

Netball

Our netball squads train hard throughout the year, and have been rewarded with Down titles and Ulster finals. The teams have strong links with Newcastle Junior Shooters Club which trains in Shimna.

Hockey

All our students play hockey as part of the curriculum and compete in the Integrated Schools hockey blitz. We are very grateful to have the support of Jean Erskine in training the team.

Gaelic

We have strong girls and boys gaelic squads who compete and reach finals at all levels from years 8-14. OldScholar Natasha currently plays on the Down team, and Shimna students play with many local clubs.

Rugby

We have strong links with Ballynahinch Rugby Club, and our students play and compete in all year groups. We welcome visiting trainers to coach our girls and boys squads.

Basketball

Our sixth years formed their own basketball club, organising training sessions during the school day and after school. They formed links with Shimna Stars Special Olympics Club and won a recent fundraising tournament. They also host visits from Belfast Peace Players.

Cricket

We have strong links with Dundrum Cricket Club who provide training sessions in school and encourage students who wish to continue the sport with the club.

Track and Field

We have a particularly successful record in track and field events, with Down, Ulster and Irish champions in high jump, long jump, shot, javelin and the current Irish triple jump silver medalist.

Cross Country

Our students compete in the Down and Ulster Championships and Newcastle Junior Athletics Club trains at Shimna. Many of our students run with a range of local clubs.

Orienteering

Tollymore Forest provides a perfect location for orienteering, and all of our GCSE PE students participate as one of their GCSE assessments.

Hill Walking

We are perfectly placed on the slopes of Slieve Donard to make the most of walking and climbing in the Mourne. Our Duke of Ed/Gaisce groups and our Public Services A level students make particular use, but all of our students have opportunities to walk in the hills.