After 5 years at Dundonald High School I would never have thought that I would have enjoyed being in school so much. This school has given me a lot more confidence and has helped me achieve more than I thought I would.

The teachers at DHS know how to have a laugh. There is just so much happiness around the school.

Come and see for yourself what this school can do for you throughout 5 years. You will not be disappointed.

My biggest achievement so far is being made Head girl and I couldn’t be any happier with the years that I have been here.

As principal and past pupil of Dundonald High School, I am delighted to report that we are a school on the move, a school that is driven to achieving excellence in all areas of the curriculum, and indeed, all aspects of your child’s life.

We are truly a caring school at the heart of the community, and this is a claim I take seriously. We produce well rounded, multi-talented young people who are an asset to our society, contributing positively and enriching the skill set that combines to compliment the already talent rich culture that makes our area so special. This school is a centre of high standards, high expectations, high achievers and high values!

Faye Harvey
Head Girl

I am currently in my last year at Dundonald High School and it has been a great experience.

I have been proud to wear the Dundonald badge on my chest. This school has provided opportunities that other schools wouldn’t have for me. At first I didn’t want to attend this school but now I’m glad that I did as it has been a very successful 5 years. My relationships with my teachers have enabled me to achieve good grades.

It has been an honour to be part of the school’s journey and as outgoing Head Boy I would like to leave a message to say to all future pupils that Dundonald High School will encourage you to be the best that you can be.

Jess Shields
Head Boy
I moved to Belfast in July 2014, from Portugal. Dundonald High School was the only school to accept me.

On my first day in Dundonald I was worried because I didn’t speak much English.

Everyone was very nice and tried their best to help me.

The biggest proof for me that I was a real part of DHS was when I was made Deputy Head Girl.

My experience in Dundonald High School has been amazing and unforgettable, and I will never forget everything they did for me.

Monica Medeiros
Deputy Head Girl

The family ethos of our school is very important to all who attend Dundonald High School and our vision and aims reflect this.

High standards are expected of us all and that includes pupils and staff.

We embrace difference, value individuality and encourage each child to reach their full potential. We are protective of each other and have a culture where it is not acceptable to make others feel out of place or awkward. We respect diversity and good relationships.

We welcome students from all traditions and of all abilities, learning together in an environment where self worth, experiencing success and mutual respect are highly valued.
All classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards, allowing teachers to create exciting new resources, link lessons to the World Wide Web and develop pupils ICT skills.

Our Accelerated Learning Programme allows us to create an atmosphere where gifted and talented pupils are encouraged to achieve and aspire.

We are creating young leaders who will be our future leaders. Pupils provided with the skills needed to succeed in a changing world.

At Dundonald High we work tirelessly to maintain our excellent exam results and to help every pupil improve.

Investing our time in our pupils is an investment for the future and helps them grow as individuals.

I am Deputy Head Boy. My 5 years at Dundonald High School have been the best experience I have had.

The relationship with teachers is different from other schools because they treat us like equals.

This school has helped me to carve a path for my future. I have chosen to pursue Law.

Thomas Greer
Deputy Head Boy
MEETING YOUR CHILD’S NEEDS THROUGH INDIVIDUAL PROVISION

READING PARTNERSHIP

Our reading partnership enables pupils to work on a one to one basis with our highly skilled teaching assistants to drastically improve literacy skills in a short time frame.

ACCELERATED READER

Our Accelerated reader programme assesses every pupil’s reading requirements and allows them to grade their own performance and to test themselves on-line, at home and in school.

GOOD MORNING MATHS!

Early morning maths reinforcement sessions support children who desire to push themselves to the limits and participate in brain training sessions.
CURRICULUM

The curriculum allows our students to develop knowledge, skills, ideas and values which are essential to enable our young people to become lifelong learners.

At both key stages, students will follow a broad and balanced programme which is enhanced by ICT, singing and instrumental tuition, Personal, Social and Health Education, Employability and Careers guidance.

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WILLOW HOUSE SYSTEM

This system was introduced in 2015 to inspire a sense of belonging, comradeship, and growth to the entire school family. Every pupil and member of staff belongs to a house.

House points are awarded for participation in all aspects of school life—sport, academia, community involvement, the arts and sports. ‘Going the extra mile!’ is central to the spirit of the house system.

JUNIPER

Did you know that all of the DHS Houses are named after trees indigenous to NI - Rowan, Willow and Juniper. The trees represent strong foundations, growth and development!

RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

The Rewards Committee work hard to make sure that our children are rewarded for their hard work and commitment to excellence.

Every term pupils are rewarded for their positive achievements and this culminates in a Gold Reward trip for those who truly excel!

ATTENDANCE, HOMEWORK, BEHAVIOUR, GOOD WORKS, UNIFORM, EFFORT

REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE

We recognise every child’s hard work and commitment. We celebrate success, both our academic success and success outside the classroom.

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All staff at Dundonald High School commit to delivering a wide range of enrichment sessions and classes that contribute to life’s rich tapestry. Enabling our children to experience things that sit outside the normal curriculum. “Experience is the teacher of all things.” Julius Caesar

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys’ Football
Girls’ Football
Netball
Dance
Gymnastics
Trampolining
Athletics
Rounders
Badminton
Rugby
Fitness
Bowls
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Cycling

SPORT

We have placed a huge emphasis on sport in school and its ability to teach, inspire and drive our young people. We have qualified coaches in Rugby, Football, Netball, Dance, Cheer Leading, Basketball, Trampolining and Motorcycling.
Sport is one of my greatest passions. I enjoy everything from football to cricket. When I joined this school I got to know a wider range of sports like badminton, athletics and even netball!

My teachers have put their trust in me and kept pushing me forward and this has enabled me to grow in confidence and stature within my club Crusaders FC.

Kyle Calderwood
Deputy Head boy

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
Craft club,
Motorcycle maintenance
Young Enterprise
Prince’s Trust XI
Business Club
Informational tours
School trips
Young Leaders
Inspirational speakers
Aspirational calendar
Business links
Work experience
Disability Sport NI
Helping Hands for Autism
POLICIES
The school policies are available from the office on request.

WE HAVE VALUABLE LINKS WITH
Glentoran Football Academy
Ulster Rugby
NI Bowling Association
Belfast Giants
Disability Sport NI
Dungoyne FC
Knock Golf Club
Helping Hand for Autism
Foodbank
Local Churches
Youth Service NI
Inspire Business Park
Local Primary Schools
Local Businesses

HOME SCHOOL LINKS
The school newsletter and website keep our parents, pupils and community informed of life in and out of school.

The Parents’ Community Teachers Association meets regularly and actively makes a positive difference to school life.
Visit our website at www.dundonaldhigh.co.uk
WE WILL ENCOURAGE ALL OUR PUPILS TO

- Help in the community
- Be involved in the arts
- Be involved in sport and physical activity
- Travel and experience other cultures
- Value the truth