



# Newry & Mourne Area Learning Community

The ALC has been established to develop and enhance post-primary education provision in the area it serves in a manner which promotes a culture of collaboration and respect for cultural diversity.

the area, developing an agreed framework of educational provision which provides equality of opportunity for achievement and progression and an agreed framework of holistic education.

Whilst the Community recognises the autonomy and ethos of the individual schools, the education providers of the area will progress the aspirations of the Entitlement Framework and support the implementation of the Community's strategic planning.

The Community's strategic intent is to act as advocate for all of the young people of



Abbey Grammar School



Kilkeel High School



Newry High School



Newtownhamilton High School



Our Lady's Grammar School



Rathore School

A Chance For All



Sacred Heart Grammar School



Southern Regional College



St Colman's College



St Columban's College



St Joseph's Boys High School



St Joseph's High School



St Louis Grammar School



St Mark's High School



St Mary's High School



St Paul's High School

“ I was made to feel very welcome by the staff and students in our partner school, I would definitely say that I feel very comfortable attending classes there and would recommend other students to opt for collaborative subjects! ”

“ Had it not been for the collaborative option block, I would not have been able to study a subject which I really love, I really appreciated the opportunity to access this subject in a different educational establishment! ”



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- ▶ **Enhanced curricular offer for all students**
- ▶ **Cultural enrichment**
- ▶ **Respect and equality for all**
- ▶ **Empowerment of students to achieve their goals and chart their own educational path**
- ▶ **Friendship building**

“ The collaborative class has enabled me to meet new friends and learn in a fresh and innovative way! ”

“ The variation of teaching techniques and being able to use new resources has been exciting and made the transition easier for me! ”

“ Relationships between educational establishments in our Area Learning Community have been greatly enhanced as a result of the increased partnership working. We are committed to working together to improve the educational opportunities for all students in this area! ”

“ I really don't mind travelling to another school because it will serve as a good preparation for moving on to third level education in a couple of years – it empowers you to move beyond your 'comfort zone'! ”

“ The department of Education has established an Entitlement Framework for pupils at GCSE and A level. They require pupils to have access to a wide range of academic and applied or vocational subjects. ”

“ I was amazed at how well the students mixed, from the beginning of the course they have embraced the notion of collaboration and they have built firm friendships with each other. If it weren't for the uniforms, it would be hard to distinguish any difference between the group! ”