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COLLEGES COLLABORATE IN A FIRST FOR THE NORTH

St Paul's College and Kildare College are working together in a joint initiative to increase student retention in Year 12.

In a first for the Northern area, the initiative allows Year 12 students to have a wider curriculum choice. Kildare girls can elect to study subjects at St Paul's, and boys from St Paul's are able to access subjects at Kildare.

The combined subject offerings of both schools are in excess of 60 subjects. A total of 42 students will be participating and sharing subjects such as Economics, Physics, Psychology and Drama Studies. Students can also select to undertake units of work in Furniture and Building Construction and Aviation.

The strategy ensures both schools maintain a breadth of courses at Year 12 level.

St Paul's and Kildare continue to be committed to single sex education, with the latest research showing that boys and girls achieve better educational outcomes in single sex environments. Both Colleges, however, recognise the advantages of a broad curriculum, particularly at senior level.

"The common roots of Brigidine and Christian Brothers philosophies provides an excellent basis for collaboration as the two school work together to improve student learning outcomes," says Principal of Kildare College, Mr David Pedlar. "The advantages of single sex education are still maintained for the students, while the benefit of a larger student cohort in the senior years is also achieved."

The sharing of campus and curriculum is the culmination of 10 years of St Paul's and Kildare working together. "The ongoing collaboration between the two schools has resulted in many positives for both communities, while at the same time, retaining each school's individual ethos," commented Mr Peter Shanahan, Principal of St Paul's.

Other areas where sharing occurs is in timetabling, joint bus service, calendar of events, term dates and a sibling discount fee.

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