

Downpatrick



Students working together at Ardnabannon

Blackwater Integrated College sits on the edge of Downpatrick and welcomes students from a wide catchment area across County Down.

Opened in September 2008, Blackwater is named after integrated education patron, Baroness May Blood of Blackwatertown. Proud of our integrated status, our mission statement is 'Building for the Future, Inspiring Success and Caring for all.'

These values are reflected in the daily life of the college where students benefit from small class sizes, specialist teaching in all subjects and a staff team committed to equipping every student to successfully take their place in life and work in the 21st century.

At Key Stage 4, Blackwater has a proven track record of enabling students to achieve their personal best in a range of academic and vocational courses which meet the needs and aspirations of students of all abilities. The Learning Support Centre also provides a warm and supportive atmosphere in which students who require a small group setting will thrive.

Success in learning is underpinned by outstanding pastoral care experienced from induction through to completion of GCSE and other accredited courses. Form Tutors play a vital role in supporting students and overseeing the college credit scheme which recognises achievement in its many forms.



Head Boy Jamie meeting Baroness May Blood

The College has established curricular links involving pupils from local primary schools who participate in practical projects in science, art, sport and technology. The college also engages in purposeful collaborations with other local schools and community organisations and these enhance the provision made for students.

Visitors to Blackwater comment on how happy and confident the students are and all students have the opportunity to become involved in Student Council and to learn from a range of trips and events which develop their wider skills.