



St. Louis Grammar School



Celebration of European languages at St. Louis



Gael Linn Success at Newry Feis

Important Dates!

December 2017

- 7th Open Night
- 8th Year 9 PTM at 10 am
- 20th Carol Service in Massforth
- 21st Staff Day/Year 9 PTM
- 22nd Christmas Holidays

January 2018

- 1st-4th Christmas Holiday Continued
- 5th Students return to School
- 15th Options Week
- 19th Student Council Meeting 3
- 22nd Catholic Schools' Week
- 25th Year 10 Virtual Day in School
- 29th Year 10/12 Parent/Student Option Day

February

- 8th Assessment 3 Years 12-14
- 9th Staff Day/Year 13/14 PTM
- 12th-16th Mid Term Break
- 22nd Year 10 PTM
- 23rd Target Review and Setting Day

March

- 2nd Year 8 Virtual day (at home)
- 7th Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 13th Seachtain na Gaeilge
- 14th Spring Concert
- 19th St. Patrick's Day School closed
- 23rd Assessment 3 completed
- Assessment 4 for Years 12-14
- 29th Staff Day
- 30th-6th Easter Holidays

April

- 10th Work experience week
- 13th Staff Day/Year 8 & 11 PTM
- 26/27th Year 12 Retreats
- 27th School Council Meeting 4

May

- 4th Assessment 5 completed 12/14
- Assessment 4 for Year 11
- (Mod)
- 7th May Bank Holiday
- 9th Year 14 Mass
- 17th Y9 Virtual day (in school)

Arkwright Success for St. Louis Students

St. Louis Grammar School, Killeel, has a reputation for excellence and the talent and enthusiasm of its STEM Engineering students is widely recognised by the world of industry.

A trio of bright young engineering minds from St. Louis completed a series of challenging interviews and aptitude tests for the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship during the 2016/17 academic year. Year 13 students, Cormac Hardy, Sean Quinn and Rory Quinn, were recently informed of the success of their applications via letters acknowledging that they were now Affiliated Members of the Arkwright Scholarship. The trio then received their awards in lavish celebration ceremonies in London and Scotland.

The success of Cormac, Sean and Rory follows on from the previous successes of Caitlin Sands (2016) currently completing her A2 studies at St. Louis and Ryan Rafferty/Steven Flood, joint winners in 2015, who have now commenced their MEng Engineering Degree programmes at Queen's University Belfast.

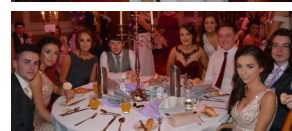
Student Leadership Team Elected

The posts of Head Girl and Boy for 2017-18 went to Jill Clerkin (formerly of Killowen Primary School) and Matthew Carville (Grange Primary School, Killeel). To assist them in their duties Shannen Rooney (St. Joseph's Primary School, Ballymartin) and Oisín McCann (St. Dallan's Primary School, Warrenpoint) were also appointed in the respective roles of Deputies.



St. Louis Year 14 Formal

"It's a night that these students will remember, with memories they will cherish forever", were the words of Head of Senior School, Mr Eamon McGlue, at St. Louis Grammar School, Killeel. He was referring to the fantastic Year 14, St. Louis Grammar School Formal which was another great success.



We are online!

Senior Prize-giving Ceremony September 2017



Excellent Achievement at GCSE



A2 Subject Award winners pictured with Mr Mark Hardy, Sister Mary O'Connor and Mrs Maria Donnelly of the St. Louis Board of Governors



Excellent Achievement at AS level attaining 3 Grade As or better pictured with Mr McGlue (Head of Senior School) and Vice-Principal Miss Carr

As pupils, parents and teachers assembled at St. Louis Grammar School, for the annual Senior Prize Giving ceremony, the atmosphere was full of joy as there was a feeling that there were a lot of successes to celebrate. Sr Mary O'Connor (SSL) opened the proceedings paying tribute to the continued role in education played by St. Louis in the Mourne area. St. Louis Principal, Mr Kevin Martin emphasized the importance of celebrating the school's achievements, "Prize Giving is a very special and significant event in the school calendar as it allows us to reflect on the past year, and celebrate the success and achievements of our students". During 2017 St. Louis also received an excellent report from the ETI especially in English and Careers. Mr Martin was delighted with the ETI's conclusion in that St. Louis "is identifying and bringing about the necessary improvements in the quality of education."



Junior Prizegiving September 2017 with guest speaker Alise Callaghan



Down Schools Year 8 Camogie Shield Champions



Triple Colleges All-Star Awards for Sorcha McCartan



All-Ireland Scor Singing Title for Niamh McDowell



Ulster Schools U-15 Champions



Ulster Schools Ladies U-20 Champions



All-Ireland Schools Public Speaking Champions

W5 Experience for Year 8 Students

The Year 8 students of St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel have settled in to their new school with great ease. With the early experiences of getting used to their new surroundings, following a timetable and the important task of making new friends, the students along with their tutors and Year Head Mr Monaghan, recently took some time out for a visit to the Odyssey Arena in Belfast. Central to this visit was the W5 experience at the Belfast venue. With its unique array of science and technology exhibitions the students were captivated and engrossed in the 'hands on' experiences this top educational exhibition had to offer.



Culinary Delights Sampled at St. Louis

The wonderful aromas wafting from the Home Economics Department in St. Louis Grammar School Kilkeel, may well whet your appetite as students waited in anticipation to sample local meat delicacies. In a scene reminiscent of The Great British Menu, Head of Home Economics, Miss McGivern along with her sixth form students, sampled some wonderful meat dishes prepared by Mrs McClean of the LMC (Live Stock and Meat Commission). Students watched on as LMC demonstrator Mrs McClean showed them several quick, easy and 'cost saving' dishes to make using local meat from butchers and also supermarkets. Much to their delight pupils then got to sample the various dishes which had generated such powerful and succulent aromas.

Mrs McClean ended the demonstration with a few quick and easy recipes pupils could use in the future perhaps when they become independent young, university students. However, Mrs McClean's key message focused on the role of meat in their diet. She informed the St. Louis students, "tasty beef and lamb dishes are excellent sources of many essential nutrients and make an important contribution to a healthy, balanced diet."



Gold Crest Awards For St. Louis Students



St. Louis Welcomes new Year 13 Students



Sixth Form studies are the stepping stone to higher education and a place on a university course. It is important that young people make the right decisions to set them on a career path which may shape their future lives. Head of Senior School at St. Louis, Mr Eamon McGlue is clear about the role St. Louis can play at this important time. "St. Louis offers its students a high quality level of teaching and learning experiences, encouraging its AS/A2 level students to achieve their very best." He continued, "We have always been delighted to welcome students from other schools to join our Sixth Form and go to great lengths to ensure they settle at St. Louis, both socially and academically." Mrs Cunningham (Head of Year 13) echoed Mr McGlue's welcome, highlighting the positive experiences of 'new Year 13 students' who have joined the school over the years. "In the past, many students who have transferred into Sixth form from other schools have achieved excellent results, represented the school as Senior Prefects, played central roles in extra-curricular activities especially football (Boys and Girls) and Camogie."

Following in the footsteps of other students at St. Louis, once again students at the school have excelled in the world of Technology. With four Sixth Form students– Caolan Magennis, Laurence McManus, Caitlin Murney, Michael Rice and Paul Keenan-receiving Gold Crest awards in this year's Sentinus programme, St. Louis reputation for excellence in the world of STEM continues to grow.

St. Louis Sports Successes Continue in 2016

St. Louis U-20 Ladies Gaelic football team have qualified out of a strong group in the Ulster Collegues competition. Defeating St. Malachy's HS Castlewellan, Our Lady's & St. Pat's, Knock and Aquinas Grammar School, saw them qualify for the Ulster quarter-final where they defeated Ballybay CC. Next up are St. Clare's of Ballyjamesduff from Cavan in Ulster the semi-final.



Down Derby Successes for Ladies Gaelic Football Teams



St. Louis U-16 Ladies Footballers have been putting in some strong performances this year. Defeating fellow Down schools Our Lady's from Newry and Aquinas Grammar School, suggests all is well for the future of this team.



Debating Success at St. Louis

The St. Louis Debating Society, along with their teachers, Mrs Brenda Cunningham and Mrs Marie McMullan have once again excelled in the world of Debating. The team have been competing in the Concern Debating League and have demonstrated great skill and success, winning 3 of their 4 challenge rounds. They have defeated Friends School, Lisburn, Our Lady's, Castleblaney and St. Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore, to date.



Eco-Schools Drive Towards Green Flag Status

The St. Louis Eco-Schools Committee has been busy around the school as St. Louis target the coveted 'Green Flag' status later in this academic year. Co-ordinated by Mrs Sloan, up to 60 students from all year groups have been active in a variety of initiatives which will support the Green Flag application. One such initiative was to fund raise for money to cover the cost of planting a new array of flowers and other plants in the flower beds at the front of the school and along the 'newly developed' avenue. The students organised an 'Earth Awareness' seminar aimed at Key Stage 3 students followed by an 'Eco Movie'.



Other initiatives included a 'Forest Clean-up' in which Mr Gallagher led up to 30 volunteers into the forested area at the rear of the school and 'cleaned' the area of weeds, brambles and dead plants. An ongoing initiative of waste management involving teams of students on litter patrol is continuing. Mrs Grant has introduced a topical theme for recycling our plastic bottles by making Christmas decorations to brighten up the school as the festive season approaches.



Drama Festival at St. Louis

The annual Drama festival organised by the English Department proved to be another huge success just before Halloween. Emerging talent was obvious amongst the Junior classes whilst the GCSE Drama students availed of the opportunity to use the event as a means of enhancing their performances.

