

St. Malachy's College

# SIXTH FORM

Prospectus **2024**





**The ethos of St Malachy's College is encapsulated in its Mission Statement and Motto:**

*"St Malachy's College, as a Catholic School, is dedicated to provide academic excellence in the context of a Christian community ethos. It seeks to preserve its traditions of spirituality and learning, so that all pupils and staff can experience continuity in achievement and further their own spiritual, education and personal growth in a pleasant, interesting and stimulating environment."*

## Principal's Address

*St Malachy's College is steeped in over 190 years of tradition which continues to be strong through the living of our motto, "Gloria ab intus" – "Glory from within!" The College also maintains its reputation as a flagship for Catholic education, and so we are inclusive and accept students from a wide range of beliefs and backgrounds, sending out young and good men ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of adult life in this rapidly changing world. We also celebrate the fact that a vast number of our boys become great leaders in their chosen careers, both on a local and global scale. In St Malachy's College, there is an unrelenting pursuit of excellence by all in our community, and we model the highest standards in our work and endeavours.*

*Even though St Malachy's continues to be heavily oversubscribed, we have been able to accept a number of students into our sixth form over the past number of years. I am happy to report that our new sixth formers settle quickly and well into their new College environment. Within a matter of days, they feel very much part of our College family – it is as if they have been with us for years!*

*Not only do we offer a vast array of A-level subjects, but we also have a rich menu of enrichment activities, including accredited courses in sign language, first aid training, mental health, TEFL and coaching. St Malachy's is also renowned for its extensive extra-curricular life, and we firmly believe that participation here strengthens resilience and mental and physical health.*

*The triangular nature of the College family connects boys, parents/carers and staff so that we can provide a 'wrap-around' and faith-based education for our Malachians. The result of this is that our boys receive strong pastoral support, are provided with curricular and extra-curricular excellence, they are encouraged to grow into good men, and are equipped to find and do their best.*

*We look forward to all our new students bringing their own unique talents, skills and qualities, and they help us in the College to build on our own strengths and continue to find and practise new and better ways of doing things. This approach helps to make us a centre of excellence, always striving to outdo our previous best. If you are able to join us, then you can be confident that you are coming to a great school which is ready and equipped to embrace all the challenges and opportunities that life offers.*

### **Gloria ab intus**

Mr Paul McBride

**Principal**



# Head of Sixth Form Welcome

Dear all,

I am delighted to welcome you to St Malachy's College. I hope you will find our Sixth Form Prospectus interesting and informative. St Malachy's College is a very special place with a rich history and since its foundation, pupils from St Malachy's have played a vibrant and active part in events which shaped the history of these islands.

The mission statement of St Malachy's College charges us with the responsibility of preserving our traditions of spirituality and learning. Nowhere is this more evident than in the College Sixth Form where young minds are challenged and stimulated to be the very best they can be in living out the College motto "Gloria ab Intus".

Your two years in the Sixth Form will be one of the most important periods in your academic career; a time when your experiences and achievements will shape your future. But, Sixth Form life transcends the classroom, as you will be provided with the opportunity to engage socially, and develop your leadership, resilience and aspirations.

We offer a range of courses for pupils wishing to study at university, pursue Higher Level Apprenticeships and for those who may be seeking employment. Pupils have the opportunity to study 3 or 4 A Levels (or equivalents) from an extensive offer of vocational and academic subjects. Whatever your interest or aspirations, there is something for you at the College, from BTEC qualifications in Sport

and IT Technicals to more traditional subjects such as A Levels in Chemistry, Maths and History.

Recognising the importance of decisions that are made in Sixth Form, we have a comprehensive Careers programme that supports our pupils. This includes work experience placements, access to online courses, preparation for aptitude tests, visits from universities representatives and businesses, as well as detailed, personalised and comprehensive guidance on third-level education and the UCAS process. From personal statement writing, to course choices and interview preparations, the College supports pupils to achieve their aspirations.

Our Pastoral team is led by the Head of School, a Head of Year 14 and a Head of Year 13 who in turn lead a team of Form Teachers who manage the day-to-day pastoral needs of the pupils. In the most recent, full ETI Inspection, pastoral care in the College was deemed to be "outstanding". Year 13 pupils have the opportunity to participate in an Enrichment programme including a number of accredited qualifications such as OCN in Journalism, IFA Coaching Awards or First Aid. Pupils can enhance their Digital Skills through our innovative Digital Hub or participate in a plethora of extra-curricular opportunities including singing in the senior choir, cross country running, debating or leading the Green Team. Our Year 14 pupils develop as leaders in the Senior Prefect and Prefect Teams but, also through charitable contributions

such as the SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal or volunteering in the local community painting the windows of the hospice at Christmas time. There is quite simply something for everyone.

We warmly welcome students from other schools who wish to join our Sixth Form. Please contact the College if you require more information on a particular course or any aspect of life in the Sixth Form. Please ensure you have registered your interest by completing and submitting the Sixth Form application form. Then on GCSE Results Day in August, please contact the school 028 90748285 with your full set of GCSE results.

Best wishes your forthcoming examinations and I look forward to meeting you in August.

Mrs Nicola McAlister

**Head of Sixth Form**



## Head Boy View:

### ***“What does it mean to be a Malachian?”***

*St. Malachy's, from its inception, has had a core role in the community that surrounds it. Through The Troubles, which greatly impacted North Belfast; the COVID-19 pandemic; and more, the school has provided a refuge for staff, students, and families. The school also gives back to the community through its frequent collaboration with St Vincent de Paul. Moreover, there is a strong emphasis on collaboration between other schools in the community, shown by the College's involvement in the North Belfast Area Learning Community.*

*As we mark the 190th year of the College's existence, it's remarkable to think that the school began with only 8 boarders and 10 day pupils. Now home to over 1000 students, St. Malachy's has stood strong as a centre of excellence for almost two centuries. We see this through its prestigious alumni such as Martin O'Neill, Baron Russell of Killowen, and Ciarán Hinds – to name a small few – who have gone on to*



have massive impacts in their chosen fields. This reverence for our storied past is ever-present in the College's ethos, but equally, there is a welcoming embrace of the future. The addition of the Digital Hub shows that St. Malachy's always aims to improve and gives its students the best education possible.

As important as it is to recognise the excellent academic achievements of the College, this is not where our successes end. The school has always created an environment that allows sportsmen and musicians to grow and achieve great accomplishments in their discipline. In sixth form, there is the opportunity to participate in a wide array of extra-curricular activities in areas such as sports, music, and drama. The commitment to encouraging students to follow their ambitions and join together with like-minded individuals to accomplish something brilliant is a cornerstone of the College's values.

The many achievements I have listed would not be possible without the excellent pastoral care that St. Malachy's provides. The College endeavours to ensure

every student feels supported during their time in St. Malachy's. The pastoral care policies of the College have a positive impact on its students and create a community where students are happy to support each other in their journeys throughout the school. These attitudes are instilled in every student from the moment they first step foot on the College's site.

Additionally, in sixth form, students have the opportunity to help build upon this environment of respect and collaboration as prefects. Prefects act as role models for younger students as peer mentors, subject mentors, or class mentors, using their experience in St. Malachy's to provide strategies to help overcome problems that students may face in school life.

In summary, St. Malachy's values the whole human being. It invests heavily to ensure that all pupils achieve their full potential and tries to provide every opportunity to develop academically and in extra-curricular activities. I believe that this is most obviously reflected in a quote from our principal that "The real measurement of a school is

not in its building or resources. It is in the strength and effectiveness of the people who belong to its community."

So, what does it mean to be a Malachian? Whilst, in its simplest form, it means to be a member of the College, in a realer sense, it means that you reflect the values of St. Malachy's. It means that you are a part of a College of rounded, capable, and confident individuals who show respect and care for the people around them. It is a trait that we all share and should hold with us when we leave the school to face the new challenges that await us in adult life.

Simon Mulholland

**Head Boy 2023-24**



## St Malachy's College Sixth Form

**Our Sixth Form offers a comprehensive range of subjects with extensive and diverse enrichment, super-curricular, leadership and extra-curricular opportunities. The Head Boy team structure mirrors that of the Senior Leadership, enabling our students to use their voice to help shape our vision.**

The top floor of our historic main building forms a magnificent and vibrant sixth form centre in which our students are able to embrace new technologies as they

refine their skills as highly effective independent learners. Recent developments have allowed us to extend our sixth form provision to a limited number of places for new students who will come to a place renowned for its outstanding pastoral care, curricular and extra-curricular provision, and adept at helping each boy find his true strengths and excel in his chosen path.

St Malachy's has a long established tradition of achievement, success, quality teaching and learning at post-16 level.

### OUR SIXTH FORM:

- Delivers a huge range of academic and vocational subjects at A Level
- Has achieved many years of excellent results
- Works in close collaboration with other local grammar and post primary schools
- Offers a wide programme of enrichment activities
- Has excellent after-school study facilities

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*"Given that I lived almost half my life abroad and attended a great school in Dubai I found coming home to Ireland and joining St. Malachy's College to be a struggle at the beginning but in the end I feel it has been one of my greatest personal achievements. Initially, a very daunting experience arriving in as the 'new boy' in lower sixth, it wasn't long before I felt the warmth and appreciation of other students. Quickly acknowledging my peers' enthusiasm around the college, their willingness to learn and succeed both academically and also on the sporting field, I felt honoured to wear not only the St. Malachys uniform, but represent the school on many occasions. The College has provided me with a comfortable, safe and supportive learning environment, continually looking to develop me and my peers in true 'Malachian' style."*

**Neil:** Sixth Form Pupil

*"To be a Malachian means to embrace knowledge and strive for academic excellence. It means learning and engaging in thoughtful discussions, which can be seen through the college's outstanding exam results. You are part of a community that values education as a pathway for personal growth. In essence, being a Malachian is a testament to your character and the mark you leave on the world. It means carrying the torch of St. Malachy's College with pride, embodying the spirit of excellence, resilience, and community. You are part of a legacy that extends far beyond your time within these walls. You are a Malachian, and that means you embody the College motto, Gloria ab Intus, every day - Glory from Within."*

**Conor:** Deputy Head Prefect

*"Here at the College, there are fantastic facilities and resources available which enable us to excel in all aspects of college life such as sport, music, arts and academia. In sixth form friendships continue to grow and prosper between the students and staff which creates a feeling of togetherness. As senior students we take pride in honouring the legacy of this prestigious college."*

**Diarmuid:** Sixth Form Pupil





# Entry to St Malachy's College Sixth Form

In accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education, the Board of Governors of St. Malachy's College has drawn up the following criteria for admission to Sixth Form (Year 13).

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO SIXTH FORM GENERAL CRITERIA

### ACADEMIC

- (i) Pupils must have demonstrated, by their preparation for GCSE, their ability and interest in working towards good A-level grades. Consideration of a pupil's preparation for GCSE will take account of school reports and/or weeks on report and the pupil's full compliance with arrangements for controlled assessment/coursework in those subjects where it is an integral part of the course.

- (ii) (Pupils should have achieved a minimum of seven GCSE subjects at Grades A\*-C.

- (iii) Pupils must have 12 GCSE points or higher in order to be considered for admission. The table below indicates how many points are awarded to each grade at GCSE level.

Grade	A*	A	B	C*	C
Points	4	3	2	1.5	1

- (iv) Pupils should satisfy the Subject Specific Criteria for each A level subject. (Please refer to the subject

specific criteria at the back and the A Level Options Booklet)

- (v) Pupils who wish to study four subjects at AS level must have at least 6 Grade A passes at GCSE level with an overall point score exceeding 25 points.
- (vi) Where a subject is over-subscribed (i.e. where there are more pupils wanting to take the subject than there are places available), the Principal will, on the basis of the information presented, give priority to those applicants who are considered to be the best qualified in terms of academic ability, achievement and commitment to their studies.

- (vii) The final availability of subjects rests with the College, taking account of numbers wishing to study a particular subject, the staffing and accommodation available, and the budget constraints imposed by the Department of Education/ Education Authority.

- (viii) Pupils are not bound by their subject choice as indicated above. However, it is stressed that in the

event that a subject is over-subscribed, pupils' choices at this stage will take preference over pupils' choices in August.

- (ix) The number of places available for external applicants will be dependent on the number of existing pupils progressing to Year 13 (see Appendix A).
- (x) Pupils with a Statement of Education Needs (Stage 5) will be considered on an individual basis

### BEHAVIOUR

Pupils must have observed school rules especially with regard to punctuality, conduct, and adherence to uniform regulations, respect for staff, fellow pupils and school property. Consideration of a pupil's behaviour will take account of his achievement (merit) and behaviour (demerit) profiles, the number of weeks on report, detentions and/or suspensions.



## Subjects offered

**Art and Design** (CCEA)

**Biology** (CCEA)

**Business Studies** (CCEA)

**Computing** (CCEA)

**Economics** (CCEA)

**English Literature** (CCEA)

**French** (CCEA)

**Further Mathematics** (CCEA)

**Geography** (CCEA)

**Government and Politics** (CCEA)

**Health and Social Care** (CCEA)

**History** (CCEA)

**Technicals ICT** (OCR Level 3)

**Irish** (CCEA)

**Mathematics** (CCEA)

**Moving Image Arts** (CCEA)

**Music** (CCEA)

**Performing Arts** (CCEA)\*

**Physical Education** (WJEC)

**Physics** (CCEA)

**Religious Studies** (CCEA)

**Sociology** (CCEA)\*

**Spanish** (CCEA)

**Sport** (Pearson BTEC Level 3)

**Technology and Design** (CCEA)

**Travel and Tourism** (Pearson BTEC Level 3)\*

\*Offered in collaboration through the North Belfast Area Learning Community.

*Additional subjects may be offered in 2024-25 through collaboration within the NBALC.*

## Additional Studies/Preventative Curriculum

**The College is committed to providing opportunities for students to develop a range of skills within their academic programme and also through a broad enrichment programme. Every fortnight the students will have one period each of careers education and tutorial. The sixth form tutorial programme encompasses topics such as study skills, time management, financial management, and citizenship.**

As part of our ethos, all Sixth Form students follow a non-examination, faith formation course in Religious Education called Credible Catholic.

At KS5, there is a strong focus on the Preventative Curriculum and the following areas are covered by specialist speakers:

- Alcohol & Drugs Education
- RSE
- Charities – SVP/Trocaire/Children in Crossfire/ Anthony Nolan
- Mental Health Workshops (AwareMood Matters)
- Life Skills
- Road/Driver Safety
- Keeping Safe (Social Skills)
- Physical Health Seminar
- eSafety
- Gambling Awareness (GAMCARE)
- Study Skills (LearnSpark and Hipp Psychology)
- One Punch Campaign (PSNI)
- Cyber Safety (Nexus)
- Life Coaching (AB Coaching)
- Civic Awareness (NI Assembly)
- Faith Development (QUB Chaplaincy)
- Careers and preparation for university life are also encompassed within the Pastoral Programme.
- UCAS
- Personal Statements – (QUB, UU)
- Higher level Institutions (QUB, UU, LJMU)
- Higher Level Apprenticeships (PWC and WorkPlaces)
- Managing Money





### **QUB Pathways**

The Pathway Opportunity Programme works with schools across Northern Ireland to provide an entry route to Queen's University Belfast for talented young people who have the ability to thrive at Queen's but need additional support and encouragement to fulfil their potential. A number of our pupils have been successfully supported through the Pathways programme availing of the additional financial, academic and practical support.

### **HE plus Programme**

A number of pupils participate in the HE plus Programme run by the Education Services at the University of Cambridge (Corpus Christi College). This is a fantastic opportunity for students to expand and extend their subject knowledge beyond the curriculum. Students have the opportunity to undertake an academic research project, and receive additional information, advice and guidance about what universities have to offer and how to apply. They also experience lectures from Cambridge academics and university seminars, with students availing of a fully funded trip to Cambridge at the start of the summer.

# Year 13 Enrichment Programme

**The aim of the Year 13 Enrichment Programme is to broaden each pupil's learning experience and develop valuable skills.**

A sample of the courses/opportunities on offer that runs on a Wednesday afternoon includes:

- IFA National Coaching Certificate (Youth)
- Aspire Leadership & Management Course
- OCN Level 3 Sports Journalism
- Local History research project
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
- First Aid (REC Level 2)
- GAA Coaching Certificate
- Digital Passport – Google Skills
- Survival Cookery
- Mind Your Head – Positive mental awareness
- OCN Peer Mentoring
- TAMHI
- Chess in the Community
- Volunteering with Newington Day Centre
- Mindfulness – Introduction to Yoga
- Physical Literacy
- Sign Language



## Careers

The Careers Department is dedicated to the provision of **Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance** for all pupils at the College. It seeks to ensure that each pupil has access to a range of relevant, stimulating, personalised and supportive learning experiences to help him develop his self-awareness, explore appropriate career pathways, make well-informed decisions, and create, review and implement a suitable career plan. Pupils also follow a comprehensive **CEIAG** programme in Senior School with Careers classes scheduled fortnightly. The Careers Department enjoys excellent support from parents/carers, College alumni, the Careers Service, representatives from Further and Higher Education, employers from business and industry and a range of other relevant bodies.

In Year 13, pupils complete a work experience placement to help develop their awareness of the world of work and gain an insight into a chosen career. Support is further provided to our pupils through mock academic interviews, UCAS support, UCAT training, mentoring with alumni and through the HE plus scheme through Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University. A plethora of guest speakers from universities present to our pupils, as well as offer guidance and advice to help inform our pupils at this vital decision-making time.

The vast majority of our pupils go on to university to pursue exciting and competitive courses. Pupils are supported throughout the UCAS application process for UK universities and the CAO system for universities in the Republic of Ireland.





## Crollly Study

### EMA

Based on the household income – some students will be eligible to receive EMA (£30 a week) while attending full-time education.

Application forms can be picked up from the College or through the Student Finance website directly. Please note that students must have a bank account in order to receive EMA. The process can take a few weeks so students should begin the application process as soon as they can.

The top floor of our historic main building forms a magnificent and vibrant sixth form centre in which our students are able to embrace new technologies as they refine their skills as highly effective independent learners. This centre of excellence remains open well beyond school hours each evening and on Saturday mornings so that our young men can practise a healthy balance of relaxation and work, developing life skills and resilience to face the challenges of adulthood.

## Extra Curricular

*In my view, what makes St Malachy's unique is that the education goes beyond the classroom and whilst grades are important, the extracurricular activities are equally important in shaping men for the future. I have had the opportunity to experience this first hand when I took part in the John Paul II award last year. Through this programme I became a Eucharistic minister, read at mass and volunteered regularly in my local community. We also have an excellent Saint Vincent de Paul society who just recently organised a very successful Christmas Hamper appeal.*

**Daniel:** Year 14 Student







## Sixth Form Prefect Team

All pupils in Year 13 have the opportunity to apply to be a Prefect or Senior Prefect in Year 14. The Senior Prefect Team mirrors the Senior Leadership Team and plays an important role in the life of the College. Leadership positions in the College include peer mentors, anti-bullying ambassadors, class mentors and subject mentors. The Senior Prefect Team is led by the Head Boy and three Deputy Head Boys. Pupils act as ambassadors and role models to the younger pupils, living out the school motto "Gloria ab Intus".

## Student Council

The Student Council enables students to become more actively involved in all aspects of their school life. Representatives on the council are elected annually from each year group and they consult widely with students on ways to make the College an even better place to learn. This group of student representatives regularly liaise with the Senior Management Team on emerging proposals





## Public Speaking

Public Speaking offers pupils the skills to influence decisions and motivate change. It is an incredibly valuable asset for the future. Pupils have the opportunity to develop confidence and learn how to formulate persuasive arguments for their audience. Pupils in Sixth Form have participated in the Knights of Columbanus public speaking competition. The English and Religious Studies Departments have joined together to take part in the University of St. Andrews Ethics Cup. The Ethics Cup has a dual purpose: to promote interest in philosophy among secondary school students and to model and promote civil discourse on issues of public concern.

## Subject competitions

Subject competitions provide an exciting and challenging context for pupils to engage and think through problem-solving. This year a number of pupils have participated in the:

- **Senior Maths Challenge**
- **Cambridge Chemistry Challenge**
- **Cambridge Biology Challenge**
- **Cambridge Physics Challenge.**

## Chaplaincy Team and Charity

As one of the oldest Catholic institutions on the island of Ireland, our Christian heritage is in our DNA! We seek to foster a practical, intelligent faith as part of the holistic experience of the College. Our Sixth Form pupil lead the school community through their involvement in the Chaplaincy Team with pupils supporting our weekly morning mass as Eucharistic ministers, readers and altar servers. Additionally, our pupils play an active role in the College SVP team organising Christmas hampers and fundraising events throughout the year.



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## Young Enterprise

Sixth Form Pupils have the opportunity to participate in Young Enterprise empowering our pupils to discover, develop and celebrate their skills and potential. Pupils learn essential life skills including money management and entrepreneurship.



# Music

Our Music Department operates a diverse programme of extra-curricular activities for all boys to engage in and develop key ensemble, listening and performing skills including Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir, Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Band, Senior and Junior String Orchestras, Senior and Junior Irish Traditional Groups, Brass Group, and a host of smaller chamber ensembles and rock bands. Instrumental and vocal tuition on a wide range of instruments is delivered through our very own Peripatetic Music Service, which caters for all orchestral instruments, voice, piano, organ, electric guitar, drum kit and Irish traditional instruments. Performance is central to musical training at the College and we offer many opportunities to 'practise' performance in formal and informal settings:

- The College has an impressive record of success

at music festivals across the country. We enter ensembles and soloists into competitions including Ballymena and Holywood Festivals.

- Annual events include the St. Malachy's Feast Day Mass in St. Patrick's Donegall Street, the Old Boys' Mass, the Friends of St. Malachy's Annual Ball, the Christmas and April Concerts, the Junior Concert, GCSE and A Level lunchtime concerts.
- Touring has been a regular feature since the College Orchestra performed at the Schools' Proms in London's Royal Albert Hall in 1999. Destinations have included the National Concert Hall in Dublin, Philadelphia, the Kennedy Centre in Washington, New York and Belgium.
- The College is proud of its long association with the City of Belfast School of Music, with whom

many boys currently study. We also have pupils who study at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin.

- St. Malachy's musicians represent the College in high-profile ensembles including the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland, the Ulster Youth Orchestra, Ulster Youth Choir, St. Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum, St. Polycarp's Choir, and various Musical Theatre schools.
- Performances at charity events, educational and community outreach events, and as part of Shared Education.
- Our ensembles are regularly hired by external agencies to provide background music and light entertainment.

## Sport

**St Malachy's College has an unrivalled reputation for excellence across a wide range of sports. The College is a recipient of a 'Sports Gold Mark,' awarded by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland in conjunction with the Department of Education, in recognition of excellence in the delivery of curricular Physical Education and provision of a varied extra-curricular sports programme.**

Our extra-curricular sporting programme is wide, extensive and inclusive. Athletics, basketball, gaelic football, soccer, hurling, rugby and water polo are all sports played at a competitive level. We also compete in schools golf competitions. While we continue to have much success across a wide range of sports at local, national and international level, we encourage and value participation and commitment. College teams regularly travel and enjoy sporting and cultural exchanges to enrich the experiences of our students. A number of student are studying overseas, others are in the world of work and some are in the professional sporting ranks.

Sixth Form pupils are able to use and train in the College Fitness Suite, as well as participating in the vast array of sports.



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### Athletics

There is a long and distinguished tradition of athletics in the College, both in cross-country and in track & field. From Year 8 to Year 14, the boys train and compete regularly at District, Ulster and All Ireland level with a lot of success.

### Basketball

Our basketball programme is one of the top schools programmes in Ireland. Teams train at least twice a week and play in All Ireland League and Cup competitions from Year 9 to Year 14.

### Football

There is a very strong tradition of football in the College. High levels of participation regularly result in our teams being very competitive in both Belfast Schools competitions and Northern Ireland Schools competitions. College teams normally train once a week on our 4G pitch.

### Gaelic

Each year group has a Gaelic team and the teams participate in the Ulster Schools competitions. Training is either before or after school and a number of the staff coaching are current or former county players.

### Golf

In addition to running our own annual College Championship and a number of senior golf competitions throughout the year including the schools Winter League. Most recently the College hosted and competed against Monsignor Bonner golf team from Philadelphia on their Irish tour.

### Hurling

Each year group has the opportunity to train after school and play in the Ulster Schools and Antrim Cup competitions.

### Waterpolo

There is long tradition of Water polo in the College and we have a real reputation as being fearless and fair. Our Teams, here in the College are unique in that the older boys mentor and train the younger boys coming through.



## Trips

- Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge
- Laser labs at QUB
- CERN in Geneva
- Somme Heritage Centre,
- Dublin
- Berlin
- Barcelona
- Madrid
- Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge
- Senior Ski Trip - USA



## Sixth Form Profiles



**Name:** Simon Mulholland

**Subjects:** Maths, Chemistry, Music

**Extra-curricular involvement:**

*Played the violin for the college orchestra and led the senior strings, sang in the senior choir, and participated in the debating society. Competed in a team of 3 for the Knights of St. Columbanus Public Speaking Competition. Performed in the Hollywood Music Festival and Ballymena Music Festival as a soloist and in ensembles.*

**Sixth Form enrichment:**

*Participated in the Past Pupil History research project surrounding St. Malachy's alumni in the Great War. Took part in the University of Cambridge HE+ Project that allowed me to visit the Cambridge to present my findings as a project finalist. Qualified for a Level 2 OCN in Mental Health Awareness through the peer mentoring programme.*

**Future aspirations:**

*I hope to study Law at university and progress to either qualify as a barrister or specialise in constitutional law or human rights law.*

**Advice for potential Sixth Form students:**

*I found that my teachers were always happy to take the time to discuss any issues, academic or otherwise, and helped to find solutions or point me in the right direction, so be aware that there are supports in place to provide guidance if needed.*

**Name:** Mark Campbell

**Subjects:** Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Maths

**Extra-curricular involvement:**

*In my time at St. Malachys I have been part of both the rugby and basketball team, allowing me to be involved in competitions ranging from All Irelands to Ulster schools. In junior school I did work with the SVP foundation within the college.*

**Sixth Form Enrichment:**

*At GCSE I won the overall best performance, and at AS I obtained the top result in Physics and Maths. I have achieved awards in Chemistry and Physics Olympiads, with a Gold Award in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. In Y13 as part of the enrichment programme I was able to get a first aid qualification as well as a British Sign Language certificate. Through studying Physics I travelled to CERN in Switzerland to learn more about the particle accelerator projects taking place. The HE+ programme allowed me to take part in the summer school at*



*Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.*

**Future Aspirations:**

*Following A Levels I'll be going to Queens to study medicine.*

*While at university, I hope to continue playing rugby and develop the skills I picked up at St. Malachys. In the future I'd like to specialise in the orthopaedic aspects of medicine.*

**Advice for potential Sixth Form students:**

*Use your time wisely as sixth form can be demanding, therefore good time management skills are essential.*



# Sixth Form Profiles



**Name:** Fionnbarr O'Loingsigh

**Subjects:** Chemistry, Physics and Biology, attaining my Maths A level in lower sixth.

**Extracurricular involvement:**

Maths challenge, chemistry and physics Olympiads. I am deputy head boy. I have been a member of the school Gaelic team, basketball team, and rugby team at different points in my time here in St Malachys. I am also a member of St Enda's GAC, and swam for over a decade with Leander ASC.

*I am the leader of the school orchestra, co leader of senior strings, 1st saxophone in the school jazz band, and a senior member of the school chamber choir, I have also previously been a member of the school senior and school choir, and numerous string quartets. I have attained my grade 8 in both violin and Saxophone and have been a member of the CBYO for three years, being lucky enough to play in the royal albert hall and tour France. I am a member of the school chaplaincy team*

**Sixth Form Enrichment:**

*In lower sixth I was fortunate enough to go on a school trip to Switzerland and a trip to Cambridge through the HE+ programme.*

*In enrichment I achieved a first aid qualification and attended a sign language course.*

**Future Aspirations:**

*I have applied for medicine and hope to study in QUB.*

**Advice for Potential Sixth Form Pupils:**

*My advice would be to make the most of it and enjoy your time at the college as much as possible.*

**Name:** Conor Mullan

**Subjects:** Further Maths, Spanish and Chemistry and took History to AS Level

**Extra-curricular involvement:**

*In Year 13 I was involved in the Saphara: Be The Change Programme which aims to provide education to poor communities in India, especially to women and girls. We participated in group-based workshops alongside students from Dominican College Fortwilliam, Sullivan Upper, and Antrim Grammar and raised funds, even doing a sponsored abseil down the Europa Hotel! In the end we raised enough money to provide a year of education to almost 500 people.*

**Sixth Form Enrichment:**

*As part of our Year 13 enrichment, I took an 8-week course in emergency outdoor first aid, a skill which helped me greatly in securing my current job as a lifeguard. At the beginning of Year 14, I participated in a History Trip to Berlin where we were able to see iconic sights such as the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag Building as well as delve into the rich history of the city, with visits to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp as well as the Holocaust Memorial.*

*Through the HE+ programme run by the University of Cambridge, I designed and developed a research poster centred on Hydrogen Storage. The scheme provided*



*me with the opportunity to attend a 3-day summer school at Corpus Christi College where we received lectures on a wide range of subjects, from AI to Aerodynamics. We also had the chance to dress up for a formal dinner!*

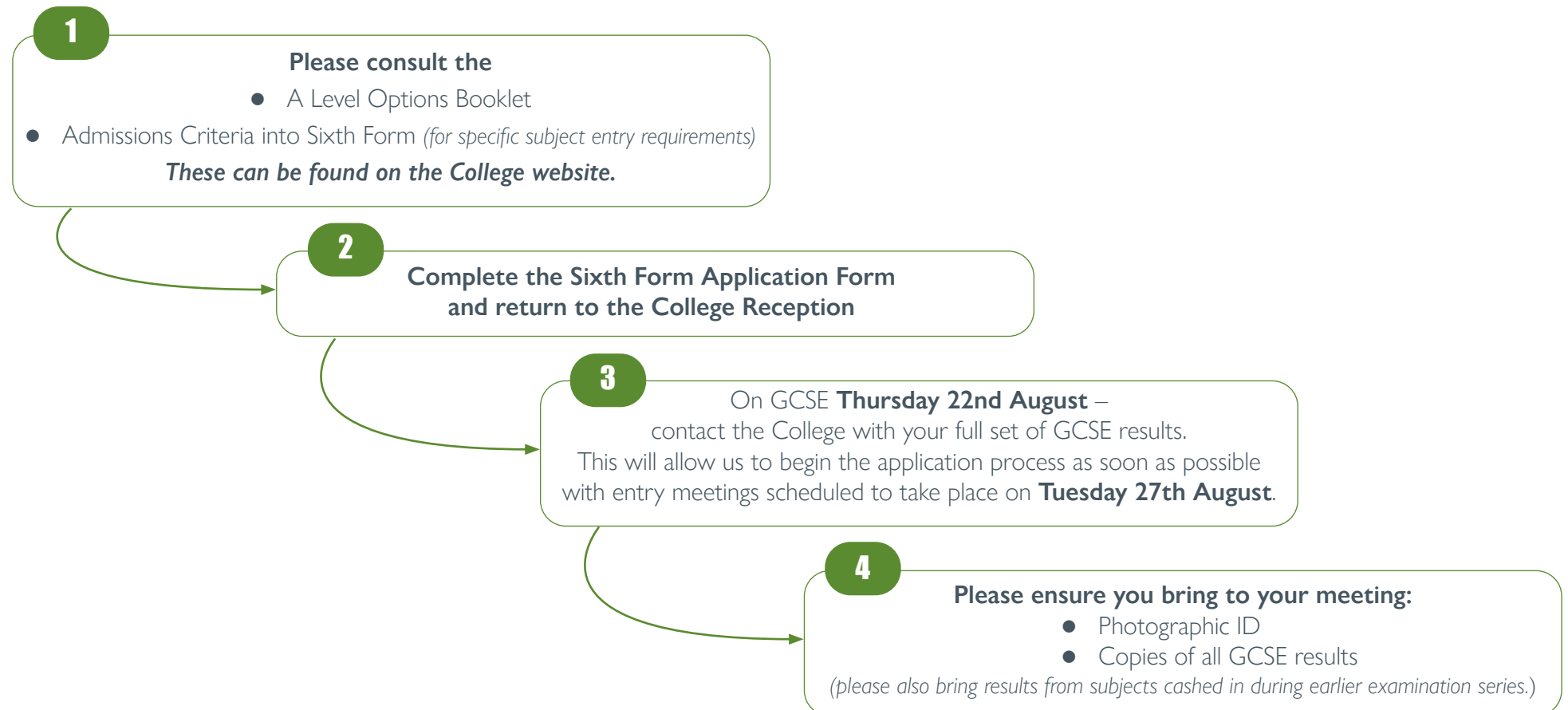
**Future Aspirations:**

*Through the HE+ programme, I discovered my interest in Chemical Engineering and Green Chemistry in particular. I'm currently working to secure my offer to study the subject at Queen's University Belfast, and I hope to find a job through which I know I can make a difference!*

**Advice for potential Sixth Form students:**

*To any future 6th Form Students, I can offer you one piece of advice: Try everything - you never know where an opportunity can take you!*

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