

*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*



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*.... dark corners make  
chinese whispers ....*

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# 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



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*.... 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



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*.... 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*



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*.... 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*



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*.... 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*

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Camp Us



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*... 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*



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

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# 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*

*Shared Education Campus*



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