

Hockey Success

Congratulations to our U14 team who defeated Kilkeel HS 4-0 in the second round of the Ulster Schools' Junior Cup.



Congratulations also to our 2As who defeated BRA in the second round of the McDowell Cup. The very tight match ended 1-1 and remained 1-1 after extra time.

Goalkeeper Rebekah McKinley held her nerve during the penalty flicks and kept a clean sheet and the team progressed to the third round. Well done!



Date for your diary ...

Music Box with Peter Corry - starring the Belfast High School Senior Choir
Theatre at the Mill, Mossley Mill
Thursday 15 December
Tickets available at the Box Office

Ulster Hockey Talent ID Squad

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected for the Ulster Hockey Talent ID Squad:

Julea Glover, Anna Hutchinson, Erin McCluggage, Chloe McGrugan and Jessica McMaster



Sports Leaders

Congratulations to our Year 14 pupils who achieved their Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership:

Jessica Boal, Rebecca Davidson, Jenna Dickson, Lucy Gault, Gemma Gray, Stephanie McBride, Rebekah McKinley, Ryan McGonigle and Fawn Mulholland.



In order to gain this Award, the pupils completed six internally assessed units which included organising a Primary Schools Sports Festival at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown and completing a First Aid Qualification with the British Red Cross.

Final accreditation was achieved following the completion of 10 hours voluntary Sports Leadership in the Community.

HIGHLIGHTS

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CCEA True Colours Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Joel McGrath and Ellan Rankin, whose AS and GCSE artwork has been selected for the CCEA's long-standing True Colours Art Exhibition scheduled for January 2012.

A selection of the most unique and interesting artwork produced for CCEA's summer 2011 examinations will be on display for public viewing and is a must-see for art lovers of all ages.



Dates for your diary

Open Nights

Tuesday 31 January and
Wednesday 1 February 2012

School Development Day

Wednesday 1 February 2012

School Examinations

Year 14: 6-12 December 2011
Year 12: 9-18 January 2012
Year 11: 9-17 January 2012
Year 10: 13-17 January 2012
Year 13: 22-28 February 2012

Debating Success

Congratulations to Paul Courtney and Marc Lennon who defeated a team from the Royal School Dungannon in the first round of the Belfast Buildings Preservation Trust Interschool Debating Competition.

The boys were proposing the motion 'This house believes that NI is not a green and pleasant land'.





As part of our 4 Nations Maths Challenge Celebrations we invited Charlie Turner from the ‘Stand Up Maths’ Team to present a workshop entitled “Shapes and Smoke-rings”.

This involved pupils from Year 8 to Year 14 trying some hands-on investigations in Topology! Pupils experimented with moebius strips and stretching their perceptions of shapes and surfaces beyond 3 dimensions.

Our pupils also took part in live challenges against other pupils from schools across the four nations playing online to answer as many mental arithmetic questions as possible in 60 seconds.



I started playing the cello at the age of eight and instantly took a shine to it. Recently I have decided that music is the career for me – not an easy choice as there is so much competition out there.

I practise a minimum of an hour a day in addition to five and a half hours a week at the City of Belfast School of Music. I was absolutely thrilled when I was accepted into the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland as it was my first time auditioning for them - I don't think I've ever worked harder!

I am working towards my Grade 8 early next year and I am also currently a member of the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra.

In the meantime I am so excited about the winter course with the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland as it will be an amazing experience – both musically and culturally.

Pupil Profile

Name: Jacqui Barnes
Year: 13
Title: Cellist, National Youth Orchestra of Ireland



Bugsy Malone

Congratulations to everyone involved in the school's very successful production of Bugsy Malone at the end of November.



*Peter Bothwell
Bugsy Malone*



*Clara McPeak
Blousey Brown*



*Jonnie Joffroy
Fat Sam*



*Megan McDowell
Tallulah*



*Matthew Neill
Dandy Dan*

Senior Rugby Tour to Abu Dhabi

27 senior rugby players, Mr Derek Wilson, Mr Davy Scott and Mr Ross Ewart, went on a 5 night/7 day rugby tour to Abu Dhabi and Dubai during the half-term holiday. Pupils paid for flights, and insurance but their accommodation, meals and activities were funded through sponsorship. The boys themselves have helped defray some of the latter costs through a sponsored cycle race, school disco and tour magazine. However, the bulk of the sponsorship was been raised by Mr Gareth White, a Whitehead man now working in Abu Dhabi, a past pupil of the High School and a parent of one of the boys going on the tour. He collaborated with and encouraged different contacts and businesses in Abu Dhabi to offer financial backing for the tour. As a result, he put together a trip which was the envy of many and which provided a lasting memory for all those fortunate enough to be involved.



The boys had a busy schedule during their stay. They played 3 matches against the British and French Schools in Abu Dhabi and against Dubai College. As well as playing rugby, a host of other educational, cultural, social and sporting activities were arranged. They also spent one morning involved in activities with children from ZHO, a Special Needs' organisation in Abu Dhabi. They had guided sightseeing tours of Abu Dhabi and Dubai and had the opportunity to visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, reputedly the third largest in the world. In addition, they visited the Ferrari World theme park, the Yas Marina Grand Prix circuit, participated in a go-karting competition and played in an international, friendly volleyball tournament.