



# Wellington College Belfast

## Open Evening 2023

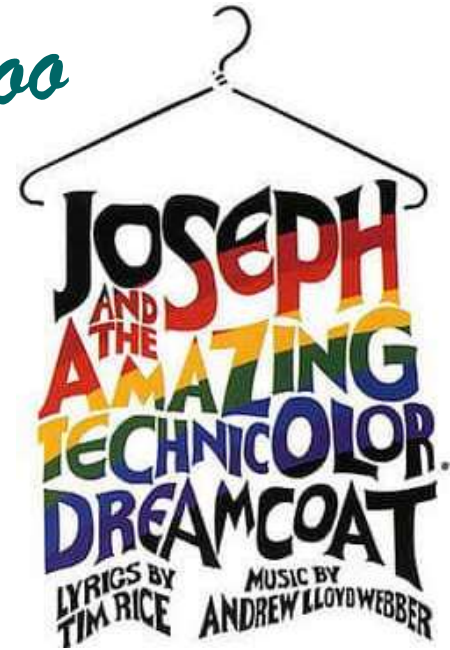
**ENGAGE ~ EDUCATE ~ EMPOWER**





## New beginnings & big dreams

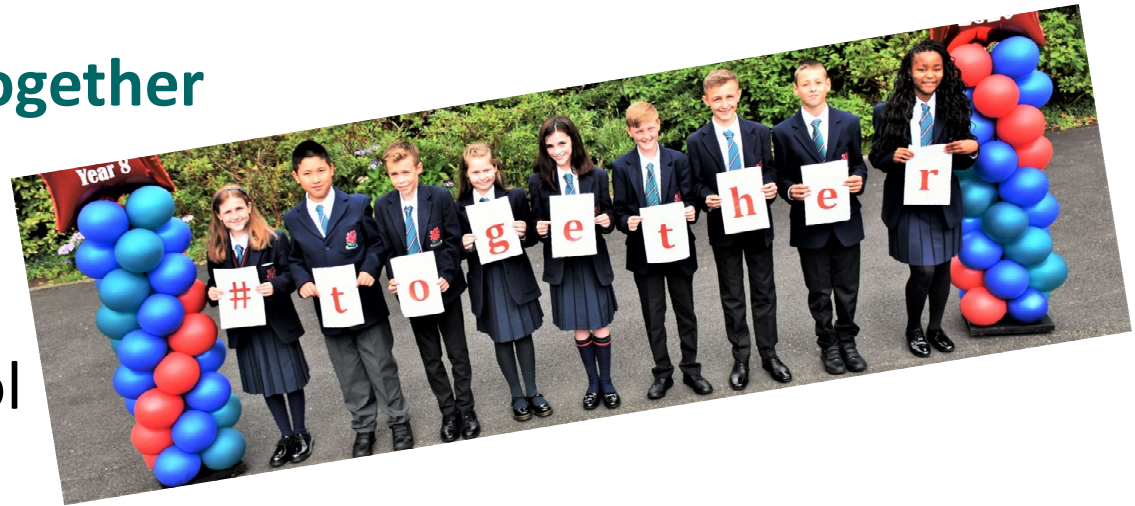
May I return to *the beginning*  
The light is dimming, and the dream is too  
The world and I, we are still waiting  
Still hesitating  
*Any dream will do!*





# Learning together

- *Una Discamus* – we learn together
- 11-18 Grammar School
- **Non-denominational**
- A naturally integrated school
- **Co-educational**
- Learning together is the best preparation for life





- Our intake is 120 in Year 8 allowing us to know each child well
- We value the academic and pastoral welfare of each individual, supporting them to grow, learn and achieve together

*Pupils are courteous, polite and well-disposed to learning. They contribute well to the life of the school and the wider community. Their behaviour both in and out of the classroom is exemplary.*

ETI Inspection Report, June 2022

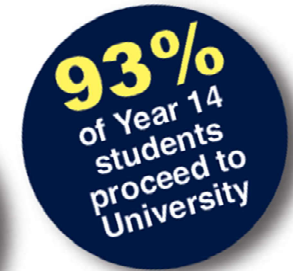






# Achieving together

- **Teaching and learning is our core business**
- Excellent GCSE & A Level results
- **Above NI Grammar Averages**
- WCB Teaching & Learning model
- **Learning skills for life**
- Confident, resilient, aspirational, independent, creative





# Engage, educate, empower



**Geography Fieldwork**

**BT Young Scientist Award**

**Allstate NI Code Show**

Lessons observed were effective in promoting successful learning, which resulted in high levels of pupil engagement, learning and enjoyment.  
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*You gave us the confidence to  
have big dreams and the ability  
to achieve them.*

Molly Graham, Head Girl 2021  
Pearson Scholar – University of Toronto







## Sixth Form – learning, life & leadership

- An excellent range of subjects and pathways
- Collaborations through the Area Learning Community
- Oxbridge access programme, HE Plus, Sutton Trust USA
- A strong leadership programme, Wellington+ with partners including YMCA, SOAR, PWC, Young Enterprise...



**Erin &  
Aimee Guinn  
Dentistry &  
Medicine  
QUB**



**Sophie Kane  
Deloitte  
Software  
Higher  
Apprentice**



**Samuel  
Turkington  
PPE  
New College  
Oxford**





# Sporting successes

**Cricket**  
**International**  
**Cara Murray**



**NI Schools**  
**Football**  
**Internationals**







# Hitting the high notes

## Joseph College Show 2023



## The Wizard of Oz, College Show 2019 BBC School Choir of the Year Finalists





# The House System

## A family within the school

**Ferguson** after the engineer Harry Ferguson

**Lewis** after writer and philosopher CS Lewis

**Heaney** after poet Seamus Heaney

**Peters** after Olympic champion Mary Peters





# Ready, Respectful, Responsible

## Quality of Pastoral Care

- Positive Behaviour Policy
- **Ready**
- **Respectful**
- **Responsible**
- Clear **pastoral support**
- Strong **home-school** links
- Celebration of **achievements**



Parents commented positively on the work of the school, communication between home and school, and the excellent pastoral care system.

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# Year 8 Induction Programme

## Induction Timeline

- June - **Primary School visits** by staff
- June – **Meet your Class** and Form Tutor
- August – **Induction Days** with Tutor
- September – Year 8 **Team Building Day**
- Ongoing **Mentoring** by trained Prefects
- An ethos **to be the best you can be**
- Help to develop **a can-do attitude**





I have laid my dreams under  
your feet, tread softly, lest you  
tread on my dreams.

W. B. Yeats







# Admissions criteria

- Applications will be considered according to the published admissions criteria
- Each applicant will be placed in a band according to their admissions score – best of AQE or GL
- First **120** applicants admitted based on band order
- We apply **oversubscribed criteria within a band** when we receive 120+ applications
- **First preference applications** are the most secure route to entry
- Consider combinations of criteria, including the advantage of coming from a listed **feeder primary school**





# Admissions bands

Band	AQE Standardised Score	GLA Cohort Percentile
Band I	106 or above	60 or above
Band II	103 - 105	50 - 59
Band III	99 - 102	40 - 49
Band IV	94 - 98	30 - 39
Band V	88 - 93	20 - 29
Band VI	87 or below	19 or below





# Admissions trends

Year	First preferences	Total applications	Siblings admitted	Eldest children admitted
2022	127	243	23	64
2021	129	363	57	49
2020	106	231	23	61
2019	120	244	28	43
2018	103	243	25	64





# Transfer testing 2023 onwards



- Wellington College is delighted to be a member of the **Schools Entrance Assessment Group**
- We will be hosting the new joint transfer test in Autumn 2023
- Admissions criteria for entry in September 2024 will be based on the new test outcomes
- We will liaise with feeder Primary Schools to support this process
- For further information visit [seagni.co.uk](https://seagni.co.uk)





**Any Questions?**

See us at the front

**Refreshments?**

Join the PTA in the Dining Room

**Keen to have a new beginning?**

Enjoy your tour

Scan the QR code to  
complete our College Quiz!

4 prize winners will be  
drawn, £25 Amazon  
Vouchers to be delivered by  
the Principal to your Primary  
school....

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*Enjoy your evening...  
and remember to have  
big dreams!*

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