

# [ Parkhall CIC ]

Antrim

Parkhall Integrated College is a thriving and progressive 11-16 co-educational establishment, situated in Antrim, which was granted approval for transformation to Controlled Integrated Status from 2009. The college was founded in 1971 and currently caters for 680 pupils of varying abilities, talents and skills. We welcome young people from all sections of the community and endeavour to offer all applicants a quality education. The college annually admits children from approximately 20 different primary schools. The central aim of the College is to provide a caring, inclusive learning environment where each person feels valued and respected and this shared, supportive environment enables all pupils to achieve their best academic and vocational attainment, thus preparing them for adult and working life. GCSE performance at the College has increased substantially over the past five years. In addition, the College was awarded the 'Investors in People' award in March 2014.

Pupils from a range of backgrounds, faiths and traditions are encouraged to respect themselves and others in order to build positive relationships and to work together to develop self confidence, self esteem and mutual understanding. The established rewards structure within the school is supported by local businesses and seeks to recognise the academic and sporting achievements in addition to attendance, courtesy and improvement awards. The quality of pastoral care within the college was rated as 'very good' in an ETI inspection in 2013 and in April 2015 the college was presented with the prestigious Diana Anti Bullying Champion Award, at Facebook Headquarters in Dublin, as an 'anti bullying school of good practice'.



Whilst the College currently operates on a split site arrangement on the Birch Hill Road and Steeple Road sites, plans for a full schedule of high class, modern teaching and learning facilities are currently out to tender. As a result construction work will hopefully begin in September 2015.

The College has established good relationships in the local and wider communities, which in turn actively support us, thus enhancing the pupils' learning both in and out of the classroom. There is an extensive range of evening activities organised through the Extended Schools' Programme including salsa dancing, keep fit, cooking and first aid, in addition to the large number of sports clubs and community groups that avail of our facilities on a regular basis.

The College enjoys close collaborative relationships that help develop mutual understanding, respect, trust and tolerance in addition to giving our pupils access to a wider range of high quality relevant qualifications. Shared Collaborative teaching and extra curricular activities currently exist through the Antrim Learning Community with Northern Regional College, Antrim Grammar, St. Benedict's college and Crumlin Integrated College. The quality of Parkhall's extra-curricular provision in the community has been recognised over a long period of time with sporting and extracurricular opportunities including an excellent Youth Department with a Youth Club operating in the Junior campus to cater for young people in the community 5 evenings per week.

The College strives to meet the needs of each and every individual pupil and to allow them to develop themselves into well rounded young adults who can contribute positively to society.

