



St Mary's College  
Lisneal College  
Ebrington Primary School  
Holy Child Primary School



# Sharing Learning - Derry/Londonderry

- Over 250 pupils with access to KS2 Science
- Over 300 pupils sharing KS3 Citizenship Classes
- Over 250 pupils taking part in "Saturday School" additional tuition

The Sharing Learning partnership provides learning opportunities for pupils in Derry/Londonderry, specifically in relation to Science and Citizenship at KS2/3. The partnership has introduced new methodologies for the provision of collaborative science classes and has also developed a very strong partnership with Lisneal College.

The benefits of this partnership extend beyond the provision of shared classes to the formation of mutually beneficial institutional links. In addition to this the post primary schools now provide parent evenings on a shared basis and are exploring means of formalising the relationship between the PTAs.



**Learning Focus:** The partnership has developed innovative and easily replicable methodologies for the provision of KS2 Science.

Over the course of the programme over 250 pupils have benefited from these classes, engaging in a vital aspect of the curriculum that would not have been possible without the support provided by St. Mary's.

Pupils from 3 local primary schools attended a weekly class in a local community centre, classes were delivered by a St. Mary's teacher using a audio visual equipment, facilitated by teachers and class room assistants from the Primary Schools. (cont...)

Over the course of the programme St. Mary's College and Lisneal College have developed a ground breaking relationship between the two schools, leading to increased effectiveness in the provision of the Citizenship aspect of the KS3 Curriculum. Pupils from Years 1 – 3 attend shared classes on an alternate basis at the two campuses, by examining issues regarding their own backgrounds and experiences the pupils fully engage with the areas covered by the curriculum in ways that are highly relevant to their daily experiences.



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 College, which is a Specialist School for Science. Classes used the practical aspects of the curriculum to engage the children who are placed in small groups at the start of each lesson. The classes are delivered through the use of audio visual technology, including a big screen in order to provide guidance for the pupils, teaching staff and class room assistants from the Primary Schools provide assistance.

### KS2 Primary Science

**Classes:** Pupils from Ebrington, Holy Child and Belloughry Primary Schools attend weekly science classes hosted by staff from St. Mary's

The provision of shared Saturday classes at St. Mary's College allows pupils to benefit from a range of activities including additional curricular support for KS3/KS4 pupils and extra-curricular activities.

**KS3 Citizenship:** Pupils from St. Mary's College and Lisneal College benefit from weekly shared classes in KS3 Citizenship, there a number of pupils taking part in shared KS3 citizenship classes who initially came into contact through their involvement in the weekly KS2 science classes. The post-primary citizenship activities between pupils from St. Mary's and Lisneal College have also been particularly successful. The success of this relationship has led to increased parent participation, including shared parent evenings and joint fund raising activities. The PTAs from each of the schools are currently examining means of forming closer links.



**Saturday School:** The aim of the Saturday school is to raise the aspirations of the participants and to encourage them to view university as 'the next step' after school. During the Saturday school participants have the opportunity to follow academic courses in ICT /Technology / Science as well as courses in dance / crafts. In addition to this additional literacy and numeracy support is offered to KS3 and 4 pupils. These aspects of the summer school are supported by a number of shared extra-curricular activities that run throughout the duration of the programme.