

Causeway Academy

Newsletter 4 - October 2025

Dear Parents,
Students, and
Community Members,

As we look ahead to the opening of Causeway Academy on **1 September 2026**, I'm pleased to share an important update regarding our site arrangements and how these will support every student's learning journey.

To ensure a smooth transition, Causeway Academy will open across all three existing school sites. This approach has been carefully designed to ensure continuity, stability, and the best possible outcomes for all learners.

Here's what this means for September 2026:

To ensure a smooth and supportive transition, we will adopt the following plan

- **Key Stage 3 students (Years 8-10) will begin their journey** in Causeway Academy at the **Carthall Road Campus** (previously known as Coleraine College)
- A brand-new **Sixth Form (Year 13)** will be launched at the **Cloyfin Campus** (previously known as North Coast Integrated College)
- **Years 11 and 12** and **Year 14** will remain on the campus of their legacy school (Dunluce School, Coleraine College, or North Coast Integrated College) to complete their studies and examinations without disruption.

The Academy will operate across three campuses during this transition:

- Carthall Campus (previously known as Coleraine College)
- Bushmills Campus (previously known as Dunluce School)
- Cloyfin Campus (previously known as North Coast Integrated College)

This approach reflects our commitment to putting students first. It allows us to preserve the strengths of each existing site while building a unified Causeway Academy identity. Most importantly, it ensures that every young person receives the support, stability, and opportunity they deserve.

What is Causeway Academy

Causeway Academy will be a non-selective, Controlled Integrated school for students aged 11 to 18, with a strong focus on academic excellence, inclusion, and innovation. We are proud to be partnering with Ulster University, which will bring exciting opportunities for collaboration and enrichment.

Admissions Number:
170 students per year

Total Enrolment:
Up to 1,000 students

Location:
Carthall Campus, Coleraine
Bushmills Campus, Bushmills
Cloyfin Campus, Coleraine



A Message from the Principal

We are really excited about the opening of Causeway Academy. This approach provides a unique opportunity to start with Key Stage 3 while also allowing students to complete their examinations on the campus of their legacy school. We want to ensure continuity, care, and the highest standards of education for all.

We understand that change can bring questions, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we are building something truly special, a school where every student can thrive.

Warm regards,

Ruth Harkness

Principal Designate, Causeway Academy



What's Next?

We are keen to meet all students and parents/carers, the following initial events have been scheduled:

Initial dates for your diary:

Monday 3 November

Information event for Year 10 & 11 students & parents/carers of Dunluce School

- Dunluce School
- 6.30pm start

Tuesday 4 November

Information event for Year 10, 11 & 14 students & parents/carers of North Coast Integrated College

- North Coast Integrated College
- 6.30pm start

Wednesday 5 November

Information event for Year 10 & 11 students & parents/carers of Coleraine College

- Coleraine College
- 7.45pm start

Wednesday 5 November

For current Year 8 & Year 9 students from Dunluce School, Coleraine College & North Coast Integrated College

- Coleraine College
- 6.30pm start

Thursday 6 November

Primary 6 & 7 early Open evening event for all feeder primary school students & parents/carers

- Coleraine College
- 6.30pm start

Current **Year 12** students and their parents/carers will be invited to a **Sixth Form Open Evening in Term 2.**

Additional information:

We will communicate in the coming weeks about:

- Branding & uniform for Causeway Academy
- How to apply and key dates for admissions

We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way, if you would like to reach out please make contact via: info@causewayacademy.coleraine.ni.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support as we build a school that reflects the values and aspirations of our entire community.