



HILL TOP NEWS



50th Edition
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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Canon Tom Breen

3rd March 1931 - 7th February 2015

On what is a very sad time for St John's, following the passing of Canon Tom Breen, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to his entire family. On the day of Canon Breen's Funeral, Bishop McDauid summed up Canon Breen when he said "he was an extraordinary ordinary man who will always be remembered for his big smile and gentle handshake"

We would also like to acknowledge his dedication and tireless work as Chair of our Board of Governors for many years. He will be greatly missed within the school and the community.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Mid Term Break

Monday 16th February -
Friday 20th February
2015

(inclusive)

St Patrick's Day

Monday 16th March &
Tuesday 17th March
2015



Across the lawn of Esker house

The evening shadows fall;

Who's that coming on the bike,

Humming the Galway shawl?

Who's that setting out to bring

The straying sheep back home?

We know the answer - admultos annos!

God Bless you, Father Tom.

Extract from

"Tribute To Father Tom"

by Pat McDonnell

True Colours Exhibition

On Thursday 5th February, Years 11, 12, 13 and 14 pupils studying Art and Design visited the True Colours Exhibition at the Ulster Museum in Belfast. Pupils got to see the very best of GCSE and A Level art work in N. Ireland. They also took the opportunity to see the other exhibits on display throughout the museum. The pupils enjoyed the experience which has in turn inspired their own work.



Pictured at the exhibition Zena McCusker, Mollie Chadwick, Amy Gallagher, Colm Teague, Damien McCuaid and Mairead Curran



Veronica McCanny pictured with Petra Mitnyikova, Daige Watts and Jodie Mullan



Open Night at St John's

On Wednesday 21st January St John's welcomed Primary 7 students and their parents from all our feeder primary schools to view St John's for their annual Open Night.

To our delight an unprecedented number of pupils attended to experience a tour around the school, an exhibition of our talent in Drama, as well as tasting pizza slices in HE and pain au Chocolait in French. The evening finished off with everyone gathering in the school assembly hall for refreshments and a display of the wonderful talent that St John's has to offer. A special thanks go to all the students who helped on the night to create a highly successful evening.





OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING



Search for *St Johns College Dromore* or follow the link below.

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This will allow parents, students and members of the community to keep up to date on all information regarding the college on a daily basis

Cross Country at Necarne

Some of our year 9, 10 and 11 pupils attended the Cross-Country competition in Necarne. Weather conditions hindered our preparation for the run and yet our boys and girls still represented the school superbly. Having competed against some of the best runners in Ulster, we hope this will encourage our pupils to attend future events. Well done to all who participated.



Pictured at the cross country, Aidan Lawlor, Kieran Bresnahan, Gary Hunter, Conor McDonnell, Dermott Love, Rory Burns, Ciaran McCanny, Dara Monaghan, Stephen McManus, Conor Maguire, Simon Garrity and Paucic Maguire



Anita McCoolle and Emma Spratt checking out the times!



Darragh McGirr & Gareth Kelly at the event



Tomas Hunter & Colm Teague who placed well on the day



James McCaughey, Conall Mullin, Dionisios Gospodinov, Kamil Lukasik and Mikolaj Michalski who took part in the run

Tyrone Vocational Schools Under 14 'B' Final Friday 6th February 2015

St. John's, Dromore 1-7 Drumragh Integrated 2-5

After many postponements due to adverse weather conditions these two teams finally locked horns in the battle to represent Tyrone in the Ulster Vocational Schools competition.

The game started with a blistering pace that never seemed to relent. The two defences were on top form which was then represented on the scoreline at half time with Drumragh leading by only a kick of the ball, 1-3 to 3. After suffering a big defeat to Drumragh earlier in the school year, the Dromore lads felt they had something to prove and they certainly didn't disappoint. The second half performance from St John's showed the progress these lads have made since September, and they deserved much more from the game than they got. The effort shown by each player was superb and is something they can build upon for next year's competition. They outscored Drumragh in the second half but unfortunately lost out to the minimal of scores in the end.

We wish Drumragh all the best in the Ulster competition.

Team: Gary Hunter, Conor McDonnell, Daniel Patterson, Paudi Tunney, Phelim Gallagher, Aidan Lawlor, Conor McGovern, James McCaughey, Dermott Love, Rory Burns, Daley Tunney, Caolan McCusker, Simon Garrity, Conall Mullin, Eoin Edgar **Subs:** Darragh McMahon, Ronan Hughes, Mark Maguire, Pauric Maguire, Peter McWilliams, Barry Maguire, Ronan Teague, Ciaran Teague, Kieran Bresnahan, Ciaran McCanney, Stephen McManus, Dionisios Gospodinov

Under - 16 Panel 2014/2015

These are the students who represented the school at U16 level this year.



CAREERS DAY IN NURSING

The Training Academy 3fivetwo was organised by the Omagh Learning Community to meet with students interested in pursuing a career in nursing. Through this workshop-based event students were given the opportunity to learn interview techniques and prepare for individual mock interviews.

The day was highly successful and thoroughly enjoyed by our 6th Form Girls, Kirby Mullan, Shannon Tunney, Lauren Chadwick and Sinead Hannigan