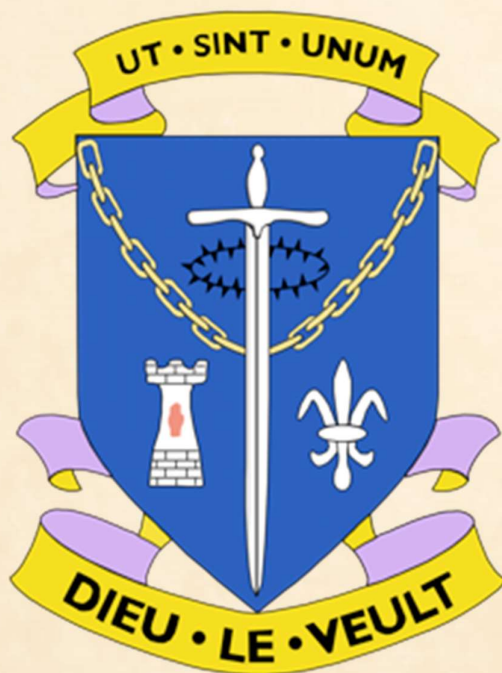


St Louis Grammar School

Celebrating Success

24-25



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Dear Parent and Pupil

On behalf of St Louis staff and students I want to thank you for taking the time to read this booklet. I hope you will learn a little more about life in St Louis, the wonderful opportunities the school has to offer and the successes of our pupils. As you may be aware, we recently increased our admissions and enrolment numbers, and we look forward to welcoming up to 130 new Year 8 students in September. The criteria for admission to the school can be obtained from the school website and the Admissions Section of the Education Authority's website.

We are also very pleased that St Louis has been approved by the Department of Education for a major capital investment. This is an exciting time for all those interested in education in Kilkeel and the wider region is a strong endorsement for St Louis and what we offer the young people of Mourne and beyond. We are confident that the rich and varied learning experiences we offer will provide every pupil with the opportunity to experience success. Our dedicated teaching and support staff work hard to ensure each child grows in confidence, enjoys learning and develops a spirit of enquiry. We encourage everyone to recognise and share their gifts and talents.

We endeavour to provide a safe, happy, empowering learning environment where students are nurtured on their journey to maturity and motivated to reach their full potential. Our enviable tradition of excellence owes much to our partnership approach to education, the respect we afford each and every individual in our school community and the value we place on the support given by parents and guardians a contribution that underpins our quest for excellence.

Our Alumni represent a rich and diverse network of people who have journeyed far in life and in their careers and yet they share a loyalty and love for their 'Alma Mater' that reflects the spirit of oneness identified in the motto of St Louis.

'Ut Sint Unum - May they all be one'.

In this booklet we celebrate some of the many successes of St Louis students who have progressed on to the next stage of their education or into a career.

We look forward to welcoming many of you into the family that is our St Louis school community and we believe that within these walls you too will flourish.

With very good wishes,

Kevin Martin

Principal

Analysis of GCSE and GCE A Level Results 2024

GCSE LEVEL

% of students who achieve 7+ GCSE A* - Csubjects A*-C

2024

St Louis Grammar Kilkeel 62.26%

NI Average for all Schools TBC

% of students who achieve 5+ GCSE A* - Csubjects A*-C

St Louis Grammar Kilkeel 81.13%

NI Average for all Schools TBC

GCE A LEVEL

2024

% A* – C Grades at A2 level 94%

% achieving 3+ GCEs at A* to C 73.53%

NI Average for all Schools TBC

GCSE Results 2024

Subject	% A*-C
Art and Design	100%
Applied ICT (OCN)	100%
Business Studies	81%
Applied Business Studies (BTEC)	90%
Child Development	85%
Construction	81%
Digital Technology	97%
Design Technology	53%
Double Award Science	84%
Drama	100%
Engineering (BTEC)	100%
English Language	77%
English Literature	96%
Food and Nutrition	86%
French	100%
Further Maths	100%
Geography	63%
History	82%
Irish	100%
Learning for Life and Work	70%

GCSE Results 2024

Subject	% A*-C
Mathematics	76%
Motor vehicle Studies	57%
Moving Image Arts	100%
Music	100%
Occupational Studies	96%
Prince's Trust	100%
Religious Studies	68%
Applied RE (OCN)	100%
Single Award Science	79%
Subject	% A*-C
Applied Science (OCN)	100%
Spanish	100%
Sports / PE Studies	73%
Travel and Tourism (BTEC)	100%

A Level Results 2024

Subject	% A*-C
Accounting	25%
Art	50%
Biology	86%
Applied Business	100%
Business Studies	85%
Chemistry	50%
Computer Science	100%
Construction (BTEC)	100%
Design and Technology	77%
English Literature	100%
Engineering (BTEC)	100%
French	100%
Geography	67%
Health and Social Care	100%
History	100%
Applied ICT (BTEC)	100%
Irish	100%
Mathematics	92%
Moving Image Arts*	100%
Music	80%
Nutrition and Food	100%
Performing Arts*	33%
Physics	67%
RE	79%
Sociology	100%
Sports Studies (BTEC)	100%

St Louis Ambassadors 2022-2024

Scholarships, Enrichment Experiences and Excellence Awards

Sutton Trust UK and UNIQ Scholars 2023

David Girvan (in person programme) Zara Beeks(virtual programme)

Nuffield Summer Scholarships 2024

Joy Asiimwe 2024

Michael Carroll 2024

QUB Pathways Award

Catherine Cousins 2022-2023

Shannon-Marie Morgan 2022-2023

Molly Dougherty 2022-2023

Rebecca Bruil 2022-2023

Brona Cunningham 2023-24

Cara Clerkin 2023-24

Shannon McKay 2023-2024

QUB Academy Graduate 2023

Claire Ndhlovu

Generation Innovation Ambassadors 2022-24

Scarlett Murphy 2023

Dominykas Daksevic 2023

Grace Larkin 2024

Maria Sloan 2024

Catherine Campbell 2024

Ulster University Silver Award (Discovery Academy)

Emma Quinn

Ulster Community Scholarship Excellence Award 2024

Catherine Campbell (leaver in 2024)

Kainos Code Camp Ambassadors 2024

Catherine Campbell, Raphael Madden, Niall McLaughlin, and Sean McKibben

Principal's Report - Destinations 2024

Total Year 14 cohort	70
Number of students on Higher Education Honours Degree Courses	55
Number placed on Foundation Degree Courses/Art Foundation Year	2
Number who gained Higher Level /Degree Level Apprenticeships	4
Number of students in FT Employment	6
Number of students deferring places at university/taking a gap year	3

A
total
of 66
out of
70

Students in Year 14 submitted applications for various degree programs via UCAS/CAO, St Mary's University College, and Stranmillis University College. Of these applicants, 86% successfully enrolled in their selected degree courses in September 2024. Additionally, four students secured coveted higher-level apprenticeships, allowing them to earn while gaining higher qualifications and professional experience in quantity surveying and hospitality management.

Queen's University and Ulster University have emerged as favoured choices for a total of forty-two students, with one individual beginning a BA in Liberal Arts at St Mary's University College. Nineteen students have secured placements at Queen's University Belfast, selecting degrees that span various fields including Law, Business Management, Accounting, Psychology, Civil Engineering, Biochemistry, Physics, Nursing, Midwifery, Criminology, and Food and Nutrition.

Meanwhile, twenty-three students will be attending the University of Ulster, where their chosen degrees encompass Law, Finance, Business, Marketing, Screen Production, Environmental Health, and Quantity Surveying. As in previous years, there has been significant interest in Engineering disciplines, including mechanical, civil, and biomedical engineering. Applicants from St Louis have once again successfully gained admission to the highly competitive Paramedic Science, Nursing, and Allied Health programs, with conditional offers contingent upon outstanding interview performances. Additionally, one student has opted to pursue a foundation year in Art to broaden her experience prior to selecting a specialist Art degree.

Seven students are set to embark on their undergraduate journeys at universities in the city of Liverpool, focusing on disciplines such as Biosciences, International Business, Quantity Surveying, Nutrition, Philosophy, and Ethics. Additionally, one exceptionally talented musician and performer has secured a position at the Liverpool Media Academy (LMA), a higher-level institution specializing in media, music, and performing arts.

Graduates have also begun their undergraduate studies in various fields, including Physiotherapy at Cardiff, Occupational Therapy at Swansea, Zoology at Cumbria, Law with Criminology at Northampton, and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh.

One student will pursue a Level 8 (Honours) degree in Games Design and Production at DKIT.

Furthermore, one student is enrolled in a Level 5 HND in Business and E-Business at the SRC Newry campus, whilst another is enhancing his skills through the Open University (OU), broadening his knowledge and experience in mathematics, physics, and computing.

Three students are taking a gap year that includes part-time work, part-time study, and travel before applying for university in 2025, while six other students are currently in employment.

At St. Louis, we acknowledge the contributions and achievements of every student, honouring the determination, perseverance, resilience, and maturity displayed by our Year 14 leavers. We extend our best wishes to all former students as they transition into higher education, higher apprenticeships, and the world of work.

St Louis Grammar School Leaver's Higher Education Courses 2024

Cardiff University

BSc Hons Physiotherapy

University of Cumbria

BSc Honours Zoology

University of Edinburgh

BSc Hons Biomedical Sciences

Liverpool John Moores University

BSc Hons Biomedical Science

BSc Hons Business and International Management

BSc Hons Nutrition

BSc Hons Quantity Surveying

Liverpool Hope University

BA Philosophy, Ethics and Religion

LMA Liverpool

BMus Hons Musical Theatre

Northampton University

LLB Hons Law and Criminology

Open University

HNC Computing, IT and Mathematics

HND Business (e-commerce and finance)

St Mary's University College Belfast

BA Hons Degree in Liberal Arts

Swansea University

BSc Hons Occupational Therapy

Queen's University Belfast

MSc Advanced Accounting
BENG Hons Civil Engineering
BSc Hons Biochemistry
BSc Hons Biomedical Science
BSc Hons Business Management with a placement year
BSc Hons Professional Nursing (Children's and Young People)
BSc Hons Mathematics
LLB Hons Law
LLB Hons Law with Politics
BSc Hons Physics
BSc Hons Food Science and Nutrition
BMus Hons Music
BSc Hons Criminology and Sociology
BSc Hons Psychology

Ulster University

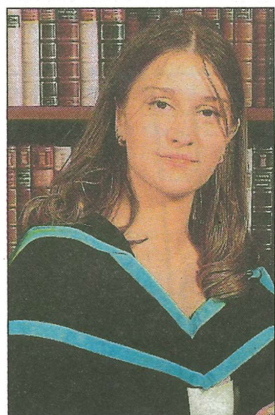
BA Hons Art and Design Foundation Year
BSc Hons Accounting Pathways
BEng Hons Biomedical Engineering
BSc Hons Business Economics
BSc Hons Business Studies
BSc Hons Computer Science
BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering
BEng Hons Civil Engineering
BSc Hons Adult Nursing
BA Hons Communication and Counselling Studies
BSc Hons Environmental Health with Professional Practice
BSc Hons Finance and Investment Management
BSc Hons Language and Linguistics
BA Hons Screen Production
LLB Hons Law
LLB Hons Law with Politics and International Studies
BSc Hons Paramedic Science
BA Hons Marketing
BEng Hons Technology with Design
BSc Hons Sport and Exercise Science with a placement year
BSc Hons Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management

Southern Regional College

Higher Level Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying with Graham Group
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying with Felix O' Hare
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying with PURE Engineering
Higher Level Apprenticeship in Hospitality and Tourism with Kilmorey Arms Hotel

Map of Leavers' Destinations 2020 - 2024





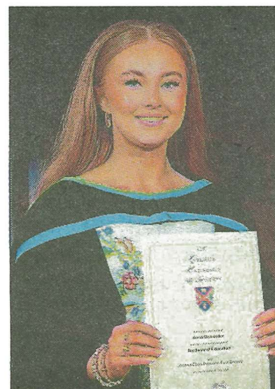
Anna Forte, daughter of Carlo and Celine Forte, Berkley Grove, Warrenpoint, former student of Carrick Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc 2.1 Honours Degree in Architecture. Anna is continuing her journey to become a chartered architect.



Anna-May O'Higgins, daughter of Leo and Kathleen O'Higgins, Rowley Meadows, Newcastle, former student of St Mary's Primary School, Newcastle, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc 2.1 Honours Degree in Building Surveying. Anna-May has secured employment as a control technical support officer with Lisburn and Castlereagh Council.



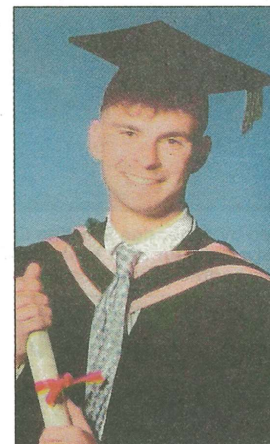
Aoife Killen, daughter of Philip and Sinead Killen, Mossvale Park, Kilkeel, former student of St Colman's Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from St Mary's University College, Belfast with a BEd 2.1 Honours Degree in Education with Irish. Aoife is currently working as a primary school teacher in Belfast.



Anna McAlinden, daughter of David and Joanne McAlinden, Newcastle Road, Kilkeel, former student of St Joseph's Primary School, Ballymartin, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from St Mary's University College, Belfast, with a BEd 2.1 Honours Degree in Post Primary Education with Business Studies and English. Anna is currently working within the business field as a social media content creator.



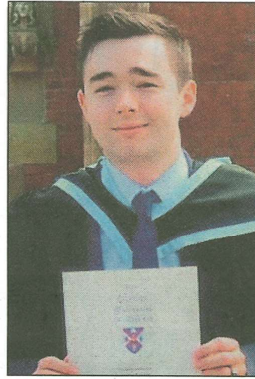
Aoibheann Freeburn, daughter of Lawrence and Eva Freeburn, Windsor Avenue, Newry, former student of St Ronan's Primary School, Newry, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc First-Class Honours Degree in Communication and Counselling Studies. Aoibheann's exceptional academic performance earned her the Dean's list award in 2022, 2023 and 2024.



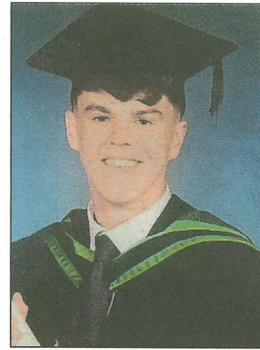
Arben Bedzeti, son of Elaine and Joe Bedzeti, Kilkeel, former student of Dromore Road Primary School, Warrenpoint, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BEng First-Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Esme McCrink, daughter of Maria McCrink, Moorfield Court, Kilkeel and Peter Cunningham, Livins Road, Atticall, former student of St Colman's Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, with a First-Class Honours Degree in Sociology with Quantitative Methods. Esme was awarded the Athena Swan Award for her exceptional research project on gender.



Jordan Lavery, son of Shane and Patricia Lavery, Kelly's Brae, Annalong, former student of St Mary's Primary School, Glasdrumman, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc 2.1 Honours Degree in Computing and Information Technology. Jordan has secured employment with HSC NI as a graduate IT services trainee.



Matthew Cunningham, son of Christopher and Maryann Cunningham, Ballykeel Court, Ballymartin, former student of St Joseph's Primary School, Ballymartin, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc 2.1 Honours Degree in Construction Engineering and Management with a Diploma in Professional Practice. Matthew has secured employment as a site engineer with Water Solutions Ireland.



John Lavery, son of Shane and Patricia Lavery, Kelly's Brae, Annalong, former student of St Mary's Primary School, Glasdrumman and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BA 2.1 Honours Degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. John is employed as a research and economics analyst with Homes England.



Kayleigh Morgan, daughter of Kelly Morgan, Kilbroney Valley, Rostrevor, former pupil of Killowen Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BA 2.1 Honours Degree in English and Politics. Kayleigh is currently employed as an SEN teaching assistant in Killowen Primary School and plans to complete a PGCE and qualify as a teacher.



Molly Cunningham, daughter of Karen Cunningham and the late Patrick Cunningham, Master's Green, Ballymartin, former pupil of Holy Cross Primary School, Atticall, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Stranmillis University College, Belfast, with a degree in Early Childhood Studies. Molly has secured employment in St Columban's Primary School and is providing learning support for students with special educational needs.



Ben Ruddle, son of Karl and Mairead Ruddle, Hilltown Road, Bryansford, former student of St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacaville, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc First-Class Honours Degree in Finance and Investment Management with a Diploma in Professional Practice, awarded with commendation. Ben has gained employment in the financial sector.



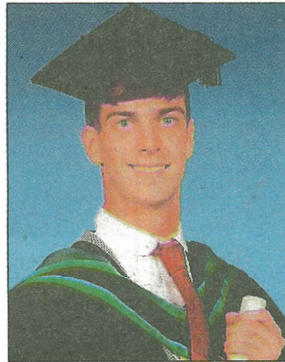
Ciara Cunningham, daughter of Kieran and Caroline Cunningham, Aughrim Road, Atticall, former student of Holy Cross Primary School, Atticall, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc First-Class Honours Degree in Biomedical Science. Ciara has returned to Queen's University to commence her Master's degree, specialising in cancer medicine.



Elizabeth O'Hanlon, daughter of Sean and Pauline O'Hanlon, Slievenagarragh, Yellow Road, Hilltown, former student of St Patrick's Primary School, Hilltown, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc 2.2 Honours Degree in Speech and Language Therapy. Elizabeth is awaiting placement within an NHS setting.



Caitlin Mone, daughter of Dette Coughlin and Brendan Mone, former student of St Mary's Primary School, Aughlisnafin, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a MEng First-Class Honours Degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Caitlin is employed as a systems verification analyst at Sensata Technologies in Antrim.



Cormac Keenan, son of Patrick and Sharon Keenan, Rowley Close, Newcastle, former student of St Mary's Primary School, Newcastle, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc 2.1 Honours Degree in Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management with a Diploma in Professional Practice. Cormac has secured graduate employment as a quantity surveyor with McLaughlin and Harvey.



Elle Cunningham, daughter of Karen Cunningham and the late Patrick Cunningham, Master's Green, Ballymartin, former pupil of Holy Cross Primary School, Atticall, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a First-Class Honours Degree MLib Arts (Politics). Elle is engaged in doctoral studies, undertaking a PhD in Politics.

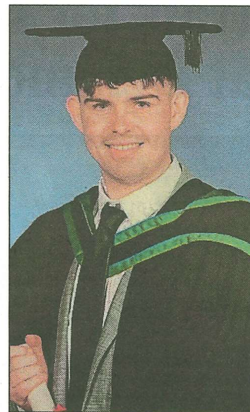
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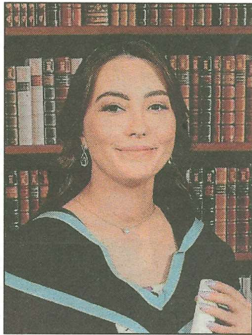
Niamh Harkin, daughter of Margaret Harkin and John Fennell, Garden House, Newry Road, Warrenpoint, former student at Clontifleece Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Newcastle University with a BA Honours Degree in International Relations. Niamh is completing a postgraduate Master's degree in international human rights law (LLM) at Queen's University Belfast.



Sarah Forsythe, daughter of Kevin and Grainne Forsythe, Killowen Old Road, Rostrevor, former student of Killowen Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BA First-Class Honours Degree in Architecture. Sarah has been nominated for the prestigious RSUA Bronze Medal and is currently employed at Todd Architecture Ltd as an architectural assistant, completing part one of her further training. In 2025, she will study for her Master's degree, continuing her path to becoming a chartered architect.



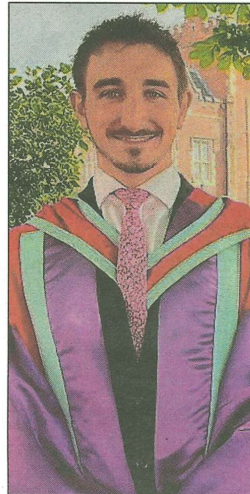
Shea Madden, son of Conrad and Aine Madden, Slieveview Close, Warrenpoint, former student of St Dallen's Primary School, Warrenpoint, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc Honours Degree in Construction and Engineering Management.



Nicola Girvan, daughter of Catherine Smyth and Malcolm Girvan, Corcreaghan Road, Kilkeel, former student of Grange Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc First-Class Honours Degree in Computer Science with Professional Experience. Nicola has secured employment as a graduate software engineer with the global finance company VISA.



Sarah O'Hare, daughter of Kevin and Deirdre O'Hare, Leitrim Road, Atticall, former student at Holy Cross Primary School, Atticall, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc Honours Degree in Marketing.



Tomás McInerney, son of Dominic and Therese McInerney, Bryansford Road, Newcastle, former student of St Mary's Primary School, Newcastle, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, completed his doctoral studies and was conferred with Doctor of Philosophy – Law and Technology, at a graduation ceremony held in Queen's University, Belfast, in July 2024. Tomás holds the position of Research Fellow, Faculty of Laws, University College London, and lecturer in Law and Technology at the School of Law in Queen's University Belfast.

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Maria Murnion, daughter of John Barney and Angela Murnion, Glenloughan Road, Kilkeel, former student of Holy Cross Primary School, Atticall, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Ulster University with a BSc 2.1 Honours Degree in Environmental Health with a Diploma in Professional Practice. Maria is currently employed as a graduate health and safety adviser with Ashview Consultants.



Orlagh Murphy, daughter of Gareth and Jennifer Murphy, Tullyframe Road, Atticall, former student of Holy Cross Primary School, Atticall, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from St Mary's University College, Belfast, with a BEd 2.1 Honours Degree in Primary Education with Music. Orlagh is teaching in St Colman's Primary School, Kilkeel.



Morgan Maguire, son of Marian Maguire, Newtown Villas, Rostrevor, and John Auld, Pembroke Loop Road, Belfast, former student of St Bronagh's Primary School, Rostrevor, and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc First-Class Honours Degree in Physics. Morgan is employed as a software development engineer at ESO.



Shannon Clarke, daughter of Gerard and Anne Clarke, Ballyardle Road, Kilkeel, former student of Grange Primary School and St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, has graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, with a First-Class Honours Degree in Software Engineering. Awarded a scholarship with Liberty IT in Belfast during her first year at university, Shannon completed summer placements and a year-long placement with the company and she has secured a graduate position as an associate software engineer.

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