

SHIMINA

INTEGRATED COLLEGE



Opening at Murlough House, Dundrum on 1st September 1994.

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Moving to purpose built permanent premises on King Street,
Newcastle, in January 1995.

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For enrolments for 1994 and beyond, or a prospectus, contact:

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Press Release Shimna Teaching Staff for 1994

The extremely high calibre of applicants for teaching posts at Shimna Integrated College, Newcastle has sent a clear signal to educationalists that Integrated Education is seen by members of the teaching profession as the shape of things to come.

The seven highly professional people chosen to join Head Teacher Kevin Lambe's team at Shimna have between them an impressive range of qualifications and skills which will enable Shimna to offer the sort of courses that one might only expect to find at a much larger, long-established school.

Derek Bailey (B.Sc.)

from Canterbury is currently teaching A- Level Biology and Environmental Science at Malmesbury in Wiltshire where he is also the co-ordinator of Key Stage 3 Science.

Hazel Brandon (B.Ed.)

from Omagh is currently teaching Maths at Omagh High School where she is also Head of Music and Head of Computer Studies.

Sarah McConnell (M. A.)

from Newry is currently teaching French and German at Rathriland High School where she is Head of Languages.

Ellen McVea (B. Ed.)

from Belfast teaches English, Careers, Creative Writing and Irish at Enniskillen Collegiate School where she is Head of English.

Rose Murray (B. Ed.)

from Newcastle is at present Head of History at St. Colman's High School in Ballynahinch.

Vivian Palmer (B. Art)

from Belfast teaches Art and Design at Belfast College of Further Education and is an award-winning silversmith.

Helen Thompson (M. A.)

from Ballymena currently teaches A-Level Geography and GCSE History as well as Key Stage 3 Geography and History at a School in Ascot, Berkshire.

Other Subjects which the team's collective experience can provide include Spanish, Word Processing, Information Technology, Business Studies, P.E., Craft, Design and Technology, Ceramics, Photography, Political Understanding, European Awareness, Drama and Music.

A number of staff members are qualified to teach Religious Education.

Between them the staff have two Duke of Edinburgh Gold awards, a Post Graduate Certificate in Outdoor Education, a post Graduate Certificate in Physical Education, and a Mountaineering Certificate, so it won't be "all work and no play" for Shimna pupils.

In addition a number of the teachers have special qualifications for the teaching the less able while others have served as advisors to the education authorities on examinations and curriculum development.



Shimna College NEWS

April 1994

PRINCIPAL APPOINTED

Shimna Integrated College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Kevin Lambe as Principal.

Educated at St. Mary's Grammar School Belfast and Queen's University, Kevin (40) taught modern languages at St. Louise's Comprehensive, and at Lagan College before taking up the post of Development Officer with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education four years ago.

He is credited with playing an essential role in the development of seven integrated primary schools and one integrated second level school during his term with NICIE.

'We are delighted to welcome someone with Kevin's proven track record in integrated education to Shimna, Angela Morgan, chairperson of the Shimna committee said.

Kevin's wife Maire is a primary school teacher and they have one son, Kieran, aged two.

Shimna's first head teacher is currently finishing a Masters Degree in Education Management, which will prove to be a valuable asset in guiding the development of Shimna Integrated College.

Although he will have an initial staff of seven teachers, he will himself teach as well as manage the school, leaving him little time for his hobbies ... golf and playing guitar.

But his other interests, theatre, art and music will play an important part in the Shimna curriculum.

'It is certainly the biggest challenge of my career to date ' Kevin admits. ' and one of my first goals will be to ensure the continuing provision for all abilities from age 11 right up to age 18.'

'Through partnership with parents teachers and governors we will establish a school that will be renowned for excellence, care for its pupils, and involvement in the community.' he said.



Shimna College

Latest News: March 1994

ENROLMENT

The great news is that we now have 61 enrolments for 1994! This is enough to make the target set by the DENI and we really are all systems GO for September 1994!

We are still taking more enrolments; there is no upper limit. In order to maintain and improve the balance we would welcome more enrolments from the Protestant tradition.

We have 212 pupils enrolled in total - a tremendous indication of the support that Shimna College has for the years ahead.

WE NEED TO SHOW THE DENI A HIGH LEVEL OF FUTURE ENROLMENTS AND NEED AS MANY AS WE CAN GET.

If you know of anyone, or have younger members of your family not enrolled, then please ask them to enrol NOW. Forms can be obtained from me.

STAFFING

As you may have seen, we have advertised for the Principal. We are looking for someone of the highest calibre and commitment with at least 8 years relevant experience at a senior level. NICIE are dealing with the application forms, and tell us that we are getting a large response. We interview towards the end of March.

All selection procedures for all staff are being carried out strictly in accordance with DENI procedures and practices. We have appointed advisers from the Civil Service, The Education Service, NICIE and a principal of an existing Integrated Secondary School to help us in this process - we intend to get only the best for Shimna College.

We will shortly be advertising for 7 more full time teaching staff, making a total of 8 staff to start in September 1994.

SITE & PREMISES

We have appointed the Building Design Partnership, a large Belfast team of Architects to be project managers for the construction of the College buildings. They are working with the DENI buildings branch and the planning authorities

DENI have instructed the Government district valuer to act on our behalf and negotiate a price and close the deal on the purchase of the site at Lawnfield. Despite some press reports, we are assured by the agent for the landowner that the site is for sale and ours if we want it.

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THE PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD

In January, we submitted our formal proposal to the board for Grant Maintained Integrated Status under the provisions of Article 71 (2) (a) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

This proposal is now being formally considered, and will take time to run its course. We are confident that we will gain Ministerial Approval for the College.

We have the full support from NICIE, who are commending us to DENI. No proposal that is supported by NICIE has ever been turned down.

COMING EVENTS AND YOUR INVOLVEMENT

MARCH 9TH --- Open Night at COCOS, Newcastle, free to all P5's, P6's, & P7's accompanied by their parents/guardians.

MARCH 17TH --- St Patrick's Day Quiz & Entertainment, the Harbour House Inn, Newcastle.

SUMMER --- MUSIC FESTIVAL - Shimna College Site, Newcastle. A festival of music from all traditions and all ages. details to follow.

SUMMER --- ART COMPETITION - draw, paint, create pictures to hang on the walls of the College - open to form 1 1994 students - BIG PRIZES- details to follow.

AND MORE --- workshops, planning, discussion, competitions, landscaping, preparation, social events etc. etc.

SEPTEMBER SHIMNA COLLEGE OPENING

Shimna College is your College,

founded because of your support, We want as much involvement from you as possible. anything from an input into the form and structure of the College to organising events and participating in the social life of the College. If you have ideas of things to do in the run up to the opening or would like to help out in any way, please let me know

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Shimna College NEWS

June 1994

MINISTERIAL APPROVAL GRANTED!

It was announced today that Education Minister, Michael Ancram has given approval for the opening of Shimna Integrated College in Newcastle in September 1994.

This means that Newcastle will become the location of the fourth Planned Integrated Second Level School in Northern Ireland.

Welcoming the announcement, Mrs Angela Morgan, chairperson of Shimna College, said that it was a culmination of a great deal of effort by the dedicated group of parents who had worked tirelessly to establish and meet the demand for integrated post-primary education.

"I must thank the parents who have demonstrated their commitment to educating their children alongside children of other faiths by enrolling them for this and future years." she said. She added that "This achievement would not have been possible without the support of the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and the Integrated Education Fund who have helped us along every step of the way."

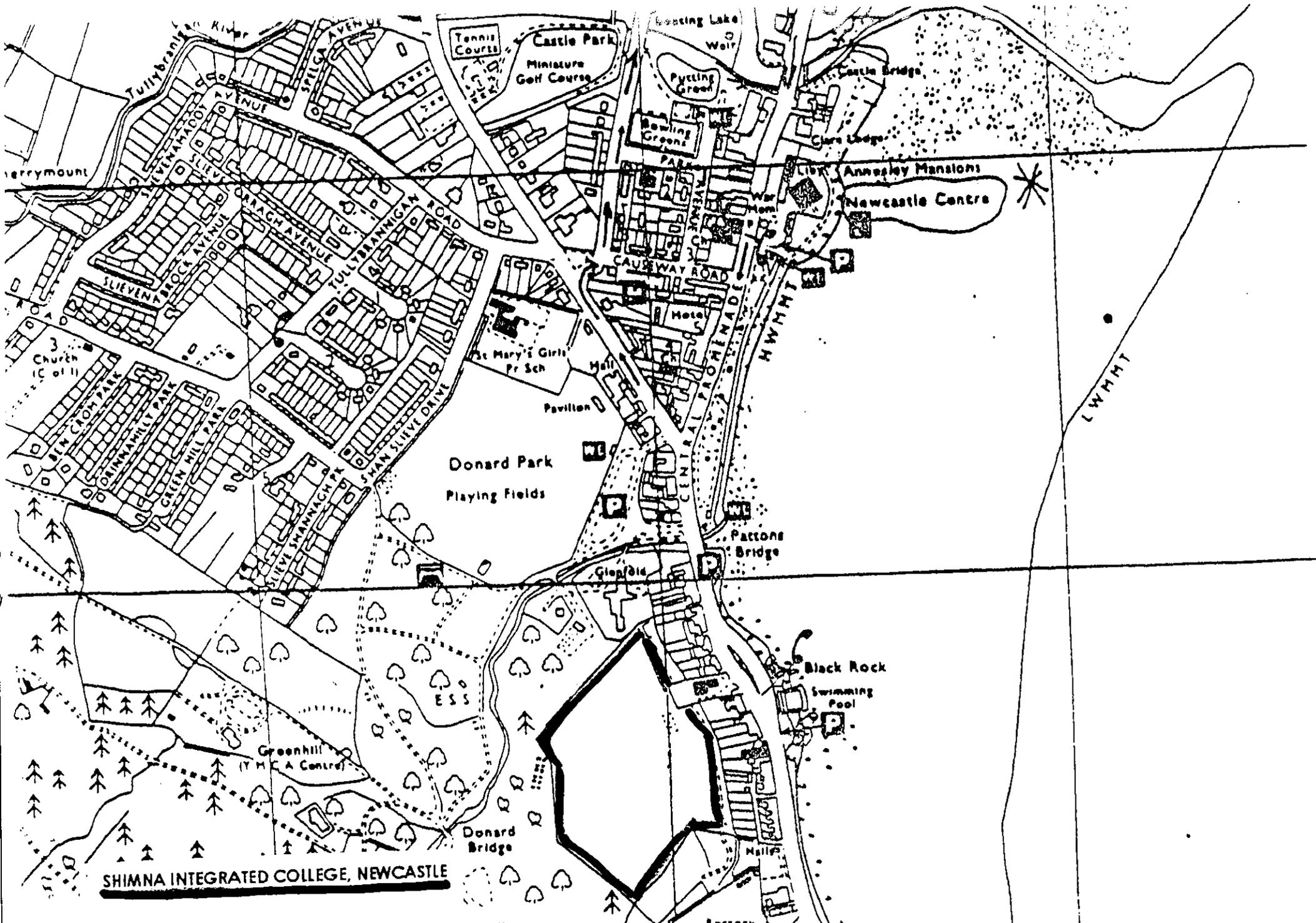
Shimna College will operate under Grant Maintained Integrated Status meaning that the Department of Education for Northern Ireland will support the College and meet all of its day to day running costs.

This news, together with the appointment of the Principal, Mr Kevin Lambe, and the seven full time teachers, plus the announcement this week that Planning Permission has been approved for the new purpose built premises in Newcastle means that it is now all systems go for Shimna!

Shimna College will open its doors in September 1994 in temporary premises at Murlough House, Dundrum whilst the building of the new premises at Lawnfield, Newcastle, proceeds.

Shimna College is an all ability, co-educational School which is committed to the aims of Integrated Education as outlined in the NICIE 'Statement of Principles'.

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