

PAST PUPIL CAREER PATHWAY



Name	Claire Lavery
Year you joined St Patrick's	2010
Year you left St Patrick's	2017
A Level Subjects and results	ICT, Business Studies and Health and Social Care Results ABC
Brief overview about your time at St Patrick's (what are your best memories about school, any specific teachers?)	I really enjoyed my time in St. Patrick's College and have many fond memories throughout the years, from school trips with my friends to the day of opening results. Throughout school I always felt well supported by my teachers and if I was ever struggling with anything, they were always there to support me. I can honestly say that my time in St. Patrick's has left me with many fond memories and prepared me to move on to the next step in my life. I had many opportunities throughout my time and was grateful for them all. I enjoyed my time in sixth form where we were given more independence. My favourite subject in my A-Levels was Health and Social Care, however I enjoyed all of the subjects. Throughout school I developed many skills which I will carry with me forever and have helped guide me through my time in University.
Degree/course pathway after St Patrick's (include details about placements or any opportunities you availed of or awards you won)	Once I finished St. Patrick's I started studying Adult Nursing in Queens University. Throughout this course I have experienced a variety of placements in all different clinical areas which has allowed for me to gain many skills and work along with many skilled individuals. It is a very challenging course where there has been many ups and downs, but every moment has been worth it. This is a very enjoyable course which provides many opportunities to develop skills and knowledge throughout.
What are you doing now? (further study, full time employment, what are your hopes for the future?)	I am currently completing my course working in a respiratory ward. I am enjoying my time in this placement even through these challenging times. I have learnt many new skills and I am faced with many challenges daily which I gained the skills and knowledge to deal with. I have seven weeks left of my training and have secured a position within the trust once I finish. I am looking forward to the next step in my career and am extremely grateful to everyone who supported me to get where I am today. I love what I do and could not see myself in any other career.
Advice for current students at St Patrick's	Never give up! No matter how hard things get or how challenging things may feel always ask for help. Work hard in school because it will provide you with the skills and knowledge to get you to where you want to be. Enjoy every minute of it. As important as it is to work hard ensure to have time with your friends and enjoy your time in school as they are some of the best years.

