



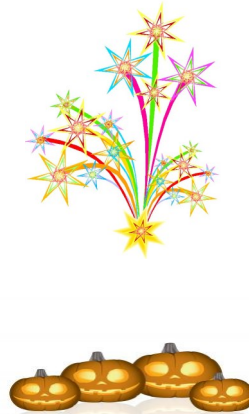
# HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

## St John's welcomes its new Year 8 students



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### *SCHOOL CLOSURES*

#### Halloween Holidays

Thursday 30th October to  
Monday 3rd November  
(inclusive)

### Credit Union Competition

Congratulations to Clodagh McNulty has come first in the 14-17 category of the Credit Union Competition. Clodagh now goes through to the Chapter level of the competition. Well done Clodagh.



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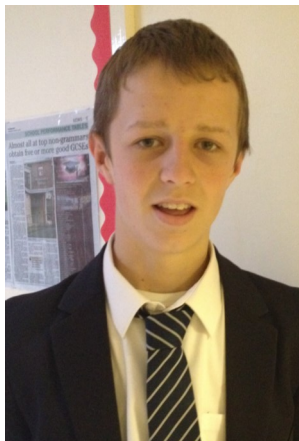
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### Ruairi is Top in Northern Ireland

A huge congratulations to Ruairi Teague, Year 12 who received an Award from CEA for achieving Third Place in Northern Ireland in his Single Award Science. Ruairi received an A\*

### Coffee Morning and

### Christmas Fayre

29th November 2014

10.30am to 1.30pm.

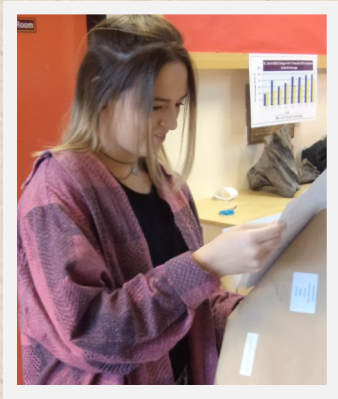
All Welcome





## RESULTS SUMMER 2014

A big congratulations to all our past Year 12 students who received their GCSE examinations results, Year 13 students who received their AS Level results and our Year 14 students who received their A-Level results in August. St John's was once again delighted with grades achieved by all our students. From the photos below you can see the delight of all our students.



Mary McGowan and Naomi McManus delighted with their A-Level results



A-Levels students pictured with Ms Doherty, Principal Shane Knox, Aimee Teague, Mary McGowan, Sinead Marlow and Joe McCusker



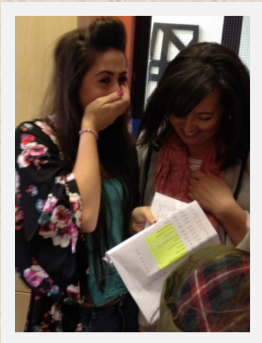
Conor Donnelly checking out his A-Level results in the car that morning!



Pictured receiving their results are Sinead Hannigan, Leigh Palmer, Zoe Murray, Shannon Tunney & Shannon Barrett



Hannah Callaghan pictured with her mum Una



Laura McCann with Ms Bradley, overjoyed with her GCSE results.



Delighted Shannon Barrett with her mum Ursula



Year 12 students pictured with Ms Doherty, Principal



Cathy Teague, Laura McCann & Hannah Callaghan





## **YEAR 8 INDUCTION NIGHT**

On Thursday 2nd October the annual Year 8 Induction Night took place. This was a liturgical celebration organised by the Year 8 teachers, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Maguire. The liturgy was accompanied by the beautiful choir, organised by Ms Bogue and Mrs Donaghy. It was lovely to see all students take part in the liturgy and the choir. The ceremony was followed by refreshments and the night was enjoyed by all.



### **Extended Schools Programme 2014**

#### **Term 1**

##### **Jiving with Chris Cross**

Years 11, 12, 13, 14 Wednesday  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

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Year 8, 9, 10 Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

##### **Gardening Club**

Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

##### **Baking and Banter**

Monday 3.30pm - 5.30pm (pupils only)

##### **Fitness**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3.30pm -  
4.30pm

##### **Boys' Football Training**

Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

##### **Girls' Football Training**

Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

### **SHOE BOX APPEAL 2014**

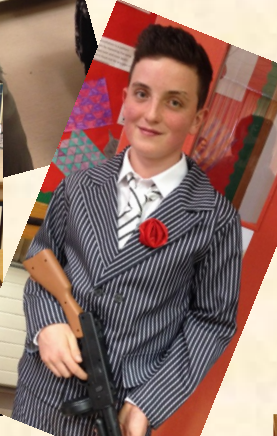
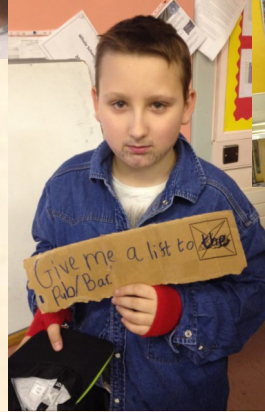
Donations still being collected after Halloween for the Shoe Box Appeal. Items that can be donated include sweets, facecloths, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pens and pencils. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Year 14 students Attend University of Ulster Open Day**

Students from St. John's and St. Mary's travelled together with their Careers teachers, Mrs Corry and Mrs Corrigan, to the Jordanstown Campus on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. The day was insightful for students as they were able to visit specific departments, meet the lecturers and have any queries answered. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and hopefully there will be a number of our students enrolling in their desired choices next year.



# SPOOKY GOINGS-ON AT ST JOHN'S!!





## Year 12 Geography Field Trip

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 the Year 12 pupils went on a fieldtrip to the local river to study the changes in the river channel from site to site.



## *St. John's Fashion and Variety Show*

on Thursday

11th December 2014

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

All Welcome - Tickets on sale soon!!

(This is a ticket only event)

# Pope John Paul II Award Group 2014-2015

## About the Award

The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them.

Through the Pope John Paul II Award, young people will be enabled to take an active part in the life of their Church, in the life of their community and society and also become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world. This will enable young people to engage at a deep level with Christ, whose body the Church is.

It will allow young people to understand that religion and faith are not just for learning, nor are they a list of rules, but that they are for living.

## Who is the Award for?

- Students in Year 13
- Students in full-time education who have completed GCSEs
- Anyone between the age of 16 and 18, not in post-primary education

The award is non-competitive, flexible and voluntary and requires an ongoing commitment.



## How many Awards are there?

There are four Awards: The Papal Cross, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

A number of our Year 13 Students have registered in their parishes to become members of the Pope John Paul II Group. They are: Shannon Barrett, Hannah Callaghan, Megan McBrearty, Sinead Hannigan, Shannon Tunney and Michaela McKenna.

## CARE FOR CANCER

### Supporting Omagh and its surrounding areas

Care for Cancer is a local charity which supports the community of Omagh and its surrounding areas. The centre is based in Campsie, Omagh and opening hours are 10:00am-3:00pm. They provide information and practical support to cancer patients, their carers and families.

Examples of core services provided are:

Transport for people to hospital appointments

Complementary therapies – such as Reflexology, Reiki and Aromatherapy. These therapies are available for patients and their carers.

This is only a brief idea of the amazing services that they offer. If you or your family are affected and would like to find out more, contact Dolores Mc Crystal: 02882898795.

## NEW CAREERS ADVISOR



We would like to welcome our New Careers Adviser to St. John's B & E College, Mr Ronan McAteer. Ronan is employed by the Careers Service NI and is based in the Omagh Office.

Ronan will be visiting the school on a Monday throughout the academic year. During this time he will speak to class groups, especially those at Key transition points. He will also be carrying out Careers Interview Guidance with all of our Year 12, 13 and 14 students on an individual basis. This service will be invaluable to our students.



# PRIZEGIVING NIGHT 2014

On Thursday 18th September St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2014. Ms Doherty gave a warm welcome to the large gathering, praising their achievements and wishing them well in their future careers. Guest speaker on the night was Stephen O'Neill. Stephen has 3 All-Ireland medals, plays for Clan Na Gael and is a recognised pioneer. Our own Mr Ball and Mr Logue also played for Clan Na Gael. He is considered such a dedicated player that he has represented Ireland for the Compromised Rules Series and has 3 All Star Awards.



**Top GCSE Boy of the Year 2014**  
Callan Peace



**Student of the Year 2014**  
Cathy Teague



**Top A-Level Student 2014**  
Naomi McManus



**Principal's Award for Sustained Effort**  
Hannah Callaghan



Canon Breen & Canon McKenna pictured with Stephen O'Neill



**Spire Art Contribution to Art & Design – Shannon Tunney**



**School to Work Student of the Year**  
Leigh Palmer



## **Stephen made some excellent points in his speech on Presentation Night that we all could use!**

**Opportunity** – Every day, every lesson, every piece of advice from your family you can learn from it. Everyday you have an opportunity to learn something/or become better at something. Take it.

**Smile** – It gives an impression, makes people happy. People will help you quicker if you have a friendly attitude!

**Get stuck in** – Help people do a nice/good deed for someone. It might be helping pick up football cones, doing the dishes, tidying a room. Surprise your parents and show them that you care!

**Preparation** – prepare well for things; know your subject, study. Don't arrive expecting someone else to do it, you must be prepared to do it.

**Perseverance and failing** – "I missed more than 9000 shots, lost 300 games, 26 times I have missed the game winning shot. I fail and fail again but that is why I succeed!" Michael Jordan. Never give up, work hard, be humble

**Decisions** – Try and make wise decisions. You live in an unbelievably competitive time. You're competing for exam results, university places and finally jobs. The decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life. You might think that's nonsense but think about it.



## Gaelic Football

Our Under 14 team had their first run out of the season in a friendly game against St Mary's, Irvinestown. It was a worthwhile game for both teams to gauge their expectations for the coming year. The league format has changed this year with St. John's entered into an Ulster League competition at both Under 14 and 16. This will be an exciting adventure which will surely test our young athletes. Keep an eye out for further updates.



## Congratulations

### Anita!!

Well done to Anita McCoolle on receiving her award for U16 player of the year at Fintona Pearses Awards Night. A truly well deserved award. Anita, also plays for the schools U16 team.



## YEAR 8 VISIT THE FOLK PARK

On Friday 24th October the Year 8 students were accompanied by the Year 8 students from St Mary's College in Irvinestown to the Ulster American Folk Park. The trip had taken place as part of the A2 Travel & Toursim group (Kirby Mullan & Cillian McGoldrick), where they had to run an event successfully.

On the day students were given the Halloween Tour and were engaged in activities such as old style "bobbing for apples" and folk dancing. As you can see by the photos below everyone had a great day.

