

Past Ballyfermot College Animation Student Richie Baneham appears on Late Late Show to celebrate his Bafta win & Oscar Nomination



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<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/the-late-late-show-s23-e8/SI0000001694?epguid=IH10000989-23-0008> Interview starts at 42 mins.

Ballyfermot College ‘buzzing’ as two former students up for Oscars as reported in the Irish Independent



Richie Baneham, from Tallaght, will be hoping to repeat his Oscar success from 2010. Pic: Rupert Thorpe

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Students and staff at Ballyfermot College of Further Education are “buzzing” as two former students are currently up for Oscar awards.

Richie Baneham is nominated for Best Visual Effects at the 95th Academy Awards for his work on *Avatar: The Way of Water*.

The Tallaght native picked up a Bafta for his work on the same film last week, opening his acceptance speech with, “Go raibh míle maith agat”.

Meanwhile, another former Ballyfermot student, Jillian Beechur, worked on three of the five Production Design nominees for this year’s Oscars – *Babylon*, *Elvis*, and *Avatar: The Way of Water*.

Cecilia Munro, Principal at BCFE, told Independent.ie: “They are the talk of the college this week. There’s a lot of conversation, noise, and chatter about them at the moment.



Richie Baneham (third from left) with his Bafta for Special Visual Effects “Richie won an Oscar for *Avatar* in 2010, it’s amazing. He came through Ballyfermot College; he has these skills and creativity himself.

“He would’ve learned the core foundations here when he was on the animation course.

“Jillian, a production designer and art director, studied cinematography and film in Ballyfermot. We didn’t teach them their creativity. We allowed them to be creative.

“We gave them somewhere to do it. We encouraged, we fostered, and we let them develop. The reason for the success is that students are allowed to do what they want to do.”

To read the full article click on this link; <https://m.independent.ie/regionals/dublin/dublin-news/ballyfermot-college-buzzing-as-two-former-students-up-for-oscars-42357382.html>

Richie Baneham wins Special Visual Effects Academy Award at the BAFTAs



Irish animator Richard Baneham and his colleagues won big at the British Academy Film Awards last night.

The Academy award-winning animator and his team collected the award for special visual effects on blockbuster film Avatar: The Way of Water.

Mr Baneham, who is from Tallaght, has worked on some of the world’s biggest movie productions including The Lord of the Rings film trilogy, the Chronicles of Narnia and the Avatar franchise. He studied the trade in Ballyfermot College of Further Education before moving to Los Angeles. Not alone has he and his team won a BAFTA but he has also been nominated for an OSCAR. [Read full Independent Article.](#)

