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Some of the past pupils who attended Dunclug College Annual Presentation of Awards on Thursday afternoon. GB4413 JK19



Members of the Platform Party at Dunclug College Annual Awards Presentation. Included are, front row, from left: T. McCullough (Head Boy), Guest of Honour Mr. B. Nielson (Chf. Exec. CITB NI), Mrs. R. Wilson (Principal), Mr. P. Gray (Cman of Board of Governors) and C. McKay (Head Girl). GB4414 JK19



Junior Form award winners of Dunclug College. GB4413D19



Dunclug College Attendance award winners. GB4414D19

## Dunclug College - 'where everyone achieves'

A packed Prize Day Celebration opened in Dunclug College with piano, orchestra, and choir performing 'Hope is the Breath of Music' and 'With or Without You'.

In her address the Principal, Mrs Wilson, explained how when she started teaching her aim was very simply to ensure that her classroom was a place where everyone is respected and everyone achieves.

Mrs Wilson thanked sincerely her staff for all they do every day and said their influence was significant and even life-changing.

The Principal congratulated present and past pupils and welcomed Mr Barry Neilson Chief Executive of the CITB Northern Ireland as Chief Guest.

Turning to results, Dunclug College is celebrating a sustained level of achievement at GCSE level this past year despite many upgrades to the GCSE system. All students, including those with various learning challenges sat a minimum of 7 GCSE subjects, including the core of English, Maths and Science

and a range of optional choices in a balance of General and Applied courses. Many gifted and competitive students sat 8, 9 or 10 subjects.

Overall, almost 80% of students achieved 5 or more subjects in the A - C range, with 55% achieving this including English and Maths.

At A Level - congratulations were expressed to Rebekah Houston and Shakayra McMillan, who each achieved three A grades in this year's round of A Level results. In a year group where there were 40 'A' grades in total, the majority of students achieved one or more Grade A in their profile of grades. While 81% of students achieved three successful grades we extend congratulations also to those who had modest achievements commensurate with their gifts.

The increasing value of pupil voice was noted in all aspects of school life, and in particular the outstanding leadership of Jessica O'Neill, Head Girl and Jack Millar, Head Boy, and their Deputies last year.

Mrs Wilson continued: "In the past year, we continued to deliver a healthy

and attractive programme at all key stages: maintaining focus on literacy and numeracy through individual support, World Book Day, Accelerated Reader, World Maths Day, The Maths Challenge. Fortnightly focus, strategies to boost literacy within subject departments, dividing classes for examination practice, peer and academic mentoring and the paired reading programme.

"The four-way streaming system has encouraged pupils to fly where they are strong and experience a supportive pace where it is needed, underpinned by the Tracking system, which enables students to pause, check, reflect and re-set targets at intervals.

"A key area of focus is the development of our Learning Support Centre for children with Autism and a second for Moderate Learning Difficulties.

"Our aim is to provide facilities for young people with special challenges to have a combination of nurture and full integration, so that no challenge is too great a barrier to achievement. We continue to review Personal Learning Plans in keeping and developing

expertise of Learning Support teams attached to year groups.

"On the pastoral front we are focusing on new approaches to anti-bullying, on the basis that there are no innocent by-standers".

Mrs Wilson also highlighted the school's magazine, The Bellfort, and detailed the school's commitment to charitable causes, as 53 shoeboxes were packed this for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal.

Pupils also visited the slums of Delhi with ASHA, while Teagan French and Caitlin Watt went on a courageous mission to Kenya with Camps International for a full month.

The school sponsors a pupil in Haiti, Wilner Georges, orphaned as a result of the tsunami, as well as Molly, a Labrador puppy who will, when trained, become a guide dog for the blind.

Dunclug College also became the first Post-Primary School to become a bookbank collection point.

Dunclug College continues to participate in the Shared Education programme with St Patrick's College. Mrs Wilson said that construction

work on a new school build is expected to commence in November.

She said: "In building our nine temporary modular buildings and our new school, the plans indicate that they are destined to be beautiful buildings.

"But it is not the beauty of a building which will stand the test of time - reconstruction will always be needed - it's the construction of the foundation!"

"Together, parents, friends, pupils Governors and staff - we are building foundations in our young people that will stand the test of time, classrooms where everyone is respected and everyone achieves, enrichments that take us out of, and beyond, ourselves to a new understanding of our world and our place in it.

"One of our students who participated in the Auschwitz programme, funded by the Holocaust Educational Trust this past year, wrote this, 'If we as ambassadors don't make an effort to encourage others to make a difference in the world, who will take over from us?'

"If your school is doing its best by you - then never doubt it - you can go out and change the world".



Sports award winners at Dunclug College were Leon Bracewell, Jodie Farquhar and Adam Courtney. GB4421D19



Mrs Wilson Principal with pupil Emma Erwin who received the Steele cup, Maths shield, RE cup, Park cup and the Caldwell shield for Best Year 10 pupil. GB4416D19



Noah Robinson of Dunclug College with the Technology Shield, Geography cup and Construction cup. GB4418D19



Dunclug College Senior Council with Head Girl Charlotte McKay, Head Boy Thomas McFall, Principal Mrs R Wilson and Vice Principal Mr Oliver. GB4422D19





Dunclog College pupils Lydia Weir, Aimee Stirrup, Gabrielle Erdis, Chloe Thompson and Sophie Church who completed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. GB4423D19



Seen with Dunclog College Principal were Key Stage 4 Special award winners. GB4417D19



Dunclog College Year 13 award winners with Principal Mrs Wilson and Vice Principal Mr Oliver. GB4419D19



Dunclog College Principal Mrs R Wilson with Whole School Special award winners. GB4420D19



Key Stage 3 award winners with Principal Mrs R Wilson. GB4415D19