



St. Louis Grammar School

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A2 Results Success



St. Louis Celebrating Excellence

In what can only be described as unprecedented circumstances, St Louis students have once again performed exceptionally well despite the disruption to their education over the past fifteen months. The 'Class of 2021' demonstrated great resolve and have emerged with excellent results in their GCSE, AS and A2 examinations.

St. Louis Principal, Kevin Martin, praised the accomplishments of the students and the staff of the school, "I am so proud of all of our students particularly our GCSE, AS and A2 students who demonstrated such resilience and perseverance this year. I am particularly impressed with how well our exam students remained focussed on their studies and engaged so positively with their teachers to achieve such fantastic results." Referencing the challenges posed during the recent lockdown, Mr Martin stated, "Our students adapted very quickly to the use of remote learning and engaged enthusiastically in online live classes, between periods of face-to-face learning at school." He continued, "The marvellous results of our GCSE, AS and A2 students in such times are testament to the work ethos fostered in St. Louis, the dedication of our staff and the excellent support of parents."

The grades were decided by teachers' judgements based on work submitted (mostly examination based) by students towards the conclusion of the academic year in May 2021. Mr Martin was now looking towards the future for the students, "We are delighted that the majority of our Year 14 students were accepted for their university courses and we wish them well as they move on with confidence to the next level in their educational journey." He concluded, "We also have our Y13 students back, along with new students from other establishments who have joined the school, who can choose from the wide range of AS/A2 and BTEC subjects on offer. I wish everyone continued success."



AS Success at St. Louis

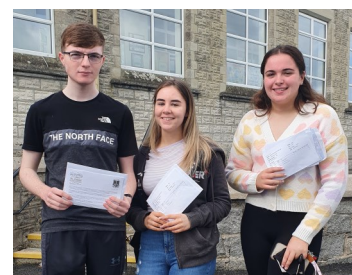
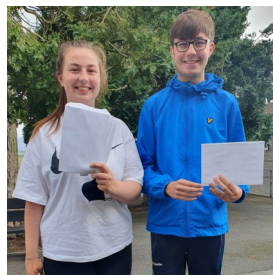


GCSE Success at St. Louis



Mr Martin congratulates David and Charlotte on their GCSE results

St. Louis A Preparation for life



St. Louis Grammar School provides its students with a magnificent platform to go forward and embark on a diverse range of careers. University, college and employment destinations of the recent 'Class of 2021' reflects the unique interests, abilities, talents and aspirations of each individual St. Louis student. 91.7 % of 73 UCAS applicants gained a place on a Higher Education Honours Degree Course in August 2021 with two of those students electing to accept offers of a Higher-Level Apprenticeship. 89% of St. Louis UCAS applicants were accepted onto their first-choice degree course.



**Anti-Bullying Week
at St. Louis**

St. Louis English and Art department have been running an internal competition to mark Anti-bullying week. Students had to create posters and poems on the theme of "One Kind Word". Pictured above are the winners with the Senior Leadership Team who gave a presentation focused particularly on the responsible use of social media.



**St. Louis Network
Masterclasses**

The St. Louis Network have been busy once again this year bringing students from all over Ireland (and Nigeria). Co-ordinated by Sr. Finola Cunnane, the topics being covered included issues such as combating the need for waste products and in particular, plastics. The School Council and the Eco-Schools Committee participated keenly as the overall aim of the masterclasses were to facilitate learning and generate leadership skills among young people.

St. Louis Students Excel at the World Irish Dancing Championships



The St. Louis Community were delighted with the news of local successes at the An Chomhdháil World Irish Dancing Championships held recently in Killarney, Co. Kerry. Year 14 student Emma McArdle attained an overall 2nd place in the World Championships along with two 4th place finishes in the solo events. Fellow Year 14 student and current Head Girl, Aoife McGrath, attained a 1st place in her solo event along with a 13th place finish in the overall World Championship. Year 10 student, Eábha O'Hagan, attained a 2nd and a 4th place finish in her solos and an overall 14th place finish in the World Championship. We congratulate our students on their magnificent performances at this prestigious event and pay tribute to their schools of dancing and to their families on their successes.

St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has been awarded a prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag by the environmental charity Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

The Eco-Schools Programme is the world's largest Environmental Education programme and aims to make environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of a school. Its participatory approach and combination of learning and action makes it an ideal way for schools to continue improving their environments and the local community.

St. Louis Principal, Mr Kevin Martin, expressed his delight on the school receiving the Green Flag award, "This Green Flag will fly proudly at St. Louis as a testament not only to the magnificent work of our Eco Schools Committee, but to the prominent role our students feel they play in developing a sustainable future for all."

Plans for further projects are already on the table for 2022-23.

St. Louis Awarded Prestigious Green Flag Status



2018



2019



2020



.....2021



Debating Team Continued Success

Well done to our Year 13 Debating Team who recently won their first two Concern debates.

Against Loreto College, Omagh, the team were opposing the motion 'School strikes are an effective way to get governments to act on climate change'. The debate, which was conducted 'online' was a great achievement for Tara Fraser, Amy Breslin, Daisy McCormack and Eve Lenaghan.



Happiness through a Smoothie

As part of the events marking 'anti-bullying week', students were encouraged to say 'one kind word' to each other. However, in Home Economics this was taken a step further– by making a tasty smoothie to put a smile on someone's face.

Well done Year 8 students!

St. Louis Students are back on the Sports Fields of Ulster

Senior Ladies 2021/22



St. Louis Senior Ladies enjoyed a return to the football pitches again. Drawing from the Ladies football teams of Ballymartin, Bryansford, Dundrum, Downpatrick, Rostrevor and Clonduff, the Ladies performed well in their games against teams from Castlewellan, Ballymena and Belfast. Well done Ladies!

The Year 10 Boys commenced their program with a hard earned draw v Aquinas College, Belfast. They now face an Ulster Quarter-final after defeating St. Malachy's Belfast in the group stages. Year 10s now play Keady in the QF.



Year 10 Boys 2021/22

Upcoming Sports News;

Term 2 will see the Year 12 and Year 9 boys participate in competitions once again, this time in the knock out stages.

Similarly, the Year 10 Ladies football team will commence along with Junior Camogie team.

Many of these teams will comprise players from different year groups and we look forward to the eager participation of students in these teams.

Year 8 boys and girls football and camogie teams will participate in 'blitz' competitions in the third term.

Well Done Karim!

Well done to Year 10 student, Karim Jaidane, who has been excelling in running competitions in recent times. Karim is a member of Newcastle AC and has clocked up some very impressive finish times in 5k races. Great performances at Minnowburn and Loughall suggest there's more to come. Good luck, Karim!



Flying High Reuben!

Year 11 student Reuben Reilly is certainly making a great impression in the trampoline world. Competing in the Northern Ireland Regional Schools Championships, he took the competition by storm finishing 1st. Reuben has now qualified for the zonal semi-finals in Wigan, which will be held in February. We wish you all the best Reuben!

