



**Cairde Na mBráithre**

**Annual Report**

**2024-2025**

**Association name in full:** Cairde na mBráithre

**The Northern Ireland charity No:** 108400

**School name in full:** Christian Brothers Grammar School Omagh

**School address:** Kevlin Road, Omagh, BT781LD

**School Number:** 02882243567

**Cairde na mBráithre Trustees:**

- Mr Seamus Woods
- Fr Michael Doherty
- Mr James Murray
- Mr Martin Morris
- Mr Paul Donnelly

**The Purpose of Cairde na mBráithre**

The purpose of Cairde na mBráithre is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;

Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

**What we say to our members**

Like every school, we are faced with constant challenges to our provision, the promotion of our Irish culture, sport and the arts and maintaining our faith in Edmund Rice values. Our young people in particular face growing pressures; financially and emotionally.

We unashamedly see Cairde na mBráithre as the constant support our students need.

We aspire, with your help to:

- Promote a Cairde na mBráithre network.
- Have students proud of their heritage, helping them make ambitious choices,
- Ensure our young people have the proper cultural, sporting, spiritual and educational opportunities they otherwise may not by:
- Supporting the Irish traditions in language, music, sports and the arts.
- Promote accessibility, so that all students and cultural provision receive the necessary support as they require it.

As Cairde na mBráithre, let's secure a better experience in challenging times for our school and our students.

It's what's vital for all of us in Cairde na mBráithre!

With your Cairde na mBráithre membership, we will ensure that our young men carry your story onwards within the spirit of Edmund Rice.

Our school has a rich tradition of providing our students with a broad and balanced curriculum and a wide range of extra-curricular activities to develop the talents, skills and attributes required for their life after Omagh CBS.

We are conscious that in an ever-changing society it is important to protect those assets that we cherish most:

- Our faith
- Our traditions
- Our culture and heritage

Through Cairde CBS, we must continue to make this provision which contributes to an enriched school experience.

We are committed to safeguarding the ethos of our Christian Brothers School for the future, maintaining our historical values and our sense of shared community.

There are challenges ahead for us at Omagh CBS. Meeting the needs of our students within reduced budgets will require additional moral, social and financial support.

The information in this report refers to the 2024-2025 financial year.

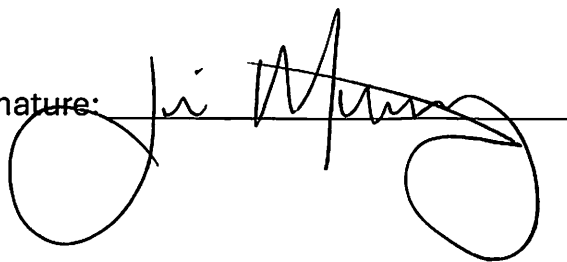
### **Main Activities 2024-2025**

- Finance from Cairde Na mBráithre was used to support students with purchase of school uniform items, to subsidise costs for non-educational trips and support for transport for extra-curricular activities.
- Fundraising Event: A Gala dinner was held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Armagh City Hotel to raise funds for Cairde Na mBráithre to support the work of the charity and to provide finance the costs of the CBS School Oratory when the Strule Campus opens in September 2025. Additional funding will also be required to supplement the provision of equipment in the IT, Science and Engineering classrooms to support students studying these specialist subjects.
- A donation was received from a former pupil of the school which was designated for the promotion of the Irish language in the school.
- Trustees were made aware that the reporting of the activities above is a legal requirement of the charity known as 'public benefit' reporting.

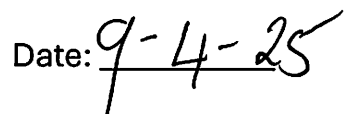
### **Financial Report 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

- At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 Cairde Na mBráithre account holds £39,253.48.
- There are no outstanding payments to be made nor any deficits.

Trustee Signature:

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Date:

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