



Sixth Form Options Information

Laurelhill Community College

Your choices. Your future!

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26th February 2026

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Objectives



- Discuss the benefits of returning to or joining Laurelhill Community College in Sixth Form.
- Advise and guide students on how to choose subjects with career aspirations in mind.
- Provide information on the Sixth Form Curriculum in Laurelhill Community College.
- An opportunity to speak to relevant teachers and ask questions about the subjects on offer.

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Why Choose Laurelhill Sixth Form?

Mrs L Duddy
Key Stage 5 Leader

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CEIAG department opens doors to further study and success...



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Provides a place to collaborate and study.....



Laurelhill provides the facilities and environment to learn new skills and perform...



Facilitates the opportunity to develop leadership skills, improve your profile and set the standard by being part of the Senior Prefect Team



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Laurelhill Students – Why “stay in” Laurelhill?



- Have **enjoyed your school experience** to date.
- Familiar and **comfortable territory**.
- Support from staff who **know you** and **care about you**.
- The benefits of a **pastoral team around you**.

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Expectations when in Sixth Form



- We expect focus, commitment and hard work from all Sixth Form students
 - Attendance and punctuality
 - Meeting deadlines and expectations
 - Engagement in courses
 - Personal and independent study
- Setting a positive example for our younger students.

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Career Pathways

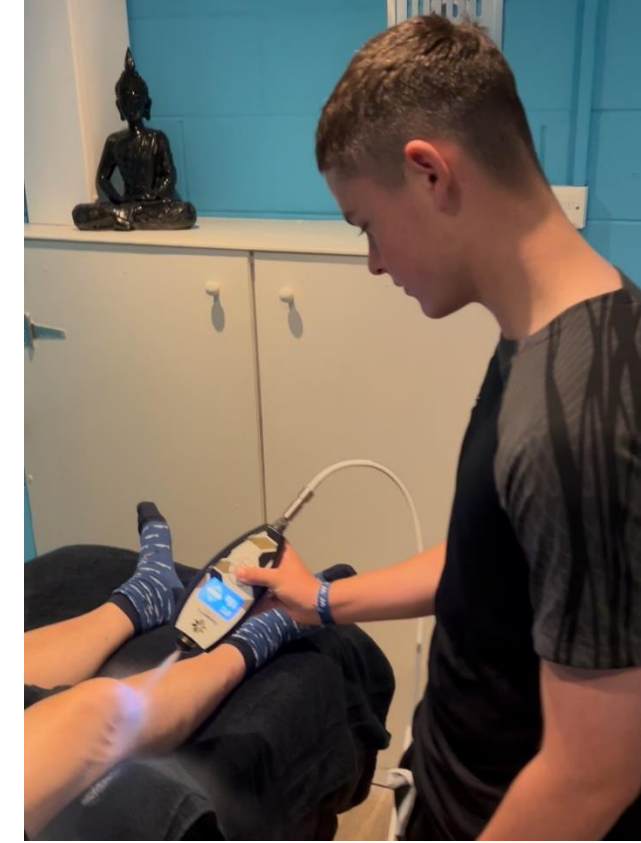
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Why CEIAG Matters

- ▶ Decisions now directly affect post-school destinations.
 - ▶ Support for university, apprenticeships and employment.
 - ▶ CEIAG is a two-year journey, not a one-off event.
 - ▶ Compulsory part of your education in Y13 and Y14.
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CEIAG Programme

- ▶ Careers lessons – compulsory timetabled lessons.
 - ▶ Mock Interview event
 - ▶ One to one careers guidance.
 - ▶ Access to advice from the Careers Service.
 - ▶ Support with UCAS applications.
 - ▶ Workshops and access to events.
 - ▶ All Y13 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in work experience.
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Work Experience

- All Y13 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in work experience.
- Sarah – Window to the Womb (Midwifery)
- Rachel – Anahilt PS (Teaching)
- Kia – ABCQ Divers Ltd (Business)
- Archie – Paul Prentice (Physiotherapy)

Workshops and Guest Speakers



Laurelhill Success

- ▶ From 2022 – 2025:
 - ▶ 59% of sixth form pupils have progressed onto university.
 - ▶ 34% of sixth form pupils have secured employment.
 - ▶ 7% of sixth form pupils have progressed onto apprenticeship programmes.
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Plan A, B and C

- ▶ Everyone needs more than one option.
 - ▶ Flexibility reduces stress and pressure.
 - ▶ Keeps doors open.
 - ▶ It is up to you to ensure you have researched your plan A, B and C.
 - ▶ Make applications early.
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Choosing Subjects



- ▶ **Don't choose subjects based on:**
 - Liking the teacher
 - Because your friend is.
 - Because a sibling studied the subject in the past.



Choosing Subjects



▶ Do choose subjects because:

- You are good at the subject (as your grades show).
- You enjoy the subject.
- You are considering a career in a related area.
- You have considered current labour market trends
- You like the method(s) of assessment used.



Do your Research



- Don't just look at post 16 options but post 18 options also
- What A Levels or equivalents are needed to access university/higher education courses?
- Being well researched enables you to make informed choices
 - which helps to reduce some of the stress
- DO NOT LEAVE THINGS TO CHANCE!



Sixth Form Curriculum

Mrs McErlean

Sixth Form Curriculum



- Provides a **broad and balanced curriculum** that is delivered through **expert tuition** by **experienced staff**.
- **Prepares** our students for life **Post-18**.
- We have a **wide range of courses** available both within the College and in the **Lisburn Area Learning Community**.



Sixth Form Curriculum – Two Pathways



Pathway 1

- Range of **A Level and BTEC** (Level 3, A Level Equivalent) subjects to choose from.
- A range of assessment methods – exams, controlled assessment, pre-release exams.
- Study **3 subjects**.
- Careers and study periods each week.

Pathway 2

- Football Education Academy (**FEA**)
- BTEC – **TA Sport** (3 A Level equivalent)
- Practical football sessions, strength & conditioning and Primary School coaching
- Careers and study periods each week.

Sixth Form Curriculum – Courses on Offer



Laurelhill Community College	LALC Subjects
Art and Design (A Level)	Child-Care (A level) – SERC
Business (A Level)	Engineering (BTEC) – SERC
Digital Technology (A Level)	Hospitality (BTEC) – SERC
English Literature (A Level)	Information Technology (BTEC) – Lisnagarvery
Environmental Technology (A Level)	Life & Health Sciences (A level) – St Colm's
Health and Social Care – SA or DA (A Level)	Mathematics (A level) – Lisnagarvery
History (A Level)	Media (A level) – St Patrick's
Medical Sciences (BTEC)	Moving Image Arts (A level) – Fort Hill Integrated
Music Performance (BTEC)	Technology & Design (A level) – Fort Hill Integrated
Performing Arts (BTEC)	Travel & Tourism (BTEC) – Fort Hill Integrated College
Public Services (BTEC)	Transport is provided from and to LCC.
Sport – Single Award (BTEC)	
Sport (FEA) – Triple Award (BTEC)	
Religious Studies (A Level)	It is recommended that no more than one ALC course is chosen but this can be looked at on an individual basis.

Entry Requirements

- The best possible GCSE profile is required to secure further study at Laurelhill Community College.

Laurelhill Community College students:

- Minimum of 5 C grades or above at GCSE level, including at least a Grade C in GCSE English and Mathematics.
- Minimum of 7 points using the College Points System.
- Meet the essential criteria set out for each subject.

External Applicants:

- Places available in line with the school's approved Enrolment Number and in the specific subjects.
- Minimum of 5 C grades or above at GCSE level, including at least a Grade C in GCSE English and Mathematics.
- Minimum of 7 points using the College Points System.
- Meet the essential criteria set out for each subject.

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Applying for Sixth Form



- Complete an **'Expression of Interest'** form and return to form tutor
- Consider Post-16 and Post-18 aspirations
- Fill in choices and any comments required on the form– hand in to form tutor by 13th March 2026
- External candidates should email choices to lduddy434@c2kni.net only or return to school office
- This commits you to nothing. Different subjects can be chosen in August following results.

At the minute...



Laurelhill Sixth Form

Expression of Interest

2026-2028

Deadline: 13th March 2026

Internal applicants – return to form tutor

Name:	
DoB:	
Address:	
E-mail:	
Current school/ LCC Form Class	

Career and Education Aspirations:

In order of preference (1-4) please indicate your preferred route after year 12:

Laurelhill Sixth Form	Other School Sixth Form	Further Education College	Employment
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List 3 careers you are considering for the future:

1.	2.	3.
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Choosing Subjects:

If studying on Pathway 1, indicate your choice by ticking 3 subjects. Only one subject per group can be selected.

Alternatively, tick to indicate if you prefer Pathway 2.

*Courses = LALC courses. These will be studied at another school in the Lisburn Area Learning Community or in SERC.

**If you wish to study Double Award Health and Social Care, you must tick Health and Social Care in both group 3 and group 4 and then choose 1 other subject from group 1 or 2.

Pathway 1							
Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
*Child-Care (BTEC)		Medical Sciences (BTEC)		Business Studies (A Level)		Art and Design (A Level)	
English Literature (A Level)		*Engineering (BTEC)		Environmental Technology (A Level)		Health and Social Care (A Level Single)	
*Hospitality (BTEC)		History (A Level)		**Health and Social Care (A Level Double)		Public Services (BTEC)	
*Life and Health Sciences (A Level)		*Information Technology (BTEC)		Music Performance (BTEC)		Digital Technology (A Level)	
*Mathematics (A Level)		*Moving Images Arts (A Level)					
*Media Studies (A Level)		Performing Arts (BTEC)					
Religious Studies (A Level)		*Travel and Tourism (BTEC)					
Sport – Single Award (BTEC)							
*Technology and Design (A Level)							
Pathway 2							
Football Education Academy: Triple Award Sport (BTEC)							
Comments: (Is there a combination you would like that is unavailable, or a subject you would like offered?)							



May-June

- Careers Advice Interviews: Internal candidates – April, External candidates – June.
 - Ensure you have a plan A, B and C– i.e. you have applied for more than one route.
 - You are considering the right courses for you.



August

- GCSE results on **Thursday 20th August 2026**
- Complete the full application form in consultation with a teacher
- Applications are considered by a small team in LCC
- Vast majority of students will know if they are accepted on GCSE results day



Important Final Points

- Have a plan A, B and C!
 - You may not get the results you expect.
 - Courses may be over or undersubscribed.
- Consider each subject individually and carefully
 - Content
 - Assessment
 - Entry requirement
 - Future aspirations
- Keep an open mind, ask questions and accept advice.

Sixth Form Options Afternoon

26th February 2026

Sixth Form Information	<div>Careers Information</div> <div>Environmental Technology (A level)</div> <div>Religious Studies (A level)</div>			<div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>	
	History (A level)				Music Performance (BTEC)
Public Services (BTEC)					Performing Arts (BTEC)
					Medical Sciences (BTEC)
Sport – Single Award (BTEC)					Business Studies (A level)
Sport – Triple Award (FEA - Pathway 2)				<div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>	
		Digital Technology (A level)	Health & Social Care (A level)	English Literature (A level)	Art & Design (A level)





Thank you for
your time