

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Head of Music

Permanent, Full-time Contract

Closing date:

Tuesday 25th January at 3pm

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JOB DESCRIPTION

**FAXED, EMAILED OR LATE
APPLICATION FORMS WILL
NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Head of Music

Full Time, Permanent Contract

Required: 1st April 2022

Remuneration: MPG/UPS + ONE Teaching Allowance

Job Purpose:

To lead and organise all the work of the department (directing members of the Department when necessary) and to contribute as appropriate to the development, management, and review of the work of the College as a whole. Currently consisting only of the Head of Department, the Board of Governors are seeking to appoint a candidate with the vision, passion, enthusiasm, drive and commitment to considerably grow and develop the music department. A commitment to significantly contribute to the extra-curricular life of the school is a prerequisite for this role.

Accountable to:

To the Senior Leadership Team of the College for the effective discharge of all duties

Accountable for:

The effective teaching, learning and support of the College's students; enabling the staff of the department to identify and address their professional development and training needs.

1. Job Purpose

- To be accountable for the high standards of teaching, learning and pupil achievement throughout the Music Department
- To have a sound vision for the future of the department including the design and development of a state of the art brand new build school beginning in 2022
- To lead, grow, manage, develop and quality assure the Music Department as a dynamic and innovative department, leading Learning and Teaching in the department to 'outstanding status'
- To model high personal standards of Leadership, Learning and Teaching and professionalism to all other staff
- To lead, develop, enhance and support the classroom practice of teaching staff and LSAs in the Music department
- To liaise with other middle managers and SLT to ensure consistency of standards for pupils
- To actively seek, lead, develop, resource and provide opportunities for all pupils to perform and showcase their performances, work and talents regularly both in school and outside events and showcases
- To take the lead role as Musical Director in organising, producing, directing and managing music and performing arts showcases throughout the school year including assemblies, all school events and leading and delivering a whole school show in liaison with the Head of Drama and Performing Arts
- To lead, develop and quality assure extracurricular Music on a weekly basis after school
- To attend and actively contribute to Heads of Department meetings

2. Criteria

It is the responsibility of the applicant to indicate on their application form how they meet each of the criteria. On taking up the post the candidate must be a registered member of GTCNI.

The Board of Governors reserve the right to enhance the criteria in order to facilitate a manageable shortlist

Essential Criteria	<p>EC 1. A strong commitment to Integrated Education as defined by NICIE</p> <p>EC 2. A qualified teacher who holds an honours degree (minimum 2.2) in Music or a closely related subject relevant to teaching the Music curriculum at Key stages 3, 4 and 5</p> <p>EC 3. To have experience of teaching Music to GCSE level (Teaching Practice acceptable)</p> <p>EC 4. Demonstrable high levels of ICT skills to include music production software such as Garageband, Logic Pro or Pro Tools.</p> <p>EC 5. Demonstrable ability to accompany musical events at all levels on Piano</p> <p>EC 6. Willingness to professionally learn, coach others and be coachable</p>
Desirable Criteria (not in order of preference)	<p>DC 1. To have experience of teaching Music to at least GCSE level for a minimum of 3 full years.</p> <p>DC 2. To hold at least grade 8 or equivalent in a musical instrument or voice</p> <p>DC 3. To be qualified to teach an additional subject area to KS3 if required</p> <p>DC 4. Provide evidence of significant contribution to the extra- curricular work within a school in the areas of Music or Performing Arts such as choirs, bands, concerts, directing or producing a whole school show etc</p> <p>DC 5. Experience of managing a department, team or equivalent</p>

(Please note that experience must be accrued by the closing date for receipt of completed applications)

As the successful candidate:

You will be appointed for your inspirational leadership qualities, experience, enthusiasm for your subject, passion to see young people succeed, personal qualities, exceptional people management skills and commitment to Integrated Education.

You will be expected to be versatile, hardworking, clear thinking, innovative, credible and an excellent communicator and motivator. You will genuinely show care and passion to see the young people we are entrusted with thrive and excel. You will regularly go 'above and beyond', and will be a dedicated and enthusiastic team member. You will set an example as a leader to all staff in your professionalism, your dress code, your work ethic and your attitude.

As the College embarks on its new build, you will be able to develop both a brand new team and a brand new department, involved in its design from the ground up.

You will be able to independently handle and sensitively manage volatile and stressful situations, putting the needs of the pupils first. You will uphold the high standards, expectations and policies of the College consistently and be an exemplary representative of the College in the wider community.

In return, we will offer you freedom to innovate, genuine authority, broad experience and strong support. You will be a member of the Middle Management Team and will have an input into the strategic management of the whole College.

3. Responsibilities

1. Subject review and development

- (a) plans, provides and evaluates, with the active participation of the staff of the department as appropriate, the service to students in this department;
- (b) prepares for this purpose, with the active participation of the staff of the department as appropriate and within the priorities determined (after consultation) by the SLT, a three-year Departmental Strategic Plan and a one-year Departmental Operational Plan of the department's development;
- (c) participates in an annual meeting with the appropriate member of the senior leadership team of the College to review this development, for which a written report from the Head of Department will be required;
- (d) holds regular departmental meetings within directed time and keeps appropriate records of such meetings.

2. Curriculum

- (a) plans, enacts and monitors for all courses, in conjunction with the staff of the department, appropriate syllabuses, materials, schemes of work and revision programmes, which include clearly identified aims and objectives which are shared with the students;
- (b) encourages varied methods of teaching and learning, appropriate to the abilities and aspirations of the students and which enable them to take maximum responsibility for their own learning;
- (c) prepares (in conjunction with the appropriate members of the senior management of the College) the annual analysis of the staffing needs of the department according to the current staffing policy of the College
- (d) takes responsibility for coordination of the department's extra-curricular programme and fully participates in the wider extra-curricular life of the school, including contributing to special events (such as school plays etc) as directed by SLT.

3. Student Assessment, reporting and support

- (a) quality assures and ensures the efficient administration of a programme of student assessment and feedback, consistent with the marking policy of the department and with the whole-college assessment policy;
- (b) ensures that accurate and up-to-date records of student achievement and attendance are kept within the department;
- (c) participates in all college-wide policies for responding to such records, including the preparation of a report on the examination results of the previous academic year to be discussed with the Principal;
- (d) ensures the identification of students who are experiencing difficulties and that support and direction is given to them;
- (e) ensures that Form Teachers and Year Heads are kept fully informed of such students.

4. Finance and Resource Management

- (a) manages the budget devolved to the department, ensuring its efficient use and that limits are not exceeded;
- (b) orders and allocates materials and equipment as appropriate;
- (c) advises the senior management of the College on the resource and accommodation requirements of the departments;
- (d) provides departmental statistics as required for college bodies, outside agencies etc;
- (e) maintains an up-to-date inventory of equipment and resources;
- (f) ensures, as far as possible, that the department's equipment and resources are maintained in good order in line with current health and safety legislation and standards and that the rooms allocated for the department's use are cared for and offer an attractive and educationally stimulating environment for students.

5. Personnel

- (a) advises the Principal during the process of appointing staff to the department;
- (b) designs and implements an appropriate programme for the departmental induction of new staff and (where appropriate) staff who are taking on new responsibilities, in consultation with the appropriate member of the senior management of the College;
- (c) participates in the College's staff performance and review scheme as appropriate;
- (d) contributes to the support, career development, professional development and training of members of the department, especially arising out of PRSD;
- (e) co-ordinates arrangements for setting and distributing work and collecting it in at the end of the lesson arising from staff absence;
- (f) ensures equitable, varied teaching loads within the department;
- (g) ensures adherence to College policy regarding relevant health and safety regulations.
- (h) line manages the work of the department technician (if applicable)
- (i) take responsibility for ensuring all relevant staff meet the requisite health and safety workshop competency standards for Drama in Northern Ireland

6. Liason within and outside college

- (a) attends Heads of Department meetings;
- (b) liaises with other Heads of Department and senior leadership team as appropriate on the work of the College as a whole;
- (c) maintains links with partner schools, higher education and outside agencies in accordance with College policies;
- (d) ensures the preparation of up-to-date and appropriate liaison and publicity material in accordance with College guidelines;
- (e) encourages the participation of all the staff of the department as appropriate in liaison with students and parents in accordance with College policy;
- (f) promotes an awareness within the department of equal opportunities and policies on other cross-college matters.

4. Personnel Specification

Essential Knowledge and Skills

- Strong leadership skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong literacy and communication skills
- Strong ICT skills
- Ability to motivate staff and pupils
- Knowledge of current educational developments
- Ability to set, monitor and review targets

Essential Personal Qualities

- Enthusiasm
- A caring, child centred approach
- Confidence and discretion
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to learn
- Flexibility and willingness to teach other subjects
- Willingness to develop
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines

5. Areas of Responsibility

Strategic Development

- To take responsibility for the development and implementation of the Music Department.
- To use national, local and school management data to monitor standards of achievement.
- To monitor the progress made towards achieving targets and use this information to plan future developments.
- To collaborate with staff on short, medium and long term planning to develop in relation to:
 - a) Creating and updating resources
 - b) Continuous professional development of staff
 - c) Aims of the school, including its policies and practices
 - d) Challenging targets for improvement
- To promote the Drama Department to ensure its sustainability, development and growth.

Teaching and Learning

- To plan and monitor coverage, continuity and progression in lessons.
- To support and guide colleagues to select the most appropriate teaching and learning methods and resources in Music.
- To establish and implement clear policies and practices for assessing, recording and reporting on pupil achievement in line with school policy.
- To evaluate the teaching and learning in the Music Department through monitoring activities including:
 - a) Lesson observations
 - b) Work and planning scrutiny
 - c) Pupil discussions
 - d) Analysis of results and assessment data
 - e) Attending planning meetings
 - f) Leading staff training
 - g) Informal discussions
- To use this analysis to identify effective practice and areas for improvement and in conjunction with SLT take action to further improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Leading and Managing Staff

- To lead professional development of teaching staff and teaching assistants through example, support and liaison with SLT.
- Ensure trainee, newly qualified and staff new to the school receive appropriate support.
- Lead a team of staff.
- Effective and efficient deployment of staff, budget and resources
- Establish resource and staff requirements for Music and inform the Principal of costs and priorities.
- Distribute resources to meet the objectives of the school.
- Ensure the effective and efficient management of learning resources for Music.
- Ensure a stimulating learning environment in regard to subject specific materials as well as literacy and numeracy in all classrooms.

Other professional requirements

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with professional colleagues and other subject leaders to develop cross-curricular links and creative approaches to learning.
- Establish effective relationships with parents and inform them of developments and practices relating to the teaching and learning of Music.
- Participate in meetings with professional colleagues and parents in respect of the duties and responsibilities of the post.
- Be aware of the need to take responsibility for your own professional development.
- Play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its integrated ethos and to encourage staff and pupils to follow this example.
- Undertake any other duty as specified by Principal not mentioned in the above.

Terms and Conditions

Teachers' (Terms and Conditions of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and 1988 shall apply.

Further information is available on the DE website:
www.educationni.gov.uk/publications/teachers-salaries-and-conditions-service

The job description and allocation of responsibilities may be amended by agreement from time to time.

Fixed term posts

Please note that the post availability indicates how long a post will be vacant at the time of going to press and does not necessarily indicate the commencement date of any contract. Fixed Term contracts may subject to extension or may be reduced for any valid reason unless otherwise indicated. Certain circumstances may arise where the successful candidate will not be employed for the full period of availability e.g. Due to incomplete pre-employment checks at the commencing availability date.

Where a post is available for a full 12 month period and due to unforeseen circumstances it is not possible for the successful candidate to commence their contract at the availability date stated, the period of employment will be reduced and the teacher will be paid on the hourly rate for teachers.

Fixed Term teachers employed for less than a 12 month period will be paid on the hourly rate for teachers.

Disclosure of criminal background

If you have been appointed for a post that involves 'regulated activity' under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007, the Education Authority will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure of Criminal Background. Please note that you WILL be expected to meet the cost of an Enhanced Disclosure Certificate, which is currently £33. Details of how to make payment will be sent to you at the pre-employment stage.

Further information can be accessed on www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/accessni-criminal-record-checks or www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/about-accessni

References

This appointment will be subject to satisfactory references being received. One reference, preferably both, should be from a person who is able to comment on your suitability to work with children/young people in an educational setting. Ulidia Integrated College will seek references from present/previous employers for posts involving 'regulated activity'.

It is essential that you fully describe in the application form how you meet the criteria sought.

Please provide detailed information against each requirement, providing dates and ensuring that where requirements are time bounded (e.g. 1 year within the last 5 years) you provide detail and dates that fully satisfy the requirement. It is not appropriate to simply list the various posts that you have held. Assumptions will not be made from the title of your post.

Canvassing will disqualify.

ULIDIA INTEGRATED COLLEGE IS A NON SMOKING SCHOOL AND SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS AT ANY TIME.

The Professional Duties of Assistant Teachers

Subject to appropriate legislation, the following duties shall be deemed to be included in the professional duties which a teacher may be required to perform:

Teaching:

- In each case having regard to the curriculum for the school, and with a view to promoting the development of the abilities and aptitudes of the pupils in any class or group assigned to him;
- planning and preparing courses and lessons;
- teaching, according to their educational needs, the pupils assigned to him, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by the pupil in school and elsewhere;
- assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils;

Other activities:

- promoting the general progress and well-being of individual pupils and of any class or group of pupils assigned to him;
- providing guidance and advice to pupils on educational and social matters and on their further education and future careers, including information about sources of more expert advice on specific questions; making relevant records and reports;
- making records of and reports on the personal and social needs of pupils;
- communicating and consulting with the parents of pupils;
- communicating and co-operating with persons or bodies outside the school; and
- participating in meetings arranged for any of the purposes described above;

Assessments and reports:

- providing or contributing to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils;

Performance Review for Staff Development (PRSD):

- participating in arrangements made in accordance with regulations made for the appraisal of his performance and that of other teachers;

Review, induction, further training and development:

- reviewing from time to time his methods of teaching and programmes of work;
- participating in arrangements for his further training and professional development as a teacher including undertaking training and professional development which aim to meet needs identified in appraisal objectives or in appraisal statements;
- in the case of a teacher serving an induction period pursuant to the Induction Regulations, participating in arrangements for his supervision and training (EPD);

Educational methods:

- advising and co-operating with the head teacher and other teachers (or any one or more of them) on the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials, teaching programmes, methods of teaching and assessment and pastoral arrangements;

Discipline, health and safety:

- maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere;

Staff meetings

- participating in meetings at the school which relate to the curriculum for the school or the administration or organisation of the school, including pastoral arrangements;

Cover:

- subject to paragraph 65.9.2, supervising and so far as practicable teaching any pupils whose teacher is not available to teach them;
- except in the case of a teacher employed wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing such cover, no teacher shall be required to provide such cover for more than 38 hours in any school year;

Public examinations:

- participating in arrangements for preparing pupils for public examinations, in assessing pupils for the purposes of such examinations and recording and reporting such assessments, and participating in arrangements for pupils' presentation for and supervision during such examinations;

Management:

- contributing to the selection for appointment and professional development of other teachers and support staff, including the induction and assessment of new teachers and teachers serving induction periods pursuant to the Induction Regulations;
- assisting the head teacher in carrying out threshold assessments of other teachers for whom he has management responsibility;
- co-ordinating or managing the work of other staff; and
- taking such part as may be required of him in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school;

Administration:

- participating in administrative and organisational tasks related to such duties as are described above, including the direction or supervision of persons providing support for the teachers in the school; and
- attending assemblies, registering the attendance of pupils and supervising pupils, whether these duties are to be performed before, during or after school sessions.
- the college does not require a teacher routinely to undertake tasks of a clerical or administrative nature which do not call for the exercise of a teacher's professional skills and judgement.

WHY JOIN STAFF AT ULIDIA?



DYNAMIC

Ulidia is a growing and dynamic educational community; we bring children and staff from Catholic and Protestant traditions, as well as those of other faiths or none, together in one school.

Ulidia's Ethos is not secular but Christian in character and welcomes all faiths and none.

Through our Admissions Criteria we try to enrol approximately equal numbers of Catholic and Protestant children, as well as those from other religious and cultural backgrounds.

GROWING COMMUNITY

GRAMMAR & ALL ABILITY PATHWAYS

The emphasis at Ulidia Integrated College is on meeting the needs of all abilities to the highest academic standards.

We are passionate about learning and want our students to share our enthusiasm. Our aim is to challenge pupils to develop new approaches to learning, to be encouraged to excel and to experience success in all areas of the curriculum.

We cater for all learning styles, paces and potentials. In order to provide for all of our pupils, we are offering two distinct but intertwined learning pathways.

All Ability Pathway

An 'All Ability' Pathway for young people who prefer a blend of academic and vocational studies.

Grammar Pathway

A 'Grammar Pathway' for young people who thrive in a more demanding academic setting.

Both Pathways are combined for pastoral and enrichment classes where all pupils work together

By offering both Pathways in one College, pupils have the opportunity to move between Pathways as they develop, mature and identify potential careers. This ensures their curriculum always reflects their ability, is appropriately challenging and engages their interest throughout their College life.

GCSE and A Level examination options are open to all students regardless of their learning Pathway if they demonstrate appropriate ability in that subject area. This means that we offer a learning environment that challenges pupils to meet their potential combined with the flexibility to tailor educational qualifications to each individual's ability and aspirations.

We believe that every family should be able to access Integrated education for children of all abilities, from the academically gifted to those who require specific support.

We aim to provide all children with a caring and enhanced educational experience. Empowering them as individuals is a priority for our dedicated staff, so that as they grow and mature they will be able to affect positive change in the shared society we live in. We value and respect each other's cultures and diversity; we cherish equality for all. We go beyond the traditional 'child centred education' and seek to understand and enhance the centre of each child.

We acknowledge that no one knows a child better than their own family, and so we depend on our partnership with parents and carers to ensure each young person thrives.



Integrated Education brings children and staff from Catholic and Protestant traditions, as well as those of other faiths, or none, together in one school. For the past 30 years, in a deeply divided society, Integrated schools have been an alternative to an educational system in which most children attend largely religiously separated schools.

Integrated Schools differ from other schools in Northern Ireland by ensuring that children from diverse backgrounds are educated together every day in the same classrooms. Through their Admissions Criteria they enrol approximately equal numbers of Catholic and Protestant children, as well as children from other religious and cultural backgrounds.

Integrated Education aims to provide children with a caring and enhanced educational experience. Empowering them as individuals is a priority for staff so that as they grow and mature, they'll be able to affect positive change in the shared society we live in.



ULIDIA is over-subscribed yearly by over 100%

i.e. over 100% more students apply than we have places to offer.

Under the Education Reform Order (NI), 1989, a school wishing to obtain Grant Maintained Integrated status must convince the Department of Education that it can draw a minimum of 30% of its population from the minority tradition of the area it wishes to serve.

AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL

ENCOURAGING RESILIENCE

In Ulidia we are committed to the development of character, resilience and a growth mindset. We believe that this is an inherent part of the success of the College, both in terms of examination results and in the confidence of our young people.

We promote many aspects of resilience in our pupils: academic, physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual. Our aim is for students to develop the empathy and emotional intelligence which will support their achievement in all curriculum areas and make them dynamic members of our society and workforce.

Our 'Attitude To Learning' and 'Behaviour For Learning' systems are the foundation of all we do. We teach our young people how to behave enabling them to achieve our high expectations.

'Attitude To Learning' has created a positive learning climate, by setting out clear high expectations and consistently recognising and encouraging those pupils who meet and exceed it.

We have a tiered approach to rewards that sees members of staff telephoning home to recognise the progress pupils are making at the College. The culture of 'earning through effort' within the College develops positive relationships with all pupils and their families, all culminating in the annual rewards trips at the end of the year.



HISTORY OF ULIDIA

Area Background

East Antrim is the only area of Northern Ireland in which the separate communities of that area have become more polarised since the 'troubles' began. The area contains approximately 8% Roman Catholic population.

An Integrated School

Under the Education Reform Order (NI), 1989 a school wishing to obtain Grant Maintained Integrated status must convince the Department of Education that it can draw a minimum of 30% of its population from the minority tradition of the area it wishes to serve.

The history of the college begins with the failed attempt to open an integrated college in Carrickfergus, in 1995. Castle Integrated College failed because of massive opposition from interested parties in the East Antrim area. However, the steering group behind Castle Integrated College refused to give up and started planning again for an integrated college in East Antrim.

A proposal for a new college was lodged again with the Department of Education in early 1997. This proposal was for the opening of a brand new integrated college in Whitehead, a few miles north of Carrickfergus. The Department of Education refused the request and financial assistance. Under the guidance of Tom Pennycook, a parent, the steering committee steadfastly refused to give up hope and decided to open the proposed new integrated college, independently, without financial assistance from the Department of Education.

The Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) was approached in February 1997 for support. NICIE acted for the steering group. Their sister organisation, the Integrated Education Fund (IEF), obtained funding for the college for a period of three months only, with the promise that the IEF would fund-raise for the college to help maintain it throughout its first year.

The steering group, having secured guaranteed funding for three months went about enlisting the necessary 60 students (with a 30% balance from the minority religion), and the recruitment of Principal and Staff.

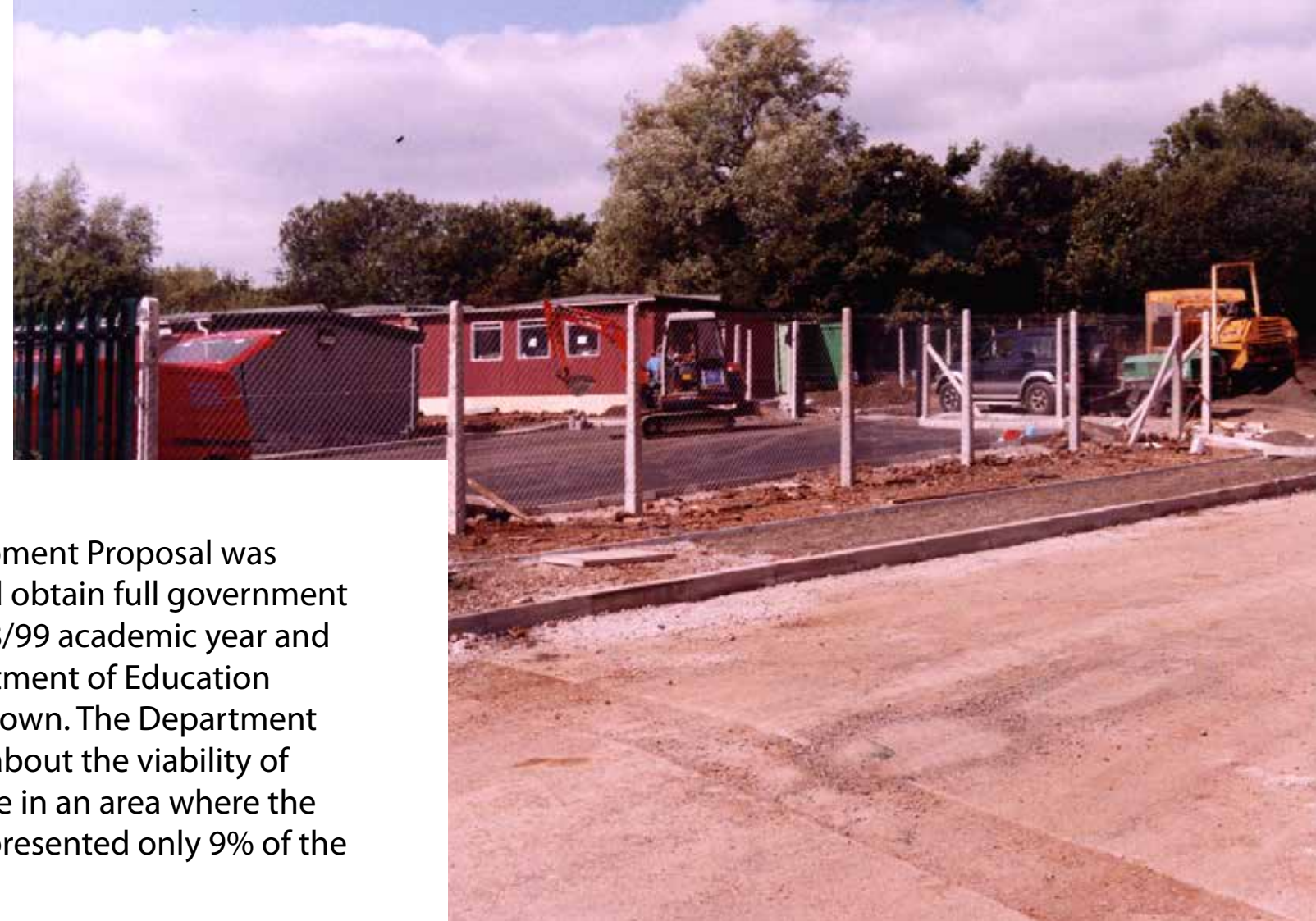
The college eventually opened on a disused hockey pitch, in Whitehead, on the 1 September 1997, under the leadership of Mr Eugene Martin, an experienced teacher and manager from Northern Ireland's first integrated school, Lagan College. Ulidia consisted then of six teachers, second-hand temporary accommodation, second-hand furniture and equipment, but first class, quality teachers. It also had its most valuable asset - 63 wonderful students - and religious balance!

A further development proposal was submitted to the Department of Education, but again this was rejected. The Department did not feel that such a school in such an area was viable. The college had to survive on its own finances for another year before a new Development Proposal could be submitted.

With additional financial assistance from the IEF, Ulidia Integrated College did survive. Interest in this new integrated college from parents in the area was overwhelming.

Yet another Development Proposal was submitted to try and obtain full government funding for the 1998/99 academic year and yet again the Department of Education turned the college down. The Department was 'not convinced about the viability of an integrated college in an area where the minority religion represented only 9% of the population'.

Once again, the college approached the IEF for financial assistance for 1998/99 and once again our friends at both NICIE and the IEF pledged their support. Of course, money had to be found from somewhere! The college continued independently in 1998/99 with over 130 students and ten staff and, of course, more mobile accommodation. The religious balance was perfect and completely in line with government recommendations - yet the government of the day "was not convinced." The IEF continued to fund the college from their meagre resources and the high quality education that was promised to the students was delivered by the staff.



The College opened on a disused hockey pitch in Whitehead



The then new Secretary of State, Dr Mo Molum visits Ulidia at the opening in Whitehead

The now customary Development Proposal was again presented to the Department of Education for the academic year 1999/2000. Given that the College had over 130 students with over 600 students on its waiting lists for the incoming years, everyone at the school was confident that this would be its year.

To everyone's complete astonishment, the College was, for the seventh time, refused funding for the year 1999/2000. Not dismayed, and with morale high, the college again sought help from the IEF and its sponsors and, true to the sincere and genuine nature of that organisation, the college was assured that the IEF would 'go to the wall' before it would cease funding the college. With the help of the American Ireland Fund and the European Peace Project, finance was found to allow it to continue in existence for yet another year. It was in this year that the college moved to its present site in Carrickfergus, necessitated by the fact that suitable land could not be found in Whitehead to allow for the college's rapid expansion.

In 1999/2000 we had 17 staff and 240 students enrolled, with religious balance, and more temporary accommodation. But the end of the terrible difficulties surrounding Ulidia's insecure future was in sight and with its eighth Development Proposal, submitted to the then new Secretary of State, Dr Mo Molum, in December 1999, the Department of Education finally capitulated and granted Ulidia Integrated College full funding, effective from September 2000.

The initial journey was over and Ulidia Integrated College finally joined the ranks as Northern Ireland's 44th fully-funded integrated college.

During its time in the wilderness as an independently funded college Ulidia had to suffer three petrol bomb attacks and numerous sectarian incidents directed toward the students. It also experienced two arson attacks, once of which destroyed our library.



Building of the current 'core' block at Ulidia in Carrickfergus



However, today the College sits proudly on a hill overlooking the beautiful Belfast Lough. Ulidia can justifiably be proud of its achievements. It proved that we were right in suffering the three long years of hardship, and that the need for an integrated college in such a troubled area was not only needed but essential.

The College is over-subscribed every year with enrolment passing 650 in 2018.

The College has been awarded a new build and hope to break ground in 2019 and be ready in a state of the art new building for September 2021.

The future of the College is now secure and genuine thanks are due to those who stood by the College in its times of need especially the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education and the Integrated Education Fund.

For generations to come, the story of the origins of Ulidia Integrated College and its hardships in the face of adverse difficulties, will inspire and enthuse the children of the college and all those who look for a better future for Northern Ireland.



HOW TO GET TO ULIDIA

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ALL PUPILS ACHIEVING AMBITIONS



"Educating together, Catholics and Protestants, and those of other religions, or none, in an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding, to the highest possible academic standards."

