Out	Further Education	Other School
120	83%	6.6%	10%	0.8%

FINANCIAL REPORT 2014-15

INCOME

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Department of Education	3,816,331
Bank Interest	1,198
Sundry	190
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	3,817,719
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EXPENDITURE

Teachers' Salary Costs	2,591,424
Support Staff Salary Costs	553,626
Occupancy	199,787
Teaching Materials	195,981
Equipment	24,203
Other Operating Costs	131,610
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	3,696,631
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