

## **Information and Communication Technology**

The ICT department consists of two teachers and delivers AS and A Level ICT, GCSE ICT and Junior ICT.

All pupils in Year 8 received 2 periods of ICT per week, these classes were used to acquire skills in the use of word-processing, PowerPoint, desk-top publishing, video editing and the use of the Internet. The department was also involved in the Year 10 Animation project – *'Belfast – a city for everyone'*.

The A Level results for June 2010 were very pleasing. 14 pupils sat the exams and 100% gained grades A-D. This was the first year the A\* grade was available and 36% (5 pupils) achieved this grade, a further 21% gained an A grade with 93% of candidates gaining grades A - C.

In June 2010, 14 pupils completed their AS ICT examinations. The results were excellent with 79% gaining a grade A, 7% grade B and 14% grade C.

Thirteen pupils have opted to continue with ICT at A2 level, they will sit their A2 modules in June 2011 to receive their overall A Level grade.

Twenty-five GCSE ICT students sat their exams in June 2010. The results were extremely rewarding with 48% of the candidates receiving an A\* grade and 52 % an A grade. These results put us well above the NI average for grammar schools at GCSE, AS and A2 level.

Eighteen Year 13 pupils have decided to study AS ICT and will sit their modules in June 2011. We welcome 3 pupils from St Joseph's College who will attend AS ICT classes with us.

Forty-seven Year 11 pupils have opted to study GCSE ICT. They will be the first cohort to study the revised GCSE ICT specification which includes 60% controlled assessment units.

In March 2010 a group of 19 GCSE ICT pupils attended the *'Bring IT on'* conference at Queen's University, Belfast focussing exclusively on today's dynamic ICT industry.

In February 2010 four Year 11 GCSE ICT pupils participated in the *'ValueOils and Belfast Telegraph Young Web Designer of the Year Award'*; their work was highly commended.

Ciara McCann, an ICT PGCE student from Queen's University Belfast, joined the department for a 12 week teaching practice placement. We wish her every success in her future career.