EAPRIL School visits: explore local education in Northern-Ireland!

**Package 1**

1. Cranmore Integrated Primary School

Cranmore Integrated Primary and Nursery School is located in south Belfast. We are a Grant Maintained Integrated primary school which currently has 230 pupils enrolled from nursery through to Primary 7. The school was founded back in 1993 with the aim to educate children from Protestant and Catholic backgrounds alongside children of other faiths and none. Since 1993 the school has continued to grow and moved to a permanent site on Finaghy Road North in 2001. Like many integrated schools Cranmore has a reputation of inclusion and providing excellent support to pupils with additional needs. We have 12 teachers and 20 Classroom Assistants who strive to provide the best educational opportunities for all our children. The school is very much a community and we involve our parents as co-educators. The children come from across a wide area of south and west Belfast and are not only from different religious backgrounds but also very different socio-economic communities. It is this diverse mix which has been recognised by the Department of Education as the definition of an integrated school.
Our vision at Malone College is to support and encourage each student so that they achieve the best possible learning outcomes from their time here. We concentrate on ensuring that every student will receive an engaging, stimulating and high-quality education from our highly professional and committed staff that will prepare them to make the most of their opportunities once they leave school. One of the most important ways of doing this, and the reason why we are an award-winning school for our pastoral care, are the relationships that develop between the teacher and student. For us, it is about positive relationships, consideration for others, respect for learning and being rewarded for effort. We have high expectations of our students that will allow them to achieve to their maximum capacity.

We are committed to keeping our classes small, so that the learning is more focused. For highly achieving students we offer differentiated activities, encouraging high level thinking and problem solving. We are proud to be an integrated school and have students and staff from all beliefs, faiths and traditions in our community. To us, integrated education is the future in Northern Ireland.

- Established by parents in 1997
- 800 students
- All-ability
- Young people of all faiths and none
- Young people from a range of socio-economic backgrounds
- Educating together young people with 36 languages other than English