



HAZELWOOD

INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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DERRYTRASNA AWARD
FOR EXCEPTIONAL PASTORAL CARE



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PEARSON
TEACHING
AWARDS

Prayer for Peace

*Lead me from Death to Life,
from Falsehood to Truth
Lead me from Despair to Hope,
from Fear to Trust
Lead me from Hate to Love,
from War to Peace
Let peace fill our heart,
Our World,
Our Universe.
Peace Peace Peace*

Our Principal

One of the great pleasures of working as a Professor of Education at Queen's University is that I get to meet some remarkable school principals in Northern Ireland and beyond. One of the very best, and most inspirational, is Máire Thompson, and I couldn't have been more pleased when she became Principal of Hazelwood College, a school I know very well.

Máire combines enormous energy, deep commitment and boundless imagination, all of which is harnessed towards providing a first class educational experience for her students, in whom she wishes to instil a clear sense of hope for the future.

Her approach is based on a strong moral compass and a core belief in the positive potential of education. She recognises there is talent in every child and sees the teachers' role as helping to draw out and encourage this talent. But Máire's approach is not based solely on an empathetic orientation towards her students – though undoubtedly this exists and is one of her driving motivations – but also on a steely determination actually to do something and make a difference for each one of them.

And I'm not the only one to notice! In 2017 Máire received the Pearson UK Head Teacher of the Year Award. She has worked as an Associate Assessor for the Education & Training Inspectorate (ETI) since 2014, is the Chairperson of the Department of Education Newcomers' Reference Group and was appointed to the 14-19 Innovation Labs last year. In her first year at Hazelwood, the College was shortlisted for the TES UK Secondary School of the Year and also won the Derrytrasna Award

for Outstanding Pastoral Care. During 2020 and 2021 Hazelwood was again shortlisted by TES and Pearson for the UK School of the Year.

Maire is currently advocating for young people and remains an active member of:

- Excluded Lives NI Advisory Group
- DE: Fair Start Stakeholders Reference Group
- CCEA Curriculum and Assessment Principals Group
- Pearson UK Principal of the Year Judge
- Business in the Community Education Awards Judge
- DE Principals Consultative Forum
- Co- founder and Regional lead of WomenEd NI
- Chair of the North Belfast Youth Choir

I know Máire will continue to be a tremendous success in Hazelwood College and I trust she will play a role as one of the finest school leaders we have in Northern Ireland.

Foreword by

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PRINCIPAL
Máire Thompson



Our Vision and Values



- Hazelwood Integrated College is a school dedicated to the pursuit of educational excellence through the promotion of social, cultural and religious integration.
- We are committed to nurturing an active and diverse community of students, parents, staff, governors and neighbours.
- We are forward-thinking, we embrace educational innovation and we live out the values we promote on a daily basis.
- We believe our values of openness, acceptance and mutual understanding are inextricably linked to high academic standards and achievement.

"Our vision is to produce happy, thriving and successful young people who are well equipped to contribute positively to an increasingly pluralist and global society."

These values will make our young people employees of the future; in whatever field of endeavour they choose to undertake.

Our Mission



HAZELWOOD
INTEGRATED COLLEGE

Our mission is to set high expectations for our students, to instil a strong work ethic and a sense of purpose and belonging. We will never give up on our students or accept excuses for failure. Through inspirational teaching and strong pastoral care we will ensure that our students achieve their ambitions.

AIM HIGH

We aspire to do our best in everything we do.

WORK HARD

We do whatever it takes for as long as it takes.

BE NICE

We look after ourselves and each other, we value diversity and we resolve all differences fairly.

NO EXCUSES

We believe that every excuse is a step on the road to failure.



Academic Excellence

At Hazelwood we:

- Are dedicated to the promotion of an integrated, inclusive society through educational excellence
- Are forward thinking and innovative with our broad and balanced curriculum and extra –curricular programme
- Encourage each student to contribute to an ethos of learning and personal achievement for lifelong success.

All of our students are encouraged to:

TAKE AN ACTIVE
INTEREST IN THEIR OWN
LEARNING AND BE ABLE TO
IDENTIFY THEIR STRENGTHS
AND WEAKNESSES IN
ALL SUBJECTS

CHALLENGE
THEMSELVES
AND HAVE HIGH
EXPECTATIONS

FULFIL THEIR
POTENTIAL

ENJOY
AND VALUE
LEARNING

DEVELOP
CONFIDENCE AND
SELF-ESTEEM

REGULARLY DISCUSS
AND REVIEW THEIR
LEARNING AND
PROGRESS WITH
TEACHERS

A photograph of two students in a chemistry laboratory. A male student on the left, wearing safety goggles and a dark blue school uniform, is looking towards the right. A female student on the right, also in a school uniform and safety goggles, is holding a test tube and pouring a red liquid into a beaker. The beaker is placed on a metal stand over a blue Bunsen burner. The background is a blurred indoor space with green plants.

DEVELOP
PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY
AND RESPECT

SET TARGETS
THAT ARE
MEASURABLE,
ACHIEVABLE AND
REALISTIC.

DEVELOP
SKILLS FOR
LIFE LONG
CAREERS

Our Curriculum



OUR KEY STAGE 3 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH	MATHS	SCIENCE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN	HISTORY
GEOGRAPHY	SPANISH	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DRAMA	MUSIC	ART
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK	HOME ECONOMICS

We have a focus on developing numeracy and literacy skills with our Key Stage 3 programme and one period a week is dedicated to visiting the library.

OUR KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM

CORE SUBJECTS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE	MATHEMATICS	PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	HISTORY

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

ART & DESIGN	BUSINESS STUDIES	ENGINEERING
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	MUSIC
TRAVEL & TOURISM	CONSTRUCTION	CHILD DEVELOPMENT
DRAMA	ENGLISH LITERATURE	HISTORY
HOSPITALITY & CATERING	OCCUPATIONAL PATISSERIE & BAKING	OCCUPATIONAL RETAIL & BUSINESS
MOVING IMAGE ARTS	PHOTOGRAPHY	CARPENTRY & JOINERY
SPORTS STUDIES	PRINCE'S TRUST ACHIEVE XL	SCIENCE
SPANISH	PUBLIC SERVICES	MEDIA STUDIES
POLISH	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY	OCCUPATIONAL FILM

OUR KEY STAGE 5 CURRICULUM

In Sixth Form, students can select a combination of Level 3 or A Level courses from the following options:

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY	MATHEMATICS	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	PUBLIC SERVICES	HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCE
ART & DESIGN	PHOTOGRAPHY	MOVING IMAGE ARTS
DRAMA	ENGLISH LITERATURE	MEDIA STUDIES
BUSINESS STUDIES	SPORTS STUDIES	HOSPITALITY & CATERING
TRAVEL & TOURISM	SOCIOLOGY	SPANISH
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	CHEMISTRY	BIOLOGY
HISTORY	Courses are delivered within Hazelwood College and in the North Belfast Area Learning Community	

Every student has access to detailed career sessions and interviews throughout the year.

Pastoral Excellence

Effective pastoral care underpins school life and there is always someone to whom the students can turn for help and advice. Every adult has a responsibility for our students' welfare and security and there are many layers of care in place.

KEY ELEMENTS:

- a dedicated safeguarding team including a health and well-being coordinator, a school nurse, a youth worker, a designated teacher for child protection and on-site social workers.
- a preventive curriculum which helps young people recognise unwelcome behaviours and acquire the confidence and skills they need to keep safe.
- outside agencies such as Counsellors, Women's Aid, Occupational and Art Therapists to support the wellbeing of students.
- a clear safeguarding ethos displayed throughout the College.
- a College policy that sets out clear expectations and processes for staff and parents.
- high-quality training that ensures all staff know what to do and do it consistently across the school e.g. anti bullying, child protection, online safety.





WHEEL OF CARE

An Adult in School

- ⚙ e.g. Form Tutor, Subject Teacher, Head of Year, Assistant Principal
- ⚙ Vice Principal/SLT or Supervisor

The School Nurse

- ⚙ Mrs Parish

Learning Mentors

- ⚙ Mrs Gallagher
- ⚙ Ms McKinley
- ⚙ Mrs McIlroy

The Study Centres or The Library

- ⚙ Ms Havlin
- ⚙ Ms Delaney
- ⚙ Ms Braun (Library)

Classroom Assistants

Your Friends

The School Counsellors



Careers Department

- ⚙ Mr Cole
- ⚙ Mrs Morgan

GSW: Gay Straight Whatever

- ⚙ Ms Donnan

Youth Support

- ⚙ Mrs Wardlow

Student Services

- ⚙ Mrs Donnelly

Internship Co-ordinator

- ⚙ Mrs Nesbitt

Student Council Leader

- ⚙ Rev. Kelly

Our Designated Child Protection Officers

- ⚙ Mr McIlveen,
- ⚙ Mrs Drennan,
- ⚙ The Safeguarding Team

Outreach Social Workers

- ⚙ Miss Rafferty
- ⚙ Mrs O'Connor

Your Parents/Carer

Sporting Excellence at Hazelwood

A range of sporting teams at the College compete all year round in a variety of activities where students have the opportunity to visit other schools and outside venues to experience competition at various levels.

Sports include:

- Football
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Gaelic
- Netball
- Trampolining
- Dance
- Cross-country
- Athletics
- Table tennis

Our indoor facilities include a three-court sports hall for badminton, basketball, netball, indoor football and trampolining etc. The College gymnasium is utilised for gymnastics, dance and fitness. Outdoor facilities include an all-weather pitch which is used for football, gaelic, rugby, athletics and rounders.



Enriching Opportunities at Hazelwood

Learning beyond the classroom is an important aspect of our College. At Hazelwood we provide a variety of activities to:

- extend students' learning through our extra-curricular programme
- improve teamwork
- enable students to develop broader personal and social skills alongside their academic achievements
- inspire students
- build on their talents
- further enhance the skills and aspirations of our students



Extra-Curricular Clubs include:

- Maths Puzzle Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Tik Tok Club
- Gay Straight Whatever Club
- Junior School Drama Society
- Art Attack Club
- Board Games Club
- Girls Football
- Boys Football
- Table Tennis Club
- Drama Society
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Strength & Conditioning Circuits
- Percussion Club
- GCSE Drama Club
- Feminist Society
- Trampolining Club
- Dance Club
- Writers Block Club
- Cookery Club
- Gaelic Football
- Keyboard Group
- School Choir



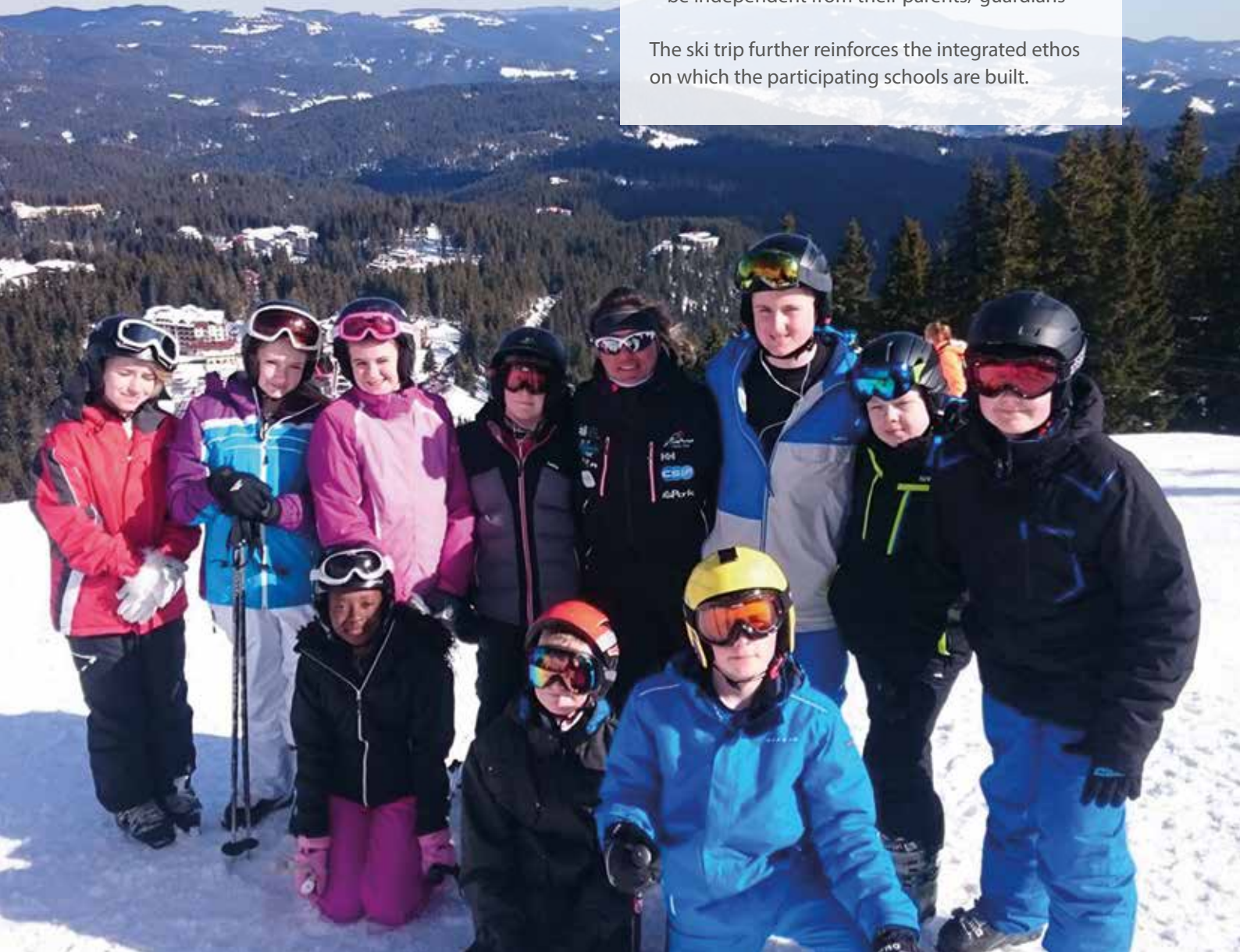
Integrated Schools' Ski Trip

Every year, Hazelwood Integrated College embarks on their annual ski trip with a number of other Integrated Colleges. The trip continues to be a tremendous success.

The students develop many skills aside from the ability to ski. They learn how to:

- be responsible
- budget their spending money
- interact with students from other Schools
- be independent from their parents/ guardians

The ski trip further reinforces the integrated ethos on which the participating schools are built.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is very popular at the College. It has given students the opportunity to visit areas of natural beauty both locally and further afield, developing their communication, teamwork and navigation skills along with many more.

"At Hazelwood College I have been able to develop academically, but also as a person. The Duke of Edinburgh Award has helped me to gain lifelong skills and build confidence as well as making new friends and learning about the environment and the importance of its preservation"

Exceptional Support at Hazelwood

At Hazelwood Integrated College we recognise that some students have **Additional Educational Needs (AEN)**, therefore, we aim to create an **environment where every student can succeed academically.**

Students can receive support from:

- SPECIALIST TEACHERS
- LEARNING MENTORS
- CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS
- ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS
- ON SITE SOCIAL WORKERS

“Enthusiastic!

The one word that I always use when I’m asked about the Learning Mentors. They always have a positive outlook on education and the support they provide. Their encouragement has given me the drive and determination to do well in my studies”



Community Links

The College plays an active part in the local community.

HAZELWOOD HAWKS

Over the past 4 years the College has supported the development of the Hazelwood Hawks Basketball club. The club is now well-established in the local community.



PARENT TEACHER & FAMILY ASSOCIATION (PTFA)

The PTFA was set up to allow parents to engage with the College and have a voice for student education. The PTFA meet up once a month and everyone's views and comments are welcomed. The Principal meets termly with representatives from the PTFA.



SHARED EDUCATION

The College participates in a very active shared education programme with Edmund Rice College. Now in the seventh year of the programme, the partnership between the two schools goes from strength to strength.




Here I Can....

In Hazelwood College I am given opportunities to lead and help others. The teachers are so supportive and kind, and when I walk into this school I immediately get a warm and nice feeling. Hazelwood College helps me realise I can!

KATIE - Year 8

The thing I love most about Hazelwood is the relationships with my teachers. They are very kind, approachable and understanding. Here I can, learn how to cook, use tools in TD, create in Art, learn new skills in Maths and English, get involved in after school activities and so much more!

ADAM - Year 8



"Hazelwood is AMAZING!
I love it because it is a school where
everyone can be themselves. I have
made so many friends at Hazelwood,
I am so happy here!"

TONII - Year 8

I love Hazelwood College
because I have made a lot of great
friends here. The food in the canteen
is great! Here I can be anything
like an actress, author, artist – my
teachers inspire me to aim high!

ALEXIS - Year 8

Here I can, be myself and
be totally accepted because the staff
and students at Hazelwood are so friendly
and kind. I was so worried about getting
lost when I came here as the school is so
big, but everyone helps one another out
and there is always someone to ask
for help. Here I can be me!

COREY - Year 8

Year 8 Excellence at Hazelwood

Encompasses:

- LITERACY AND NUMERACY
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS
- TEAM BUILDING
- REWARDING STUDENTS

Our teachers know how to relate to any student and strive to bring out the best in all of us."

"There are so many sports clubs that you can do something different every day."

"The transition from primary school was easy as the staff made me feel welcome and at home straight away."



Hazelwood Internship



The bespoke Hazelwood six-month Internship Programme offers Sixth Form students a position with leading employers and an opportunity to:

- ACHIEVE
- BE A STEP AHEAD
- GET EXPERIENCE
- SECURE THEIR FUTURE
- BE RECOGNISED

The sector-leading programme allows students to learn the business, attend skills workshops and, through teamwork, deliver project findings.

Successful applicants to the programme set themselves apart from other students in Northern Ireland.

PARTNER COMPANIES



Sixth Form Here I Can...

In Sixth Form our Integrated Ethos and values are at the heart of everything we do. We are very proud of the inclusive nature of our Sixth Form which provides each student with an outstanding education.

The College offers a diverse range of academic and vocational courses that inspire our young people to successful progression pathways in line with the Northern Ireland Skills Barometer to:

- UNIVERSITY
- FURTHER EDUCATION
- EMPLOYMENT
- APPRENTICESHIPS / HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

In Hazelwood Integrated College the maturity of our Sixth Form students is acknowledged, encouraged and accommodated. Through a strong, effective pastoral system, we nurture independence and individuality.

The College's Sixth Form study rooms and Careers Department provides students with two study areas, an ICT suite and a careers library.

In Sixth Form we strive to forge excellent home and school relationships with a focus on providing a positive learning experience for each student. To ensure our students can reach their full potential we provide high quality teaching, learning and assessment to create an effective learning environment. This is evidenced by our students achieving excellent A-Level results to lead them to their Plan A / Plan B destinations.



Hazelwood Student Leaver Destinations

At Hazelwood we are very proud of the vast and diverse range of leaver destinations our students choose when they leave the College.

Destinations range from further education to higher level apprenticeships, employment or university.

HIGHER EDUCATION

BA Hons Special Educational Needs
BEng Hons Electrical and Electronic Engineering
BA Hons Art and Design
BSc Game Design
BA Hons English
BSc Sociology & Criminology
BA Illustration
BA Hons History
BA Early Childhood Studies
BSc Computer Science
BSc Criminology & Psychology
BSc Mental Health Nursing
BSc Communication & Counselling Studies
BSc Criminology
BSc Business Studies
BA Broadcast Production
BA Film Studies And Production
BSc Adult Nursing
BSc Accounting
BA Educational Studies
BSc Sports Studies
BSc Sports Coaching & Development
BSc Sociology
BSc Sport & Exercise Science
BA Photography with Video
BA Primary Education with QTS
BSc Information Technology & Psychology

FURTHER EDUCATION

CREATIVE MEDIA ANIMATION
COMPUTING
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
BARBERING
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
E SPORTS



College Strategic Development Plan





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