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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

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pointing the way forward



GCSE pass rate 90% A*-C

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The smallest school can get the best results

The league tables for Northern Ireland have just been released by the Department of Education and we are delighted to tell you that with 90% of our pupils achieving 5+ GCSE's in A*-C range we can now confirm the following:

Out of the 148 secondary schools in NI we came 4th.

Out of the 31 secondary schools in the WELB we came 1st

A big congratulations and well done to all our pupils who left in June. We are very proud of all you have achieved so far and wish you well for the future.

SCHOOL DETAILS

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Wednesday 16th March

Thursday 17th March

Friday 18th March 2011



The Let Programme 2011

A group of ten pupils from Year 9 have just completed the Let Programme. The pupils were; Niall McGinn, Eoghan Teague, Cahir McGovern, Ryan McCanney, Caolan McKenna, Hannah Callaghan, Cathy Teague, Demi Harkin, Leona Walsh and Laura McCann. These lucky pupils got the opportunity to take part in activities such as raft-building, archery, high rope climbing, quasar lazer, off roading in jeeps and much more. They also were given the opportunity to learn about business matters and money management. Leona Walsh was in the winning business group and Demi Harkin received an award for overall best effort. A great time was had by all.



ARMAGH PLANETARIUM VISIT

Year 9 pupils attended Armagh Cathedral and Armagh planetarium recently. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr McCarron, Mr Nugent and Miss Doherty. Pupils visited the Star Theatre for a show then took part in a rockets workshop where they made their own rockets and then had the chance to launch them outside.



Looks like Eoghan and Cathy have just Landed on the moon!!



*Pleased to meet you!!
Emmet McNabb, Cahir McGovern
and Ryan Goulding*



*Zoe Murray, Demi Harkin
and Leigh Palmer*



The students get ready to launch their own rockets into space!!



*Gavin Teague, Ryan McCanney
and Dermott Logue at the Cathedral*



*Marian Mulholland
and Shannon Tunney in Armagh
Cathedral*

SOUTH WEST COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Year 12 Students attended South West College Open Day on Tuesday 22nd February. They were accompanied by Ms Latimer and Mrs Corry. The students were given a lovely guided tour of the College and students were then given an opportunity to speak to lecturers and complete applications forms for September 2011. There was a wide interest shown in many courses, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Catering, Childcare, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and many more. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

True Colours Exhibition

Year 11 and 12 pupils visited the True Colours Exhibition in the South West College on 27th February, 2011. On show was the very best of GCSE, A2 and A Level Art and Design work from the schools across N. Ireland. The pupils were inspired by the different projects in the exhibition.



Key Stage 3 & 4 Class Awards

On the 11th of February students in the school were presented with the Key Stage certificates of 2009-2010 for Top Girl, Top Boy, Best Effort in each subject area. Congratulations to all who received the certificates.



KS3 Top Girl, and Best Effort of 2009-2010



KS3 Top Boy and Best Effort of 2009-2010



KS4 Top Girl, Top Boy and Best Effort of 2009-2010

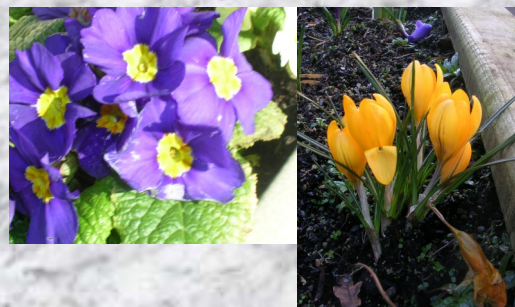


Year 9 Top Girl, Top Boy and Best Effort of 2009-2010



Yr 8 Top Girl, Top Boy and Best Effort of 2009-2010

The First Signs of Spring at St John's College



Thanks to all the hard work of Veronica and the members of the gardening club, we are at last seeing the first signs of spring.

Photography
by Maurice McCloughan

St John's Extended Schools' Programme

The Extended Schools Programme offers **FREE** activities for our pupils and after school night classes for the community. In the first term members of the community successfully completed an 8 week 'Healthy Eating' Cookery Class and a 10 week 'Recreational Wall Tiling' class. Pupils participated in the 'Modern Dance' classes and 'Drumming' classes offered in the college. At present pupils are attending swimming lessons at Omagh Leisure Centre and the Gardening Club.



Healthy Eating Cookery class



Drumming at the Fashion Show

This term we are offering the following classes to the community, **Basic Hygiene Certificate Level 2 Online** and **Creative Writing** commencing Monday 14th March 7 - 9 pm. Anyone interested in participating in the classes please contact Martina on 02882898284.

Cross Country

Necarne, Irvinestown.

This event took place on a cold, windy but dry day in January. There were a lot of schools in attendance with some very strong competitors. Our St John's pupils gave a great account of themselves and although they got no awards for their efforts they enjoyed the tough but rewarding experience. The competitors included pupils from Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

'E' District in Dungannon

Our Year 9 and 10 pupils participated in this Cross County competition against some seasoned athletes. It was an unforgiving circuit and the boys put in every effort to compete. As a team, the Year 9 boys were just two places of getting to the Ulster Championships with both Emmett McNabb and Cahir McGovern running a great race. The Year 10's had a longer run to complete. They all did very well, however Maurice McCloughan and Damien McQuaid performed admirably and should be very proud of what they achieved.



OPEN NIGHT

On Tuesday 18th January we held our Open Night for Primary 7 students and their parents. Miss Doherty addressed a packed hall, followed by the tour of the school which then everyone finished with tea, gymnastics and lots of performances from our variety show.

