



## St. Louis Grammar School

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### A2 Results Success



### Jubilant Scenes at St. Louis as Students Celebrate 'A' Level Success

The St. Louis Class of 2023 have good reason to celebrate. As they apprehensively opened the envelopes containing their A2/AS Level results, their silence was quickly replaced with the sound of joy. Once again, another group of St. Louis students have continued to keep up the tradition of high achievement and excellence associated with the Kilkeel Grammar School.

This year, over 80% of grades achieved at A2 level were A\* - C, with 41% of grades A\* or A. St. Louis Principal, Mr. Kevin Martin, praised the students and offered words of congratulations to them on their excellent performance in their A2/AS examinations. 'These students are certainly reaping the fruits of their commitment and hard work. Their success provides us with a source of immense pride. The whole school community, especially parents and staff members, wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their academic lives whether it is in higher education or another career path,' he stated.

The majority of students who attended the school on Thursday to collect their results had already accepted their chosen university place, with 75% of St Louis students achieving their firm first choice degree course. Such exceptional A Level results from a cohort of excellent students has enabled St Louis students to commence a degree course or higher-level apprenticeship that reflect their unique gifts and talents, personal qualities, and academic acumen. Acceptance into QUB and Ulster University is high with students commencing courses in Mathematics, Physics, PPE, Accounting, Computing and Business in addition to Music, Art, and Creative Technologies. Results Day brought great delight to those successful in attaining places on highly competitive courses such as Social Work, Nursing, Paramedic Science and Allied Health. We also wish good luck and continued success to our students embarking on degree studies in Medicine, Mathematics, Economics, Law, Business, Events Management and Teaching, in University College London, King's College London, Keele, Liverpool, Edge Hill and Swansea, respectively.

Mr Martin continued, 'Results at AS level were also very good, with the performance of the Year 13 students, once again, ensuring a solid foundation for their future studies.'

Mr Martin thanked everyone involved in making this day so special: students for their commitment to their studies, teachers for their expertise and guidance, and parents for their willing support.



### AS Success at St. Louis





## GCSE Joy for St. Louis Students

St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has once again enhanced its fine academic tradition with the publication of this year's GCSE results. Following on from the fabulous efforts of St. Louis senior students who received wonderful AS and A2 results last week, it was now the turn of the Year 12 students to bask in success.

Head of Year 12, Ms Shirley Edgar, congratulated students and their parents as they opened their envelopes containing the details of their wonderful achievements. "These students have applied themselves well to their studies and I'm delighted that they have reaped such rewards," declared a delighted Ms Edgar.

Reflecting on another year of high academic achievement, St. Louis Principal, Mr Kevin Martin, offered words of congratulations to all involved. "Congratulations to all our Y12 students who have excelled in their GCSE and BTEC examinations. Their application and dedication to their studies have brought them to this joyous day. A special word of thanks to all the teachers and support staff who have steered all our students along the path to success, encouraging each student to show their full potential."

The Year 12 students can be proud of their achievements as 23% of grades achieved were A\*/A grades and over 55% of grades were A\*-B. Overall, the A\*-C grades were 88%. St. Louis students performed with great distinction as 9 students attained 8 or more A\*-A. The GCSE class of 2023 have much to be proud of.

Mr Martin has often acknowledged the importance of the role played by those at home in the students' success. "Such excellent achievement by the students is a result of the effective cooperation between our teachers, students, and their parents and guardians," Mr Martin proudly declared.

With the new academic year commencing almost immediately, the majority of these students will continue their studies at AS/A2 Level and BTEC Level 3, at St. Louis. "Their GCSE success has laid down a strong cornerstone from which they can further develop their abilities along a variety of career paths from the many AS/A2 subjects offered at St. Louis Grammar School," he concluded.



**Top GCSE Achievers at St. Louis**



**GCSE Success at St. Louis**



**St. Louis Formal '23**

It's that time of year again when there's a buzz of excitement as students return to their classrooms. However, for a few, the dawning of September marks the beginning of their final year with the anticipation of their next move to work or University central in their thoughts. Yet for the Year 14 students of St. Louis Grammar School, their return to school was met with added excitement as they set out on their final year at St. Louis with their own night on the red carpet—the 'Sixth Form Formal'. Reminiscent of 'Oscar Night' in Hollywood, the St. Louis students look absolutely stunning in their elegant dresses and smart suits. Organised by the Year 14 students and co-ordinated by Head of Year 14, Mr Oliver Sloan, and Vice-Principal, Mr. Eamonn McGlue, the glittering event was recently held at the fabulous Canal Court Hotel in Newry. It proved to be a wonderful evening in which the students reflected on their days at St. Louis with their teachers. Of course the event provided the students with an opportunity to 'glam up' for the night. The event involved the students being 'presented' to their peers, highlighting their hopes and ambitions for the future. Head Boy, Patrick Brady, and Head Girl, Sarah Quinn, paid tribute to their school and to their teachers, many of whom were also present, for their encouragement and support over the past six years. A hugely enjoyable night was had by all, appropriate for such an auspicious occasion.

With the formalities over the 'Class of 2024' settled down to enjoy a night of reminiscing, reflections and, of course, plenty of dancing.





## New Student Leadership Team at St. Louis

St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel have recently announced the names of those students who have been elected to the posts of Head Boy and Girl and those who will fill the roles of Deputy Head Boy and Girl this Centenary Year for the school.

These prestigious posts are the result of the students, initially, being elected as a Senior Prefect during Year 13 by both peers and teachers. Applicants then undergo an application process which involves completing a detailed application forms and attending an interview with the Senior Management Team in school. St. Louis Vice-Principal, Mr Eamon McGlue, emphasized the prestigious role associated with these positions in the school and the wider community. "At St. Louis we are immensely proud of all our students and we acknowledge that they are all fine ambassadors for St. Louis. Furthermore, the Senior Student Leadership Team reflect the characteristics which are necessary to be responsible leaders and role models for their peers"

Once appointed, the Head Boy and Girl are asked to represent the St Louis student body at various functions and events by delivering speeches at the Year 14 Formal and Prize-Giving Night as well as carrying out other administrative duties along with the team of prefects, also recently elected at the school (see below).

The posts of Head Girl and Boy for 2023-24 went to Sarah Quinn (formerly of St. Joseph's Primary School, Ballymartin) and Patrick Brady (St. Patrick's Primary School, Burrenreagh). To assist them in their duties Aideen Gorman (Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche) and Niamh Fitzpatrick (Moneydarragh Primary School) were appointed to the roles of Deputy Head Girls. Lorcan Rogan (Carrick Primary School, Burren) and Tommy Cunningham (Moneydarragh Primary School) were also appointed to the roles of Deputy Head Boys.

We wish them well in their roles during the coming academic year.



## Teghan— Dancing her way to Success

Congratulations to Year 9 Pupil, Teghan Rogers, who won a number of Irish Dancing accolades at St Agnes' Feis in October, in Belfast. Teghan came first in the Blackbird Cup Competition, third in the slip jig and sixth in the reel and treble reel. An outstanding performance from a great St Louis pupil. Teghan is pictured here with Principal Kevin Martin and Head of Junior School, Brenda Cunningham.



## New Prefects Elected at St. Louis

Senior students have always played a central role in school life at St. Louis. The annual election of Sixth Form Prefects offers those students the opportunity to assume roles of responsibility, offering assistance to the daily running of the school in many ways. Organising charitable events, mentoring junior students in Maths and English, carrying out duties at lunch time, monitoring bus travel, representing the school at events are but a few roles of a Prefect.

Prefects act as role models for other students in the school, creating an image to which all students can aspire.

We are confident that our new prefects will fulfil their role with distinction over the next two years.





## Art Club embraces Halloween

The Art Club members have been very busy and creative in October creating items for their Halloween Decoration display- 3D pumpkins, silhouette lanterns and ghost sculptures. Well done everyone, they will look great all lit up in the dark evenings. Great work!



## ‘Back into the Rivers’ Geography Field trip back on the Menu

Another sign that we have emerged fully from the recent pandemic was the sight of St. Louis GCSE Geography students returning to the White Water River (near Atticall) to undertake their river investigation for Unit 3 of the CCEA GCSE specification. Also back, but later in the year, is the AS Geography field investigation to Murlough Nature Reserve, where Year 13 Geography students will investigate plant succession in a sand dune ecosystem (Psamosere).

## Goal Jersey Day at St. Louis



Once again St Louis donned their jerseys in support of GOAL’s annual fundraiser Jersey Day. GOAL is an international humanitarian response agency established in Ireland over 40 years ago and since then has responded to almost all of the world’s major humanitarian crises, working with vulnerable communities in more than 60 countries.

We’re always so proud of the contribution of our St Louis students over the years and this year proved to be no exception. Thank you to our students and their families for their continued generosity.

## St. Louis Sports Teams are having a busy first term



U-16 Camogie Team—Ulster Semi finalists v Dean Maguire College, Carrickmore Tyrone



U-16 Ladies Football Team Ulster Quarter-finalists v St. Josephs HS, Crossmaglen, Armagh



St. Louis Golf Teams



Year 8 Ladies Football Team



U-16 Boys Football Team– Ulster Quarter-finalists v Bailieborough CS, Cavan