



Extra-Curricular

“A broad educational experience which will enrich interests and leisure for life”

Art

All junior pupils follow a varied art course and Art is a popular choice for GCSE, AS and A2 level. Post GCSE courses are enhanced for many by the study of History and Appreciation of Art which is also available to students with no practical artistic skills. Interest in specialised skills is developed at this stage, e.g. ceramics, textiles, pottery, painting and drawing technique. The school has an active Art Historical Society that regularly presents talks on the work of major Art practitioners. Trips are frequently arranged to galleries and students also benefit from visits by practising artists, designers and sculptors. The Art Department also joins with the Drama and Music Departments to help produce school musicals or plays.

Music

In the Junior School students follow a varied curriculum which develops listening, composing and performing skills. As a Specialist School for Music with PE, the subject is a popular choice for students at GCSE, AS and A level and prepares pupils for a wide choice of careers. Tuition is available for a full range of orchestral instruments as well as voice, piano and traditional instruments. Pupils are entered for practical and theory exams through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and for various festivals. Extra-curricular activities include Senior and Training orchestras, Senior, Junior and Chamber choirs, Jazz, Traditional and Barbershop groups as well as

numerous other ensembles which girls may join as they reach the required standards. Each year the Music Department undertakes a full and challenging programme of concerts and recitals as well as taking advantage of many other performing opportunities including open nights, liturgical functions and other events. Singers and musicians regularly appear at community and charitable events and have performed on television and radio. Musical productions are also staged in conjunction with the Drama Department.

Drama

Drama plays an integral part in the life of the school as part of the junior English curriculum, at GCSE and A level and as an extra curricular activity. Pupils grow in confidence and self-assurance as a result of studying the subject and they enjoy the opportunity to develop and experience a range of theatrical skills. These include stage management, lighting, sound, set design and costume. The frequent theatre trips organised by the department also increase the students’ appreciation of drama and often inspire them to follow a career in this art form. School productions, examination pieces and junior performances all offer parents the opportunity to witness for themselves the wealth of dramatic talent within the school.

Physical Education and Leisure

Sport plays a major role in the life of Assumption Grammar School both as an integral part of the curriculum and as an extra-curricular activity.

Presently our facilities include a new Sports Hall accommodating 4 badminton courts, an international size netball and basketball court, a modern fitness suite and dance studio.

Our outdoor facilities also include a camogie/gaelic pitch, a 3rd generation floodlit pitch and 2 full sized netball courts/tennis courts.

Activities offered at KS3 are: dance, gymnastics, netball, camogie, swimming, athletics, cross-country, health related PE, minor games and tennis.



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Activities offered at KS4 are: badminton, volleyball, dance, health-related PE which includes use of the fitness suite.

The Year 13 pupils have the opportunity to participate in Leisure Studies as part of the Enrichment Programme. One of the aims of this module is to give the pupils the chance to experience a range of activities in which they can participate outside of school and after they leave school. These include yoga, boxercise, dance, hip hop and the facilities of the fitness suite.

Physical Education is also offered as a GCSE subject and our results speak for themselves.

A level PE has now been introduced to the curriculum.

The PE Extra – Curricular Programme includes:

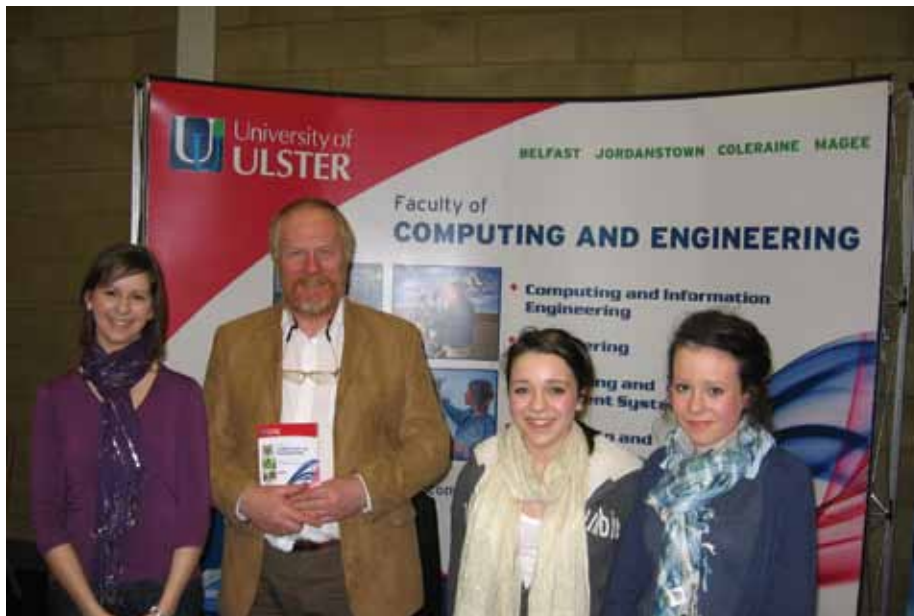
- Netball
- Camogie
- Gaelic Football
- Cross-country
- Show Jumping
- Athletics
- Handball
- Dance - Aerobics
- Dance - Hip-Hop
- Skiing

Extra-Curricular Activities

The wide range of Extra-Curricular activities within the school gives pupils the opportunity to pursue their personal interests as well as acquiring new skills and self confidence.

These activities include:

- Geography Society
- Public Speaking Society
- Drama Club
- Junior and Senior Orchestras
- Junior and Senior Irish Traditional Groups
- Junior and Senior School Choirs
- Chamber Choir
- Chamber Ensembles
- Jazz Band
- Barbershop Octet
- Art History Society
- Pioneer Society
- Politics Society
- Junior Library Book Club
- Science Club



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Science Club in our Greenhouse