

Strule Shared Education Campus

Young Minds



New Futures

*Poetry and hashtags that express hopes,
fears, challenges and opportunities*

Year 9 and 10 pupils from Omagh High School and Sacred Heart College, Omagh use poetry and hashtags to express their hopes and fears; and the challenges and opportunities presented by the Strule Shared Education Campus, which will be fully operational in 2020.

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It's awkward

It's pointless,

Like a margarita pizza

”

Change

*An unopen present
What's inside?*

*I'm out of my comfort zone
It's like a messy room
It makes me gather crazy thoughts
I don't know what to do, or what to expect up ahead
It's awkward
It's pointless,
Like a margarita pizza
It's a cycle of worries and excitement -
going round and a round*

Change is a pain

*It's a new opportunity on the horizon
An open door
An egg waiting to hatch
It's something different
It's the butterflies in my tummy
A high speed train -
might it go off the rails?
Like a box of chocolates,
you don't know what you'll get*

*An unopen present
What's inside?*

Change



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*My mind is undiscovered,
yet to be opened by
adventure and experience*

”

The Cage

*I am a prisoner,
the only thing I
know is the inside walls.
The barriers are up,
in a room with small doors.*

*My mind is
undiscovered,
yet to be opened by
adventure and experience in
the world around me.*

*I am a caged bird
I am ready to discover
I am ready to be free.*

*By Bronagh, Caitlin, Emma
Sacred Heart College, Omagh*

The Cage



Chance

*Chance is to roll a dice
A chance is to make it count -
to shine,
to take an opportunity.*

*A chance,
to take a chance -
to be a risk taker
to improve.*

*Take a chance
Chance it!*

*By David, Curt and Ashley
Omagh High School*

Chance



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*balloons as projectiles,
ties as whips &
bottles as clubs*

”

War of the Schools

*What would happen if the pupils were to fight?
Bully people for being different?
Or start an all-out war?*

*Who would make the first move?
What would be the weapons?
Water balloons as projectiles, ties as whips
and bottles as clubs.
I've seen this happen...
and it probably will.*

*But there could be a peaceful end to the
War of The Schools*

*By Luke
Omagh High School*

The War of the Schools



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*Beliefs are like keys –
They are all different, but the same
..... Just like us.*

”

Diversity

*We are all the same but
remember,
we all have our own religion.*

*Waves in the ocean -
All of them a different size and shape
But they all come from the same place.*

*Beliefs are like keys –
They are all different, but the same
Just like us.*

*By Nora, Chloe, Abi and Rebekah
Omagh High School*

Diversity



“

*.... dark corners make
chinese whispers*

”

Chitter Chatter

*Chitter chatter in dark corners make
Chinese Whispers.*

*Loud, in closed minds as
Tribes protect painted barriers.*

*Talking freely in open spaces
Positive waves flood the streets
Closed minds, now open
Painted barriers, lie broken.*

*By Caitlin, Courtney, Kieva and
Orla Sacred Heart College, Omagh*

Chitter Chatter



“

.... we all live today,

.... in peace and harmony

.... we'll play

”

Why?

Why did we build this?

Nobody knows

Where will it take us?

Where will we go?

What is to be achieved?

Should we believe that this is a better way?

To live, everyday...

All religions come together -

Together as one.

Under the same roof,

Will this be fun?

I think it will be alright...

Maybe there won't be any fights?

If we all live today,

In peace and harmony, we'll play.

By Lily and Isabelle

Omagh High School

Why?



Scared

*Moving to a new place
An inclusive, inspirational place but
a key is keeping my mouth shut
I'm afraid to speak up*

Will I be judged?

*I feel like a runner gasping for air
Eyes wonder, my speeding heart
in my mouth
Emotions fly through me like a caged bird*

I am scared

*By Kobi and Victoria
Omagh High School*

Scared



“

*.... history and family roots
stick each brick together
..... tight, for a steady future*

”

The Walls

I am secure

I express myself freely

The walls are meaningful

They are there for a reason

History and family roots stick each brick together

Tight, for a steady future

I live in the comfort zone as the walls become stronger.

I step outside.

Only, being out brings many questions -

Will I be judged if I express myself?

Will I have to change?

My emotions fly wild and free as

I meet new people and together,

We walk into the future

Leaving our walls behind us.

By Alisha, Riona, Trinity, Rebecca

Sacred Heart College, Omagh

The Walls



“

.... blink, breathe

smile and laugh and

love to have fun

”

Similarities

*As my heart beats,
Yours beats too*

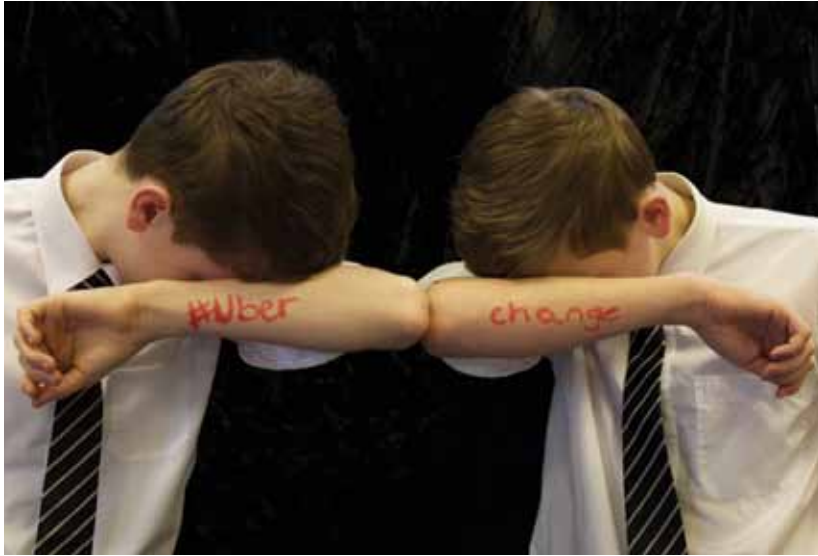
*We can all get sick and
Dosed up with the flu*

*We all blink, breathe
Smile and laugh and
Love to have fun.*

*Make the most of your life
The best is yet to come.*

*By Emily, Nicola and Isobel
Omagh High School*

Similarities



“

.... these things are different

But each have something

in common

”

The Common Ground

Coke or Pepsi

Xbox or Play Station

Cats or dogs

Man United or Liverpool...

Different religions

Protestant or Catholic

Believers

Faith followers

You can see, these things are different

But each have something in common

We can be like that.

By Nathan, Orrin, Charley and Cody

Omagh High School

The Common Ground



Camp Us

*Barriers come crashing down as
friendship and openness bloom.
A new, positive life is ready to be explored
Why hasn't this happened before?*

*People are more accepting -
minds open towards others.
Time to experience new cultures,
'Sharing is caring', the future norm.*

*Now it's just a campus
Soon to be, Camp Us!*

*By Roise, Niamh, Catherine & Aisling
Sacred Heart College, Omagh*

Camp Us



“

*... angry people, red faces
pointing fingers
tired eyes*

”

Traffic Terror Worries

Horns blare

Cars are jammed

An annoyed line like an angry snake,

A moving car park

Angry people

Red faces

Pointing fingers

Tired eyes

Steaming ears

Will I ever get there?

*By Jessica, Emma, Ciara, Aodhan & Dylan
Sacred Heart College, Omagh*

Traffic Terror Worries



“

*.... a chance to reinvent,
a chance to reach the summit,
to the unimaginable*

”

The Journey

*A steep, hard climb
A compass leads me in the right direction
Once I reach the top,
The view is one I could never have imagined.*

*Emotions fly in the wind -
Transformed butterflies
Free, wild, vibrant
The barriers are down.*

*A door leads me to my future
A future of friendships, diversity, achievement
Inspirational buzz
The horizon widens.*

*It's new a chance
A chance to reinvent
A chance to reach the summit,
To the unimaginable.*

The Journey

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