

WELCOME

I commend you to this edition of the school prospectus which gives you information on the school.

Your child has reached the stage of making a decision on their choice of Post Primary school and you will be assisting them with that very important decision.

The College which opened in 1963 occupies a pleasant rural site on the outskirts of Aughnacloy. The school has undergone significant growth over the past ten years with the school doubling in size. Aughnacloy College prides itself in providing excellent pastoral care in a family like atmosphere.

Aughnacloy College is a coeducational non selective school with a Christian ethos which respects the rights and beliefs of the individual.

At Aughnacloy College we continue to strive to cater for the needs of all our pupils. All pupils have an equal entitlement to a balanced curriculum which is taught to a high standard.

Pupils are encouraged to participate in the extra curricular activities offered by the school.

AIMS OF THE COLLEGE

1. To develop the pupils' self-confidence and self-discipline.
2. To provide a happy and challenging learning environment.
3. To promote the development in pupils of attitudes which will lead to high standards of behaviour and good personal relationships.
4. To establish a creative and secure education partnership between the College, the contributory primary schools, the home and the community.
5. To equip pupils to meet the challenges of adolescent and adult life.
6. To recognise that all pupils are individuals and as such have unique talents and needs. The College, as a caring society, seeks to develop these qualities and provide the needs of each pupil.

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CURRICULUM

Aughnacloy College follows the Revised Curriculum of Northern Ireland. The school prides itself in the excellent academic outcomes of the pupils and the extensive curriculum on offer at Key Stage 4 Level. The curriculum incorporates a wide variety of both academic and vocational courses.

A broad range of subjects are offered at Key Stage 3 Level. All pupils follow common areas of study. The cross-curricular skills of using mathematics, using ICT and communication are developed and assessed across a range of subjects.

At Key Stage 4 a large range of courses are offered by Aughnacloy College in accordance with the Northern Ireland Entitlement Framework. Most pupils take up GCSE courses where choice is more flexible than at Key Stage 3 Level. General subjects can also be combined with vocational subjects.

A range of interactive and engaging teaching methods in conjunction with related educational trips, workshops and practical activities are implemented throughout all years of study to create an enjoyable and inspiring teaching and learning environment at Aughnacloy College.

SUBJECTS OFFERED AT KEY STAGE 3:

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

SUBJECT OFFERED AT KEY STAGE 4 INCLUDE:

English (Language and Literature)	Science (Single and Double Award)
Mathematics	Learning for Life and Work
Business Studies	ICT
History	Media Studies
Art and Design	Leisure and Tourism
Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies	Physical Education
French	Geography
Technology and Design	Home Economics
Child Development	Music
Occupational Studies.	

Those pupils opting to take up Occupation Studies at Key Stage 4 Level travel to SWC (Dungannon campus) one day per week to study courses which include catering, beauty, hairdressing, brickwork, digital video, engineering or joinery. Alternatively they can do GCSE Construction or GCSE Engineering.



CAREERS / PASTORAL CARE

C.E.I.A.G (CAREERS EDUCATION INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE)

Careers classes at Key Stage 3 level are taught via Learning for Life and Work. Employability is one of the core elements of this programme. It is an opportunity for pupils to be introduced to a programme of self-assessment, personal career planning, decision making and job research.

Key Stage 4 pupils have the opportunity of following a vocational route with our highly successful link with South West College as detailed within the curriculum information.

At Key Stage 4 Careers becomes a discreet subject on a pupil's timetable. Pupils are introduced to the reality of the "World of Work" and how it is classified. Consideration is given to the local, national and international job markets.

Throughout Years 11 and 12 all pupils become familiar with the completion of application forms and CV's. Interviews skills are also developed. Other techniques used to inform pupils with regards to the job market include: Visiting speakers from industry, educational visits to workplace environments, job sampling, access to a vast range of careers information resources, a series of programmes provided by DCBEP, Sentinus, the RAF and the services of a dedicated Careers Officer.

PASTORAL CARE

At Aughnacloy College there is a great emphasis on the personal development of each child. This begins with strong links to our Primary Schools and is further developed through our Pastoral Care Programme. Each year group has an associated Form Teacher. Form classes have allocated pastoral time with their Form Teachers where the Pastoral Care Programme is implemented. Pupils are encouraged to integrate fully into their form class and school as a whole. The Form Teacher is the first point of contact for any pupils and / or their parents who have any concerns. Pupils are taught confidence building, study and life skills.

A House Merit System operates within each year group of the school. Consistent good behaviour, hard work and performance improvement are rewarded via the merit system. Merits are earned on a daily basis and are used when awarding prizes and certificates which takes place during a special assembly held once a month. The merit system also acts as a source of valuable information for Form Teachers, Parents and Senior Management.



A group of Yr 11 pupils attending a CEIAG event to discover career opportunities in the I.T. sector.

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE / ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE

Pupils who require extra support with regards to their learning are assisted by members of the schools learning support centre. The Learning Support Centre has its own dedicated area which has a warm, welcoming and friendly aura. The team contains eleven fully qualified and experienced learning support assistants. Pupils requiring assistance are supported both within a class setting, as part of a group and on an individual basis. All necessary action is taken to ensure all pupils develop at a suitable pace.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

As part of the learning process all pupils are assessed continuously throughout the school year via homework's, class tests, projects etc.

Examinations also form a major part of the assessment and reporting process. Exams are held in December and also again in June. Reports are issued which reflect both the exam and any continuous assessments which have been taken.

There is a parents evening once a year for all year groups where parents can meet with teachers and reflect on the progress of their child. Aside from parents evenings parents are free to contact the school at any time to arrange an appointment with the necessary member of staff in order to address any particular concerns.



FACILITIES AND EXTRA CURRICULAR

FACILITIES

- Two newly refurbished ICT suites with a wide range of technologies used to aid teaching and learning
- At least one computer in every classroom with internet access
- At least one Interactive whiteboard in each department throughout the school
- Digital projectors in every classroom
- A state of the art Technology and Design suite which includes a large practical workshop with a wide range of tools and machinery alongside a dedicated classroom area with a large number of networked computers
- A modern Home Economics suite with newly refurbished practical area and equipment
- Two refurbished Science Laboratories
- An Art Room with adjoining photography room
- A modern Music Room with recording suite
- A newly refurbished English Department incorporating a Library, drama area and several dedicated classrooms
- Learning Support Classroom
- A canteen driven by our SNAG pupils
- Disabled access facilities throughout the school
- Welcoming visitor reception area

EXTRA CURRICULAR

The school provides a wide range of extra curricular activities. Pupils are encouraged to actively participate in the wide range of extra curricular activities on offer at the College. The majority of extra curricular activities are detailed overleaf within the sport section, however, many activities are available aside from sport and these include:

Computer Club	Scripture Union
Choir	Music Tuition via SELB
	Music Service
Homework Club	School Drama Productions
Computer Gaming	Duke of Edinburgh
Language Trips	Ski Trips
Educational Trips	SNAG (School Nutritional Action Group).



SPORT

Aughnacloy College offer a wide range of sporting activities both through the Physical Education curriculum and as part of the schools wide ranging extra curricular programme.

SPORTS FACILITIES

- 2 All weather tennis courts
- 1 Gymnasium incorporating netball, basketball, volleyball, gymnastic and indoor football facilities
- 1 Full size grass football pitch
- 1 Multi use all weather gravel pitch
- 1 All weather basketball court
- Use of Dungannon Leisure Centre
- Use of GYM XV.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Athletics	Games
Football	Tug of War
Volleyball	Table-tennis
Tag Rugby	Rugby Union
Show jumping	Hockey
Netball	Circuit Training
Cross Country	Swimming
Softball	Tennis
Dance	Basketball
Badminton	Canoeing.



SCHOOL UNIFORM



GENERAL UNIFORM

- Plain white shirt / blouse
- Official school stripe tie
- Grey trousers / skirt
- Grey school jumper
- Navy blazer with school crest
- Black shoes
- Black socks / white knee socks / black tights
- School scarf
- School Coat

P.E UNIFORM

- School polo shirt
- Navy shorts / Navy pleated skirt
- White socks / White ankle socks
- Trainers
- Football boots
- Black football socks
- College tracksuit

Aughnacloy College have a strict uniform code which is compulsory to all pupils.

Pupils are also required to have a specific regulation PE outfit.

The official uniform supplier is Pauls, Aughnacloy.

A school outdoor coat can be purchased via the PE department.

**** Hooded tops are strictly prohibited**





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