



# 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



### *SCHOOL DETAILS*

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Have you any information you would like to see in our next newsletter? Has your child obtained any awards/ achievements outside of school? Let us know so we can pop it into our next edition at Christmas.



## Coffeè Morning and Christmas Fayrè



**Saturday  
25th November 2017**

**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 14th December 2017**

**in St. John's Business and Enterprise College**

**At 7.30pm**

All Welcome - Tickets on sale soon!!

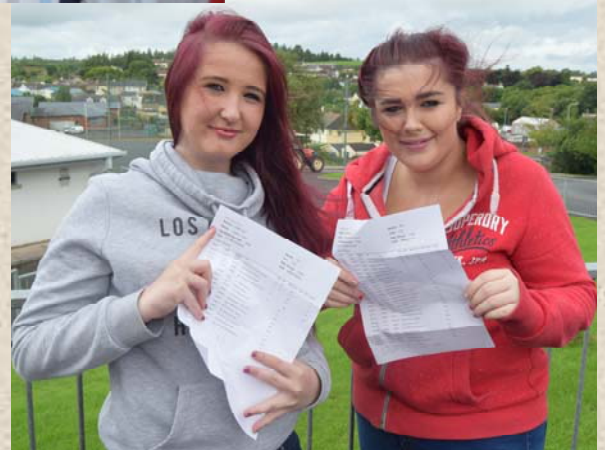
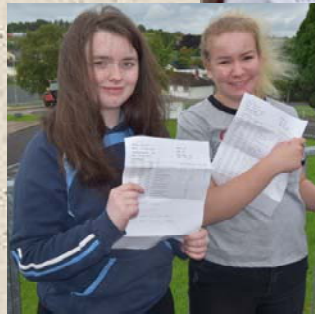
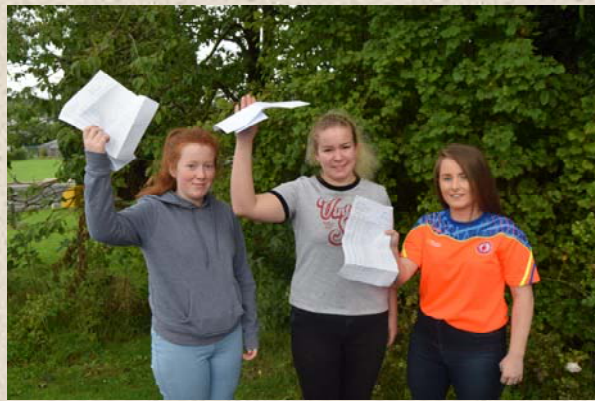
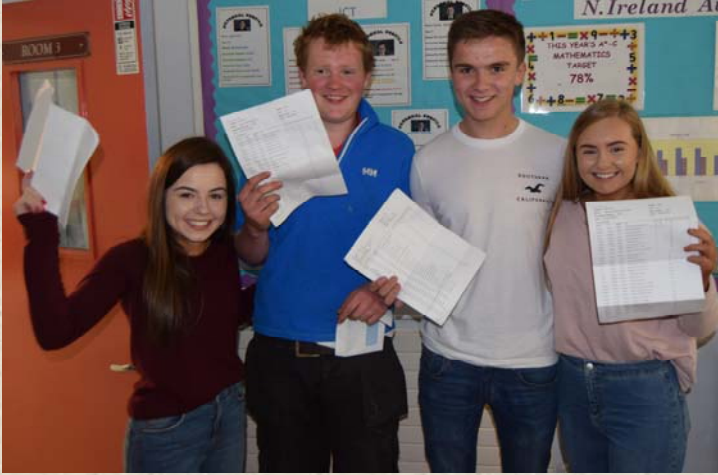
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## RESULTS SUMMER 2017

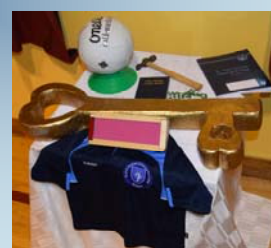
A big congratulations to all our past Year 12 students who received their GCSE examinations results, Year 13 students who received their AS Level results and our Year 14 students who received their A-Level results in August. St John's students have made us all so proud by achieving 89.6% 5+ GCSE passes in the A\* - C range. From the photos below you can see the delight of all our students.





## YEAR 8 INDUCTION NIGHT

On Tuesday 3rd 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, Mrs Donaghy & Ms McSorley. 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 night was enjoyed by all.



Fiona Muldoon Year 14, Jodie Mullan Year 14, Judith West (Cancer Focus NI), Shauna Brogan Year 9 and Aishling Goodwin Year 9

Judith West, Cancer Prevention Officer with Cancer Focus NI, visited our school on 2nd October and delivered a number of presentations. Years 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 attended talks on Smoking prevention and Skin cancer prevention. Pupils heard about the cost and consequences of smoking as well as the underhand tactics used by the Tobacco Industry to encourage young people to smoke.

## Extended Schools Programme 2017-18

Year 8 have the opportunity to try African Drumming in classes with Ronan McKee. We look forward to seeing them perform at the school's annual variety show in December. Year 12 after-school revision classes have also begun and all pupils should attend and avail of this opportunity to prepare in advance for examinations in May.





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





## CONGRATULATIONS SHEA

Congratulations to Shea McGoldrick 11A, who won The All-Ireland Cadet of The Year 2017 at Limerick University.

He completed the Cadet Achievement Awards and did a project on the local work of The Order of Malta and their work with homeless people. Well done Shea and congratulations from all at St John's!



## 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.

## YEAR 10 IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Year 10 donned their wellingtons and coats and got out of the classroom to take photographs, (using the iPads), of the countryside for their Landscape Unit in Art and Design. A group visited the Dromore Riverside walk and another group walked across the fields surrounding the school. We are fortunate to have our school situated in a beautiful rural area but we often do not take the time to look at what is around us!



## HOME ECONOMICS DEPT

Fantastic baking has been going on in the HE Department in preparation for Halloween. It has been a busy end to the term. Some of the baking included Year 8 Chocolate Apples, Year 9 Eves Pudding & Year 10 Apple Crumble.



## **SHOE BOX APPEAL 2017**

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.



# Coffee Morning

Year 14 students organised a very successful coffee morning on Wednesday 18th October for their 'Working with Others' task for COPE Level 3. On the day £1,700 was raised for two local charities Cruise Bereavement Care and AWARE. 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 2017

On Thursday 21st September St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2017. 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 Ms Catherine O'Neill. Catherine gave the pupils an inspirational speech on her educational journey since leaving St John's. Catherine's Hair Salon in Dromore was recently awarded "Hair Salon of the Year", Western Region. Congratulations to Clodagh McNully, Student of the Year and Kamil Lukaski, Top Boy of the Year. Best wishes to all of our pupils and we wish them the very best in the future.





## Danske Bank Corn MacNeasa 2017-18 (up to Year 10's)

### Group C Blitz @ MUSA on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

St. John's travelled to Mid-Ulster Sports Arena (MUSA) in Cookstown to participate in a group blitz to earn a place in the quarter-finals of this year's Ulster Schools competition. There were seven teams in this group and the top two teams go through to the quarter-finals after Halloween. The teams taking part in this blitz with us were, St. Catherine's Armagh, Sperrin Integrated, St. Mary's Irvinestown, Gaelcholaiste Dhoire, St. John the Baptist Portadown and Drumragh Integrated.

The St. John's boys came third place behind Drumragh Integrated and Sperrin Integrated. It was a tough group to qualify through and they showed great determination to showcase their abilities, whilst winning three of their six games.

With two more quarter-final places up for grabs, the boys will get another chance to make that stage of the competition in the coming weeks, at another blitz against schools who did not qualify from groups A, B and C.



### UNDER 16 GIRLS GAELIC FOOTBALL

Our U16 girls travelled to Coalisland on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to play St. Joseph's College. Although the girls were defeated it was a great game to watch with some excellent performances from our girls and the St. Marys College girls who play along with us. In defence Mary Kate Logue and Maria Colton battled hard as did Aoibheann & Aine Walsh. Amy Goodwin and Emma McGirr also covered a lot of ground at midfield. In the forward line Roisin Dillon was excellent finding the back of the net on a number of occasions. Mya Williamson and Alanna McCauley also put in very good performances making great runs at the defence. Scores: Niamh Seaney 0-1 Roisin Dillon 4-1 Mya Williamson 0-2 Shauna Teague 1-0 Amy Goodwin 0-1

In our second game of the league the girls played at home against Lismore College, Craigavon. This was a great display of football from the St Johns girls and they led the match from the word go. Niamh Seaney was in great form in the forward line hitting the back of the net only a few minutes into the game. Her good form continued on and she scored another 2-2 before the end of the first half. The Teague sisters Emma and Shauna worked well together in the forward line as did Roisin Dillon. Mya Williamson was very strong again today in the centre half forward position making life difficult for the Lismore defence. An injured Emma McGirr was a great loss to us but Alanna McCauley joined Amy Goodwin to make a strong pairing at midfield. Mary Kate Logue was outstanding at centre half back doing well to keep the oppositions key player out of the game. Maria Colton and Aiobhinn Walsh were solid in the half back line and as always the full back line up of Mollie McGowan, Niamh Leonard helped to keep the Lismore forwards at bay. There were other players who had key performances throughout the game. These were Aine Walsh, Alanna McMenamin, Erin Slevin and Sinead Barrett.

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