



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

Wednesday 26th October
to Tuesday 1st November
inclusive (inclusive)



Coffee Morning and Christmas Fayre



Saturday
26th November 2016

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 15th December 2016

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

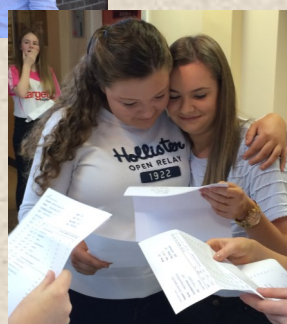
All Welcome - Tickets on sale soon!!

(This is a ticket only event)



RESULTS SUMMER 2016

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 students have made us all so proud by achieving 100% 5+ GCSE passes in the A* - C range with 91% of Year 12's achieving 9 - 13 GCSE pass grades in total. Seven subjects at 100% pass rate. From the photos below you can see the delight of all our students.



YEAR 8 INDUCTION NIGHT

On Tuesday 4th October the annual Year 8 Induction Night took place. This was a liturgical celebration organised by Mrs Maguire and the Year 8 form teachers, Mr Logue and Mrs Tierney. The liturgy was accompanied by the beautiful choir, organised by Ms Bogue and Mrs McCrory. It was lovely to see all students take part in the liturgy and the choir. The ceremony was followed by refreshments and the



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 Wednesday 7th 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
- Realise that learning is worthwhile and fun
- Build their self-confidence and self-efficacy

We look forward to other exciting programmes Amazing Brains will be providing throughout the year.

SPOOKY GOINGS-ON AT ST JOHN'S!!



Phyllies Fashion Show

On Saturday 22nd October the O'Brien family held a Fashion Show in memory of Phyllis O'Brien hosted in the school. The night was a huge success with over 380 people in attendance. The money raised was £15,200 which was donated to the Care for Cancer Charity in Omagh.



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2016

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.

Careers advisor for St John's

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 8th October, Dromore Extended Schools' Cluster organised a workshop with Internationally Awarded Artist Gloria Perry from Urney Creations. Twelve 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. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the school office.



Extended Schools

Current Year 8 students are currently having jiving lessons provided Chris Cross



Coffee Morning

Year 14 students organised a very successful coffee morning for their Working with Others task for COPE Level 3. Ten students (Aidan Lawlor, Gary Hunter, Paudy Tunney, Danny Ewing, Padraig Quinn, Dawid Nowak, Oisín McGirr, Joshua Farry, Barry Maguire and Shea McGoldrick) also bravely had their heads shaved on the day by Cillian McGoldrick and Tina Hunter. The students managed to raise a fantastic amount of **£2,231** for their chosen charity, MacMillian Cancer Support.

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



PRIZEGIVING NIGHT 2016

On Thursday 17th September St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2016. 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 past pupil Dr. Siobhan Corrigan. It was very special to have Siobhan with us, especially as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary this school year.



GCSE Geography Field Trip

On Monday 3rd October the GCSE Geography classes went on the annual fieldtrip to the Shaneragh River.

