

# BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL

Founded 1857







# **Our Core Values...**

## **Respect, Commitment, Integrity**





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## Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Belfast Boys' Model School. The school was founded in 1857 as a 'Model' of good practice and as such has a long history of providing quality education to boys in the Greater Belfast area. For over 150 years, we have had a tradition of academic and sporting success.

A highly committed and expert staff ensures that the school remains in the forefront of educational initiatives and developments. We have had, for many years, a very successful consortium with Belfast Model School for Girls and, more recently, pupils benefit from a highly effective Shared Education Partnership with Mercy College. These partnerships along with strong links with community, employers and institutes of Further and Higher Education ensure that we provide an enriching and varied educational experience, which caters for the needs, interests and aspirations of our pupils.

Recently, our superb new school with its excellent facilities, received a prestigious award for excellence in a new build, but a school is more than bricks and mortar. We pride ourselves on the excellent relationships between staff, pupils and parents. Our core values of respect, commitment and integrity underpin all that we do.

We aim to bring out the best in our boys. We strive to ensure all pupils achieve their academic potential. Our GCSE and A Level results are excellent, with large numbers of boys progressing to University, Higher Apprenticeships and employment.

We are also committed to the development of the whole child, encouraging participation in enriching activities which include music, travel, drama, leadership opportunities and of course, competitive sport. Whatever your son's ambition, Belfast Boys' Model School will help him achieve it and, perhaps more importantly, be happy along his journey to success.

Having worked in the school since 1993, I greatly value the links we forge with parents. I very much look forward to welcoming you and your son to Belfast Boys' Model School.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. McGovern".



# The Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to support your child while learning, achieving and succeeding. We work together to build every child's confidence to develop skills that enable them to study and learn effectively. During Key Stage 3, students build on their skills to develop persistence, focus and intellectual curiosity. A range of both academic and vocational options provide KS4 and Post-16 curriculums which are designed to suit all needs and have proven to open pathways to further and higher education and employment.





Key Stage 3 - Areas of Learning	Key Stage 4 - General & Applied subjects on offer	Key Stage 5 - The Senior School	Enrichment Courses
English - Media Education - Drama - Literacy	- English Language - English Literature - Media Studies - Moving Image Arts	- English Literature - Media Studies - Moving Image Arts	- Coding and App Building - Youth Work Programmes
Mathematics - Financial Capability - Numeracy	- Mathematics - Further Mathematics - Statistics	- Mathematics - Economics	- Community Work in Mental Health
Science & Technology - Science - Design & Technology - Information Communication Technology	- Double Award Science - Single Award Science - Design & Technology - Digital Technology - Business Studies	- Biology - Chemistry - Physics - Technology & Design - Life and Health Science - Health & Social Care - IT - Business Studies	- Sports Awards & Coaching - Personal Fitness and Games - IFA Football Academy - Social Football
The Arts - Art & Design - Music	- Art and Design - Certificate in Music Technology (Music Performance)	- Art & Design - Music - Performing Arts	- Leadership and Mentoring - Independent Living & Hospitality
Environment & Society - History - Geography	- Geography - History - Sociology - Travel & Tourism	- Geography - History - Government & Politics - Sociology - Travel & Tourism	- Photography - Music Performance and Technology
Modern Languages	- French - Spanish	- Spanish	
Learning for Life & Work - Employability - Citizenship - Personal Development - Home Economics	- Learning for Life and Work - Public Service - Hospitality - Princes Trust Achieve Award	- Public Services - Health & Social Care - Hospitality	
Physical Education	- Sports Studies	- Sports Studies	
Religious Education	- Religious Studies	- Religious Studies	
	- Occupational Studies		
	All pupils have provision in: - Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance - Physical Education and Games	<b>GCSE &amp; Vocational Studies - 1 Year course:</b> Mathematics English Language Information Technology Hospitality Employability	
		All pupils have provision in: - Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance - Physical Education and Games	



*“The qualifications offered have a high degree of currency with employers and third level education providers”*

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# Enrichment

Pupils benefit from exciting opportunities to build their employability skills from a wide choice of enrichment experiences. Pupils develop leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication skills, vital for employment, Further and Higher Education, as well as Higher Level Apprenticeships. Pupils have a wide menu of choices including the exciting IFA Football Academy, Boxing, Cross Country, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports Coaching, Hospitality, Coding and App building partnered by Young Enterprise, Music Performance, Photography, Youth and Community Work, Anti-Bullying and Mental Health training and Mentoring.







*“The curriculum... provides pupils with engaging, purposeful experiences which develop them academically, personally & socially”*

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# Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is central to the work of Belfast Boys' Model School in effectively preparing pupils to progress to successful futures. We work in partnership with a wide range of organisations, including Employers, Universities and Further Education Colleges to ensure the delivery of high quality, up-to-date Careers provision across the school. This ensures that pupils are well prepared to make informed choices about their future education, training and employment.



## Preparation for Life Beyond Belfast Boys' Model School

Pupils who leave Belfast Boys' Model School continue to study a wide range of degree subjects and higher level qualifications at institutions across the UK and further afield.

The vast majority of our senior pupils aspire to go on to study at university. Many are offered and accept places at universities including Queen's University, Ulster University, Stranmillis College, Liverpool John Moore's University. at Ulster University to Zoology at Oxford Brookes; from Criminology at Queen's University to Football Coaching & Business Management facilitated by the IFA in partnership with Ulster University.

We also maintain strong partnerships with Belfast Metropolitan and Northern Regional colleges, with leavers progressing to study HND and Foundation degree courses in a wide range of subjects including; Architectural Technology, Accounting, Business Management, Web Design and Electrical Engineering.



Whichever pathway pupils choose, they receive guidance from a dedicated team of Careers Advisors, Form Teachers and representatives from the world of work. This, combined with opportunities to experience the work environment and develop employability skills, ensures that pupils can progress confidently to the next chapter of their education, training or employment.







## Personalised Learning

Our aim is to encourage and support every boy to achieve his academic and personal potential. We pride ourselves on providing a supportive learning environment which meets the needs of all learners, including those with additional needs.

As part of our 'Learning to Learn' initiative, our teachers will introduce them to strategies and resources that will enable them to 'Think Hard', to embrace challenges to their learning so that they can confidently overcome them within the school/ classroom setting, but also, and importantly outside of the classroom as they engage in meaningful study that complements their learning in class.





*“GCSE & A Level results  
are above or well above the  
NI average”*

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# New Experiences

A wide range of exciting and engaging opportunities are provided to allow pupils to develop key skills essential for adult life. There is an extensive extra-curricular programme which runs throughout lunchtimes and after school.

## These include:

- African Drums
- Army Cadets
- Art Club
- Badminton Club
- Book Group
- Boxing
- Basketball
- Choir
- Coding and App Building
- Comenius Project
- Community Services
- Cookery Club
- Cricket Club
- Chess
- Debating Society
- Drama Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme / Outdoor Pursuits
- Drone
- Fishing Club
- French Club
- Futsal
- Games Club
- Golf Club
- History Club
- Homework Club
- Hockey
- Health & Fitness
- ICT Club
- Music Group
- Mountain biking
- Minecraft
- Podcasting
- Recorder Group
- Rugby Club
- Running Club
- Science Club
- Scripture Union
- Ski Club
- Soccer Club
- Table Tennis Club
- Technology Club

## Travel

Pupils benefit from a variety of opportunities to travel, including the annual Ski trip, History visits to Dublin, Travel and Tourism trips, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, Sports Visits and British Council Projects, which have included links with schools in Sweden,

Germany, Italy and Finland, to name but a few. Many pupils gain life changing experiences through their involvement in exciting cross cultural and international projects.







*“Pupils benefit significantly from an extensive range of sporting, cultural and tailored community activities, which develop their personal and social skills”*

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## **Pupil Leadership**

**The Student Council** provides the opportunity for pupils to positively contribute to school life, influence whole school policy and develop a variety of important skills, including leadership, oracy, organisation and communication skills.

**The Senior Pupil Leadership Team** along with our **Prefect** system allows pupils to play an important and influential role in school, undertaking responsibilities with regard to pupil wellbeing, charity and school events. These opportunities allow boys to develop their initiative, team work and leadership abilities, as well as problem solving and resilience.



# Pupil Well-Being

*Pastoral Care permeates all aspects of school life in Belfast Boys' Model. We are committed to creating a caring and supportive community, built on excellent relationships between pupils, parents and staff.*

## Pastoral Care

We pride ourselves in taking a proactive approach to pupil well-being. Our ground breaking '**Wellbeing**' team of Senior pupils is dedicated to the promotion of positive mental health with their peers. They also work closely with our Year Teams to ensure that all pupils have access to support, if required.

**Anti-Bullying Ambassadors** - We are proud of our team of pupils who are Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. These young men facilitate peer workshops, during Anti-Bullying Week and offer on-going support to individual and groups of pupils, throughout the school year.

An excellent Pastoral programme is in place to address the key issues facing young people and assist in the development of resilience and emotional intelligence.

We have recently introduced a Wellbeing class into our curriculum. This focuses on developing the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of our pupils

## Transition

A comprehensive and effective transition programme which stretches across Primary 7 and Year 8 ensures a smooth and successful move to 'Big School' for Belfast Boys' Model School pupils.

*"They are proud of their school and leave it well prepared for the next stage of their learning and for wider civic participation"*

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*“The arrangements for the care and support of the pupils in the school are highly effective”*

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*“Pupils are courteous & respectful”*

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# Positive Relationships

## BBMS is a Full Service Extended School (FSES)

This project seeks to:-

- address the wider needs of the child and his family
- raise expectations and aspirations for success in young people
- help identify and remove barriers to learning

The FSES provision includes:-

- strategies to promote pupil engagement in learning
- programmes to strengthen self-esteem and confidence
- strategies to encourage healthy lifestyles
- availability of help and advice to parents
- opportunities for parents to become more involved in the life of the school
- support systems for boys who are experiencing difficulties in their lives e.g. specialist counselling and mentoring







*“a range of support mechanisms (exist) forged from strong, highly developed partnerships with an extensive range of external agencies”*

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# Extra-Curricular – Beyond the Classroom

**African Drums** *Podcasting* **Games Club**  
**Drone** *Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme / Outdoor Pursuits*  
**Army Cadets** **Drama Club** **Chess** *Science Club* *HISTORY CLUB* **Ski Club**  
**Boxing** **Choir** *Scripture Union* **Technology Club**  
*Basketball* **Homework Club** **Coding and App Building**  
**Book Group** **Rugby Club**  
**Recorder Group** **Badminton Club** **Table Tennis Club**  
*Community Services* **Golf Club** **Fishing Club**  
**Comenius Project** **Health & Fitness** **Debating Society** **Hockey**  
**MOUNTAIN BIKING** **Running Club** **Minecraft**  
**ICT Club** *Cricket Club* *Music Group*  
**Cookery Club** **Soccer Club**  
**Futsal** **French Club** **Art Club**







# Facilities

## School Facilities

- General classrooms, all with IT facilities
- 4 Art Studios
- Ceramics Area
- Sixth Form Art Studio
- 12 room Music Suite
- Recording Studios
- Keyboard Studio
- Specialist Geography classrooms
- Specialist History classrooms
- Specialist Travel and Tourism suite
- Media Studies suite with editing facilities
- Performing Arts Theatre
- School Library incorporating a Careers Library
- Careers suite with guidance interview room
- Conference facilities
- 5 room Home Economics suite
- 7 Science Laboratories
- Greenhouse
- Outside Learning Area
- School Gardens
- Extensive Learning Support suite
- Youth Centre
- Health & Community Suite
- Youth Club Facilities

## Technology and Engineering Facilities

- 5 Manufacturing rooms
- 5 Planning rooms

## ICT Facilities

- 12 ICT suites with the latest technology and software
- Interactive whiteboards or digital screens in every classroom
- All classrooms have use of computers and laptops
- Wide range of PCs, Apple Mac computers, laptops and tablet devices in use throughout the school
- Wi-Fi throughout the school

## Sixth Form Facilities

- Extensive supervised study area with computer suite
- Recreation area with kitchen facilities
- Wi-Fi access
- Lockers



## Sports Facilities

- 6 court Sports Hall
- Gymnasium
- Fully equipped high spec Fitness Suite
- Extensive changing facilities
- Floodlit 3G Football Pitch
- 2G Football Pitch
- Astro-turf Hockey Pitch
- Rugby Pitch
- Athletics arena with 400m Tartan Running Track
- Sports Pavilion











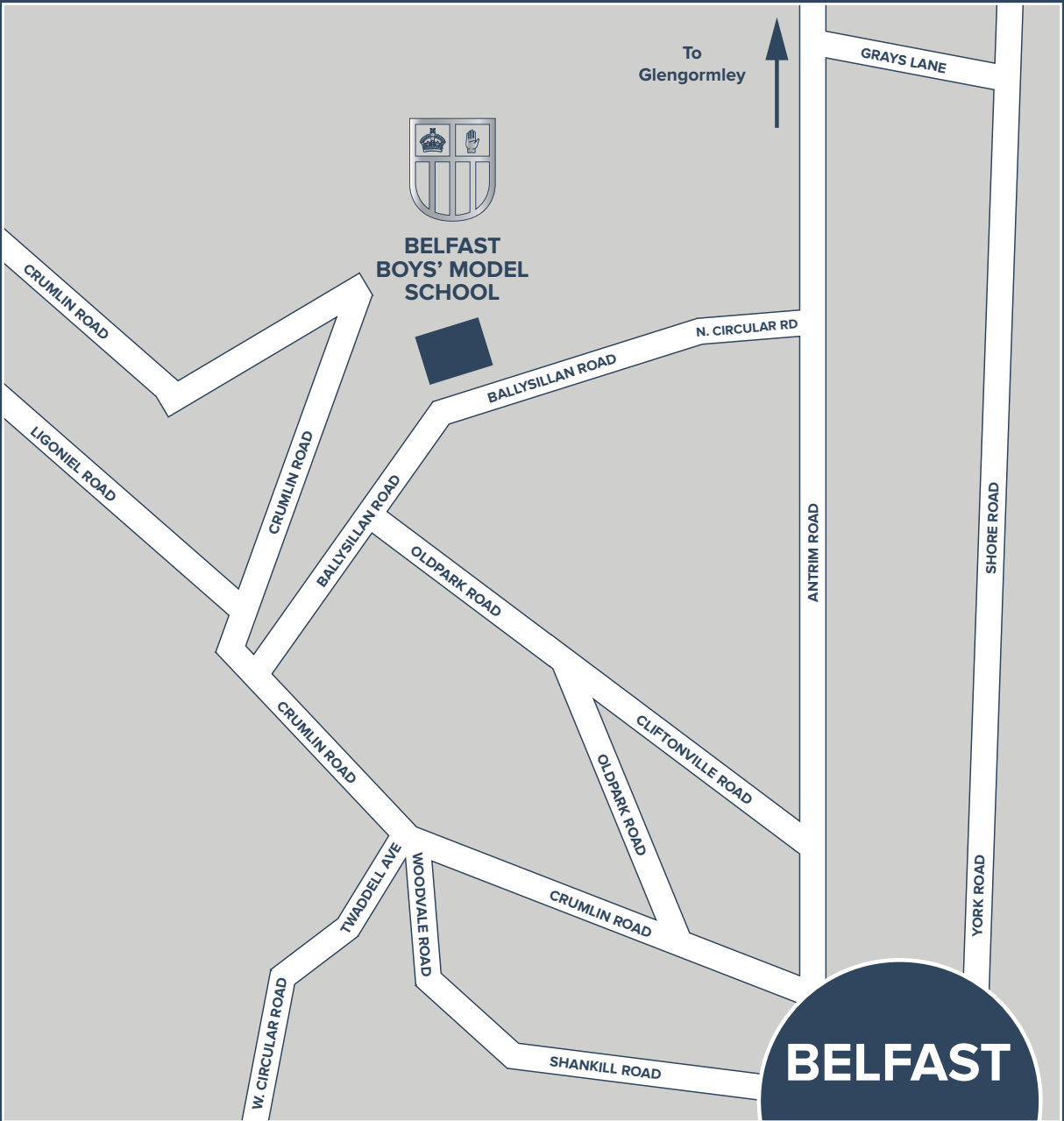


## School Details

<b>Age range</b>	11 – 18
<b>Enrolment</b>	1100
<b>Admission</b>	200
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