

Our New Building

We are absolutely delighted to announce that work will begin on our fabulous new building in August 2021. This means that our year 8 students joining us in September 2021 will be able to look forward to studying for their GCSEs in state of the art facilities, to playing all their matches on our new pitches beside the school in Donard Park and still to be enjoying our beautiful site between the mountains and the sea. Shimna's very first building was Murlough House in Dundrum from September 1994. Then in June 1995, the founding students and staff carried the desks into our current building at The Lawnfield. We love our building and are tremendously proud of the founding parents who borrowed the money to ensure that post primary Integrated, academically excellent, all-ability, student centred, parent friendly education would be available in Newcastle.

Our current building is classified as semi-permanent, and it has served us well for the last twenty seven years. However, a permanent building of the highest standard is what our students deserve, and that is what we have achieved. Our innovative partnership with Newry, Mourne and Down Council will ensure that outstanding sports facilities will be available for the full range of sports we offer as an Integrated school. The great thing is that we will be able to continue to share all our facilities with all the partner community groups.

