

Athletics News
 Congratulations to Kathy Hetherington who won silver at the Irish Athletics Championships.

She missed out on gold by only 4cm.



Cricket News
 Congratulations to the Year 8 team who defeated Carrick Grammar to win the Miles Cup in June.



Golf News

Congratulations to Marc Norton on his selection for the Ulster U15 golf team.

Dates for your diary
 Belfast High School Musical
 Buggy Malone
 23, 24 and 25 November 2011

Form 1 Paris Trip

84 pupils and 10 staff enjoyed a fabulous trip to Paris in June with excursions to the Eiffel Tower, Disneyland, the Stade de France and Parc Asterix.



Barcelona Adventure Trip

40 pupils and 5 staff travelled to La Fosca in August and participated in a variety of activities including snorkelling, canoeing, kayaking and sailing.



Staff News

The School welcomed Mr Neil Lennox and Miss Kirstie Bell to the Maths and Geography Departments in September.

HIGHLIGHTS

News from Belfast High School



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Top Achievers in GCSE, AS and A2 Examinations



A2 Level
 21 A* and
 61 A grades



AS Level
 85 A grades



GCSE Level
 117 A* and
 131 A

Pupils receiving their results at both A Level and GCSE this year had good reason to be delighted with their first class performance.

While the School has won specialist awards in the areas of science and languages, **in every subject** in the school pupils performed higher than the Northern Ireland Grammar School average. Remarkably not one pupil has failed an A Level subject at Belfast High in the last 5 years. More impressively, the 85% grades A-C pass rate at A Level means that the School has significantly outperformed all other grammar schools in the South East Antrim and North Belfast areas. GCSE results were so good that the School very quickly filled all available places in its Sixth Form.

These magnificent results were achieved by the sheer hard work done by pupils and teachers as well as the great support of parents and governors.

Every single pupil in the School achieved a pass grade in GCSE Mathematics and there were 100% passes in 8 other subjects. No subject at GCSE had less than a 90% pass rate. AS results for pupils in Year 13 were also very impressive, exceeding the achievement of last year, and suggesting that next year's A Level results will also be outstanding.

Of course, there were many wonderful individual successes, but it would be difficult to single out a few when the real message of this year's results is that the School does its best for all its pupils whatever their ability.



A New Term Begins

Our new Year 8 pupils arriving on their first day, some with older brothers and sisters and mums and dads.



Newly Elected Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and Prefects



Head Boy
Daniel Cavey
Centre left

Head Girl
Clara Chivers
Centre right

Deputies (l-r)
Stephen Murray, Matthew Neill,
Lesley-Anne Wilson and
Chelsey Lenaghan



Prefects

Our newly elected Prefects from Upper Sixth will play a key role in helping to ensure the smooth running of the School.

In October of 2009 I became an Olympic Young Ambassador for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This meant that I was given the task of going back to my peers and school and promoting the 7 Olympic and Paralympic Values and also increase awareness of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

In my time as an Olympic Ambassador I have been elected to the Northern Ireland Steering Group for the Young Ambassador Programme. I have thrown a Mini-Olympics for pupils of a local Primary School. I also was the first person to take the Olympic Torch out of London for a press day in Northern Ireland.

In the future I have been asked to mentor new Young Ambassadors and also give more speeches about my time as a Young Ambassador. I will soon be going to a conference in London for a very select group of Young Ambassadors and will take on further responsibilities this year.

Pupil Profile

Name: Adam White
Year: 13
Title: Olympic Ambassador



Bursary Winners



Ethan Haley
David Clements Bursary
Ethan achieved 2A* and 2A grades in Further Maths, Maths, Physics and Technology accepted a place at Imperial College London to study Electrical and Electronic Engineering.



Lewis Holmes - Leslie Dyer Bursary
Awarded for the most significant improvement made since GCSE.

Ruairi Langhammer was awarded the Scott (Toomebridge) Ltd Bursary. This is awarded to the top achieving pupil taking up a university place to study Engineering.