



# HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

## Genealogy Showcase at the Killyhevlin Hotel

The first PLACE-EE showcase event was hosted by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council at the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen on 22nd March 2019. Some of our Year 10 pupils are currently taking part in the Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement – Exchange and Enterprise project. We were invited to the Conference to hear about this exciting project which is creating a skills exchange between older and younger citizens locally, as well as building transnational partnerships. The turnout was great and attendees were treated to some very engaging talks by our speakers.



Pictured at the showcase are: Back Row: Colin Carney & Cathair Quinn  
Front Row: Shauna Brogan, Mya Williamson, Laura Baxter, Grainne Donnelly & Laoise Mullan



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### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

#### **Easter Holidays**

Thursday 18th -  
Friday 26th April  
(inclusive)




**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT**  
Pieta House electric Ireland  
#DIL2019

**REGISTER NOW FOR**  
**DARKNESSINTOLIGHT.IE**  
5KM Walk

Tyrone - Dromore Sports Complex  
SATURDAY MORNING 11TH MAY 2019, 4:15AM.  
02882 898225

## **WALK WITH US - DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2019**

This year for the first time Dromore will be hosting the 'Darkness Into Light' Walk for our area on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 @ 4.15am. Almost 250,000 participants in over 200 venues across 19 countries and 5 continents will walk from Darkness Into Light. 'Darkness into Light' is organised by Pieta, and since 2013 has been proudly supported by Electric Ireland. It is a global movement dedicated to ending suicide/depression and supporting those who engage in self-harm. Dromore's charity to benefit this year is the Tara Centre in Omagh.

## Hopeful Minds Graduation

Over the course of this school year, 20 students from Year 8 participated on a 12-week 'Hopeful Minds Programme' with Mandy Chism, Suzie Mitchell and Helen Quinn. It was here that the students were given the space to talk about their hopes and fears for their future.

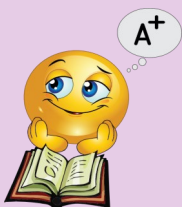
The programme culminated in a graduation ceremony in the school assembly hall on 29th March, 2019. Parents and family were invited to attend. Afterwards, everybody was able to enjoy a party with lots of cakes and buns.

Well done to all Year 8 students that took part and we look forward to the second 12-week programme for the other pupils. A big thanks goes to the 'Hopeful Minds' team for all their hard work and enthusiasm every week. Thanks also to all the parents who were able to attend on the day making the graduation so special.

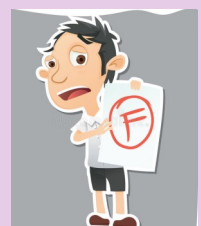


## GCSE Summer Examinations 2019

The Summer term is fast approaching and so exam time is almost here. The first GCSE examination is set for Wednesday 8th May. Bearing this in mind, we would like to remind all students that the Easter Holidays are the perfect opportunity to set up a revision timetable for home. This will help to get them into the correct frame of mind for studying. Please use the holidays wisely to encourage your child to adopt a positive attitude towards their studies. They will reap the rewards in August when their results are published.



Fail to Prepare - Prepare to Fail



## Year 10 attend The Foyle Film Festival

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Year 10 students travelled to the Brunswick Moviebowl in Derry to attend the screening of the film 'Green Book' as part of the Foyle Film Festival Intercultural & Anti-Racism programme. The Oscar-winning film tells the important true story of the unlikely friendship that developed between a black concert pianist and the New York bouncer hired to chauffeur him through the unfriendly territory of the 'Jim Crow' American South. Later, the students took the opportunity to visit Foyleside Shopping Centre for some retail therapy.

## **'GOOD RELATIONS' PROGRAMME**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, fourteen Year 11 pupils participated in a Good Relations Programme. This involved collaborating with another school of a different faith, Priory College in Holywood, on outdoor activities at Colin Glen Forest Park, Dunmurry, Belfast.

On the SKYTrek challenge, pupils were attached with a harness, 16 metres up and had to complete a number of assault courses. The pupils could also ascend a 30-foot multi-level climbing wall and Ireland's first double 90 metre zipline. On the day **ALL** pupils managed some aspects of this outdoor challenge.

The aim of the day was to take pupils out of their comfort zone and force them to overcome challenges at height. It was also an opportunity to integrate with other children who have the same fears and worries.



## *ELMA WALSH VISIT*

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February Elma Walsh from County Kerry mother of Donal Walsh, came to St John's to give a talk on issues concerning teenage suicide and faith. She spoke about her son Donal and how he lived life to the full even though he knew his time was short due to his illness. Elma is an inspirational speaker and Donal's message lives on through her work, as part of the #livelife foundation.



## Year 12 CAFRE Talk



Pictured with CAFRE representative Dean McCoy is Roisin Dillion, Amy Goodwin, Paudy Tunney & Oisin McGirr

CAFRE Education Advisor Dean McCoy provided all Year 12s with an informative session entitled 'Discover CAFRE Courses'. These sessions gave excellent advice on the courses available in the 3 campuses of CAFRE. Areas which they focused on included Animal Nursing, Agriculture and Floristry, to name a few. Year 12s were delighted to receive this advice and were very interested in upcoming Spring Open Days 2019.

## Dromore Playgroup visit St John's for Egg Hunt

On Monday 15th April St John's invited the children from the Dromore Community Playgroup to come up to the school to take part in an Egg Hunt. The children spent time in the Home Economics Department making buns and in the Art Department decorating egg boxes. They also had the opportunity to take part in a hunt for Easter Eggs. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by both the Playgroup and the students from St John's. All 43 children received an Easter Egg from St John's as they left.

