

Lagan College

Belfast

Like the parable of the mustard seed, big things have small beginnings. Such was the case with Lagan College. Set against the Troubles in the 1970s, a group of Catholic and Protestant parents came together as part of the All Children Together Movement to seek a new way of educating their children together.

Lagan College opened its doors in the now legendary scout hall at Ardnally in South Belfast. There were 28 students, 14 catholic and 14 protestant, a Principal, Shelia Greenfield, one full time and five part- time teachers.



Grant Maintained status was granted to the College in 1984. As the school intake grew, accommodation was sought in the Castlereagh hillside before a permanent home for the College was eventually found at Lisnabreeny, this time thanks to the hospitality of the National Trust.



In 2003 Lagan College sought to be considered for a new build programme under the Department of Education's Private Finance initiative. After many years in the planning, Education Minister Catriona Ruane confirmed, that permission had been granted on 14th April 2011 to complete the permanent buildings on the Lisnabreeny site.



On 17th June 2013 phase one commencement was completed providing the College with state of the art facilities fit for the 21st Century.

The students' learning potential has been enhanced by signature spaces that boast of a new library, with panoramic views of the countryside, an Internet cafe, 11 E-learning suites, a new Music building, 2 Dance/ Drama studios, a well resourced Sixth Form study space and modern well equipped general classrooms.

The build programme has also enabled the College to fully refurbish the existing Technology and Breeny main buildings.

At the heart of the school is the social heart inclusive of the stunning library and Chaplaincy led by our joint Chaplains representing the two major faith traditions.

The vision of the founding parents and students has been finally realised with a permanent Lagan College for many generations to come.

Today Lagan College is a beacon of hope to others, showcasing that the integration of young people does work and all children can play, learn and grow together.

Lagan College continues to be a welcoming school of all children, respecting the rights of individuals to be themselves.