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**OF**

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**METHODIST COLLEGE BELFAST**

**SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019**

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## Membership of the Board of Governors (September 2018)

Mr M Humphreys <sup>3</sup> (2021) Chairman  
Rev JM Unsworth <sup>1</sup> (2019) Ministerial Secretary, Vice Chair  
Mrs E Shaw <sup>2</sup> (2021) Lay Secretary  
Mr E Bell <sup>1</sup> (2020) Treasurer, Convener of the Finance Committee  
Rev W Davison <sup>1</sup> President  
Rev JD Alderdice <sup>1</sup> (2020)  
Mrs SP Bret <sup>2</sup> (2021)  
Rev DA Campton <sup>1</sup> (2020)  
Dr M Harriott <sup>2</sup> (2021)  
Mr T Haslett <sup>2</sup> (2021)  
Mr T Lowry <sup>3</sup> (2021)  
Mr M McElhinney <sup>1</sup> (2019)  
Mrs H McHugh <sup>1</sup> (2019)  
Rev Dr T McKnight Ex-officio  
Miss O Moore <sup>4</sup> (2021)  
Mrs J Rainey <sup>1</sup> (2020)  
Professor Sir D Rea <sup>1</sup> (2021)  
Mrs C Ryden <sup>3</sup> (2021)  
Prof WA Strong <sup>1</sup> (2020)  
The Principal (*ex officio, non-voting*)

<sup>1</sup> Appointed by the Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland

<sup>2</sup> Appointed by the Department of Education

<sup>3</sup> Elected by parents

<sup>4</sup> Elected by the teaching staff

<sup>5</sup> Co-opted member

*Dates in brackets indicate the year at the end of which a Governor's period of office is concluded, except for those appointed by the Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland whose period of office ends in June of the year stated.*

**ENROLMENTS (2018-2019)****Preparatory Department**

(Downey House &amp; Fullerton House)

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
37	27	40	43	44	30	49	270

**Secondary Department**

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14	Total
246	241	255	253	257	277	259	1788

**Overall Total: 2058**

**SUBJECTS OFFERED AT GCSE, AS AND A LEVEL (2018-2019)**

<b>GCSE Level</b>	<b>AS Level</b>	<b>A-Level</b>
Art & Design	Art & Design	Art & Design
Biology	Biology	Biology
Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies
Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation
Digital Technology	Computer Science	Computer Science
Drama	Digital Technology	Digital Technology
Economics	Drama & Theatre Studies	Drama & Theatre Studies
Engineering & Manufacturing	Economics	Economics
English & English Literature	English Literature	English Literature
French	Environmental Technology	Environmental Technology
Further Maths	French	French
Geography	Further Mathematics	Further Mathematics
Geology	Geography	Geography
German	Geology	Geology
History	German	German
Food & Nutrition	Government & Politics	Government & Politics
Latin	Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care
Learning for Life & Work	History	History
Mathematics	Latin	Nutrition & Food Science
Moving Image Arts	Life & Health Sciences	Mathematics
Music	Mathematics	Moving Image Arts
Physical Education	Media Studies	Music
Physics	Moving Image Arts	Physical Education
Religious Education	Music	Physics
Russian	Nutrition & Food Science	Psychology
Science	Physics	Religious Studies
Spanish	Professional Business Studies	Russian
Technology & Design	Psychology	Spanish
	Religious Studies	Technology & Design
	Russian	
	Spanish	
	Technology & Design	

Other subjects offered in the Sixth Form (2018-2019)

Arabic

Philosophy

Mandarin

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS, LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS, AND RATE (2018-2019)**
**Form 5 (Year 12 ) – GCSE**
**GCSE Examinations**

Number entered		number achieving (a) male (b) female (c) total										
		Grades A* - C						Grades A* - G				
		7+			5+			5+			1 - 4	
(a)	128	(a)	118	92.2%	(a)	124	96.9%	(a)	127	99.2%	(a)	0
(b)	127	(b)	124	97.6%	(b)	126	99.2%	(b)	127	100%	(b)	0
(c)	255	(c)	242	94.9%	(c)	250	98%	(c)	254	99.6%	(c)	0

**Form U6 (Year 14) - AS & A Level**

AS Levels			A Level							
			number achieving (a) male (b) female (c) total							
No. of subjects/ vocational areas	No. in final year of course	No achieving 1+ Grades at A - E	No. in final year of course		Number achieving					
					3+ Grades A - C			2+ Grades A – E		
31	7	7	(a)	135	(a)	110	81.48%	(a)	134	99.26%
			(b)	123	(b)	99	80.49%	(b)	123	100%
			(c)	258	(c)	209	81%	(c)	257	99.6%

**Leavers' destinations**
**(a) male (b) female (c) total**

No. of leavers		HE			FE			Another School			Employment			Other/Unknown		
(a)	155	(a)	105	35.71%	(a)	20	3.80%	(a)	5	1.70%	(a)	6	2.04%	(a)	19	6.46%
(b)	139	(b)	88	29.93%	(b)	17	5.78%	(b)	12	4.08%	(b)	2	0.68%	(b)	20	6.80%
(c)	294	(c)	193	65.64%	(c)	37	12.59%	(c)	17	5.78%	(c)	8	2.72%	(c)	39	13.27

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

No. of possible attendance sessions	No. of sessions attended	% attendance
661956	625288	94.46%

Distribution of U6th A2 Grades by Subject for 2019

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	entries A*-E
<b>Art &amp; Design</b> %	6 46.2	3 23.1	2 15.4	2 15.4	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	13 100.0
<b>Biology</b> %	16 18.4	25 28.7	21 24.1	19 21.8	6 6.9	0 0.0	0 0.0	87 100.0
<b>Business Studies</b> %	4 10.8	4 10.8	23 62.2	6 16.2	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	37 100.0
<b>Chemistry</b> %	14 16.7	31 36.9	18 21.4	14 16.7	2 2.4	4 4.8	1 1.2	84 98.8
<b>Classical Civ</b> %	0 0.0	1 14.3	4 57.1	1 14.3	0 0.0	1 14.3	0 0.0	7 100.0
<b>Computer Studies</b> %	0 0.0	1 20.0	1 20.0	0 0.0	1 20.0	1 20.0	1 20.0	5 80.0
<b>Design and Tech</b> %	2 20.0	3 30.0	4 40.0	1 10.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	10 100.0
<b>Drama</b> %	1 6.3	5 31.3	8 50.0	2 12.5	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	16 100.0
<b>Economics</b> %	2 6.9	7 24.1	8 27.6	8 27.6	4 13.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	29 100.0
<b>English Lit</b> %	11 20.4	11 20.4	14 25.9	9 16.7	8 14.8	1 1.9	0 0.0	54 100.0
<b>French</b> %	6 60.0	3 30.0	1 10.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	10 100.0
<b>Geography</b> %	2 3.8	12 22.6	16 30.2	16 30.2	5 9.4	2 3.8	0 0.0	53 100.0
<b>German</b> %	4 57.1	1 14.3	2 28.6	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	7 100.0
<b>HSC</b> %	0 0.0	1 14.3	5 71.4	0 0.0	1 14.3	0 0.0	0 0.0	7 100.0
<b>History</b> %	7 11.3	14 22.6	26 41.9	11 17.7	3 4.8	0 0.0	1 1.6	62 98.4
<b>Home Ec</b> %	0 0.0	3 21.4	4 28.6	5 35.7	2 14.3	0 0.0	0 0.0	14 100.0
<b>Information Tech</b> %	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 100.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 100.0
<b>IT/Art</b> %	1 8.3	3 25.0	8 66.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	12 100.0
<b>Latin</b> %	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 25.0	2 50.0	1 25.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	4 100.0
<b>Mathematics</b> %	17 15.9	44 41.1	22 20.6	14 13.1	8 7.5	1 0.9	1 0.9	107 99.1
<b>Math Further</b> %	7 53.8	1 7.7	3 23.1	1 7.7	0 0.0	1 7.7	0 0.0	13 100.0
<b>Music</b> %	1 25.0	2 50.0	1 25.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	4 100.0
<b>Physics</b> %	6 20.0	7 23.3	10 33.3	3 10.0	2 6.7	1 3.3	1 3.3	30 96.7
<b>Politics</b> %	5 11.6	13 30.2	11 25.6	13 30.2	0 0.0	1 2.3	0 0.0	43 100.0
<b>Psychology</b> %	3 9.7	1 3.2	8 25.8	11 35.5	5 16.1	3 9.7	0 0.0	31 100.0
<b>Religious Studies</b> %	1 5.6	8 44.4	6 33.3	3 16.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	18 100.0
<b>Russian</b> %	1 25.0	2 50.0	1 25.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	4 100.0
<b>Environmental</b> %	0 0.0	2 18.2	5 45.5	3 27.3	1 9.1	0 0.0	0 0.0	11 100.0
<b>Science: Geology</b> %	0 0.0	1 33.3	1 33.3	0 0.0	1 33.3	0 0.0	0 0.0	3 100.0
<b>Spanish</b> %	1 6.7	4 26.7	6 40.0	4 26.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	15 100.0
<b>Total</b> %	118 14.9	213 26.9	240 30.3	148 18.7	51 6.4	16 2.0	5 0.6	791 99.4

### **A LEVEL RESULTS 2015-2019**

#### PAPERS AND GRADES OBTAINED

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	TOTAL
2015	117	217	226	123	64	24	3	774
2016	77	243	208	138	62	18	5	751
2017	121	206	245	127	39	9	3	750
2018	105	208	250	136	46	25	10	780
2019	118	213	240	148	51	16	5	791

#### PERCENTAGE OF GRADES OBTAINED TO TOTAL NUMBER

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
2015	15.10	28.00	29.20	15.90	8.30	3.10	0.40
2016	10.25	32.36	27.70	18.38	8.26	2.40	0.67
2017	16.17	27.47	32.67	16.93	5.20	1.20	0.40
2018	13.5	26.7	32.1	17.4	5.9	3.2	1.3
2019	14.90	26.90	30.30	18.70	6.40	2.00	0.6

#### CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF GRADES OBTAINED TO TOTAL NUMBER

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
2015	15.10	43.20	72.40	88.20	96.50	99.60	0.40
2016	10.25	42.61	70.31	88.68	96.94	99.33	0.67
2017	16.17	43.60	76.27	93.20	98.40	99.60	0.40
2018	13.5	40.2	72.3	89.7	95.6	98.8	1.3
2019	14.90	41.80	72.10	90.85	97.20	99.20	0.6

#### NUMBER OF PUPILS WITH THREE OR MORE A\*/A' GRADES

2015	64
2016	55
2017	61
2018	63
2019	64



Distribution of AS Grades by Subject for 2019 (A=5,B=4,C=3,D=2, E=1)

	A	B	C	D	E	U	entries A-E
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	7	0	1	3	0	0	11
%	63.6	0.0	9.1	27.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Biology</b>	43	23	18	13	11	1	109
%	39.4	21.1	16.5	11.9	10.1	0.9	99.1
<b>Business Studies</b>	19	11	7	6	2	0	45
%	42.2	24.4	15.6	13.3	4.4	0.0	100.0
<b>Chemistry</b>	38	29	15	9	7	1	99
%	38.4	29.3	15.2	9.1	7.1	1.0	99.0
<b>Design and Tech</b>	10	2	4	1	1	0	18
%	55.6	11.1	22.2	5.6	5.6	0.0	100.0
<b>Economics</b>	11	5	6	4	3	2	31
%	35.5	16.1	19.4	12.9	9.7	6.5	93.5
<b>English Lit</b>	13	14	10	3	0	0	40
%	32.5	35.0	25.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>French</b>	8	3	3	0	0	1	15
%	53.3	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	93.3
<b>Geography</b>	16	17	13	2	0	1	49
%	32.7	34.7	26.5	4.1	0.0	2.0	98.0
<b>German</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
%	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>HSC</b>	4	4	3	1	0	0	12
%	33.3	33.3	25.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>History</b>	17	13	7	6	2	1	46
%	37.0	28.3	15.2	13.0	4.3	2.2	97.8
<b>Home Ec</b>	6	1	1	0	0	0	8
%	75.0	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Information Tech</b>	0	1	5	3	1	4	14
%	0.0	7.1	35.7	21.4	7.1	28.6	71.4
<b>IT/Art</b>	2	3	1	0	0	0	6
%	33.3	50.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Maths</b>	85	19	13	6	2	4	129
%	65.9	14.7	10.1	4.7	1.6	3.1	96.9
<b>Music</b>	4	6	0	0	0	0	10
%	40.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Physics</b>	30	12	9	6	3	7	67
%	44.8	17.9	13.4	9.0	4.5	10.4	89.6
<b>Politics</b>	11	9	10	3	3	0	36
%	30.6	25.0	27.8	8.3	8.3	0.0	100.0
<b>Religious Studies</b>	8	6	7	1	0	1	23
%	34.8	26.1	30.4	4.3	0.0	4.3	95.7
<b>Environmental</b>	1	7	4	1	0	0	13
%	7.7	53.8	30.8	7.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Spanish</b>	3	6	4	0	0	0	13
%	23.1	46.2	30.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>796</b>
%	<b>42.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>97.1</b>

# **AS LEVEL RESULTS 2015 - 2019**

## **PAPERS AND GRADES OBTAINED**

	A	B	C	D	E	U	TOTAL
2015	357	247	204	113	70	41	1032
2016	356	271	189	86	40	24	966
2017	311	231	187	112	60	32	933
2018	356	187	144	76	17	13	793
2019	337	192	141	68	35	23	796

## **PERCENTAGE OF GRADES OBTAINED TO TOTAL NUMBER**

	A	B	C	D	E	U
2015	34.60	23.93	19.80	10.95	6.80	3.97
2016	36.85	28.05	19.57	8.90	4.14	2.48
2017	33.33	24.76	20.04	12.00	6.43	3.43
2018	44.9	23.6	18.2	9.6	2.1	1.6
2019	42.30	24.10	17.70	8.50	4.40	2.90

## **CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF GRADES OBTAINED TO TOTAL NUMBER**

	A	AB	ABC	ABCD	ABCDE	U
2015	34.60	58.53	78.20	89.24	96.03	3.97
2016	36.85	64.91	84.47	93.37	97.52	2.48
2017	33.33	58.09	78.14	90.14	96.57	3.43
2018	44.9	68.5	86.7	96.3	98.4	1.6
2019	42.30	66.40	84.10	92.60	97.00	2.90

## **NUMBER OF PUPILS WITH THREE OR MORE 'A' GRADES**

2015	59
2016	65
2017	50
2018	66
2019	53

Distribution of Form 5 GCSE Grades by Subject for 2019

	A*	A	B	C*	C	D	E	F	G	U	Entries A*- C
<b>Arabic</b> %	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 100.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 100.0
<b>Art &amp; Design</b> %	10 31.3	11 34.4	6 18.8	3 9.4	1 3.1	0 0.0	1 3.1	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	32 96.9
<b>Biology</b> %	52 23.7	62 28.3	61 27.9	31 14.2	9 4.1	4 1.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	219 98.2
<b>Business Studies</b> %	9 13.2	17 25.0	19 27.9	10 14.7	11 16.2	2 2.9	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	68 97.1
<b>Chemistry</b> %	59 31.7	58 31.2	30 16.1	18 9.7	11 5.9	5 2.7	4 2.2	1 0.5	0 0.0	0 0.0	186 94.6
<b>Class. Civilisation</b> %	3 18.8	4 25.0	1 6.3	2 12.5	4 25.0	1 6.3	1 6.3	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	16 87.5
<b>Design and Tech</b> %	4 11.8	6 17.6	9 26.5	2 5.9	9 26.5	0 0.0	2 5.9	2 5.9	0 0.0	0 0.0	34 88.2
<b>Economics</b> %	2 13.3	6 40.0	5 33.3	2 13.3	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	15 100.0
<b>Engineering</b> %	0 0.0	0 0.0	2 13.3	4 26.7	4 26.7	4 26.7	1 6.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	15 66.7
<b>English Language</b> %	41 16.1	115 45.3	67 26.4	20 7.9	8 3.1	1 0.4	1 0.4	1 0.4	0 0.0	0 0.0	254 98.8
<b>English Literature</b> %	72 28.3	74 29.1	63 24.8	21 8.3	15 5.9	6 2.4	2 0.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 0.4	254 96.5
<b>French</b> %	8 10.7	32 42.7	15 20.0	9 12.0	7 9.3	3 4.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 1.3	75 94.7
<b>Geography</b> %	7 6.7	44 42.3	20 19.2	16 15.4	7 6.7	5 4.8	3 2.9	1 1.0	1 1.0	0 0.0	104 90.4
<b>German</b> %	0 0.0	6 14.3	5 11.9	5 11.9	17 40.5	7 16.7	2 4.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	42 78.6
<b>History</b> %	35 35.7	29 29.6	21 21.4	9 9.2	2 2.0	1 1.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 1.0	98 98.0
<b>Home Ec</b> %	11 33.3	12 36.4	6 18.2	2 6.1	2 6.1	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	33 100.0
<b>Information Tech</b> %	5 16.1	12 38.7	5 16.1	2 6.5	4 12.9	3 9.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	31 90.3
<b>IT/Art</b> %	1 7.7	4 30.8	2 15.4	5 38.5	1 7.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	13 100.0
<b>Latin</b> %	15 40.5	14 37.8	3 8.1	2 5.4	3 8.1	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	37 100.0
<b>Mathematics</b> %	80 31.4	111 43.5	40 15.7	18 7.1	4 1.6	2 0.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	255 99.2
<b>Maths Further</b> %	48 44.0	51 46.8	7 6.4	3 2.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	109 100.0
<b>Music</b> %	14 66.7	7 33.3	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	21 100.0
<b>Performing Arts</b> %	7 28.0	11 44.0	4 16.0	3 12.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	25 100.0
<b>PSE</b> %	1 5.9	12 70.6	4 23.5	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	17 100.0
<b>Physics</b> %	61 37.7	45 27.8	34 21.0	17 10.5	3 1.9	1 0.6	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 0.6	0 0.0	162 98.8
<b>Religious Studies</b> %	69 27.7	101 40.6	43 17.3	16 6.4	11 4.4	3 1.2	3 1.2	3 1.2	0 0.0	0 0.0	249 96.4
<b>Religious Studies SC</b> %	1 50.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 50.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	2 50.0
<b>Russian</b> %	7 43.8	6 37.5	0 0.0	3 18.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	16 100.0
<b>Science: Geology</b> %	2 11.8	6 35.3	5 29.4	4 23.5	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	17 100.0
<b>Spanish</b> %	10 13.5	26 35.1	10 13.5	10 13.5	13 17.6	5 6.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	74 93.2
<b>Sport/PE</b> %	3 17.6	6 35.3	4 23.5	1 5.9	2 11.8	1 5.9	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	17 94.1
<b>Total</b> %	637 25.6	888 35.6	491 19.7	239 9.6	148 5.9	55 2.2	20 0.8	8 0.3	2 0.1	3 0.1	2491 96.5

**GCSE LEVEL RESULTS 2015 - 2019****PAPERS AND GRADES OBTAINED**

	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C*</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015	605	780	671	-	314	67	24	2	1	0	2464
2016	565	842	708	-	299	73	10	1	2	0	2500
2017	637	787	593	-	318	83	27	6	2	0	2453
2018	638	866	586	-	306	64	12	2	1	1	2476
2019	627	888	491	239	148	55	20	8	2	3	2481

**PERCENTAGE OF GRADES OBTAINED TO TOTAL NUMBER**

	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C*</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
2015	24.60	31.70	27.20	-	12.70	2.70	1.00	0.10	0.00	0.00
2016	22.60	33.68	28.32	-	11.96	2.92	0.40	0.04	0.08	0.00
2017	25.97	32.08	24.17	-	12.96	3.38	1.10	0.24	0.08	0.00
2018	25.8	35.0	23.7	-	12.40	2.6	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0
2019	25.30	35.80	19.80	9.60	6.00	2.20	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.1

**CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF GRADES OBTAINED TO TOTAL NUMBER**

	<b>A*</b>	<b>A*A</b>	<b>A*AB</b>	<b>A*ABC*</b>	<b>A*ABC</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>DEF</b>	<b>DEFG</b>	<b>DEFGU</b>
2015	24.60	56.20	83.40	-	96.20	2.70	3.70	3.80	3.80	3.80
2016	22.60	56.28	84.60	-	96.56	2.92	3.32	3.36	3.44	3.44
2017	25.97	58.05	82.23	-	95.19	3.38	4.48	4.73	4.81	4.81
2018	25.8	60.8	84.5	-	96.90	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
2019	25.30	61.10	80.90	90.50	96.50	2.2	3.00	3.30	3.40	3.50

**NUMBER OF PUPILS WITH SEVEN OR MORE A AND A\* GRADES**

2015	116
2016	112
2017	123
2018	134
2019	125

## **ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2019– KEY STAGES 1, 2 AND 3**

### Key Stage 1

% of pupils achieving	Teacher Assessment
English Level 2 or above	93.5%
English Level 3 or above	10.9%
Mathematics Level 2 or above	97.8%
Mathematics Level 3 or above	13.0%

### Key Stage 2

% of pupils achieving	Teacher Assessment
English Level 4 or above	83.7%
English Level 5 or above	22.5%
Mathematics Level 4 or above	89.8%
Mathematics Level 5 or above	38.8%

### Key Stage 3

% of pupils achieving	Teacher Assessment
English Level 5 or above	Results not entered
English Level 6 or above	Results not entered
Mathematics Level 5 or above	Results not entered
Mathematics Level 6 or above	Results not entered

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The following sporting activities are offered in the College:

Athletics Club (Boys' and Girls')	Golf Team	Squash Club
Badminton	Hockey Club (Boys' and Girls')	Swimming Club
Basketball Club (Girls')	Netball Club (Form 1, Jnr & Snr)	Tennis Club (Boys' and Girls')
Cricket Club	Rowing Club (Boys' and Girls')	Water Polo (Boys' and Girls')
Football Club (Form 5, L6th & U6th)	Rugby Club	Volleyball (Forms 4 & 5)

The following Clubs and Societies meet regularly:

African Caribbean Society	Current Affairs Society	LGBTQ+ (F4-U6)
Art Club (Junior)	Debating Society (Junior & Senior)	Model United Nations
Astronomy Club	Design Club	Modelling Club
Band	Drama (Junior & Senior)	Moneybox
Bar Mock Trial (L6th & U6th)	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	Music Society
Biology Society	Electronics/CAD Club	Natural History Film Club
Bird Watching Society	Entertainments Group	News Team
Book Group (L6th & U6th)	Equestrian Club	Orchestra (Junior & Senior)
Chess Club	Film Club	Psychology Society (L6th & U6th)
Choir (Chapel) (Forms 4-U6th)	Form and School Councils	Romania Society (Form 4 – U6th)
Choir (Girls')	Generation Innovation	Running Club
Choir (Junior & Senior)	Geography Society	Junior Russian Club
Choir (Junior Singers)	Geological Society	School Council
Christian Union (Junior & Senior)	HE+	Science Club (Junior)
Christians in Sport	Hewitt Society (L6th & U6th)	Sentinus R & D
Classics Society (Junior)	India Society	Traditional Group
Computer Club	Jazz Band	Young Enterprise (L6th)
Cookery Club (F1-F3)	Knitting Club (5th & 6th Form)	

## MAJOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS (TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL)

<b>Hockey</b>	<p>The Girls' 2nd XI won the 2nd XI Plate, while the 2BXI lifted the Gibson Cup and the U14s completed the triple win with the Junior Schools Cup. The last time the College won this cup was in 1946.</p> <p>Amy Hunter and Anna Pim represented Ulster U16, while Olivia Savage and Ella Armstrong represented Ulster u18, with Ella playing for Ireland U16 in the 6 nations Hockey Tournament in Eindhoven and Susie Loane being selected for the Ireland U17 squad. Ella was not the only Methody hockey player representing Ireland in Eindhoven as James Clarke was also selected for the national squad. Matthew Campton pulled on the Ireland jersey, not surprisingly Matthew was a regular for Ulster U18s while James played for the U16s</p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys Team qualified for the semi-finals of both the McCullough Cup and the Burney Cup and rounded off their season with a very enjoyable tour to Bath.</p>
<b>Cricket</b>	<p>It was no surprise that 6 of our players represented Ulster Schools' during the season: Daniel Humphreys, Jude Holahan, Max Lyttle, Adam Reid, James Hunter and Matthew Humphreys.</p> <p>The U13 Girls were double champions this season, they were joint winners of the Holywood CC Kwik Cricket Tournament and defeated Wallace in the final of the annual Super 8 Tournament at Friends.</p> <p>The U15 Girls retained the Cup, comfortably getting past BRA in the Semi Final before meeting Limavady for the Final. Limavady were much stiffer competition but a superb score of 96 from our Irish Academy Player, Amy Hunter brought the Cup home to Methodist College Belfast.</p>
<b>Athletics</b>	<p>This was another successful season for Athletics at MCB, with a large number of new pupils representing the college at inter schools competitions as well as our traditional showing at the Ulster schools and all Ireland schools competitions. Anna McAuley won Gold in both the Senior Girls' High Jump and the 100m Hurdles. Erin Fisher won Gold in the Senior Girls' Pole vault and Giselle Coulter won Silver in the Inter Girls' Hammer competition.</p> <p>The Junior Girls' Relay Team earned a hard fought Silver Medal which saw them qualify for the All Ireland Championships.</p> <p>In the Boys' events Ben Gillen gained bronze in the Minor 800m, Luke O'Brien won Bronze in the Junior 100m and Silver in the 200m.</p> <p>Benjamin Neill won Gold in the Junior Triple jump and Silver in the 80m hurdles. Jake Bowden won Gold in the Junior Discus with Ryan Kidd and Joshua Stevens coming first and second respectively in the Junior Hammer.</p> <p>The Mini Boys' relay team put in a fantastic performance to win Gold in their relay with the Junior boys showing great character to overcome injury and hold onto Silver in theirs. At the All Ireland championships in Tullamore, Anna and Erin repeated their success by claiming Gold in the 100m hurdles and Pole Vault.</p> <p>Luke O'Brien, Jake Bowden, Benjamin Neill, Ryan Kidd, Joshua Stevens and Jacob Kelly all put in fantastic performances to help us win the Junior Age Group. The Cup was secured with a memorable Gold in the relay.</p>
<b>Netball</b>	<p>The Seniors completed their season as runners up in the Northern Ireland Shield with the Intermediates making it to the semi-finals. The Juniors added to the silverware by winning the Northern Ireland Cup, and the minors emulated the Seniors by bringing home the Shield.</p> <p>Adriana Coulter, Ella Fennell and Sophie Fennell played for the Northern Ireland U17 Development Team. Adriana Cutrona also played for the U17s along with Sophie.</p> <p>Hollie Galbraith represented NI U17s in the European Championships and trialled for the U21s and Estelle Coulter also played for U19 Development Team. Mia McAdam trialled for the U19 and Ella Armstrong, Sophie Moffett and Erin Reid all made it through to the U17 trials.</p>

<b>Swimming</b>	<p>Notable individual achievements in the College's senior team include Bradley Fon (Form 4), and Charlotte Cullen (Form 3). Bradley came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m backstroke, and Charlotte also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the 100m backstroke and the 100m butterfly. These fantastic performances gained both Bradley and Charlotte places on the Ulster Schools' Interprovincial team.</p> <p>Bradley Fon was awarded The Joe Fitzpatrick Trophy for best outstanding performance in swimming for a 14 year old at Ulster Age Group Championships 2018.</p> <p>Our senior relay teams were very successful, bringing home medals in every single race they swam. The girls' 12-14 year old team (Charlotte Cullen, Lauren Stanley, Darya Dultseva and Rosie Whitten) came 1<sup>st</sup> in both the medley and freestyle relays: outstanding performances from the girls. The boys' Form 4 team (Bradley Fon, Theo Falls, Matthew Fon and Caleb McGuire) came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m freestyle relay, and then secured bronze in the 200m medley relay. The girls' 15-16 year old team of Ellie Falls, Olivia McCrea, Elise Smyth and Freya Rocks also got a silver medal in the freestyle relay, and then, like the boys, came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the medley.</p> <p>The 2019 Ulster Secondary Schools Gala took place at Larne, and Methody won a grand total of 6 gold, 6 silver and 17 bronze medals. The final competition of the season for the senior swimmers was the Ulster Grammar Schools gala. Lottie Cullen won silver in 50m back, and secured a gold medal in the 100m IM, while Rosie Whitten came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her freestyle. Our relay teams came home with 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals.</p>
<b>Water Polo</b>	<p>In May the team won the Ulster Schools u17 competition, making the team the best team in Northern Ireland. The senior team consisted of Caleb Bowden (cap.), Jake Bowden, Owen Murphy, Hugh Murphy, Ben Bailey, Louise Molloy, Jack Chambre, and James Preston. The team had numerous individual achievements as well, with Caleb Bowden being selected for the Irish national u19 team to go to Czech Republic and then the North Sea cup which they placed first in. Jake Bowden and Hugh Murphy were also selected for the Irish national u15 team to go away to the interregional in Blackpool.</p>
<b>Tennis</b>	<p>This year we had 6 teams entered into 5 Ulster competitions. The Senior Team beat Belfast High School in the Senior Plate final and the Intermediate Team were runners up to Sullivan Upper in the Intermediate Cup Final.</p> <p>Rachel McCrum continues to dominate Girls' tennis in Ireland and she is currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ireland at U16 Level and Number 1 at Ulster level. Over the summer she came runner up in the Fitzwilliam Championships in girls' doubles and was a semi-finalist in the singles.</p> <p>Rachel McCrum was awarded a Special Award. This is given to athletes with outstanding ability in a particular sport, together with a high degree of sportsmanship in their sporting activities. Rachel represented Ireland U14 at the European Junior Tennis Championships, held in the Czech Republic in July. She is also ranked as Irish number 1 in the U14 category.</p> <p>Congratulations also go to Amber Young who joined Rachel in the Ulster U16 Interprovincial team in September.</p>
<b>Rowing</b>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> form Boys' J16 quad</p> <p>The Irish School Championships in Lough Rynn: After a very hard race against a very competitive field, the boys walked away Irish School Champions. To finish up a very successful season the club achieved a "Clean Sweep" winning all events we entered including the J18 eights the J16 eights and Club 1 eights. The crew throughout the year was as follows cox: Timothy Fleming, Stroke: Luke Monaghan, Seven: Bradley Fon, Six: Jamie Anderson, Five: Jack Chambre, Four: Mathew Fon, Three: Muthisan Pirathesan, Two: Nathaniel Wharton, Bow: Henry Megarity.</p> <p>This year the senior women enjoyed a successful run in both Head of the River and Regatta season. We kicked off Head season with the BRC Mini HERR in November and put out a strong performance in our eight.</p> <p>Our next event in Head Season was the Lagan Scullers' Mini HERR in which Celeste, Emma, Aimee and Kate raced in both singles and a coxless women's J18 quad, finishing well in the top ends of both categories.</p> <p>In March, the club travelled to Enniskillen to compete in Erne HERR. After battling through some challenging conditions, our Women's Senior 8 came out 2<sup>nd</sup> in our category. This was a fantastic result for us and a great way to finish our first season.</p>



<b>Rugby</b>	After 5 years of frustration the 1 <sup>st</sup> XV once again lifted the schools cup at Kingspan stadium. In their final game together the 2018-2019 team put in a performance that will long be remembered and is unlikely to be bettered. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV - shared Cup victory with Campbell College. The 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV can look back on a very successful season which ultimately ended up in the team winning the Ulster Schools' 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV Cup, making it 3 wins in a row for MCB. On the 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 Methody won their 36 <sup>th</sup> outright Medallion Shield! The overall success achieved by the rugby club and was certainly fitting, given the 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
<b>Squash</b>	Ansh and Yuv Pahuja also had an impressive year. Ansh was selected to play for Ireland at the European Squash Tournament while Yuv was selected for the Five Nations.
<b>Fencing</b>	Daniel Sigurdsson continue to excel at fencing. Amongst many successes Daniel represented Northern Ireland in the U18 foil at the British Youth Championships, winning silver and bronze in the UK Public School Fencing Championship.  His younger brother Isak was also selected to represent Northern Ireland in the British Youth Championships.
<b>Taekwando</b>	The Bell family are highly successful at Taekwando. James, Andrew, Matthew, Lucy and Olivia all medalled at the Scottish Taekwando Championships.
<b>Judo</b>	Kirsten Millar represented Northern Ireland at the Commonwealth Judo Championships and won 4 of her 5 fights at the British Schools Championships to take bronze.
<b>Trampolining</b>	Luke Hunter has been selected to represent Team NI at the Loule Cup in Portugal and is training hard for selection for Team GB.

## OTHER EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS)

Art	5 of our A Level Art students achieved FULL marks in their A Level and Sophie Williams (GCSE) has made the first stage of shortlisting for inclusion in this year's True Colours exhibition
History	David Service and Holly Cunningham delivered the 'Statement of Commitment' at a Holocaust Memorial Day Event held in Belfast City Hall. Methody will host an event for local schools at which holocaust survivors will share their experiences and encourage us to learn the lessons of history.
Languages	The All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad takes place every year. Around 30 Methody pupils participated in the qualifying round in February and 5 qualified for the National Final in Dublin City University at the end of March. The National Final was a very impressive event with over 100 representatives from schools all over Ireland. Methody's Sixth Formers were successful in winning the team competition, so congratulations to Alma McDowell, Biliana Todorova, Julia Fitzpatrick and Zara Watson for this achievement.
MUN	Our Model United Nations Team were also very successful at the Wesley Model United Nations Conference. Jake Lowry, Adam Flanagan, Jonathan Baird, Nina Moore, Catherine Stephens, Molly McKenzie, Hugh McDowell and Joel Adu-Boateng won the award for Best Delegation for the third year in a row. While Izzy Fitzpatrick and Patrick Hunphreys were awarded Best Junior Delegates and Nina Moore Best Delegate at the Conference.
Music	The Chapel Choir performed a Christmas Concert at Stormont to raise funds for Bowel Cancer Research. The choir also took part in a Christmas broadcast on BBC Radio 4. This was followed up with a further broadcast from the Chapel of Unity on St Patrick's Day.  We really have gone global with our music this year. Pieces by composers Erik Esenvalds, Dan Forrest and Philip Stopford were commissioned to celebrate our 150 <sup>th</sup> year. Philip Stopford's Missa Deus Nobiscum had its world premiere at our 150 <sup>th</sup> Concert in the Waterfront Hall The concert was live streamed online, with over 6,000 logging in on the night to watch the concert, allowing Collegians globally to connect with this impressive showcase of musical talent and to join in with community singing at the end, creating the biggest Methody Senior Chorus ever! The concert has since been viewed over 14,000 times.
Politics	Three of our pupils – Robyn Beattie and Jasmijn Hofmann and Maddie Gillespie were selected to take part in 'Peacing It Together' Youth Seminar. Funded by UK-German Connection and run in cooperation with NICILT, this regional youth seminar was created to mark the 29th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall and 20 years since the Good Friday / Belfast Agreement. Young people from Northern Ireland and Germany were brought together to discuss themes surrounding peace beyond borders.  Our politically active students tackled Alastair Campbell and a raft of local politicians about a range of political issues, the main one being our imminent departure from the European Union. A group of our 6 <sup>th</sup> Former provided the Irish times with an in-depth analysis of the issue from their perspective, outlining the hopes and fear that they have for the future.  Adam Flannigan travelled to Brussels to meet with Michel Barnier to discuss young people's concerns about Brexit. While those discussions were reassuring, we wait with trepidation for the outcome of the meetings this week.
Science	Environmental issues are rightly at the forefront of the thinking and action of our pupils. Our U6 SENTINUS team were awarded prestigious Gold Crest Awards for their Research & Development Project on 'The impact on NIE Networks infrastructure and the changes required for a carbon neutral transportation system.' Working with an engineer from NIE, they impressed the judging panel with their project on how GPS tracking could be used to identify the most efficient and effective siting of e-charging points.
School Aid Romania	In January 2019, 18 of Methody's L6th pupils set off to Romania for the annual School Aid Romania trip, with Miss Lloyd and Mr Thompson and 22 other students and staff from St. Patrick's Maghera. In preparation for this trip, the whole SAR team collectively raised over £35,000.

College Ambassador Awards	<p>Mia Jackson received her Ambassador Award for her Charity work and fundraising including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.</p> <p>Jack Young received his Ambassador Award for his success in Motor Sport – he has yet to pass his driving test!</p>
Newnham College Essay Prize	The academic talents of Naomi McKeown, were recognised by Newnham College, Cambridge, with the award of one of the prestigious Newnham College essay prizes which are designed to encourage ambitious female sixth-form students to explore university-level subjects and themes and to develop their independent research and writing skills.
Geography	The award winning work of our Geographers in using Geographic Information System Mapping (GIS) to tackle issues associated with extreme weather events and CO2 emissions was recognised and rewarded by the Geological Society and then spectacularly showcased at an event held in W5.
St John's Ambulance Service	For her lifesaving work with the St John's Ambulance Service, Keesha Steele was selected as the St John's Cadet of the Year for Northern Ireland. Keesha went to Hillsborough Castle to receive her Commandary Cadet of the Year Award and also received a heroes award from the British Heart Foundation for her prompt action which helped save the life of a member of the public.
Debating	<p>Jasmijn Hofman teamed up with Zara Watson to win the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Literific Schools' debating Competition at Queens University.</p> <p>Along with Julia Fitzpatrick she took part in a weekend of competitive debating at Trinity College Dublin. This was the first time a team from NI had entered this competition schools debating the competition, making Jasmijn and Julia's success all the more impressive.</p>
MCB 150 <sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations	<p>This year, our 150<sup>th</sup> year, was a very special year of celebration. It started with a long walk home...and the reopening of McArthur Hall. We celebrated with a rugby tournament that was attended by teams from throughout the UK and Ireland competing for the Eric Lindsay memorial trophy. We staged a hockey tournament that provided an opportunity for Junior players to enjoy their sport and show of their talent. Our achievements as a school were acknowledged in an early day motion in the House of Commons and we formally marked our foundation with a meaningful and moving service at St Anne's Cathedral where we reflected on our values and ideals as well as our history and achievements.</p> <p>Belfast went blue and white again as the City Hall was lit up for the first of two gala balls at which former pupils gathered to enjoy an evening's of good food and good company, welcomed and entertained by our Jazz band, our trad group, and the Girls' Choir.</p> <p>Open afternoons in McArthur provided more opportunities for former pupils and former boarders to return to their old, if now unfamiliar haunts. Then we did it all again at the Titanic with the celebrations allowing even more former pupils to join the party.</p> <p>The buildings, new and old, were captured by the artist George Burch in a commemorative painting, generously sponsored by Paul Hanna.</p> <p>Our commemorative book, Floreat Collegium, by Alan Frame was launched at a highly entertaining event in the Whitla Hall at which Alan interviewed Colin Davidson, Glenn Patterson, Robina Ellis, Marian Woods, Harold Good and Lord Eames. The panel all kindly stayed behind to sign copies of the book afterwards.</p> <p>We then staged the biggest school photograph ever taken in the College's history. Taking the WHOLE School over to the Botanic Gardens and having all the pupils from pre-school to 6<sup>th</sup> Form meant that everyone was included and the end result is impressive, with a photograph of 2,400 Methody pupils and staff.</p> <p>The celebrations concluded on the last day of term with an event at the House of Lords</p>

## **SPECIAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

In the 2019 A Level, AS Level and GCSE examinations, many top places were taken by our pupils:

### **PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS**

#### **CCEA A Level**

(Northern Ireland placings)

First in Moving Image Art

Second in Art & Design

Second in Economics

Second in Mathematics

Second in Music

Second in Spanish

Third in Biology

Third in Economics

Third in German

Mercer MacWilliams-Hughes

Nadia Law

Jake Lowry

Igor Silin

Caroline McCartney

Ashley Suarez Clarke

Alma McDowell

Oliver Ryder Moore

Igor Silin

#### **CCEA GCSE**

(Northern Ireland placings)

First in Physics

Third in History

First in Art and Design

Finn Hofman

Alekya Gunna

Annabel Phillips

Sophie Williams

Chloe Stewart

Tabitha Ward

Arizona Forde

## **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE**

The following former members of the College have obtained places at Cambridge and Oxford Universities:

<b>CAMBRIDGE</b>	
Olivia Copeland	Modern and Medieval Languages
Teddy Hopkins	Economics
Jake Lowry	Human, Social and Political Sciences
John McVea	Law
Biliana Todorova	Natural Sciences
<b>OXFORD</b>	
Bailey Kavanagh	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Shannon McKeown-Gilmore	Law

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES**

<b>MONEYBOX</b>	
Macmillan Cancer Support	600.00
Red Noses for Schools	148.50
Toys for Thorndale	800.00
Cancer fund for children	1806.98
Newforge Taggers	300.00
Ten Foundations	100.00
India Society	1000.00
Brain Tumour Charity	7029.49
Friends of the Cancer Centre	6400.00
Aware Defeat Depression	300.00
East Belfast Survivors of Suicide	300.00
Children's Heartbeat Trust	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>19084.97</b>

# PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT – FULLERTON HOUSE & DOWNEY HOUSE, 2018-2019

## ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2017 – KEYS STAGES 1 & 2

### Key Stage 1

% of pupils achieving  
English Level 2 or above  
English Level 3 or above  
Mathematics Level 2 or above  
Mathematics Level 3 or above

### Teacher Assessment

93.5%
10.9%
97.8%
13.0%

### Key Stage 2

% of pupils achieving  
English Level 4 or above  
English Level 5 or above  
Mathematics Level 4 or above  
Mathematics Level 5 or above

### Teacher Assessment

83.7%
22.5%
89.8%
38.8%

## ATTENDANCE

96.9%

## LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

No of Leavers( P7)	Grammar School	Secondary School
49	47 95.9%	2 4.1%

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

### Sporting Activities

Cricket	Football	Hockey	Netball	Rugby	Swimming
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### Clubs

All

Art & Craft  
Drama  
Choir

P1 – P3

Scripture Union Puzzle Club  
Sing – a – long club  
Tufty Club

P4 – P7

Chess  
Journalism  
Orchestra  
Recorder Group  
Table Tennis

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES

Jeanes for Genes	£340.20
Save the Children	£275.40
NI Cancer Fund for Children	£317.36
Diabetes UK (NI)	£797.27
Poppy Appeal	£106.62
Marie Curie (School Council)	£342.15
Red Nose Day	£2,790.80
BCM	£204.65
Bryson House	£130.00
Children in Need	£595.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,899.77</b>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### **SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
(Deficit) Surplus from Educational Activities:			
Secondary Department	1	(344,958)	(263,455)
Preparatory Department	2	(31,510)	(10,641)
		(376,468)	(274,096)
Other Operating Income		921,659	809,758
Less Other Operating Expenditure		(797,307)	(740,916)
(Deficit) on General Reserve		124,352	68,842
Total College (Deficit)		(252,116)	(205,254)

### **SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 March 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets	10,466,350	10,309,065
Endowment Asset Investments	1,446,402	1,405,562
Development Fund Investments	1,196,777	1,859,825
Preparatory Department Development Fund Investments	20,566	20,566
Synthetic Hockey Pitch Fund Investments	84,521	72,332
Current Assets	4,478,527	3,192,680
Creditors Falling Due In One Year	(1,933,353)	(1,515,110)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	15,759,790	15,344,920
Long Term Liabilities	(517,244)	(550,481)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	15,242,546	14,794,439
Represented by		
Deferred Capital Grants and Donations	7,991,973	6,805,452
Deferred Income	515,208	481,560
Endowment Funds	1,446,403	1,405,562
Development Fund	1,196,778	1,859,825
Preparatory Department Development Fund	20,566	20,566
Synthetic Hockey Pitch Sinking Fund	84,521	72,332
Reserves	3,987,097	4,149,142
TOTAL FUNDS	15,242,546	14,794,439



## **METHODIST COLLEGE BELFAST**

### **1. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - SECONDARY DEPARTMENT**

	2019	2018
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Tuition Fees	4,932	16,341
Grants	8,545,484	8,423,024
College Fund	431,278	437,759
Other Income	97,816	103,338
	<u>9,079,510</u>	<u>8,980,462</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Teaching Costs	6,727,734	6,856,162
Premises Costs	613,859	627,623
Support Costs	2,082,875	1,760,132
	<u>9,243,917</u>	<u>9,243,917</u>
(Deficit) Surplus	<u>(164,407)</u>	<u>(263,455)</u>

### **2. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT**

	2019	2018
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Tuition Fees	1,240,268	1,201,847
Grants	230,798	165,477
Other Income	183,174	207,832
	<u>1,654,240</u>	<u>1,575,156</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Teaching Costs	1,046,197	1,038,491
Premises Costs	145,178	126,592
Support Costs	494,375	420,714
	<u>1,685,750</u>	<u>1,585,797</u>
(Deficit )	<u>(31,510)</u>	<u>(10,641)</u>

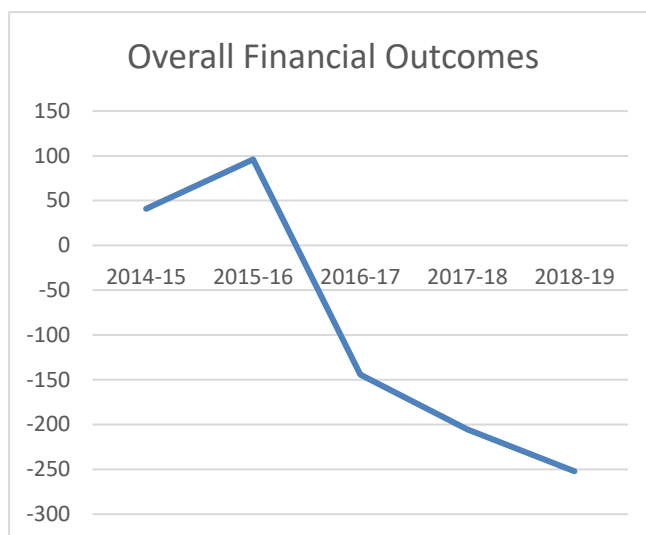
A full set of accounts and audit report are available from the Administration Centre at the College.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Methodist College is one of Northern Ireland's leading co-educational grammar schools and, having opened in 1868, is enjoying its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the 2018-19 academic year. The College was founded by the Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland and is a very successful non-denominational, co-educational grammar school where pupils of all faiths and none are welcomed into a safe, supportive and inclusive environment which offers equal opportunities to all. Having enjoyed 150 successful years, the College is committed to carrying this history of success into the future. The school has an outstanding reputation for academic excellence and achievement in music, drama, sport and many other extra-curricular activities. The wide range of academic subjects and activities offered allows our pupils to develop wherever their interests lie. The College's aim is to provide the environment to encourage all its pupils to develop into enthusiastic, confident and tolerant young people who have respect for themselves and for others and who will be able to contribute fully to the world in which they will live and work. The College's Secondary Department is attended by 1791 pupils and the Preparatory Department by 274 pupils.

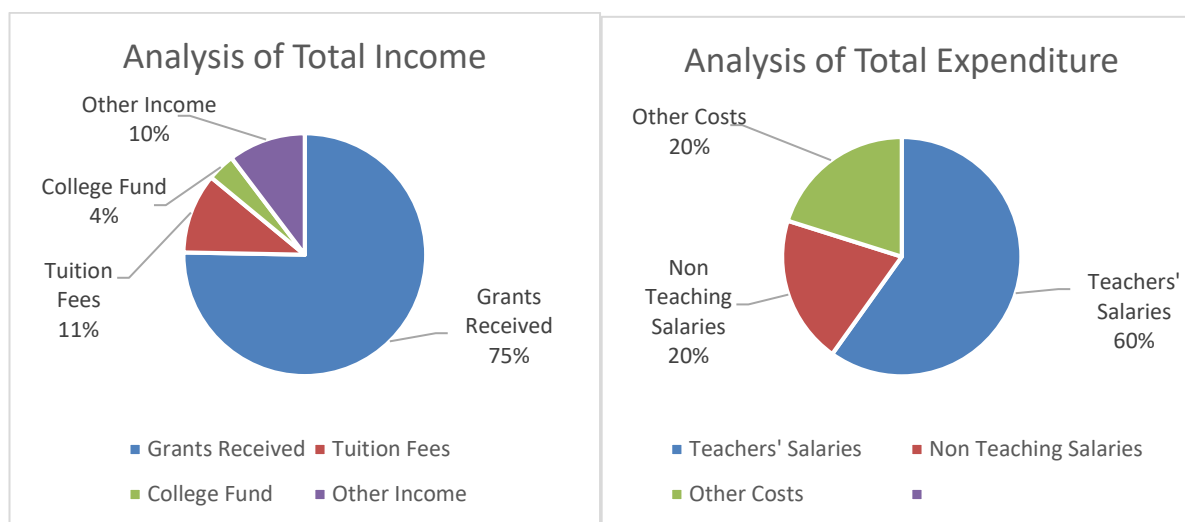
The College's main campus is situated at Malone Road, Belfast where the College's Secondary Department is located together with Fullerton House, one of the College's preparatory schools. The College's other preparatory school, Downey House, is located at Pirrie Park where there is extensive open space together with the College's games and sports facilities. There is also a modern and well equipped boat house beside the River Lagan and an artificial turf hockey pitch at Deramore Park.

As has been well publicised, this last number of years has been an extremely challenging time financially for all schools in Northern Ireland. The College has not been immune from this very significant reduction in grant income but the school continues to deliver a top class service in this very difficult financial environment. It is an ever increasing challenge, if not an impossibility, to balance increasing expenditure, which is due to factors largely outside the College's control, against continually reducing funding. For the financial year 2018-19 the College unfortunately recorded a deficit of £252,116 compared to a deficit of £205,254 for 2017-18 and a deficit of £144,193 for the previous year.



A summary of the results for the year is as follows:

	Total	Secondary Dept.	Preparatory Dept.	Other Operating
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Income</b>				
Grants Received	8,776.3	8,545.5	230.8	
Tuition Fees	1,245.2	4.9	1,240.3	
College Fund	431.3	431.3		
Others	1,202.7	97.8	183.2	921.7
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,655.5</b>	<b>9,079.5</b>	<b>1,654.3</b>	<b>921.7</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Teachers' Salaries	7,129.5	6,129.2	1,000.3	
Other Salaries	2,380.1	1,915.4	464.7	
Other Costs	2,398.0	1,379.9	220.8	797.3
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11,907.6</b>	<b>9,424.5</b>	<b>1,685.8</b>	<b>797.3</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(252.1)</b>	<b>(345.0)</b>	<b>(31.5)</b>	<b>124.4</b>



This deficit was not unexpected and is better than forecast. These increasing deficits are due to significant additional costs which are largely outside the College's control including increases to salary costs through centrally negotiated pay agreements, national insurance and pension costs. These cost increases have not been funded by the Department of Education. As grant income makes up 94% of the income for the Secondary Department, if this funding fails to keep pace with increases to costs this has a very significant effect on the College's ability to balance income with expenditure whilst maintaining an excellent level of service. To cope with this challenge, the College has had to take some difficult and challenging decisions over the last number of years including an ongoing voluntary redundancy programme. Given government policy together with the lack of an Executive in Northern Ireland, this funding situation is unfortunately likely to continue. Given the current outlook for 2019-20, which indicates a further deficit for the College at a similar level to 2018-2019, the College will continue to face these major financial challenges.

**The Secondary Department** offers an extremely wide range of subjects and activities to all the pupils who attend the school. It has an outstanding reputation for academic excellence and success in a very wide range of extra-curricular activities. The school offers the pupils who attend an exceptional experience and opportunities. The financial results over the last five years are as follows:

Financial Year	Surplus/(Deficit)£k
2018-19	(345.0)
2017-18	(263.5)
2016-17	(214.4)
2015-16	9.6
2014-15	53.8

As stated above, this trend is due to the level of grant funding for the past number of years reducing in real terms coupled with significant increases to costs which are largely outside the control of the school. So, even by making continuous cost reductions, it has been impossible for the College to cover these significant additional costs. Therefore, to maintain the service that the College wishes to deliver to its pupils and which parents wish to have for their children, the school relies ever more heavily on parental support. This is through contributions to the Annual College Fund. Parents' contributions to the College Fund are no longer funds used for services that are nice to have; they are absolutely essential to maintain what is currently provided. The Board of Governors would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to all those parents who contribute to this Fund. To those parents who have not contributed to the Fund in the past year I would ask you to consider very seriously making a contribution to assist the school in its work. The College simply cannot provide the range and quality of education and extra-curricular activities it currently provides without these contributions.

**The Preparatory Department's** two schools, Downey House and Fullerton House provide co-educational learning, excellent standards and outcomes, specialist teaching, convenient locations, a broad curriculum, excellent pastoral care, after school and pre-school services. There is music and drama together with a wide range of sports available to the children who attend. There is little government aid available to this Department and so it relies almost entirely on parents paying fees for the education of their children.

The results over the last few years are as follows:

Financial Year	Surplus/(Deficit)£k
2018-19	(31.5)
2017-18	(10.7)
2016-17	(25.7)
2015-16	12.2

The deficit for 2018-19 is somewhat better than originally forecast. Given that the cost pressures on the Preparatory Department are the same as for the Secondary Department and that its income depends almost entirely on parents, the future for this Department will inevitably be challenging. However, the Board of Governors has every confidence that parents wish to have a first class education for their children and the Preparatory Department will continue to provide this service.

### Development of the College's Facilities

The College continues to make significant progress with the development of its facilities which will be of great benefit to all the pupils attending the College now and in the future. It is especially pleasing that such good progress has been made as the College reaches and passes its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**McArthur Hall** is one of the College's original historical buildings and it has undergone massive refurbishment and development to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This £5million project is now complete and the newly refurbished building has been in use for the 2018-19 academic year. It has provided an excellent new library and other modern teaching space. This development could not have been achieved without the support of the Department of Education which contributed £3.4million to the project and major and other benefactors who contributed to this very significant project. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all these benefactors who have made contributions to this project. The end result is extremely impressive and will provide an excellent teaching facility for many years to come.

**School House** is the College's original building and again the Department of Education is providing significant grant aid to fund the refurbishment and development of this historical building with a cost of just over £7 million. Planning has been completed and construction work has now begun. When finished towards the end of 2020, this building will be a very significant asset for the College and will provide excellent accommodation for pupils for many years to come.

The development of the games facilities at **Pirrie Park** has recently received a significant boost with the announcement by the Department of Education of a School Enhancement Programme grant. The College had already prepared an overall development plan for Pirrie Park and had been moving forward with the development of two artificial turf hockey pitches. The provision of this grant aid will allow this work to move forward to fruition and when these facilities are completed the College will have sports facilities second to none.

This development work to the College's facilities is very significant and demonstrates the commitment of the Board of Governors to create a school with facilities which will benefit all our pupils now and for the future. However, such developments have a significant cost involved beyond that borne by the Department of Education. This additional funding is the responsibility of the College there is the need to raise funds to finance this cost. It is therefore very pleasing that donations continue to be received towards these projects with £553k received from benefactors in the past year. (In the previous financial year £545k was received.) The College is extremely grateful to all the donors who support the College in this way. These significant developments could not take place without this support.

The College is a major organisation and given the financial challenges being faced by the school it is essential to have good financial management and control. An annual internal audit is carried out by external auditors where systems and controls are examined and reported upon. As a result of this year's audit, the College again recorded the highest level of assurance possible. These financial statements have also been audited by external auditors and you will see from the audit report that they have been prepared to a high standard.

The College depends on the expertise, commitment and goodwill of all our staff. The level of service provided to pupils and the outcomes achieved are a credit to everyone and I thank all the staff for their efforts which are greatly appreciated. The College is a significant employer with around 229-part time and full time staff. This is made up of 131 teaching staff and 98 support staff.

The College is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and the Board of Governors of the College would like to thank parents, pupils and staff for their very significant contribution to the school community over the years. We trust that you will continue to support the school in its work in the future as with your support and goodwill I have no doubt that the College will have many more successful years.

Signed:

Mr E Bell, Treasurer  
June 2019