

Causeway Academy

A new co-educational, 11-18, all ability
Controlled Integrated School

Opening 1 September 2026

Principal Designate: Ms RM Harkness

An exciting new chapter in education in the Causeway area has already commenced as we work towards the opening of Causeway Academy on 1 September 2026. Our new 11-18 Controlled Integrated School will bring together the best of Coleraine College, Dunluce School and North Coast Integrated College in partnership with Ulster University to create a unique and dynamic learning environment for all students.



Students that are enrolled in Coleraine College, Dunluce School and North Coast Integrated College will have the opportunity to automatically transfer across to Causeway Academy. Here, they will continue with their education with access to a broad range of subjects that cater for the needs of all students at Key Stage 3 and 4 and Sixth Form. This will be complemented by a vibrant extra-curricular programme. Importantly, the school will cater for the needs of students with statements of Special Educational Needs.

Ms. Harkness, Principal of Causeway Academy, is enthusiastic about the journey ahead and the opportunities it brings for all students in the Causeway area. The needs and interests of every student will be met at Causeway Academy, with the overall aim of fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. The care and welfare of all students will be at the very centre of everything the school does.

Ms. Harkness is particularly keen for all students within the catchment area to be part of the Causeway Academy. In time, there will be an extensive programme for all prospective students to visit the new school to support their transition.

Site for Causeway Academy

Following on from the Department of Education (DE) decision to approve the development and establish Causeway Academy, the Education Authority (EA) are working closely with DE to confirm a site in early 2025. The interim Board of Governors, along with EA, Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC), Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) have stated that their preferred site would be Lodge Road (previously occupied by Coleraine Grammar and previous to that, Coleraine High School). Work is ongoing in this area.

Communication

We would like to keep you updated on our progress and will provide termly newsletters that will be shared with Primary Schools along with parents and students of Coleraine College, Dunluce School and North Coast Integrated College. A webpage will also be available in early 2025 to support communication.

Branding

As part of our new school there will be a new school badge, logo, school uniform and PE kit. I look forward to working with students, staff, parents, governors and suppliers to develop this key area.