

Malone IC

Belfast

In the beginning

Malone College opened its doors on 1 September 1997. Situated at the Cutts, in Derriaghy the College consisted of two rows of mobile classrooms and a generator that fed electricity to the College via cables put through the staffroom window. A month previous, the site was a derelict area beside the old Munchies factory (then housing Oakwood Integrated Primary School).



Ten staff had been appointed prior to the summer recess and 126 pupils joined us that day. Our opening assembly was televised by the BBC and dealt with the death of Princess Diana. At lunchtime the first of our football tournaments began and ran on uninterrupted for eighteen months. It was in October 1998 that we said goodbye to the Cutts and moved to our permanent location at the Musgrave campus.

Now

Malone College is a vibrant learning community which serves a very wide catchment area that spans South and West Belfast and draws pupils from up to 50 primary schools. It places quality education and pupil well-being at the heart of all activities and our aim is for all of our students to achieve their potential and to prepare them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.



At the heart of our school are our students. Our curriculum and extensive range of extra-curricular activities gives every student the opportunity to flourish, to develop existing talents and to discover new ones. We are committed to excellence and have an unrelenting determination for everyone to succeed. We also encourage and expect all of our pupils to become independent learners and to develop their leadership skills, so they can fully participate in our rich extra-curricular programme. This gives them a sense of belonging and a pride in our school and in themselves, and helps them fully realise their potential. Developing excellent attitudes to learning in its widest sense and fostering respect, courtesy, consideration and friendship are central to our ethos and our school community.

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Future

Malone College will continue to strengthen the school ethos of *“learning for life together”*. The school are committed to supporting the pupils’ personal, social and emotional well-being by developing further appropriate community links and improving the pupils learning environment.

As a result the school will continue to create a positive climate for learning which recognises and celebrates diversity, is strongly inclusive and is responsive to the needs and interests of the pupils. The approval for a brand new sports facility to include a sports hall and 4G pitch will raise the bar in terms of the overall education our pupils receive.

In keeping with the Olympic ethos of “a healthy mind in a healthy body” Malone College pupils will have a greater understanding of the career options open to them and can have a bright future knowing the school cared for the needs, abilities and aspirations of all its pupils.

