



**Junior Leadership Team**  
***2024-25***



## Dearbhla Donnelly

### Head Girl

**Which primary school did you attend?**  
Before St Ciaran's, I attended St Mary's Primary School, Aughnacloy

**What subjects are you studying at Post 16?**  
At Post 16 level, I am studying Irish, Health and Social Care and Sport.

**Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?**

During my time in St Ciaran's, I have enjoyed many highlights. The ones that stand out for me the most are those experiences outside of the classroom. I have always been a member of the school choir, and we have sung on many special occasions, representing the school. I have led groups on tours for our school's Open Night and, last year, I was a member of

a Young Enterprise team and we won a special award. Last year I was also part of a team which reached the Knights of Columbanus final in public speaking. I loved this experience as I got to develop my public speaking and connected with pupils from other schools. It was so rewarding to experience the success from this competition. I would strongly encourage pupils to get involved in as many extra-curricular activities as they can in St Ciaran's College.

**What are your career aspirations?**

When I complete my education in St Ciaran's, I hope to pursue a career working with people. I am undecided yet as to whether that will be teaching or in a business setting. I have a passion for the Irish language and would love to be able to educate young people in our native language and promote Irish further. However, I also am excited at the thought of completing an apprenticeship in a company, where I would study one day a week and work the other four days. I realise that there are so many opportunities within this area that I would love to explore.

**What message would you like to give to the students attending St Ciaran's College?**

Be original! It is always okay to be your own person and be unique. We are all created differently, and God created the world with variety. Don't let others put you down, isolate or disrespect you. Stand up for yourself so that others can learn from you. Also, look out for others who might struggle. In my opinion, if you don't look out for others then who will look out for you?





## Ciaran Mullin

*Head Boy*

**Which primary school did you attend?**  
Prior to attending St Ciaran's College I attended St Brigid's Primary School, Altamuskin

**Which subjects are you studying at post 16?**  
At Post 16 level, I am studying Maths, Religion and IT

**Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?**  
During my time at St Ciaran's, I've made many great memories. These include making new friends over the years and playing handball, football and many other sports with them at lunchtime. I have also enjoyed all aspects of PE, especially when representing the school. Helping at Open Nights and Prize Giving ceremonies has also

been a highlight of my school career as it is an honour to show off our school. GCSE results day was also another highlight as I received results that I was very proud of. These results showed me that my hard work had been rewarded. Representing our school on trips to many events such as a Celtic game and the Irish Open have also been great moments.

### **What are your career aspirations?**

After my school career here, I would like to work in the accounting and finance industry as I like to work with numbers and on computers. Although I have not yet decided which exact role I would like to apply for, I believe this field is best suited for my passions. I will achieve these aspirations by applying for higher level apprenticeships with companies which employ you for 3-4 days of the working week and study for the rest of the days for my degree.

### **What message would you like to give to the students attending St Ciaran's?**

Get involved! I would advise students to immerse themselves in all situations and events which are available. Know a little about a lot and try learning as many new skills as possible. You may also discover something that you really like and that you are good at; something that you never thought about before!





## Eve Turbitt

*Deputy Head Girl*

**Which primary school did you attend?**  
Prior to St Ciaran's, I attended St Mary's Primary School, Ballygawley.

**Which subjects are you studying in Post 16?**  
For A-Level I am studying Biology, Chemistry and Health and Social Care.

**Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?**

I have had many great experiences during my time at St Ciaran's College. In junior school, I took part in a variety of extracurricular activities - the school choir, volunteering at the SCC Christmas Fair and lending a helping hand at school Open Nights. These are all highlights of my time at St Ciaran's. I really enjoyed being able to display everything that our school has to offer. I was presented with numerous amazing experiences in post-16, including the Knights of Columbanus

public speaking competition; in which I was able to develop my ability to speak in front of a crowd, gaining confidence in this area. Furthermore, I was honoured to represent my school through the Sentinus R and D project, with peers from my Chemistry class. This research project was a highlight in my school career as it was amazing to see our dedication to the project being rewarded.

**What are your career aspirations?**

After studying at St Ciaran's College, I hope to study Medicine at Queen's University, Belfast. I am interested in a career in healthcare, more specifically as a doctor. I am interested in how the body works; I find this truly amazing therefore I would love to continue my studies and discover more. I have always aspired to care for people, especially in the medical field as it has always been something that I have found incredibly interesting. More specifically, I would love to specialise in Children's health. I hope to make a positive impact on others during my career.

**What message would you like to give to the students attending St Ciaran's College?**

I would promote the message of grasping every opportunity our school has to offer. Not only are these activities and days out great fun, but they are a great chance to build up your CV. St Ciaran's tailors to everyone's interests, there is a club or opportunity to suit everyone. Make the most of your time in St. Ciaran's. Find something that suits you!





## Rosie McCabe

*Deputy Head Girl*

### Which primary school did you attend?

Before St Ciaran's, I attended St Patrick's Primary School, Eskra.

### Which subjects are you studying at Post 16?

At Post 16 level, I am currently studying Biology, Nutrition and Food Science and Health and Social Care.

### Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?

Over my years here at St Ciaran's I have had many enjoyable moments that I will cherish forever. Some of the most memorable moments I have is taking part in teams and events offered to me outside of the classroom, such as, playing in the football team, singing with the choir and competing in public speaking. These have all offered me numerous opportunities to

build friendships, improve my confidence and ultimately enhance my experience in St Ciaran's. Furthermore, during my time in school I have volunteered in various Open Nights which have been a highlight as I was able to share with potential students my experience of this school. I was also able to explain to them why St Ciaran's was the best choice for me; in the hope of inspiring others to also join the "St Ciaran's Family".

### What are your Career aspirations?

When I finish my time here at St Ciaran's, I wish to work in the health care sector. The subjects I am currently studying will give me the opportunity to further my education and decide which sector I wish to specialise in. At the moment I am currently thinking of applying for Physiotherapy, Paediatric Nursing or Midwifery. I have a keen interest in helping others and providing care to the best of my ability.

### What message would you like to give to students attending St Ciaran's College?

I would say to take every opportunity that is offered to you and enjoy every moment. Although times may prove difficult, just remember to strike a good balance between work and pleasure. Don't be afraid to say 'yes' even if it may seem to others that you are not "following the crowd". Be your own leader and have no regrets!





## Ben McMenamin

### *Deputy Head Boy*

#### **Which primary school did you attend?**

I attended St Brigid's Primary School, Agher for my first 6 years and then, when it closed, I went to St Macartan's Primary School, Clogher for a year.

#### **Which Subjects are you studying at post 16?**

At post 16 level I am studying Maths, Biology and History.

#### **Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?**

During my time spent here in St Ciaran's I have had many great moments that I hold fondly such as my trip to the Gaeltacht in 5th year with the Irish department. It was a great experience getting to spend a few days immersed in our country's native language along with the traditional activities we got to take part in such as Ceili dancing and singing. It was also a great

opportunity to have some fun and unwind away from the busy school year with all my classmates. Another highlight has been getting to attend the year 14 Formal last year. It was a great celebration of school life and a reflection of the bonds created over the years in school and I look forward to attending my own formal next month. My favourite moments in school involve having fun and making memories with my friends and classmates. I think this is just as important as the academic side of things and striking a healthy balance is very important.

#### **What are your career aspirations?**

I am not entirely certain yet which career path I plan to pursue. I hope to either use my biology and follow the health care route or my history to maybe go into Law. Following my GCSE results, I believed it was important to pick subjects that would enable me to keep my options open for many paths as I wasn't too sure about what I wanted to be. All I know is that I want a job which involves helping people as it is something I am passionate about. I find it exciting that there are so many paths that I could follow and I look forward to attending University next year to help me in my journey to full time employment, wherever that may be!

#### **What message would you like to give to the students attending St Ciaran's College?**

My message to the students of St Ciaran's is that everything will work out in the end. Whatever issue that may seem like the end of the world right now, you probably won't even remember in a few years. Many times, in my life, I have thought that the obstacle ahead of me was unmovable, but it always moves and you continue down the path. My motto is: "Good days will come just as bad days do; so, if you're ever having a bad day just know you're due a good one soon!"





## Sean Russell

### Deputy Head Boy

#### Which primary school did you attend?

Before coming to St Ciaran's, I attended St Mary's Primary School, Cabragh.

#### Which subjects are you studying at post 16?

At Post 16 Level, I am studying English, Irish and Business studies.

#### Can you recall some of your highlights in your school career?

I have been lucky enough to experience many great moments throughout my time at this school. Some of these moments include an experience of a lifetime, travelling to Zambia with St Ciaran's Peregrini, in March 2024. It provided me with an insight into both the Zambian culture and their way of life. This, in turn, has enabled me to value and feel grateful for the things and opportunities that I have in my life; things that they do not have in Zambia. I took part in many activities during my stay there, ranging from teaching, dancing, singing and playing games. This experience

has really created memories for me that I will cherish forever. Another highlight for me in my school career was being a member of a Young Enterprise team, in 6th year, where we created/sold our own product at different events such as the St Ciaran's Christmas Market, the Belfast Christmas Market and the Craigavon Market. We were even lucky enough to win an award at the Craigavon Market, as we received the "Best Visiting Company" award. That has been one of my highlights in my school career as it really helped me grow as a person as I was doing something new, something that I hadn't done before which was a really enjoyable experience for me.

#### What are your career aspirations?

After finishing St Ciaran's, I hope to go to John Moore's University, Liverpool to study Business with Marketing and hopefully gain a degree. I have a keen interest in pursuing this degree as it combines my creativity with my strategic thinking. By studying this degree, I can gain a deeper understanding of marketing in a business and the responsibilities of owning a business. Owning a business is a real ambition of mine. My goal is to get a degree in Business with Marketing followed by a job in a business, working as a marketer. I would eventually hope to gain a vast range of experience, then potentially owning my own business at some point in my career.

#### What message would you like to give to the students attending St Ciaran's College?

Make the most of your time in St Ciaran's! Seven years may feel like a long time, but it will go by quickly. My advice to other students is to create an active approach to both academic and personal development during your time in school and outside of school. Put 100% into your time at St Ciaran's, whether it's your work or the extracurricular activities, "if you're going to do something, do it right." Don't be afraid to join in on activities that the school offers, they will help you to explore your interests which will develop you as a person. Please don't care what others may think of you or about how you will be judged, be your own person!