



Translink Schools' Gold Cup provides 51 goals on opening day

The first round of the Translink Gold Cup provided 51 goals and points for all teams in the competition. St Columb's College hosted Bangor Academy winning two games and drawing one. In an exciting game played at U13 level St Columb's broke the deadlock and managed to add another before a stirring comeback from Bangor evened the game at 2-2. As the game stretched St Columb's hit Bangor on the break twice to seal a 4-2 victory.

In the U15 game Bangor Academy were unfortunate not to have gone ahead having a number of chances cleared off the line. They finally got the goal they deserved and forced St Columb's to show an even more determined mindset. A through ball and neat finish brought St Columb's back in to the game with chances falling to both teams in the final few minutes but they eventually played out a draw.

The final game of the day provided the most goals with both sides attacking from the off. As St Columb's got a foothold in the game 2 early goals provided them a bit of a safety net encouraging positive, expansive football. When the third goal came from St Columb's it was clear a committed Bangor side had a never say die attitude and managed to claw one back from a poorly defended set piece early in the second half. Another 3 excellent goals in the second half from St Columb's put the tie to bed but not before Bangor impressively, continued to fight and produced another goal from a set piece and a final one from open play for a final score of 6-3 to the home side.

The Second round of fixtures will be played this week with St Malachys hosting St Columbs, Holy Cross College traveling to Belfast to Our Lady and St Patricks College, Knock, Laurelhill making a short trip to Ashfield boys and Bangor Academy hosting Boys Model.

Wednesday 12th September

	U13	U15	U17
Holy Cross v Ashfield	1-1	0-3	3-1
Boys Model v St Malachys	1-2	2-1	2-2
St Columbs v Bangor Academy	4-2	1-1	6-2
Laurelhill v OLSPCK	1-1	5-7	2-0