

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. BRIGID'S COLLEGE CLAUDY





LEARNING TOGETHER SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

SPB College, where excellence is commonplace

I am delighted to welcome pupils and parents to our warm, caring, friendly, inclusive, high achieving school.

Here in St Patrick's & St Brigid's College our pupils are nurtured, supported, challenged and encouraged to be the best that they can be and that is why our pupils continue to achieve well above the Northern Ireland average in their GCSE examinations.

In our school we focus on our children feeling happy in their learning environment. A happy child will succeed in all their endeavours and we are proud of our pupils' exceptional achievements in the classroom and beyond.

Our school is a small Post Primary School with a huge community spirit. Our pupils feel like they belong here from the moment they start with us; which for most of our Year 8 pupils will be their inclusion in our action-packed summer scheme.

Our pupils greatly benefit from the fabulous relationships they have with their teachers, peers and the larger SPB family. This, we believe, is key to our success. We get to know our pupils well. We recognise and reward their successes and support them in overcoming their individual challenges. Each child's progress is carefully monitored and we communicate regularly with parents to support further attainment.



Our intake extends beyond Claudy, with pupils travelling from Eglinton, Greysteel, Feeny, Park, Derry City, Waterside, Prehen and Culmore. We really are only a hop, skip and jump away!

So why not come and visit our amazing school. There's a warm welcome awaiting you in SPB College, Claudy.

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Principal, St Patrick's & St. Brigid's College, Claudy.



**A NURTURING SCHOOL AT THE
HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**

Engaging pupils in their learning through a broad curriculum



KS3 Subjects

Art & Design, Careers, Drama, English, French, Geography, History, Home Economics, ICT, Learning for Life & Work, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Religious Education, Science, Technology & Design.

KS4 Subjects

Art & Design, BCS, Digital Technology, English, English Literature, French, Geography, History, ITQ, Mathematics, Music, OS Design & Creativity (HE), OS Technology & Innovation, OS Environment & Society (Horticulture), Prince's Trust, Religious Studies, Science (Single Award & Double Award), Sport, Technology & Design, Travel & Tourism.

*The KS4 Curriculum includes a mixture of GCSE, BTEC and other level 2 qualifications to meet the needs of all learners



BELIEVERS ARE ACHIEVERS



94% of pupils achieved 5+ A* - C grades at GCSE



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

A*-C Grades	Result 2022
Art	93%
Business & Communication Systems	84%
Digital Technology	91%
English Language	85%
English Literature	96%
French	69%
Geography	72%
History	82%
Home Economics-Child Development	100%
ITQ (Level 2)	100%
Mathematics	72%
Music (OS)	89%
OS-Design & Creativity (Hospitality)	98%
OS-Environment & Society (Horticulture)	100%
OS-Technology & Innovation	96%
Physical Education	80%
Prince's Trust	100%
Religious Studies (GCSE)	81%
Religious Studies (OCN)	95%
Science (Single Award)	96%
Science (Double Award)	97%
Science (OCN)	100%
Technology & Design	72%
Travel & Tourism (BTEC)	100%



CREATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

Developing student Leadership is important to us in SPB College. Our Senior Student Leadership Group develops its skills through a leadership development programme, which includes mentoring Year 8 pupils on a weekly basis, contributing to Student Council and carrying out responsibilities at key events in our college.





My name is Ellie-Mae and I am also a Head Prefect at St Patrick's & St Brigid's College. Being awarded this role in such an amazing school makes me very proud and I feel honoured to carry out my role, representing this wonderful school.

We are extremely fortunate to have outstanding staff in our college who get to know each pupil and encourage, support and care for each of us so that we can enjoy school life and benefit from their experience, skills and knowledge. The staff always go above and beyond to support all pupils in all areas of college life. They are approachable, friendly, caring and helpful and welcome each pupil into the SPB College family wholeheartedly.

Here in St Patrick's & St Brigid's College you will be supported to dream big, reach for the stars and achieve your best.

My name is Tom and I am one of the Head Prefects in St Patrick's & St Brigid's College for 2022/2023. I am incredibly proud to be a pupil at this top achieving, supportive, inclusive, and welcoming school in Claudy, a school which has shaped me into the person I am today.

I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to embrace all aspects of school life and have greatly benefitted from my experiences beyond the classroom, including participating in Student Council, performing in the school musical in the Waterside Theatre and being part of the college's Big Band, which performs at the Derry Jazz Festival annually.

St Patrick's & St Brigid's College offers pupils so many wonderful opportunities and experiences. It is a very caring school and because it is small you fit in very quickly and feel welcomed and cared for from day one. My advice to Primary 7 pupils is to put our college as your first preference. You will not be disappointed!



**DEVELOPING TALENTS IN THE
CLASSROOM & BEYOND**



A caring school where pupils come **first**



At SPB College, we strive to foster a warm, caring and family-friendly environment which allows us to build and maintain positive relationships with our pupils. As a whole school community, to promote these positive relationships, we endeavour to follow our three guiding principles:

1. **Show Respect**
2. **Prepare for Learning**
3. **Be Your Best**

The pastoral teams foster good relationships to get to know the pupils in their care, and support pupils with their learning. We pride ourselves on the outstanding pastoral care given to all pupils, working in partnership with parents and if required, external agencies. We aim to support each pupil through their individual challenges, enabling them to meet their true potential in all aspects of school life.

Our SEN department grows from strength to strength each year; this is reflected by the number of parents who have entrusted us to take the very best care of their child. Our team, along with all of the members of our school community work hard to create bespoke packages for our children to ensure that they are happy, settled and successful in school.

Our SEN department strives to ensure that our school offers a fully inclusive environment where 'reasonable adjustments' and 'accommodations' are a part of

every day school life and not something extra or out of the ordinary.

Listening to the voices of our pupils and our parents is key to ensuring that our children achieve the successes that they deserve. We are a recent recipient of the prestigious Pearson Teaching award for Excellence in Special Needs, and we work hard to ensure that we live up and even exceed the expectations that such an accolade creates.

PROVIDING EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES





In SPB College we believe in a holistic approach in developing young people and as such we look to expand our pupils experiences beyond the confines of the college. Pupils participate in a variety of external events, trips and activities which enrich their life experiences and promote involvement in sport, the arts and STEM.

Making the Transition Fun

Aaron absolutely loved his time at the summer scheme. The staff were so friendly and put any of my son's anxious feelings at ease. Aaron has told me that he loved all the trips out. In addition, being in school for those couple of days gave him the chance to learn his way around his new school in anticipation of attending in September. I feel the scheme helped Aaron massively, making new friendships and getting to know many of the boys and girls in his classes. Aaron has a younger brother who is hoping to go to St Patrick's & St Brigid's next September and with all of Aaron's talk about the summer scheme he just cannot wait until July 2023!

Mrs Emma Lynch – parent of Aaron (former pupil of Listress PS)

As a first-time parent of a Year 8 pupil, I experienced a lot of worries about my son moving from a small school to a large one. When we heard there was a summer scheme we jumped at the chance. After my son's positive experiences taking part in the scheme, I would recommend this scheme to all Primary 7 children going into Year 8. Tristan came home every day full of joy. He got to familiarise himself with his new school and had met many new friends. In fact, he was excited for his first day of term so he could see all his new friends again.

Mrs Sabrina Doherty – parent of Tristan (former pupil of Mullabuoy PS)





Meghan really enjoyed attending the summer scheme. She especially liked the day trips. Meghan was very nervous about starting secondary school since she came from a very small primary school. Attending the scheme allowed Meghan to make new friends and to alleviate any nerves she was feeling. I think it is a great way to start this next chapter of their lives. In addition, I would recommend the scheme to all parents and pupils alike since the staff are kind and the children love their time spent at the summer scheme.

Mrs Caroline Moore – parent of Meghan (former pupil of St Peter's & St Paul's PS)



I really enjoyed my time spent at this year's summer scheme. It was full of brilliant activities and each day was different. I made new friends easily and this was exciting because there were many children from lots of other primary schools there. The leaders were great, and they helped me to settle in quickly. I was never bored because there is so much to do every day. The day the ice-cream van visited was a great idea by the way!

Ciaron Grieve 8C – former pupil of St Colmcille's PS





The College's admissions number into Year 8 remains at 100. In the event of there being more applications than places available the college's admissions criteria will be applied, beginning with:

1. Applicants from the following contributory parishes namely (in no particular order):
Ardmore, Banagher, Claudy (Cumber Upper & Learnmount), Culmore, Donaghheady (Dunamanagh), Dungiven, Faughanvale, Glendermott Waterside, Holy Family Ballymagroarty, Leckpatrick, Limavady, Melmount (Mourne), Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown, Strabane (Camus), St Eugene's Cathedral, St Columba's Longtower, St Mary's Creggan, Strathfoyle, Three Patrons (Pennyburn, Carnhill & Galliagh).
2. Applicants who select the college as first preference.
3. Applicants who select the college as a first non-selective preference.

Full details of the admissions criteria can be accessed from the College and is published annually in the EA Transition Booklet.

Applications to attend St Patrick's & St Brigid's College are interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy and regulations of the school including any code of conduct or discipline policy of the school. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.

Getting Here

Private Bus Network	Board Transport
Ardmore Bus (am)	Craigbane
Ardmore/Service Bus (pm)	Eglinton
Service Bus (am)	Foreglen
Lisaghmore/Prehen Bus	Feeny (am). Foreglen (pm)
Strabane Old Road Bus	Lettershendoney
Galliagh/Culmore/Crescent Link Bus	Slaughtmanus
	Craigbane
	Park
	Greysteel





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