

# BBMS EPAS Journey

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# Our School

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- **Established:** 1857 (moving to Ballysillan in 1957)
- Divis Street 1857 - 1922
- Cliftonville Road 1922 - 1954
- Ballysillan Road (Boys) since 1957



Original School



Ballysillan Road in 1957



Our School in 2012

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- **Principal:** Mrs Mary Montgomery OBE (appointed 2018), previously Vice-Principal.
- **Vision & Values:** Respect, Commitment, Integrity; fostering “relational learning,” character building, and high aspiration.
- **Cultural Focus:** Nurture-based approach tackling disadvantage, trauma, engagement challenges; strong pastoral care.



## MODEL CARES...

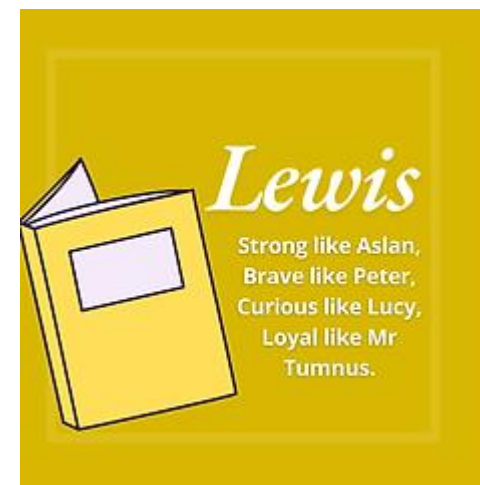
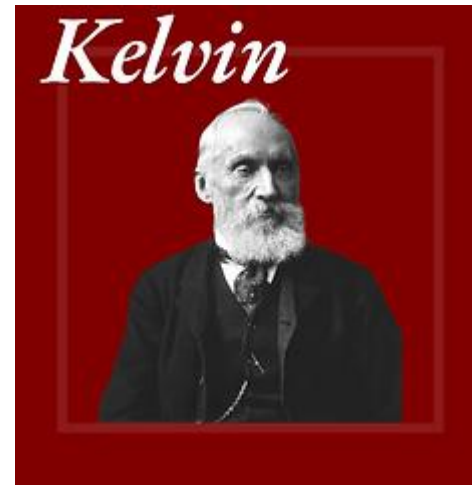
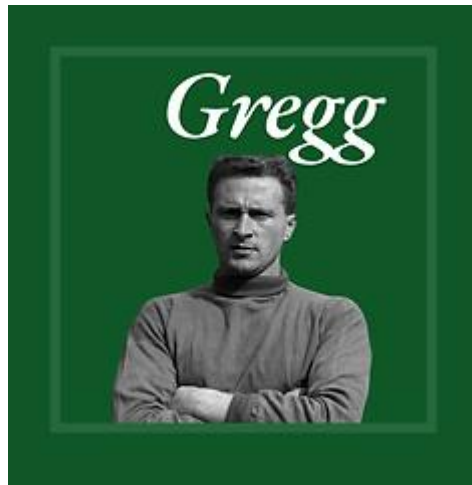
SENIOR TEAM	HEADS OF YEAR	INDUCTION PROGRAMME	SEN TEAM	POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY	LITERACY & NUMERACY SUPPORT
PASTORAL SUPPORT	ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS	SHARED EDUCATION	WELL-BEING AMBASSADORS		
SEN 'NURTURE' CLASSES	P7-YR8 TRANSITION PROGRAMME	COUNSELLING SERVICE	DYSLEXIA SUPPORT	INDIVIDUAL YEAR COUNSELLORS	6TH FOR PER MENTOR

# Ambassador programme

- There are 3 groups of Ambassadors – Peer, Addressing Bullying and Wellbeing and they are a pupil led body made up of pupils in Years 11-14 who educate and support their peers.



# House System



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- Provide pupils and staff with a sense of belonging in school
- Promote engagement and interaction between staff and pupils in different year groups
- Encourage pupils to become involved within school life
- Provide pupils with opportunities to develop leadership skills
- Promote pupil voice in competitions
- Encourage healthy competitions between Houses

# EPAS Journey: What we have done

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- Awarded Ambassador School 2024-2025.
- Created Info points.
- Promoted Democracy through Student Council Elections.
- BBMS along with Mercy College attended Euroscola.
- Visited Government institutions and met with elected officials.



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**AMBASSADOR  
SCHOOLS**

# Pupil Voice and School Council

**Student Voice & Leadership:** Provides a platform for students to share opinions, influence decisions, and develop leadership and teamwork skills.

## **Student Council Elections:**

Students can nominate themselves in their form class. Each candidate will then have time to create a short election video to share their ideas for the Student Council. After the videos are presented, all pupils will vote. Once elected, the Student Council will meet regularly with Mr Shearer to represent student voices on current school matters.”



# Student Elections (Promoting Democracy)



At BBMS, the student council elections are a great opportunity for pupils to get involved in school life and learn about democratic processes. Pupils who are interested in joining the student council put the names forward as candidates. Mr. Shearer supports them by helping them develop strong reasons for why they would be a good representative. Each candidate then creates a short election video to share their ideas and goals with the rest of the school.

# Info points

2024



2025





**EUROSCOLA**



# Engaged in Politics



- **We have visited Stormont and the City Council. We have spoke with MLAs and had debates about votes at 16.**
- **In GCSE Politics we also study, Globalisation, the EU, Conflict and reconciliation and migration.**



# What do we value most about being an EPAS school!!!!

As an EPAS school, we value empowering students to develop into active citizens, promote European awareness, develop critical thinking skills and create opportunities for collaboration with other schools. We also enjoy learning about other European cultures and sharing our own.

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# Our plans and ideas for the future!!!

01

Finish our INFO Board

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Learn about the European parliament/political process.

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Set up an EPAS InfoPoint during opening night alongside the Politics InfoPoint.

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Engage in Europe Day with going into assemblies to discuss our role as junior ambassadors.