

Celebrating **30 Years of Excellence** in Integrated Education

An Exciting Time to Join New-Bridge Integrated College!



New-Bridge Integrated College is an 11–18 school, which welcomes boys and girls, all abilities, and families from catholic, protestant and other traditions. Our school was established in 1995 by parents from the Banbridge and Newry areas, who wanted a school where children from different communities could be educated together, every day, under one roof.

As the Evens Foundation Laureate of Peace Education, we continue to play a significant role in promoting our inclusive ethos, as we not only recognise our accomplishments as an all-ability school, but also our role as peacebuilders; celebrating Integrated Education at its best. We reflect on the well-rounded individuals our students have become, respectful of other traditions and cultures, as they, like so many have benefited from an authentic integrated experience. Our integrated ethos underpins all our interactions, our relationships, our decisions and also in our curriculum design as we operate tailored pathways for our students in KS3, KS4 and Post 16.

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The many awards our school has won over the years is testimony to a whole community approach to education; and our inclusive spirit is reflected in our:



Mrs Anderson Principal and Sean Pettis CEO NICIE

- ✓ NICIE '**Excellence in Integration Award**
- ✓ Children in Crossfire **Gold Compassion Award**
- ✓ Rights Respecting School **Gold Award**
- ✓ Families First **Outstanding Pastoral Care Award**
- ✓ **School of Sanctuary Award**
- ✓ Evens Foundation **Laureate of Peace Education**
- ✓ Goldsmith **Community Engagement Award**
- ✓ Aware NI **Investors in Mental Health Award**
- ✓ Paul Dix '**When the Adults Change**' **Partner School**

It is our whole school approach to nurture and restorative practices, along with our relational based approach to teaching and learning, that has enabled our school to become the **first** school in Northern Ireland to be recognised as a Paul Dix 'When the Adults Change Partner school'.



Individual successes can also be attributed to the wider enrichment experiences our students are able to access at New-Bridge and the many external collaborations which supports our work in building student leadership capacity.

- Our **Taking Boys Seriously** research work with Ulster University has played a role in maximising our boys potential
- Our Scholar's Programme "**The Brilliant Club**" which is a **collaboration** with Queens' University, Belfast has provided a unique insight into university practices and has enabled our students to make a smooth transition into university life.
- Our Business Mentorship programmes through our '**Business Experience**' and '**Sisters IN**' Programme provides an additional layer of careers guidance for our students as it builds stronger connections between business and school
- Our **outreach primary schools** programme has provided opportunities for so many New-Bridge students to prepare and deliver lessons, to primary students, enabling primary students to access specialist learning on a range of subject topics which in turn helps strengthen our community connections
- Our work as a '**Catalyst School**' has upskilled staff on design thinking practices to further enhance the learning experiences of our students , extending beyond the classroom.
- Our **Cross Border Projects**, funded through Department of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund enables our pupils and staff to work together on projects around identity and social change.
- Our JOLT (Joy of Learning Together) Project Based Learning Programme develops our students **youth advocacy skills** .A programme which has gained the formal recognition of the Social Impact Award as well as the Road Safety Partnership Post Primary Award for 2025.



Minister Liz Kimmins welcomes students from New- Bridge Integrated College to Parliament Buildings.

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At New-Bridge we provide high quality education through a broad and balanced curriculum which caters for the full ability range. With over 30 GCSE/Vocational subjects on offer and 3 tailored



pathways to meet the full ability range and 24 subjects on offer at A Level, our New-Bridge students continue to progress to high demand courses at university as well as Higher Level Apprenticeship Programmes. We are very proud of our excellent record of academic and vocational success which ensures progression for all our young people. We are proud to say that our dedicated and committed staff offer many opportunities for each student to achieve their full potential here and we celebrate the 'personal best' of every student at New-Bridge.

Our child centred approach to learning and teaching is built on positive relationships between staff, students, and parents; with priority given to the care and welfare of our students.

As an integrated school we celebrate 30 years of providing an authentic integrated experience which provides a model of education fit for building a prosperous and peaceful 21st century society.

This is a very exciting time to join New-Bridge and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 8 students in 2026. We have moved into our state of the art new school building which is already bringing many benefits to our entire school community. Our cutting-edge sports facilities enable us to enhance our current extra-curricular menu of Gaelic football, football, hockey, camogie, netball, rugby and orienteering, to name but a few.

New-Bridge is a happy place to learn and work. Our school motto 'The School for All the Family' highlights that we celebrate every success story of every student every day at New-Bridge. We have high standards and high expectations, asking that everyone works and learns to their full potential, everyone helps those around them to do their best and every student develops into a thoughtful and caring member of her or his community. It is our integrated ethos; that sense of belonging and our capacity to care which has made our school the success story it is today.



Our students leave us ready to play a key role in change for the better, because they have had the privilege of an integrated education and they understand in practice the values of respect, compassion and tolerance

Through our school website, prospectus and our social media pages, we have captured the ethos of our school in word and pictures, as one of inclusion. We look forward to expanding our New-Bridge family and welcome new students and new families to our **Open Day on Saturday 17 January 2026 from 9.15am to 12.30pm. Principal's address, 9.30am.**

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