



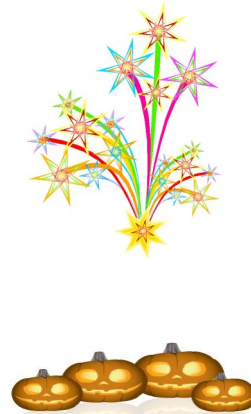
HILL TOP NEWS



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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 29th October to
Tuesday 3rd November
2015 (inclusive)



~ Celebrating 50 Years ~

RESULTS SUMMER 2015

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.



Hannah Quinn & Ciara Sheridan delighted with their results on the day.



Ross Hunter, Brandon Gallagher & Blake Palmer pictured on results' day.



Petra Mitnyikova & Paige Watts



Double the joy for brother and sister, Clare & Conall McCann, on results' day.



Pdraig Quinn and his proud mum Genevieve



Des McLaughlin pictured with his mum and Ms Doherty, Principal



Year 11 students who completed their GCSE Mathematics - Jodie Mullan, Chole McCarron, Vicky Donnelly, Megan Logue and Colm Teague delighted with their results!



Ross Hunter, Ruairi Teague, Conall McCann, Shane Pratt and Pearse O'Neill

YEAR 8 INDUCTION NIGHT

On Thursday 1st 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.



Year 8 Amazing Brains

The first year of secondary school is crucial in enabling students to develop both the mindset and study habits to succeed at school. If those habits can be embedded at this early stage then the journey through second level education can be smoother and much more rewarding. We are proud to say we introduced our Year 8 students to this fabulous programme on Friday 4th September. This was a two and a half hour seminar that provided our new Year 8 students with skills to develop effective study habits from the very start of the school year.

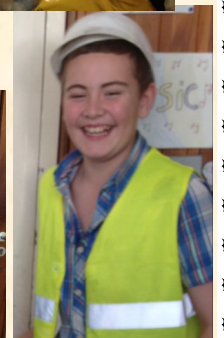
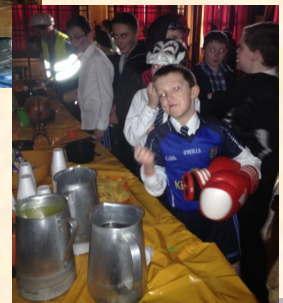
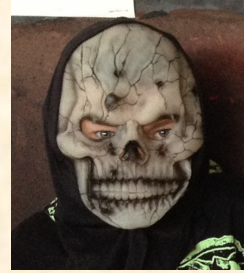
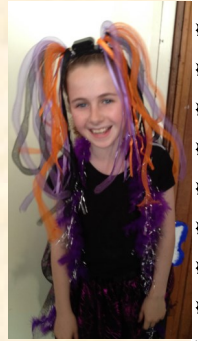
Blast Off is an upbeat, interactive and fun programme that has been designed to captivate, motivate and educate young people about their brain and learning. It aims to create a success-oriented mindset amongst students, boost academic performance and foster a positive, lifelong attitude to learning. This programme is guaranteed to reinforce and compliment the work being done by teachers in the school.

What the students gained from this experience:

- Kick-start the learning journey ahead and understand how their brain and memory work
- Realise that their brain is like a muscle - it grows stronger with use
- Develop a 'Growth Mindset' and understand the importance of EFFORT in success
- Explore the differences between ACTIVE and PASSIVE learning
- Develop EFFECTIVE study habits
- Mix with other students, develop friendships and see the benefits of collaboration



SPOOKY GOINGS-ON AT ST JOHN'S!!



Outside the classroom



During an Art and Design lesson 10A1 went out into the fields surrounding the school and took photographs of the countryside. Using their iPads they were able to collect a number of images for their Landscape Unit. They brought them back to the classroom and drew from their own images. Let's hope this good weather continues.

10A1 pupils take full advantage of the unseasonal good weather

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2015

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.

A new careers advisor for St John's

We would like to welcome Helen Quinn (schools careers advisor) from Careers Service N.I. Helen will attend the school on a regular basis to meet with our Year 12 students for Careers interviews and provide them with careers guidance throughout the year. Helen will also be available to give advice to our post-16 students on request.

Urney Creations Interactive Workshop

On Saturday 17th October, Dromore Extended Schools' Cluster organised a workshop with Internationally Awarded Artist Gloria Perry from Urney Creations. Nine members of the schools community took part. It involved starting off with a person made from wire and then it was covered in tinfoil to get the shape. The process then involved cutting up a white t-shirt and using a textile hardener called Paverpol to create the sculpture. Everyone in the group was delighted with their finished piece and look forward to the next workshop, hopefully before Christmas. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the school office.



Coffee Morning

Year 14 students organised a very successful coffee morning for their Working with Others task for COPE Level 3. The students managed to raise a fantastic amount of **£1,500** for their chosen charity, The Renal Unit in Omagh.

The students and staff are very grateful to all those who supported the event and attended on the day. Also special thanks to those who donated prizes to the raffle and to all the parents, students and staff who donated home baking.



Coffee Morning and Christmas Fayre



Saturday
29th November 2015

10.30am to 1.30pm.

Visit Santa in his grotto and see all the animals with Corbally Mobile Fun Farm

St. John's Fashion and Variety Show

Thursday 10th December 2015

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

All Welcome - Tickets on sale soon!!

(This is a ticket only event)

PRIZEGIVING NIGHT 2015

On Thursday 17th September St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2015. 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 previous Principal John McCusker. It was very special to have John with us, especially as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary this school year.



Top GCSE Boy of the Year 2015
Ruairi Teague



Student of the Year 2015
Caoimhe McGread



Top A-Level Student 2015
Gabrielle O'Reilly



Principal's Award for Sustained Effort
Ronan Slevin



School to Work Student of the Year
Hannah Quinn



Spire Art Contribution to Art & Design –
Caoimhe McGread



Contribution to school life
Cathal McGoldrick pictured with Fr MacEntee



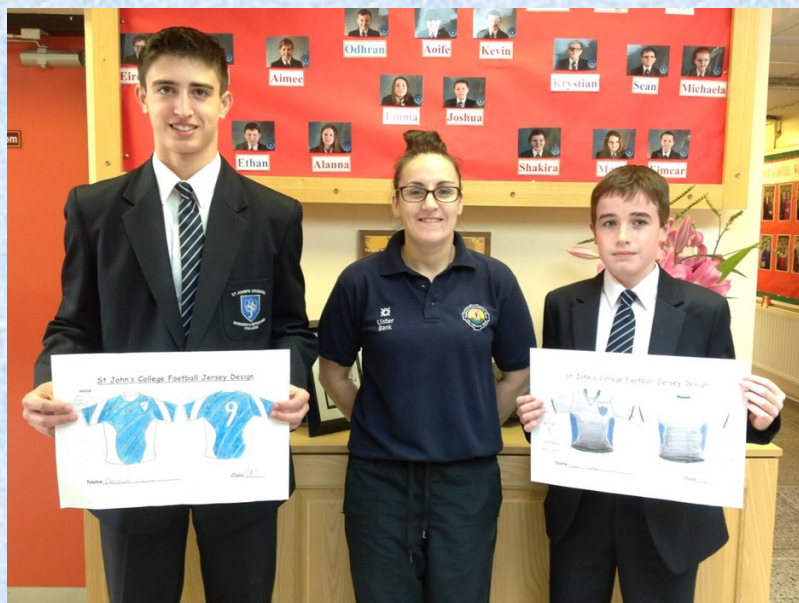
Ms Doherty, Principal, pictured with Mr John McCusker, previous Principal



Top ICT Student
Mairead Gallen, pictured with Ronan McNabb



School Football Jersey Design Competition



Dermot Love 10A2 and Peter McWilliams 9A2 with Mrs Gavin

Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils got the opportunity to design the new St John's College Under-14 football jersey. After a great deal of deliberation two winning designs were chosen. Peter McWilliams took first place and his design will be printed. Dermot Love's design achieved second place. Peter received a prize of £20 and Dermot £10. Congratulations to all who took part and we look forward to seeing the new jersey very soon!

Gaelic Football Under 14 B League

St John's Dromore 7-5 St. Joseph's Coalisland 4-7 8th October @ Coalisland

St John's travelled to Coalisland for their first competitive outing of the year. As Coalisland came down from the A-section, the lads were anticipating a tough contest and they didn't disappoint. The 1st half was very even with neither team able to put their stamp on the game. The ball was going end to end and as the half time whistle approached, St John's managed to take the advantage into the dressing rooms. This gave the boys a chance to regroup and try to break Coalisland down in the 2nd half. It still was a difficult task but well taken scores from Ciaran Teague, Simon Garrity and Kieran Bresnahan helped control the latter stages of the 2nd half, St John's winning by 7 points.

Scorers: Ciaran Teague 3-0, Kieran Bresnahan 2-0, Simon Garrity 2-2 (2 free-kicks), Dara Monaghan 0-2, Patryk Mitoraj 0-1.

St John's Dromore 10-9 Dungannon Integrated 1-7 21st October @ Dungannon

Another away fixture for the St. John's team that ended in taking the full points and putting them into the county final with 1 game left to play. The score-line has somewhat flattered the boys performance with Dungannon easily scoring and in control of the game for the opening 20 minutes. We happened to get a few lucky breaks, with Gary Hunter and Rory Burns finding the net before half time seemed to have a negative effect on the Dungannon lads. After half time our boys knew they had to step up their performance and they didn't disappoint. A strong defensive performance from Owen O'Brien and Aidan Lawlor helped keep the Dungannon attack quiet and an impressive scoring threat from Gary Hunter and Dara Monaghan proved to be the difference. A well deserved victory with improvement to be made before the county final.

Scorers: Gary Hunter 5-3, Dara Monaghan 2-0, Rory Burns 1-2, Aidan Lawlor 1-2, Ciaran Teague 1-1, Owen O'Brien 0-1 (Free kick)