

# Spiritual Education

*“The Glory of God is Man Fully Alive” St Irenaeus*



*Assumption and Down High pupils helping out in India with 'Saphara'*

In Assumption Grammar School we aim to nurture and develop the faith which has been handed on at home and through the community of the church. Our primary objective is to lead our students to a deeper and more active and personal faith. Our aim is to help them relate their faith to everyday life through a Christian vision of the world.

A comprehensive programme of Religious Education has been developed to meet the needs of our pupils. Throughout their faith journey, they are introduced by their teachers to Christian revelation. They are led to an understanding of the world and God's creation, of the sacredness of life, of their uniqueness and dignity, of their vocation in Christ and of how to fulfil that vocation. They are assisted

in expressing their faith and nourishing it through daily assemblies, the celebration of Mass on various occasions throughout the year, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and Scripture groups in Advent and Lent and on annual retreat for each year group.

The school places Christ at its centre, creating an environment where individuals are valued and their dignity respected. It seeks to promote an atmosphere of love, respect for others, compassion and forgiveness. It also endeavours to create in our students an awareness, sensitivity and respect for people with different beliefs and cultures.

Our school Oratory is designed as an oasis of peace and calm for our staff and students.



Knockevin School, Downpatrick perform at the Waterfront Hall

# A School at the Heart of the Community



*Primary Schools pupils pictured at an event organised by our young sports leaders*

Since being awarded Specialist Status in 2009, Assumption has forged links with local Primary and Post- Primary Schools in curricular and extra-curricular areas.

Assumption delivers Music tuition in five Primary schools and a highlight of our school calendar is the Primary School Choir of the Year Competition. We also offer Fast Track Music GCSE to post primaries and the results so far have been excellent. In PE, links have been established with Saintfield High, Ballynahinch High and St Colman's through a Sports' Leader Accredited Course delivered in Assumption by the Head of PE and a Sports' Development Officer from the SEELB. In conjunction with Sports NI, the Assumption PE Department has also included local post primaries in a Gifted and Talented Programme in Orienteering. The sport of Olympic Handball has also been introduced through a series of events held in Assumption's outstanding Sports facilities. These facilities and other resources are available for the use of local schools, with The High School Ballynahinch currently availing of our pitch for Hockey.



*Assumption hosts the Liverpool Football Academy*

At Post 16, Assumption offers a variety of subjects to Sixth Form boys and girls from St Colman's. Subjects studied include History, Psychology, Art History, Mathematics and Government and Politics. Assumption pupils also benefit from studying Health and Social Care with St Colman's.

*Power Soccer in our Sports Hall*



*Pupils from the Ballynahinch Learning Community receive their Sports Leader Awards*



*Local Primary School pupils enjoy "The Sound of Music"*



*A workshop in Japanese woodblock printing for local Secondary Schools*



*Assumption hosts "Primary School Choir of the Year"*



# Educational Trips



