



Banbridge Academy

“...known personally and cared for individually.”

Banbridge Academy was founded in 1786 and moved to its impressive present location, Edenderry House, in 1950. During the last 25 years there have been two major building projects which have blended the best of modernity with the school's family ethos and distinguished heritage. The modern and attractive educational facilities, combined with a talented and dedicated teaching staff, enable Banbridge Academy to provide an excellent standard of education where high quality Teaching and Learning is prioritised.

Educational activities spread far beyond the confines of the classroom. From experiencing life in World War One trenches in Bayernwald, Flanders, to a field study in the Rocky River, Mourne Mountains, its pupils enjoy broad and varied learning experiences. Recent visits have included educational trips to Boston, Barcelona, Berlin and to New York.

The aims of Banbridge Academy are to empower and develop its pupils and it is committed to delivering an education which is an enriching and enabling experience. Pupils excel as a community of learners, in an atmosphere of academic enquiry, where they are encouraged to become articulate, reflective and independent learners.

Current and former Academy pupils have excelled in sports at regional, provincial, national and international level. Rugby continues to grow,



having won a number of trophies. In 2015-2016, the boys' 1st XI hockey team won an unprecedented number of titles, including the Tasmanian All-Ireland Title, The Burney Cup and the HDM European Cup. In 2018, they lost narrowly in the All Ireland Final. In 2016-2017, the girls' senior hockey team enjoyed an unforgettable season, winning The Belfast Telegraph Ulster Senior Schoolgirls' Schools' Cup and the Kate Russell Subway All Ireland Championship. In 2018, they lost narrowly in the NI Superleague Final.

Pupils are always encouraged to get involved in as many extra and co-curricular activities as possible. Over seventy opportunities exist in the school's rich extra-curricular provision, complemented by the school's thriving House System, named after significant local figures: Crozier, Dunbar, McWilliam and Waddell.

In the last ten years, Banbridge Academy pupils have raised in excess of £179,000 for various local, national and international charities. The outstanding quality and variety of the Drama Society's theatrical productions contribute to the inclusive ethos of the school. Recent productions have included A Midsummer Night's Dream, Guys and Dolls, The Sound of Music and Show Stoppers.

The Principal, Mr Robin McLoughlin, extends a welcome to our virtual Open Night. An interactive video, prospectus and brochure will be placed on our school website: details will be published following the AQE Assessments. Please take time to visit the school website and experience the warmth and energy of the friendly, caring ethos that defines Banbridge Academy.



Open Night (Virtual)



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