



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

ANNUAL SKI TRIP 2017

On Saturday 14th January 2017 ten students, accompanied by Ms Bogue, went skiing in Italy for seven days. As you can see from the photographs below, the students had an amazing experience. Students wishing to attend the next ski trip (to take place in January 2018) should leave their names and a deposit with Ms Bogue as soon as possible.



SCHOOL DETAILS

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Mid-Term Break

Monday 13th February -
Friday 17th February 2017

St Patrick's Day

Friday 17th March 2017



ARMAGH PLANETARIUM

Year 9 students, accompanied by Mr McCarron and Una Carney, went on a Science Trip to the Armagh Planetarium on the 2nd February. The itinerary involved a Space Show in the Dome and an interactive workshop. The students also stopped off at Armagh Cathedral on the way.



“True Colours” Exhibition

On the 8th February, 2017 Art and Design pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13 visited the Ulster Museum, Belfast to view the best of GCSE and A level work in N. Ireland. Year 13 pupils also went to the Belfast School of Art at the University of Ulster. Christine Blaney, Senior Lecturer in Illustration gave the pupils an informative tour of the various departments within the School of Art. There was also a little time to do some shopping in the city centre.



Mya stars in Jack and Beanstalk

Mya Williamson in 8A2 appeared in a community performance of Jack and the Beanstalk in the Strule Arts Centre in January. Mya was in the chorus in which she danced and sang a number of songs. It was a successful production that was enjoyed by some of our staff. Well done, Mya.



Open Night at St John's

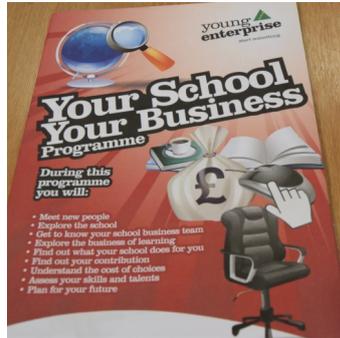
On Tuesday 24th January St John's welcomed Primary 7 students and their parents from all our feeder primary schools to view St John's for their annual Open Night. Ms Doherty, Principal, spoke with delight to the parents about our school examination results which were 100% A*-C in 5+ GCSEs.

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 Choclait 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.



Year 8 Young Enterprise

Recently St. John's hosted a Year 8 Young Enterprise programme titled "Your School Your Business". It inspired the Year 8's to develop enterprising skills, attitudes and behaviours including, confidence and a can-do attitude, communication and presentation skills, creative thinking and problem solving, teamwork and leadership, resilience, persistence and responding to change.



Student Teachers @ St John's

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome our five new student teachers from St Mary's College, Belefast.

Miss Deirdre McElholm, Miss Claire Donaghy, Miss Lauren Teague, Miss Dervla Montague and Mr Jack O'Dolan.

We hope you all enjoy your time here training at St John's College.

South West College Visit St John's College

Teresa Taggart from South West College visited St. John's on Friday 27th January. She spoke to our Year 12 students about the many courses on offer across the various sites. For prospective students, qualifications range from diplomas to A-Levels, with many culminating in Foundation Degrees. She stressed the importance of working hard in the final few months of their GCSE studies, as the impending results will inevitably influence their final decisions for next year and beyond. This day was also followed up on Tuesday 31st January 2017 with our Year 12 group visiting South West College Campus in Omagh.



St John's B & E College Under 16.5

Group Games

St. John's Dromore	V	Drumragh Integrated College	Lost
St Mary's Irvinestown	V	St. John's Dromore	Win
St. Mary's Brollagh	V	St. John's Dromore	Win
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Quarter Final

St. John's Dromore	v	St. Patrick's Ballymena	Win
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Semi Final

St. John's Dromore	v	St. Patrick's Bearnageeha	Win
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Final

St. John's Dromore	v	Drumragh Integrated College	Lost
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St John's under 16.5 team excelled in this year's competition, reaching the final of the first ever JJ Reilly Cup. This is a young team, primarily made up of Year 11 pupils, have gone from strength to strength. They have gained so much experience and the loss to Drumragh in the final will only develop their hunger for next year's competition.

The group stages were quite successful, with 3 wins out of 4. A good win against St. Patrick's Ballymena in the Quarter final led to a mentally and physically challenging semi-final against St. Patrick's Bearnageeha. The boys came through these games and deserved their place in the final. Unfortunately, the final did not end in our favour but the narrow defeat can only add to the boys' character.

Panel: Paudi Tunney, Eoghan Edgar, Owen O'Brien, Phelim Gallagher, Aidan Lawlor, Daley Tunney, Ruairi McGovern, James McCaughey, Simon Garrity, Conor McGovern, Rory Burns, Patryk Mitoraj, Dara Monaghan, Gary Hunter, Conor Colton, Ciaran McCanney, Ciaran Teague, Pauric Maguire, Conall Mullin, Daniel Patterson, Danny Ewing, Ronan Teague, Eoghan Edgar, Peter McWilliams, Sean McWilliams, Sean Boyle, Ronan Hughes, Mark Maguire, Kevin Teague, Keelan Healy



HALF - TIME GAMES

A select number of our pupils had the opportunity to play at half time of Tyrone's first National League game for the 2017 campaign. The game took place at Healy Park, Omagh on 5th February. The boys really enjoyed the experience of playing in front of a big crowd and getting to showcase their gaelic football skills. Pupils involved: Tiernan McCusker, Eoin Teague, Tiernan McClenaghan, Stephen Monaghan, Emmett McGoldrick, Áron Healy, Ultan Nugent, Cathair Quinn, Tomas Gormley, James Brannigan.