



HILL TOP NEWS



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ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE, DROMORE

FASHION SHOW

On Friday 25th October St John's College held a Fashion Show in the College. The show was organised by the College & members of the Parent Teacher Association. Year 12 students modelled their dresses & suits from their Formal which was held the previous night. Also on the night we had clothes from Sarah Maryse Boutique & Gary Walker Men's Clothing, Irvinestown, DV8 & Primark, Omagh. The event raised over £1,000, and the proceeds will be donated to be split equally between Marie Curie & Mental Health Service talks for the school.

Many thanks to all our Year 12 students, past students & staff who modelled on the night.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays

Friday 20th December -

Friday 3rd January
2020 (inclusive)



ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE

FORMAL 2019

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on Thursday 24th October 2019. On the night the weather was cold but thankfully everyone arrived on time, safe and well. The girls looked beautiful, the boys handsome, and a great night was had by all. Liam Curran provided the disco. This year we had a photo booth provided by Scene Setters (Omagh). Both the students and the staff took great enjoyment out of it.



MORE FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Credit Union Competition 2019

The theme for this year's Credit Union Poster Competition was 'Walk of Life'. All Year 9 students produced a poster using any media of their choice. Izabela Maty achieved 1st place and £20, Conor Hunter achieved 2nd place and £10 and Jane McWilliams achieved 3rd place and got a box of sweets. Well done to our fantastic prize winners and to all who entered. Thank you also to the staff at the Credit Union in Dromore.



Coffee Morning

Our 12V students were delighted to have Mandy Chism and Suzie Mitchell from "Hopeful Minds", accept a cheque for £600 for their charity, from funds raised at the recent Coffee Morning in St John's. The students managed to raise a total of £1,000 that morning. The remaining £400 will go towards the purchase of a new Gaelic Kit for boys' teams. Many thanks to all the parents and members of the public who supported us as always on the day and well done to the Year 12's for a very successful morning.



Into Film Screenings

We have been running a lunchtime Film Club in the school for a number of years, where pupils can order and receive films, watch a film once a week and write film reviews. As part of our involvement with Film Club we have been able to avail of a number of film screenings for all years. In November, all Year 8 students went to the Waterside Theatre in Derry to see 'A Monster Calls'.

As part of The Foyle Film Festival, Year 11 students viewed 'On the Basis of Sex' at the Brunswick Movie-bowl. Both groups had an opportunity to go to Foyleside Shopping Centre. In December, Year 8 and 9 girls went to see Frozen 2 in the IMC, Omagh where they also received a complimentary popcorn and drink. Film Club is a fantastic resource for schools and introduces pupils to a growing industry in N.Ireland.



ST JOHN'S GIFT APPEAL

Many thanks to all pupils and staff who donated gifts to the St John's Gift Appeal. We really appreciate all the support and know the presents which have been brought in have been well-received by 'St Vincent de Paul.' We were delighted to have donated 45 presents to this worthwhile cause. Janet Campbell, Dolores McCrystal & Niamh Mulholland from St Vincent de Paul called on Friday morning to collect the gifts and were delighted with the amount received. Thanks once again to everyone who donated.

The students also donated 3 food hampers to the Simon Community and a selection of toys to Mission Christmas & The Children's Ward in SWAH

Pictured are Students Amy McGinn, Veronkia Stratieva, Alisha McAteer, Cormac O'Neill, Calum Hunter & Jane McWilliams

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019

The 2019 Christmas Fair was a massive success for St. John's and its students. The students in the school developed various products, all of which proved to be popular with visiting members of the community. Students sold plants, stunning floral arrangements and Christmas candles. We also had a very successful home baking stand to which parents had donated items. A special thanks to the go-kart man - Kieran Beattie - who provided a train of tar barrels on wheels to the delight of the customers. From this £250 was raised and passed to Marie Curie as a donation from the school. Once again this year thank you to the Ewing family for a great entrance for Santa on the cab of their lorry and to Corbally Mobile Fun Farm who brought along the animal farm. Thanks to all the students and staff who assisted with the running of these events and especially all the parents and members of the community who supported the event that evening.



'Hopeful Minds'

Year 9 students participated in a two-day 'Hopeful Minds' programme in the school with Amanda Chism and Suzie Mitchell. Hopeful Minds is a project developed and based on research that suggests hope is a teachable skill. The aim was to equip students with the tools they needed to define, learn, and grow a hopeful mindset and prevent hopelessness. The students enjoyed the experience and learned some very important hope skills for their future. St John's really appreciate the work that the Hopeful Minds team have done in the school.



Pictured are some of the Year 9 students who took part in the Hopeful Minds Workshop

Extended Schools Programme

As part of the Extended Schools Programme ten students in Year 9 and 10 participated in a 6-week sewing course taken by Sheila Doyle and Mary Devenney at Trillick Centre. Students used sewing machines and fabric remnants to produce a patchwork cushion cover and shopping bag. The products were very detailed and extremely well made. A great achievement for students who had never used a sewing machine before. Another group will get the opportunity in the new year.

Year 8 students had the opportunity to participate in an eight-week programme of swimming lessons at the Omagh Leisure Centre also part of the Extended Schools programme.



U16 Boys qualify for Ulster Semi-final

Huge congratulations to our U16's Gaelic football team managed by Mr McCarron and Mr Quinn who qualified today for the Ulster semi-finals. Final score was 2-10 to 1-12 defeating Sperrin Integrated, Magherafelt. Scorers were Nathan Hunter 1-4, Callum Welsh 0-3, Tiarnan McCusker 1-0, Jack McGinn 0-1, Pascal Donnelly 0-1.

The boys now progress on to play St Colman's, Banbridge in the semi-final which will probably be played in the new year. Well done to all involved.



Success for the U14 Football Team

The School's boy's Under 14 team has had a very successful season so far this year. They participated in the Corn MacNesa blitz in Cookstown in October, winning every match comfortably. In November they defeated Sperrin Integrated College from Magherafelt and they will compete in the Ulster semi-final on Tuesday 17th December, facing a very strong St Brigid's College from Derry. We wish the boys all the best and good luck in this competition.

DATES TO NOTE IN JANUARY

Students return: Monday 6th January 2020

GCSE Maths Units 1,2 & 4: Monday 13th January 2020

GCSE English Unit 1: Tuesday 14th January 2020

Year 11 Parent Teacher: Tuesday 14th January 2020

GCSE Maths Unit 6 & 7: Wednesday 15th January 2020

Open Night: Tuesday 21st January 2020

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for your continued support throughout the year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year