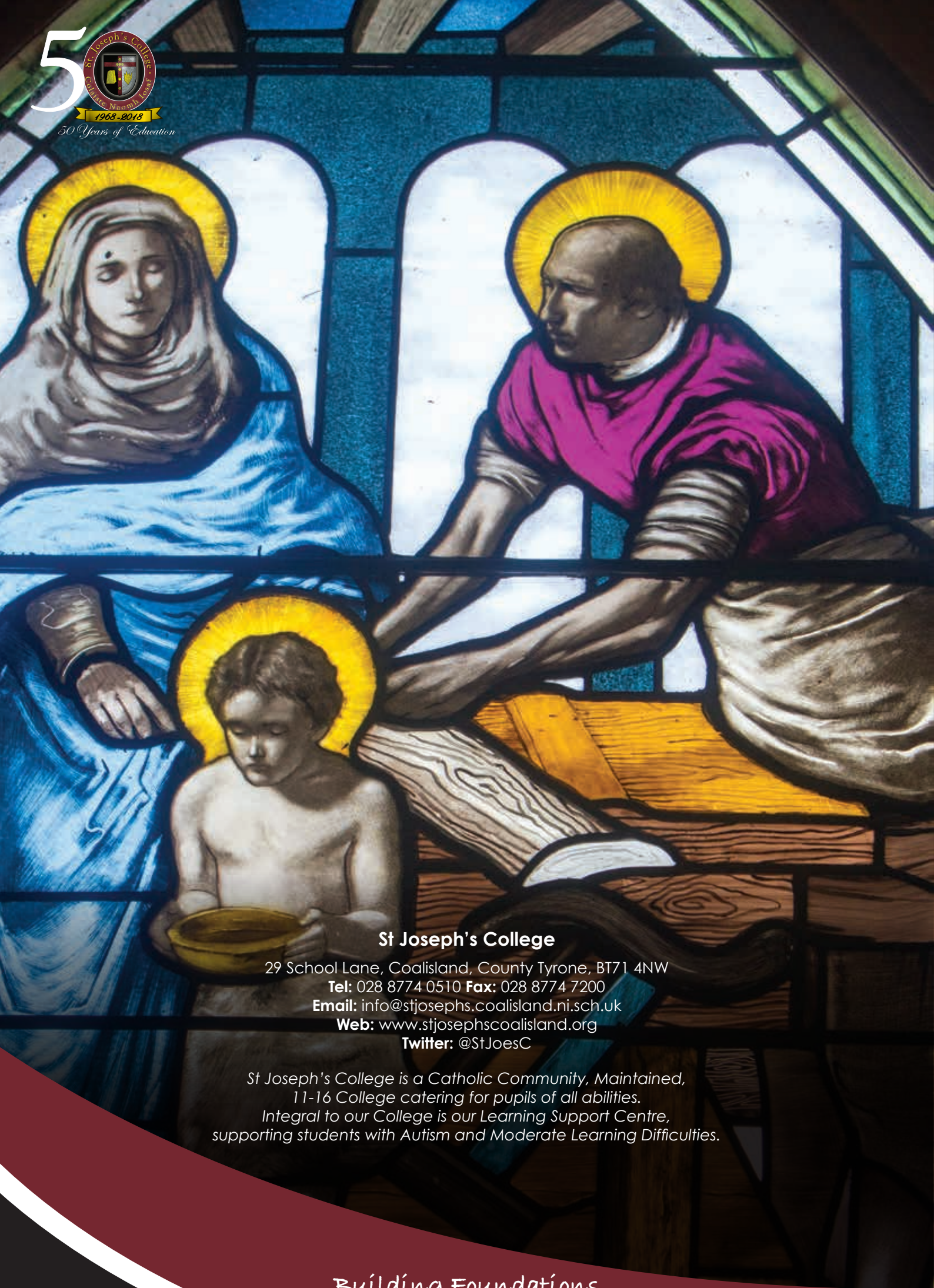


Celebrating 50 Years of Education



Engineering Our Futures Together



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St Joseph's College is a Catholic Community, Maintained,
11-16 College catering for pupils of all abilities.
Integral to our College is our Learning Support Centre,
supporting students with Autism and Moderate Learning Difficulties.

Principal's foreword

I am pleased and honoured to introduce you to our special '50th' year of education at St Joseph's College Coalisland. I hope that the pages of this publication will give you a flavour of what life is like at our College in 2018 and also give you a sense of what it was like through the past five decades.

St Joseph's College Coalisland is designated as a non-selective Catholic post-primary school catering for pupils of all abilities from the parishes of Ballyclog and Donaghenny, Clonoe and further afield. When the College first opened its doors on the 2nd of September 1968, the visionaries of the time could not have anticipated the changes that would take place worldwide. Our school name illustrates the transition through the eras: from 'the Intermediate', to the 'High School', to Mary Donnelly's reinvention of the 'College'. St Joseph's has adapted and changed to meet the requirements of the time whilst remaining a warm, safe-haven where the needs of the individual are paramount.

Over the last 50 years we have evolved and transformed our school to complement the diversity of our ever-changing society and we continue in our endeavours to embrace our duty as Coalisland's Community School. Our focus has been on ensuring our pupils leave us prepared for the world of further study or work. "Engineering our Futures Together" and "Aim, Aspire, Achieve" have been our guiding mantras. Coalisland and the surrounding area is a major hub of engineering and manufacturing in Ireland, if not the world. Some of our local companies are multi-nationals working on various parts of the globe, enhancing the fabric of communities elsewhere, and sharing their expertise with the global market. It is our job to educate our pupils to become part of this dynamic world of work and production, enabling them to secure places in whatever field their abilities, skills, hopes, aspirations, desires lie. We must nurture our pupils to see beyond the limits of our local community and aspire to be part of this growing economy. Every school strives to make their pupils valuable members of the local and global community; our curriculum enables this and our relationships with local businesses brings an authenticity that makes us unique.

While experiences for some during the 50 years of our school may regretfully not have been enjoyable, many of our former pupils are quick to acknowledge the positive influence St Joseph's has had on their lives and have become prominent and successful in their chosen careers. An aspect of our school, which we take immense pride in, is our Christian and Catholic values of compassion and forgiveness that move within us: in our corridors, in our classrooms and on our playing fields. Moving us forward every day,



Principal: Mr Desi McNeill

they are the bedrock of a "Joe".

Mr Thornton coined the phrase, "Once a Joe, always a Joe". This "Joe" characteristic is apparent in all those who walked through our corridors no matter which decade they attended. From our very first students to our new recruits; a desire to be helpful, do a good job, look out for those less fortunate and taking pride in our school is what makes a "Joe, a Joe".

I am proud to be a "Joe" and when you visit us, decide to join us, or return to your old school, I know that you will feel that spirit that makes a "Joe". Fifty years of education is a milestone and we look forward to another fifty years of serving our community, developing, caring for and responding to the needs of all children whose parents place their trust in us to educate their "Joes" in becoming upstanding contributors to our society.

Desí McNeill

Desi McNeill Principal

Our Mission

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St Joseph's mission is to provide high quality education in a respectful and caring environment for each individual member of our school community, promoting the development of our core values: honesty, integrity, maturity and compassion.

Our Vision

We provide equality of opportunity with a broad and balanced curriculum tailored to the needs, interests and abilities of all our pupils. We inspire our pupils to become lifelong learners and contributors to society.

Our Aims

St Joseph's aims to:

- Nurture faith, Christian values and spirituality in a community where everyone is encouraged to embrace a Christian way of life;
- Facilitate learning and teaching in an aspirational environment where our pupils are challenged and supported to reach their full potential both academically and socially;
- Promote partnership within the College and the wider community enabling pupils to expand their horizons as global citizens;
- Create a caring College community where the uniqueness of every member is celebrated and an inclusive ethos pervades.



"Staff and pupils show mutual respect for each other; teachers go the extra mile for the students and they in turn respond positively to this encouragement."

Mr P J Campbell: Former Principal of St Joseph's

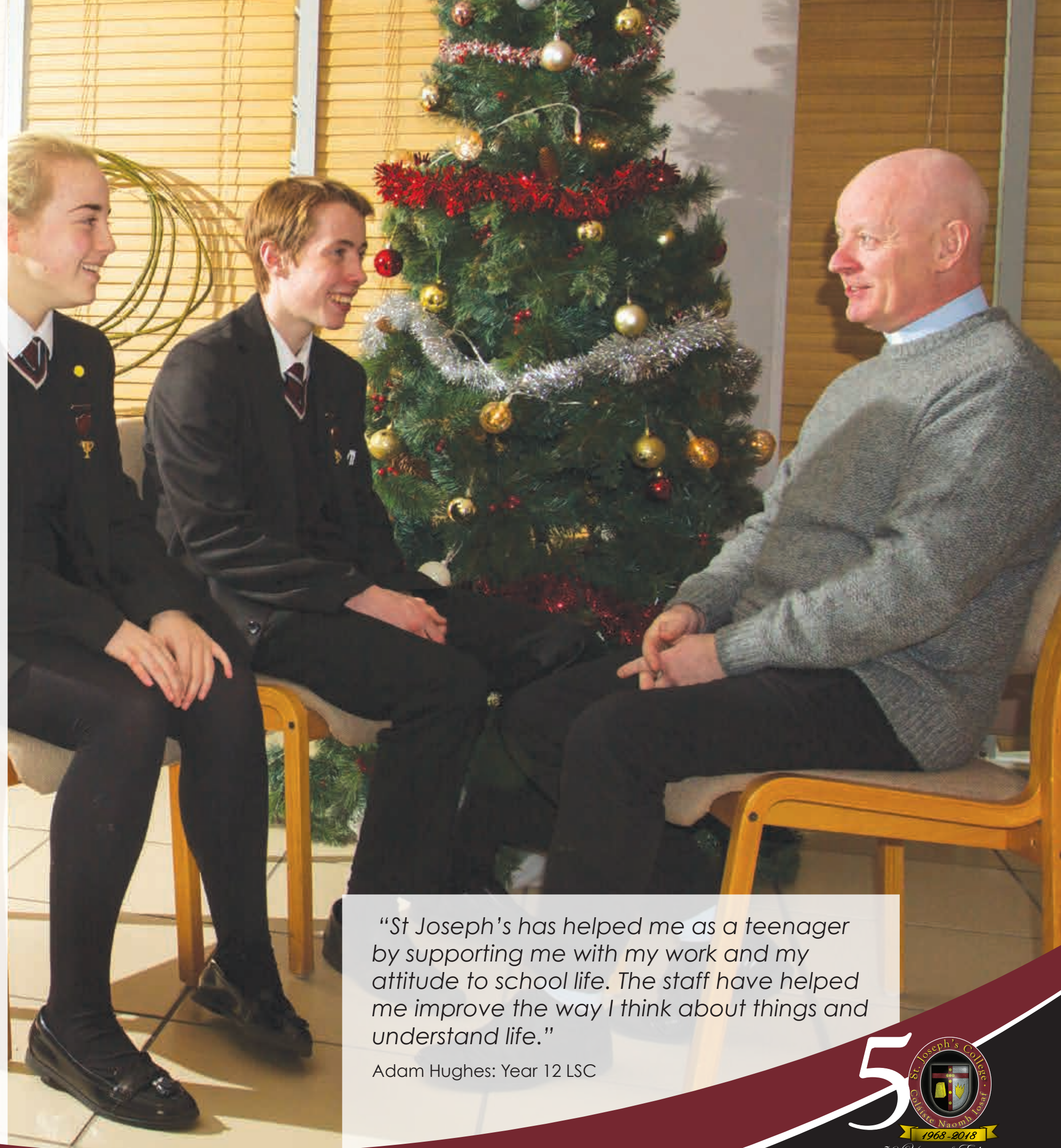
Spirituality at St Joseph's

Crucial to our well-being is our spirituality. The Catholic values of truth, compassion and faith are an integral part of our school community. Our vibrant RE department nurtures these values through events and activities throughout the year. Days of reflection and meditation, prayer and study of the gospel, and positive relationships based on mutual respect and understanding equip our pupils to lead fulfilling Christian lives as faith leaders.

Community and Cultural Awareness

St Joseph's has a long and admirable tradition of supporting those experiencing difficult times. We are proud of our students' fund raising efforts and self-less volunteering in the following charities close to our hearts:

- Leap For Luke – a local charity supporting research into the severe, progressive, life limiting condition – Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Aaron Elliot – Pupils at St Joseph's raised a staggering £6,000.00 at an all-day spin-a-thon to support former pupil Aaron Elliot's rehabilitation after his tragic, life changing accident in Philadelphia.
- St Vincent de Paul – Pupils at St Joseph's have generously donated towards the annual Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers for decades making this our longest charitable link.
- Zambia Education Development Project – St Joseph's has forged close links with St Paul's in Lusaka supporting this developing school through financial contribution, volunteering visits from the RE department, our school chaplain and past pupils and providing basic educational requirements.



"St Joseph's has helped me as a teenager by supporting me with my work and my attitude to school life. The staff have helped me improve the way I think about things and understand life."

Adam Hughes: Year 12 LSC

Pastoral Care

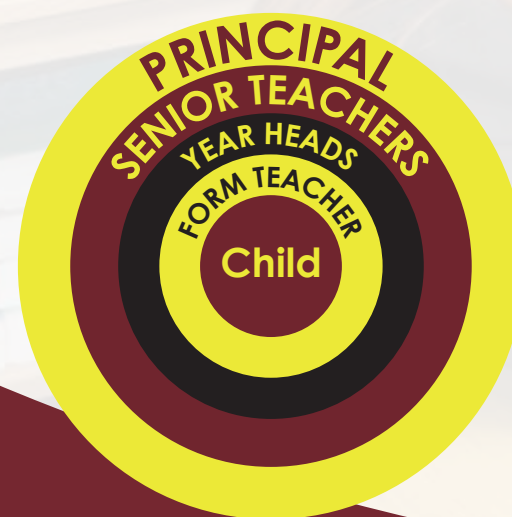
The pastoral care and well-being of each and every child at our school is of paramount importance. Every member of staff shares responsibility for supporting our children in a safe and secure environment; one that is conducive to promoting self-esteem, building confidence and developing resilience in this ever changing, global society.

Our Pastoral Circle illustrates the structures embedded in our policies to support your child. Your child is supported by a team of experienced and caring professionals beginning with his/her form teacher who meets with him/her on a daily basis. The Year Head has the responsibility for supporting and encouraging the academic and pastoral development of all pupils within her year group. The Year Head plays a pivotal role in strengthening the relationships between home and school.

Our Senior Teacher Mr Mulholland, the Designated Child Protection Teacher, looks after the pastoral care and discipline within our school. Our Leader of Learning Support is responsible for special education needs and our Leader of Learning is in charge of academic and curriculum needs.

These structures in our school provide your child with numerous avenues through which to access support as required.

The Principal, Mr McNeill, leads us all in the pastoral care of our pupils.



Inspiring Leadership



"St Joseph's has a distinct inclusive ethos and a unique culture within the school where all pupils are welcomed, valued, encouraged and helped every day to reach their goals."

Gillian McGrath:
Former parent and Director of Education,
CCMS

Curriculum

KS3

The Curriculum for Year 8, 9 and 10 is designed to enable each student to reach their full potential: making informed decisions as an individual; contributor to society; contributor to the economy and the environment.

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| ■ Art and Design | ■ Irish |
| ■ Citizenship | ■ Learning for Life and Work |
| ■ Drama | ■ Maths |
| ■ Employability | ■ Music |
| ■ English | ■ Physical Education |
| ■ French | ■ Religious Education |
| ■ Geography | ■ Science |
| ■ History | ■ Technology and Design incl. Engineering |
| ■ Home Economics | ■ Environmental Studies |
| ■ ICT | |

KS4

Key Stage 4 provision is broad, balanced and flexible meeting the needs of the individual students. We offer both GCSE and BTEC courses.

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| ■ Art and Design | ■ ICT |
| ■ Art Therapy | ■ Irish |
| ■ Business and Communication Systems | ■ Learning for Life and Work |
| ■ Business Studies | ■ Maths |
| ■ Beauty Therapy | ■ Media Studies |
| ■ Music | ■ Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies |
| ■ Child Development | ■ Moving Image |
| ■ Construction | ■ Occupational Studies |
| ■ Drama | ■ Physical Education |
| ■ Engineering | ■ Religious Education |
| ■ English | ■ Sensory Diet |
| ■ French | ■ Science (Double Award) |
| ■ Garden Club | ■ Science (Single Award) |
| ■ Geography | ■ Social Skills |
| ■ History | ■ Sport |
| ■ Home Economics | ■ Technology and Design |
| ■ Hospitality | ■ Travel and Tourism |

Area Learning Community

St Joseph's is part of the Area Learning Community. Through this collaborative project we provide additional subject choices for pupils in other schools, focussing on areas such as languages and media studies. Our students may also avail of other subjects in other participating schools.

Alternative Vocational Curriculum

The Occupational Studies Qualifications which we offer are designed to give students the experience of sampling work related activities in different occupational fields. These qualifications complement and enhance the practical skills and talents of our students.



"St Joseph's offers a great range of subjects at Key Stage 3, many of which were new to me such as: technology and design, French, moving image, home economics and computer science. I love the range of subjects offered here."

Edel Corey: 9RT




Down through the years 1968 – 2018

St Joseph's College, Coalisland. Semi-Centennial Special Edition

Former Principals



HEADMASTER POST

Mr Colm Murphy, MA, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, has been appointed Headmaster of a new Voluntary Secondary School at Coalisland, which will be opened in September.

SUNDAY INDEPENDENT 17/3/68



Mick Currie



Malachy Whitmore



Brendan Duffy



Mary Donnelly



PJ Campbell

Sporting Accolades



Extra-Curricular



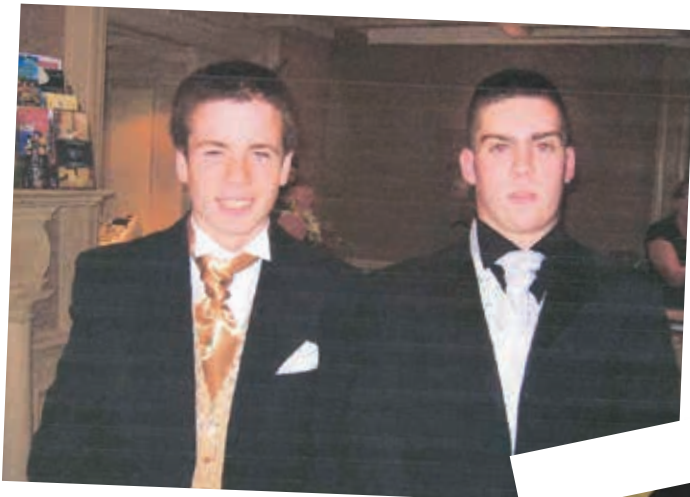
School Trips



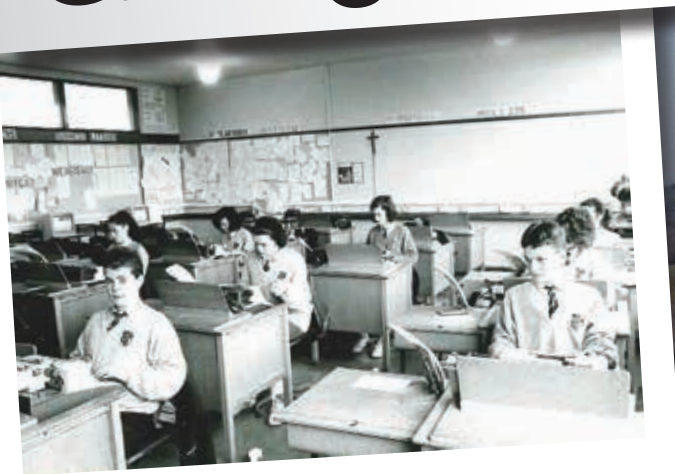
Friends



Formals



Changing Appearances



Apple School

Digital Technologies in St Joseph's College

In September 2014 St Joseph's College embarked on a journey into the twenty-first century: the 'iPad Initiative'. This venture had been researched and devised, with the support of Mr McNeill, by Mrs Ciara Donnelly and Mr Brendan McNally. Intensive training programmes and financial options were considered and with the dedication and enthusiasm of all staff the initiative was embraced.

Today we have every pupil in Years 8-11 enhancing their learning experiences through the use of iPads. Teaching has been upgraded to meet the ever changing needs and demands of new technologies in our rapidly evolving global community. Pupils are stimulated and learning continues very easily outside the classroom via connectivity and collaboration. None of this could have been achieved without the support of our parents, governors and staff.

Last year our college was awarded 'Beacon School' status through iTeach. We recruited a team of Digital Leaders (Key Stage 3 pupils) who guide and support both staff and pupils through any new developments. This year we deliver Computer Science as a discrete subject to all Key Stage 3 pupils. Mrs Kerr, recipient of the Silver Award from iTeach, has devised a programme that builds upon the digital skills of our pupils and prepares them for the world of work in later life.

Through the use of this technology our students gain the opportunity to develop sophisticated and important life skills. The familiarity students have with digital technologies allows for applied problem solving through logical, critical and creative thinking. Working as teams to solve challenges promotes resilience, teamwork, tolerance and communication skills.



Embracing the Future



"Mrs Kerr taught us how to use spheros in our Computer Science lesson. We learnt how to program squares, triangles and rectangles. We can also program our sphero to dance to the beat of a drum and change colour to the rhythm."

Emma-Louise Friel: 9RT

Learning Centre

The Learning Centre has been an integral part of St Joseph's College for over twenty years. It clearly demonstrates commitment to meeting the needs of all statemented pupils placed in our care. An experienced team of teachers and classroom assistants support pupils in their emotional, social and cognitive development and to engage in the school curriculum at their own level and pace. It envelops their social needs within a positive structured setting which aims to enhance learning and life skills.

The Autism Centre caters for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Asperger's Syndrome. It offers the opportunity for these young people to access mainstream education while providing the support structure they require.

We at St Joseph's are proud of our inclusive ethos: our provision of a secure and safe environment for every child and our commitment to removing barriers to learning thereby supporting individuality and diversity.



"An inclusive, caring and supportive ethos is evident within the Learning Centre."

Education and Training Inspectorate: 2012



Music and Drama

The Music and Drama departments at St Joseph's facilitate the expression of the talented and gifted young people of the area. Our traditional group has evolved into a thriving and energetic ensemble of young musicians infused with passion and dedication. Partnering with community groups such as Coalisland Clonoe Comhaltas and Craic Theatre has enabled our pupils to develop their skills and talents and perform to a wider audience. Our musicians contribute regularly to many community and charity events as well as school events: prize giving, open days and liturgical celebrations.

St. Joseph's has produced many memorable and enjoyable public performances and pantomimes over the years including: St Joseph's Got Talent, Cinderella, Snow White and Blood Brothers.



"My experience in Saint Joseph's College production of "The Adventures of Snow White" was amazing. Everyone got involved and we all put in so much effort. Playing Snow White was something I will never forget thanks to the help and dedication of Mrs McSwiggan and Mr Donaghy.

Ellie O'Neill: 10PG

Enriched Curriculum

At St Joseph's we offer a rich and varied programme to enhance pupil experiences. We are an Extended School with a comprehensive range of extra-curricular activities to suit all abilities and interests.

Clubs and Societies

- Public Speaking
- Art Club
- Music
- Drama
- Hot Chocolate
- Gardening
- STEM

Sport

- Ladies Gaelic Football
- Boys Gaelic Football
- Camogie
- Hurling
- Hand Ball
- Athletics
- Swimming
- Orienteering
- Rugby
- Orienteering
- MLD Soccer Camp

Educational Visits/Trips

- Armagh Planetarium
- Art Exhibitions
- Cookery Demonstrations
- Engineering Field Trips
- Gaeltacht
- Geography Field Trips
- Navan Centre
- Hill of O'Neill Ranfurley House
- Ski Trip
- Seamus Heaney Home Place

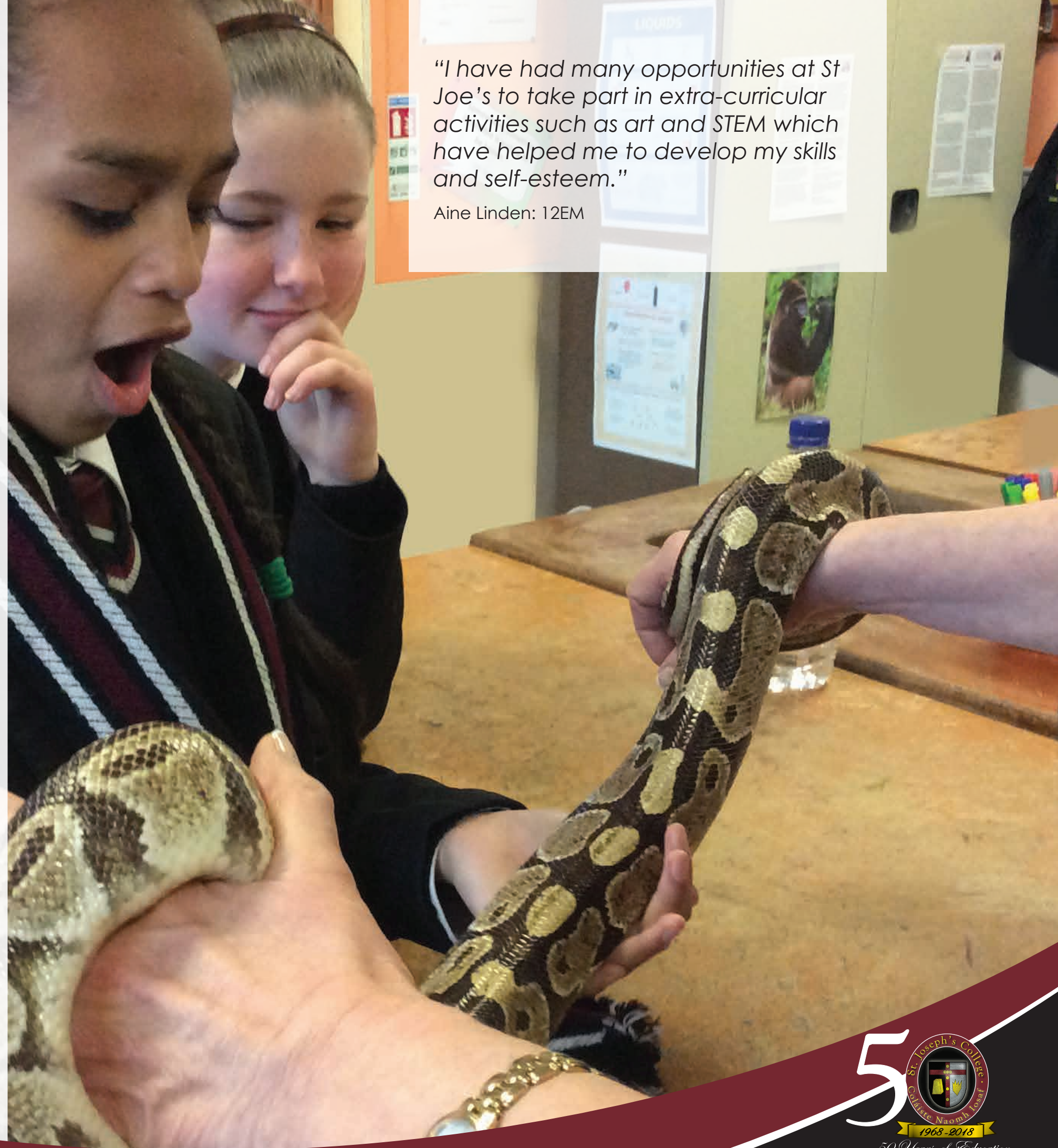
Free GCSE tuition classes for the following subjects:

- Art and Design
- Drama
- English
- Hospitality
- ICT
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Motor Vehicle Studies
- PE
- RE
- Technology and Design
- Science
- Business and Communication Systems
- Irish
- Engineering



"I have had many opportunities at St Joe's to take part in extra-curricular activities such as art and STEM which have helped me to develop my skills and self-esteem."

Aine Linden: 12EM



Sports at St Joe's

Steeped in Gaelic culture, St Joseph's has built an outstanding reputation for producing some top sports people in the country.

We have enjoyed considerable success over the years in various fields showing true athleticism, skill and determination competing at all levels. Although small in numbers St Joseph's has achieved the height of success at county, provincial, All Ireland and international levels. We are especially proud of our 1992 and 2001 Under 16 Gaelic Football All Ireland Champions, our Irish International cross country champion Teresa McGrath, super featherweight professional boxer Fergal McCrory, and Emma-Jane Gervin who represented Tyrone in 2017 All Ireland Ladies Football final. Former pupils have excelled not only on the field but also on the side lines as with Tyrone Senior Coach, Peter Donnelly pioneering the way in athletic performance coaching.



Caolan our Special Olympic medallist



"I love PE at St. Joe's because it is a very motivating class and it encourages me to do my best. Girls are encouraged to take on team sports and we get opportunities to go out and play matches against other schools. I like participating in cross country because it keeps me fit and motivates me to do my best."

Aimee Hughes: 10PG

