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St. Mary's High School, Newry

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Dear Miss Olivia McCann

Green Flag Award

I am delighted to confirm that you have been successful in renewing your Eco-Schools Green Flag. Cathy Gorman was very impressed with your school's work.

Congratulations to all concerned - staff and pupils alike, and not forgetting the caretaker and many parents who helped your school achieve its environmental targets. You will hold the flag for two years, and then you are asked to apply again, addressing a different topic or looking at ways of making sound financial savings.

Applications can now be made online through your School Zone, which we would recommend you use when it comes time to renew your award, and you will have to use the online Data Zone for your chosen topics.

The assessor made the following comments about the strengths of your school evident in the assessment visit:

"This was the easiest Green Flag decision I've had in a long time! The links across the curriculum are brilliant and don't appear forced at all. The committee is proactive, enthusiastic and very mature. Good inclusion of Year 8's as Monitors. Brilliant to see the Eco-Committee mentoring another school."

The assessor made the following **suggestions** which may enhance your Eco-Schools programme going forward:

"Include minutes on the main noticeboard, and maybe try to move it to the main foyer so guests can see the great work.
Keep it up!"

If you would like to submit any of your environmental achievements for our Eco-Schools website www.eco-schoolsni.org please forward or email it to me at the below address.

Once again, many congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely

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