



# HILL TOP NEWS



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## A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

### Fashion and Variety Show just keeps getting better and better

The 6th St John's Fashion and Variety Show opened to a capacity crowd on Thursday 8th December. For one night only the talented pupils across the year groups entertained the audience with a packed show of fashion, singing, dancing and comedy acts. The crowds that braved the cold night were met on their arrival by ten pupils playing the African drums in the foyer. Through the Extended Schools' Programme the pupils had attended six weeks of drumming classes with Ronan Mc Kee in preparation for this night. The show's opening act Willy Wonka was performed by Year 10 pupils, directed by Miss Bradley, followed by an African Dream Dance choreographed by dance instructor, Aideen Shannon.

The first half as always featured the Year 12 boys and girls in their formal wear. The girls glittered in their gowns escorted down the catwalk by the boys in their tuxs as proud parents looked on. Year 8 Pupils had designed and made their own lanterns from paper and willow kindly donated by Gavin Winters, Dromore, and were accompanied by our School Choir with a selection of Christmas songs. Dromore's "Strictly Come Dancing 2011" winners gave the crowd a stunning look at their dance which won them the title. Alannah Quinn amazed the crowd with her rendition of "Suds in the Bucket" followed by Shannon Barrett and the traditional group singing "Rattlin Bog". A traditional feel with Irish dancing and a performance by St John's staff and Colm Corry of the "Joyce Country Band" ended the highly successful first half.

The second half started with Years 8, 9 & 10 showing their amazing dance talent with "Grease Lightning" followed by Clare McCann, Year 8 with her beautiful rendition of "Blanket on the Ground". Other performances in the second half were "You Raise Me Up" by Year 12 Westlife, "Wagon Wheel" by Conor McGurran & Cahir McGovern, "Raining Men" - The Weather Girls, Jedward featuring Vanilla Ice, and "Piece of my Heart" sang by Alannah Quinn. Kerri McDonnell, Donna McPhillips & Conor Donnelly thrilled the crowd with their performance of Olly Murs' "Dance with me tonight". This was followed by a rousing performance of a "Queen Tribute" by Damien McQuaid that had the crowd clapping along.

### SCHOOL DETAILS

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### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

#### Christmas Holidays

Thursday 22nd December  
to Wednesday 4th January

#### All students return

Thursday

5th January 2012



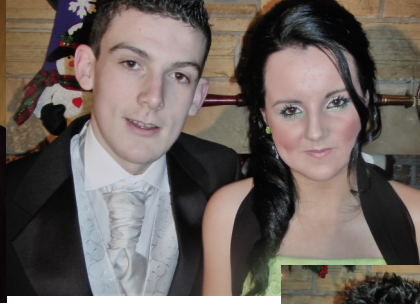
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## Formal 2011

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on Wednesday 7th December 2011. Thankfully the cold weather conditions stayed away this year and everyone arrived on time, safe and well. The girls looked beautiful, the boys handsome and a great night was had by all. Gerry McGread, Mickey Donnelly and Jimmy McCloughan provided the disco and the students contributed some highly entertaining acts. The crowned King this year was Conor Donnelly, Fintona and crowned Queen was Emma Smyth, Dromore.



# MORE FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS



KING & QUEEN 2011  
Conor Donnelly & Emma Smyth



# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2011

The 2011 Christmas Fair was another huge success for St. John's and its students. The pupils in the school developed various products, all of which proved to be popular with visiting members of the community. Year 8 students sold plants, stunning floral arrangements and Christmas candles. Year 9 students helped at the cake stand and the book stall. Year 10 students served in the tea room and made candle holders. The tea room also featured guest harpist Dearbhla Bradley, and her performance was commented on by many of our visitors. Year 11 produced products made in Technology & Design. Year 12 students organised a chocolate fountain. The sports hall hosted a penalty shoot-out competition and a bouncy castle. Thanks to all the students and staff who assisted with the running of these events and especially all the parents who donated various items to sell and items for the hampers.

