## EJC Sponsorship vital to the success of Queen's.



With burgeoning numbers and Gaelic Games more popular than ever at Queen's, the support of sponsors has become vital as Queen's GAA fields teams in all five codes and takes part in competitions the length and breadth of the country. Queen's GAA has benefitted from the generous support of its main sponsor, EJC Contracts, enabling it to provide the highest quality of support for its players, throughout the year.

Gavan Duffy, Queen's GAA Development Officer explains:

"We are a very large club with over 500 members and our 14 teams take part in Higher Education competitions throughout Ireland. Without the support of EJC we would not be able to participate to this extent or provide the same level of opportunities for our squads. Given the spiraling costs of kit, equipment and travel, the reality is that our sponsorship with EJC is a financial lifeline for this Club."

Higher Education GAA Clubs, like Queen's, are unique in that every member has dual membership of the University and their home club. Higher Education is also unique in providing opportunities to compete against some of the country's top Gaelic footballers, Ladies footballers, hurlers, camogs and handball players, who attend other Universities and Colleges across Ireland.

All GAA members at Queen's are part of the Sean O'Neill GAA Academy which provides a development pathway for each athlete that supports them as they strive to reach the pinnacle of their sport. The top athletes are provided with a bursary each year and again external support and sponsorship income is vital as we currently provide around 40 bursaries each year. A smaller number are also selected for the Elite Athlete programme each year – players who are playing Gaelic games at the highest possible level.

Gavan Duffy says that the coaching, strength and conditioning and individual support that GAA players at Queen's provides is of the highest possible quality.

"Regardless of the level at which you play, you will have access to a broad range of support services and the opportunity to improve your game- whether you are a club or inter-county player."

Antrim hurling star, Conal Bohill is one such inter-county player. The St John's man has been tested this season already against the toughest of opposition – the Cats and the Dubs – in Division One of the National Hurling League.



Tyrone Gaelic Football star Matty Murnaghan will face the likes of Mayo, Kerry and Monaghan this year in the top tier of Gaelic Football. The Killyclogher man will have his eyes fixed on the Sam Maguire cup as his side tries to repeat their 2021 All Ireland success.



The full list of Queen's GAA players awarded bursaries this year is shown below. Queen's GAA would like to thank our supporters and our main sponsor EJC Contracts for helping make this possible.

Sarah Dougherty	Tomas McCormack
Niamh McIntosh	Peter McGrane
Megan McCann	Ardan McAvoy
Dearbhile Gallagher	Brain Conway
Emily Druse	Dan Higgins
Conall McGirr	Matthew Downey
Diarmuid King	Rory Donnelly
Matthew Laverty	Padraig Purcell
Seanan Quinn	Ronan Boyle
Daire Murphy	Tiarnan Bogue
Eoin McFerran	Ciara Mullan
Conal Bohill	Fintan Canavan
Tom McGrattan	Stephen Devlin

**GAA Elite Athletes** 

Matthew Murnaghan

Peter Fegan

Blaithin Bogue