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OUR SCHOOL VISION

The School Vision statement is:

**Excellence through commitment,
contribution & caring**

We believe that this encapsulates the core values of Glenlola Collegiate, emphasising our strong academic and pastoral ethos.

THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL:

- To be a self-evaluating school
 - To provide a safe and supportive environment, where positive behaviour is expected and rewarded and where pupils exercise sound judgement in relation to their own safety
 - To promote a positive atmosphere based on a sense of community and inclusion within the School where all are involved in the decision-making process
 - To enable all pupils to develop fully their academic potential and extra curricular interests and to celebrate their success
 - To enhance pupil's self esteem and to encourage them to have self respect, respect for others and to demonstrate honesty, compassion, empathy and generosity at all times
 - To promote learning for all pupils by effective teaching where expectations are high and individual pupil needs are met
 - To recognise that each pupil is unique and of value
 - To identify and encourage the development of the particular gifts and talents of all our pupils
 - To prepare pupils to become responsible, confident, independent learners with the skills required to embrace future life challenges
 - To further develop collaborative links between Glenlola Collegiate, other centres of learning and the wider community
 - To equip pupils with the knowledge and skills to succeed in a dynamic technological era.
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House Report

This was another amazing year for Glenlola's house system with 21 competitions contested and an unexpected victory!

As is customary, we returned to school at the end of August knowing the outcome of 4 competitions – Dufferin proved to be the 'brainy' House scoring maximum points for A2 and finishing 3rd in AS. Close behind were Clanmorris who scored maximum points for AS and finished 3rd in GCSE and Harte took 1st place in the GCSE results competition. The now Annual Sports Day, which took place in June 2016, was won by Weir with Dufferin finishing 2nd.

In September the very popular Year 8 Rounders competition took place. The Year 8s really got into the House spirit, appearing with their faces painted and showing great camaraderie. Ward emerged as victors when all the matches had been played with Weir house close behind them in 2nd place.



The Senior General Knowledge Quiz and Choral competitions were contested soon after. Hamilton were victorious in the Senior General Knowledge and Clanmorris took the Choral title with a fabulous TV Mash up medley – much to the delight of Mrs Johnston.

October saw the Junior General Knowledge Quiz and Senior Hockey tournament. Harte won the quiz in great style followed closely by Dufferin. Senior Hockey was won by Dufferin who continued to display their sporting prowess in this competition, much to the delight of Mrs Chambers.



At the beginning of November the competitive streak was evident with the Middle School Dance Competition looming. It is always a popular event, both with the participants and spectators and this year proved no different. The standard of the dances performed at the competition never fails to impress and amaze, especially as they are put together in a relatively short period of time, Clanmorris choreographed and performed a spectacular routine, placing 1st with Dufferin 2nd.

This was to be the last of the competitions before Christmas and everyone was eager to know what the overall points total was – Dufferin were leading with 207.5 points, Ward and Clanmorris were tied in second place with 187.5 points, Harte and Weir were joint 3rd with 167.5 points and Hamilton were 4th with 142.5 points. It was very close...so everything was to play for!

House competitions resumed after the January exams with Public Speaking taking centre stage on February 8th. Thea Wood of Weir, won the Junior Competition with her speech “My Waste Has Got Talent”. In the Senior Competition, Clanmorris were victorious with Jessica Flowers’ speech “Is Feminism still a Dirty Word?”. Both girls were a credit to their house along with the other participants who every year amaze us with their confidence and charisma. On 24th February the Junior netball took place with Dufferin winning the coveted first place and Hamilton securing second position.



March was the busiest month of the year for the houses with Senior netball, Junior house hockey the Swimming gala and both Year 9 and Senior house Dodgeball – the house captains were busying themselves with extra-curricular practices and selecting the best teams for each event.

The Senior Netball was won by Ward, Dufferin won the Junior House Hockey, Hamilton were victorious again in the Swimming Gala and both Dodgeball competitions were also won by Dufferin.

The Swimming Gala took place on Wednesday 15th March with a variety of skills on show. There was a huge turnout from all Houses at the Gala and the support for the girls was incredible.

Before the Easter break the eagerly anticipated “Bake off” took place; this is always a popular competition with the senior girls battling for the crown every year. This year Dufferin were the winners with their amazing “Wizard of OZ” cupcake theme. Emma Cairnduff, Nicole Meier, Morgan Pritchard and our very own head girl Bethany Conlon worked their magic to create a masterpiece. Mr Harding and Mr Montgomery were on hand to not only eat a wide selection of buns but to judge the competition and both agreed that the standard of baking was very high.

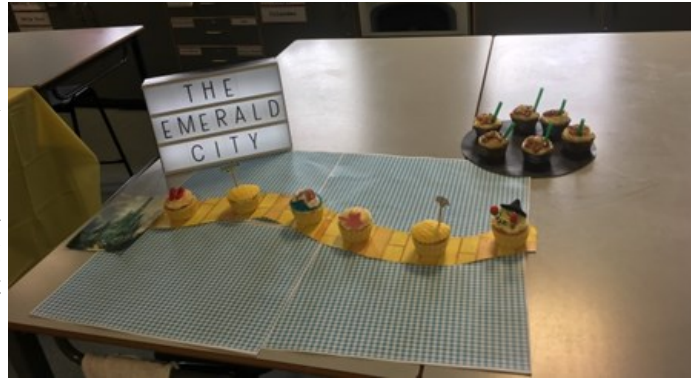


April saw a dash to Sainsbury’s for the collection of Active Kids Vouchers. Ward again won this competition with a staggering 7406 vouchers, Hamilton were second with 3329.

The last competition of the year was the 52nd Year 14 Car Trials. Over 100 girls took part this year, one of the biggest entries in recent years. Emily Martin and Courtney Lowry won on the night, with Joy Eadie and Emilia Morrow taking the Wooden Spoon. Overall Hamilton was placed 1st.

All that was left now was the final School Assembly and the all-important announcements of results. Mr Hamilton had been keeping his cards very close to his chest this year. There was a hushed silence in the hall on Monday 8th May as the results were announced in reverse order – Clanmorris finished 6th with 330 points, joint

fourth place were Weir and Harte, third place was Ward with 377.5 points, in second place was Hamilton with 380 points which meant that Dufferin were this year's winners of the House Shield, scoring a staggering 457.5 points. It was the first time in 12 years Dufferin had won the title and Emma Cairnduff rose to make a lovely speech thanking everyone for all their hard work and commitment to the house.



All that remains is for me to thank the other Heads of Houses – Mrs Hughes, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Lauder, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Spence for all their hard work throughout the year. Miss Byrne has once again played an integral part in the running of the house system, her efficiency and enthusiasm clearly evident.

I would also like to congratulate all the House officials for the work that they have put in this year – it is not an easy task. Special mention goes to the six House Captains – Jessica Flowers (Clanmorris), Emma Cairnduff (Dufferin), Ruth Cox (Hamilton), Abigail Buckley (Harte), Annie Doherty (Ward) and Rachel Shivers (Weir).

Mrs S Chambers
Head of Dufferin

Mrs Chambers, Emma Cairnduff, Nicole Meier,



Hayley Walsh, Morgan Pritchard & Alex Beggs.

Emma Cairnduff & Mrs S Chambers

My Year as Head Girl

It's hard to believe that it was only a year ago that myself, Emma Dow, Samantha Dornan, Rachel Kennedy and Saskia Greer were appointed as the new Senior Officials for 2016-17. We were filled with such excitement and apprehension about the year ahead after hearing from the previous Senior Officials. As a team we worked so well from the outset; after being in the same classes and friendship circles since Year 8, we were so excited to spend our last year together. As Head Girl, I couldn't have picked a better group of girls to work with and I will be eternally grateful for all of their hard work. We were warned that the year would pass by so quickly, it definitely has; as they say, time really does fly when you're having fun!



As Head Girl I had many different duties during the year: speaking at the Annual Prize Night, meeting and greeting at the School Musical 'Oliver', welcoming parents at consultation days and guiding prospective new pupils at Open Night. I also worked with the year group and teachers to organise events such as the Formal, Extravaganza, Christmas Dinner and many more. It's been a very busy year for myself and the rest of the team but we have loved every minute!



Our first task as a team was to decide which charities Senior School would support this year. After much deliberation and a year group vote, we decided upon MACSNI, a charity that supports children and young people and The Children's Cancer Trust, which is so very close to the hearts of pupils at Glenlola.

The first event on school calendar was one that many girls had been waiting for since Year 8! Our Year 14 Formal took place on the 27th of October in the Clandeboye Lodge and it was definitely a night to remember. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food, beautiful dresses, lots of laughs and some strange dance moves from a few of the teachers! This continues to be a real highlight of the year and a result of a lot of hard work from the formal committee led so ably by Rachel Kennedy.



During the countdown to Christmas, our Sixth Form Centre was transformed into Santa's Grotto and on the 14th December, the canteen staff whipped up a delicious Christmas Dinner. With tickets priced at £5 this was a great opportunity to raise some money for our Year 14 charities. After attempting to finish our feast, we sang and danced to Michael Bublé and even got a visit from Mr and Mrs Claus and their little elves to deliver an early Christmas Present – the long awaited GCS Leavers' lanyards!!



Our Year 14 Extravaganza took place next, a Christmas show produced and performed by the whole year group. On the 15th December, after weeks of hard work filming and editing (thanks to the Moving Image Arts students) we were ready to showcase our talents. Our "Glenlola Gogglebox" (#GBX) theme allowed us to recreate shows such as Planet Earth, Mean Girls and The X Factor, where Mrs Donnan played our 'Honey D' dancing to 'Ice Ice Baby' with a team of back up dancers. After many sleepless nights, it turned out to be complete success and we raised a staggering £900. I was filled with a sense of pride as I watched the whole year group sing and dance to 'Jingle Bell Rock', everyone had worked together as a team and there was great sense of unity – I feel so lucky to have led such an incredible year group.

Following the success of last year's 'Big Festive Christmas Quiz of the Year', this year we had 'The Big EGG- cellent Easter Quiz'. This involved girls from both Year 13 and 14 working in teams to answer weird and wonderful questions and decorate themselves and their tables to be in with a chance of winning 1st Prize. I cannot thank Mr Harding enough for the care and trouble he took to make this such a fun event. It was an amazing way to end such a stressful term and the girls had a lot of fun, all for a great cause! As a team of Senior Officials, we also organised an Easter Raffle to raise some more money for our charities. We visited local businesses, asked for donations and were so humbled by the generosity we were met with. We were able to put together 11 Easter Hampers with all of the donations. We raffled them off to the whole school and managed to raise an incredible £350.00.

Even as our time at Glenlola was coming to a close, we still had so much to look forward to such as the



52nd Annual Car Trial, organised once again by Mr Harding. This was the very last house competition of the year and involved different manoeuvres, a theory test and map reading, (which proved very difficult for some girls - including me). This amazing event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and allowed our competitive sides to come out in an attempt to gain a few extra house points!



The last day of term was one that I will never forget. One filled with a lot of water balloons, Year Book entries and tears. As we said goodbye to Glenlola in our Leavers' Assembly, it was bitter sweet. We were so sad to be leaving the place where so many lessons had been learned, friendships formed and memories made but we were so excited for the next chapter in our lives, knowing Glenlola has prepared us for any challenges we may face. I feel very emotional about leaving school, the place that holds so many memories and the people who mean so much to me but the Leavers' Dinner in the Clandeboye Lodge was the best send-off we could have asked for. It was by far my favourite event of the year. A night filled with speeches, pictures, memories and a special performance by Katie Magee and Ciara Gilroy - a perfect end to what has been an incredible 7 years.

This year has been a whirlwind of challenges, stresses and worries but mostly of laughter, friendship and opportunities. The Class of 2017 and I have such fond memories that I know I will cherish forever. I have loved every minute of my time at Glenlola and I feel privileged to have been Head Girl this year. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Mr Harding, Head of Senior School, for supporting me and the rest of the girls during their time in Senior School. Your positivity and enthusiasm was so infectious and definitely made my time as Head Girl so enjoyable. I would also like to thank Mrs Flannigan, Head of Year 14, for your continued commitment to the girls over the past 2 years. Your caring approach has been greatly appreciated and I know you will be so missed by the girls and myself.

This year has definitely been a team effort and so I would like to say thank you to the Senior Officials for all of their hard work this year. You have been a pleasure to work a long side and deserve every success for the future. I would lastly like to thank the Class of 2017 who met every challenge and opportunity with such flair and determination. When I asked you for good, you gave me better, when I asked you for better, you gave me best and when I asked you for best, you gave me extraordinary!

As Head Girl I feel so honoured to have led such an amazing, enthusiastic and united year group and I am so thankful for the strong relationships that have come out of the last 7 years, but more specifically this year – we aren't just a year group, but a sisterhood. Although goodbyes are sad, I am so excited for what is to come knowing Glenlola has prepared me to be the best person I can be.

Bethany Conlon
Head Girl

Bethany Conlon, Samantha Dornan, Emma Dow,
Rachel Kennedy & Saskia Greer.



Psychology Revision Conference - Queen's

A Psychology revision conference aimed at AS and A2 Level students was held at Queen's University Belfast on April 26th. This was the 20th Annual Conference of its kind, organised by the Association for Psychology Teachers.

It was attended by students from a range of schools and Further Education Colleges. The main speaker was a very high profile guest - former principal examiner for AQA Psychology examinations and published author – Julia Willerton. Her expertise was delivered with a humorous approach which made the day very enjoyable. Thirteen AS students attended as part of their intensive revision of the AS course. The programme of the day included presentations on the following topics (amongst others):

Psychopathology - Julia Willerton

Social Influence - Chris Gibbons

Memory - Julia Willerton

Exam technique and revision tools - Julia Willerton

For many, this was their first glimpse inside QUB and their first experience of a university style lecture theatre. During the day there were some interesting practical demonstrations and some spot prizes.

After the event, attendees said they enjoyed the sessions on examination technique and also found the revision tips helpful. As an added benefit, the presentations were made available to students by email to utilise as part of their independent revision.

Such events offer great opportunities to strengthen links with university departments and to network with other schools. Several students on the course are very keen to pursue their academic career in the field of Psychology and are hoping to return to QUB as first year Psychology students in the future. The school was also able to link up with Queen's in order to publicise their evening event for students and their parents in early May. This is aimed at those who intend to apply for Science degrees at Queen's University Belfast, including Psychology.

<http://www.associationforpsychologyteachers.com/events.html>

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/psy/>



Auschwitz in Poland

On Wednesday the 22nd of March along with a fellow pupil I attended a once in a lifetime trip to visit the camps of Auschwitz in Krakow, Poland through the Lessons from Auschwitz project. Prior to the visit we attended a seminar in which we heard the story of Mala Tribich a survivor of the Holocaust. Mala told the fascinating and heart-breaking story of her time in the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen at the age of only 14. By the end of the holocaust Mala and her brother Ben were the only members of her family to survive. Thinking and learning about the Holocaust we can struggle to fully comprehend what the people went through and testimonies such as Mala's really allow us to humanise the Holocaust and think personally about those affected which is so important.



On the morning of the trip it was an early start arriving at the airport at 4.30 in the morning. We met up with the rest of our group which included many young people from different schools around Northern Ireland along with our group leader Tom. After our flight we landed in Krakow around 10.30 and made our way into the local town, Oświęcim. Here we visited the site of the great synagogue which was burnt down in 1939 by the Nazis. We heard stories of how beautiful the synagogue was and also of Jews and how accepted they were in Oświęcim as part of the community.

After visiting the site of the synagogue we made our way to Auschwitz 1 which was the concentration camp used to hold Jews and political prisoners. When we arrived we walked through Auschwitz gates with "Arbeit macht frei" written across



the top meaning 'work will set you free.' Seeing the gate was certainly one of most emotional parts of the visit; the words of hope written in a hopeless place where many innocent people walked through into a place of horror. Walking through the camps it was a bright and rather sunny day in Poland which I thought I would've been rather happy about but somehow in a place of alienation and torture, a bright and beautiful day just didn't feel right. Through the museum we saw many photographs and stories of people who experienced the camp. It was inspiring to hear the courage and determination of some of the prisoners and it allows me to view the Holocaust remembering those affected and not just the numbers and facts of the Holocaust. In one of the buildings we saw large rooms of the belongings of the people in the camp including their shoes, suitcases and personal belongings. However one of the most moving rooms in the museum showed the drawings made by the children in Auschwitz across the walls recreated by artists. They showed through the children's eyes what they experienced in the camp.

One of the most moving parts of the museum for me personally was a small dark room at the beginning which showed projected videos of Jewish life before the Holocaust. It showed happy people living a normal life in Germany with their family and friends.

After our visit to Auschwitz 1 we made our way to Auschwitz Birkenau which was the extermination and labour camp. Birkenau was certainly a different experience and feeling to Auschwitz 1. One



thing that is so shocking is the sheer size of the camp when you walk in. It expands over a vast area of land and is filled with red brick buildings all in uniform lines. It certainly is much more eerie and feels empty even when surrounded by hundreds of people. We saw the ruins of the gas chambers which are at the back of the camp and we briefly saw the conditions of the prisoners living in the camp. To finish we attended a memorial service to remember the 6 million people who were murdered during the holocaust which included poems written by those who experienced it personally. Throughout the trip I felt a range of emotions but it was only after that I was fully able to understand how I felt and was able to reflect on my experiences.

Auschwitz is a tough place to visit but it's important to be able to experience it first hand in order to keep its memory alive, learn from the past and recognise and be aware that similar things are still happening today. It's probably easier to commemorate the victims of the holocaust after 70 years. It's a lot less easy to look around and recognise the ill treatment of others in our society today. Especially with the recent situation of refugees in need of aid within our own country who deserve the right to happiness just as the Jews did in the holocaust.

This experience has certainly been one I won't forget and it has allowed me to learn from these events and change my actions in my everyday life and remember those whose lives were changed by the Holocaust and the action of the Nazis.

Jaclyn Brackenridge

Rubi Watton

AUSCHWITZ WAS THE LARGEST NAZI GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMP AND DEATH CAMP. IN THE YEARS 1940-1945, THE NAZIS DEPORTED AT LEAST 1,300,000 PEOPLE TO AUSCHWITZ:

- 1,100,000 JEWS,
- 140,000-150,000 POLES,
- 23,000 ROMA (GYPSIES),
- 15,000 SOVIET PRISONERS OF WAR,
- 25,000 PRISONERS FROM OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS.

1,100,000 OF THESE PEOPLE DIED IN AUSCHWITZ. APPROXIMATELY 90% OF THE VICTIMS WERE JEWS. THE SS MURDERED THE MAJORITY OF THEM IN THE GAS CHAMBERS.

QUB Research Study

Psychology students were given a valuable opportunity to be participants in a Psychological research study, run by Robyn McCue, a PhD researcher.

Robyn, who is currently carrying out her work with Queen's University Belfast, visited the AS Psychology class to explain the details of her current research project. The project mainly considers how young people perceive their future and should have very useful applications in helping teenagers. 26 students were actively involved as participants in the study, which involved completing questionnaires that asked for their opinions and choices in various scenarios.

This was a wonderful introduction to see first-hand how research is conducted. Especially given that students will be carrying out their own research this year. The importance of ethics was emphasised and the students saw how informed consent and a debrief at the end are carried out. They also had the opportunity to appreciate the importance of giving standardised instructions and controlling the conditions e.g. use of a stopwatch for timings.

Ms McCue was kind enough to remain over break time and was also able to meet with some keen prospective Psychology students from Year 12. She showed a presentation about studying Psychology at university. The current Year 14 students were particularly pleased to welcome Ms McCue, as several members of the class are interested in continuing studies in Psychology at degree level next year.

Link to Queen's Psychology degree information on website:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/psy/>

Talk to Learn in Psychology

In line with the whole school focus on developing the skills of Talking and Listening this term, Year 14 students held a Psychologist's Tea Party. The students stepped into character as eminent Psychologists such as Sigmund Freud, John Watson and Elizabeth Loftus. They engaged in discussion activities in order to guess who they were speaking to.

Later on, as they became acquainted, discussions turned to controversies and debates in Psychology! Party games involved clustering into groups with those who shared their views on certain matters e.g. the nature / nurture debate, debating with someone with an opposing view. Finally the students positioned themselves along a continuum and then explained their reasons in order to justify their position. The students agreed that this reinforced their knowledge and allowed them to 'put into their own words' some of the theories and issues necessary for their upcoming examination based assessments, whilst having fun at the same time.



North Down School Kids Join 'IT Crowd'

A programme to teach young people about the skills required to make it in the IT industry visited students at Bangor's Glenlola Collegiate recently.

The Department for the Economy funded Bring IT On programme has just been launched and is being rolled out in schools across the country by

Sentinus in association with Belfast Met in a bid to fill Northern Ireland's IT skills gap.

The initiative which involves school visits, shines the spotlight on the importance of IT skills for the future of our economy and job market and aims to inspire young people to consider a career in the industry. It outlines the qualifications required to obtain an IT job and the benefits of working in the sector.

Belfast Met Director of Curriculum, Dr Jonathan Heggarty, who attended the launch at the college's Titanic Quarter Campus, said: "The IT industry in Northern Ireland is continuing to grow and develop at pace in a range of areas including software engineering, computing infrastructure, data analytics and cyber security and this is set to continue. The IT sector is of vital importance to our economy and as a college we are continuously adapting and advancing our curriculum in response to this demand in order to ensure that our learners have the advanced skills and knowledge to enter the workplace of today and tomorrow. The Bring IT On initiative is vital for getting pupils thinking about IT as an extremely exciting and rewarding career option. There are amazing opportunities in Northern Ireland for those with IT skills including a wide range of job roles and the encouraging fact that the salary for a person working in IT is on average 61 per cent higher than other industries."

Bill Connor, Chief Executive, of Sentinus, an educational charity, which works with schools and colleges throughout Northern Ireland to deliver STEM programmes to young people, said: "The significant growth which the IT sector in Northern

Ireland has seen in recent years is predicted to continue for the foreseeable future, making the industry a vital part of the regional economy. We hear announcements, almost on a weekly basis, about many high value jobs being created and the Bring IT On campaign aims to inform young people about the opportunities open to them. To support this expansion it is really important we continue to ensure there is a pool of talented young people willing to take up careers in IT."

For more information visit belfastmet.ac.uk, sentinus.co.uk or email bringiton@belfastmet.ac.uk.



Alana Dilley and Bailie Scott-Murphy with Pat Jamison from Sentinus at the "Bring IT On" roadshow.

Work Experience Programme

Glenlola Collegiate School recognises work experience as a vital part of our Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme. Therefore all students have the opportunity in Year 13, to arrange and take up a work experience placement for one week. This year, once again, every Year 13 student was successfully placed. Their placements ranged from working with local production companies, to IT placements, to laboratory based work.

A few students have taken the time to share their experiences in the work place with us in the case studies below:

‘After completing my work experience at Randox Laboratories I realised that I would like to pursue a career in Science. I learnt a lot of new and interesting things, as I went to three different departments. I saw manufacturing of a biochip, where I was allowed to help package and quality check everything. I went to the Serum department and also to the Immunology department. I was able to assist with experiments and learn all of the necessary procedures. I now have a more clear idea of what I would like to do as a career and I would highly recommend Randox Labs for a really interesting work experience’.

Rosie Martin

‘The aspect I enjoyed most from my placement at a solicitors, was probably the court visits, such as the Downpatrick Crown Court, The Newtownards Magistrates Court and the Newtownards Family Court. In each of these, different types of legal cases were handled making each one different from the other. The court visits also gave me an understanding of how the court works and the various types of consequence e.g. sentencing or probation that can be given. My personal preference was for criminal law. Reading the files in the office let me see the extent to which solicitors have to record every detail within the case such as emails printed out, police reports, medical records, ambulance records etc. I enjoyed this placement greatly’.

Morgan Finlay

One of the main ways that we assess the benefits of the work experience scheme is to gain valuable feedback from students and employers. Students record their experiences throughout the week, noting any new skills and qualities which they are developing. Here are just a few of the students’ comments about the personal benefits of the experience:

‘Since completing work experience with the British Council, I feel more confident about doing things independently. Everyone in the office was very helpful and friendly. I feel this experience improved my communication and social skills and ICT skills. I found the work very interesting and I attended meetings and completed research tasks which gave me a better understanding of the work. The experience also gave me an idea of what this working environment is like which will be useful in the future.’

Charlotte Batt

‘This experience has really made me more confident in handling difficult situations because it allowed me to learn different ways to communicate with children who are non-verbal or cannot express themselves through speech.’

Emiko Seawright

‘From this placement I gained good communication skills with adults and learnt how to interact with the children.’

Cherie Bull

In addition, students were able to gain an appreciation of the demands and rewards of certain roles and to consider their suitability for such roles:

‘After completing my work experience at Westminster (shadowing Lady Sylvia Hermon) I realised that this career is a very tough and demanding job, it is not 9-5 where you leave your work at work. It has given me a better perspective on what path I may choose in the future as it was very interesting and it kept me highly intrigued

and challenged, which is what I want from my future career.'

Chloe Finnegan

'My work experience far exceeded any of the expectations I had placed upon it. The placement was nothing like I had ever experienced before and I had the chance to participate in tasks that would of been similar to those of the employees. Staff in each of the departments ensured that I was well informed on what each job entailed and it helped me to realise further career paths I could pursue, making me much more confident about my future and removing the feeling of being tied down to one option because of the subject I wish to study. I now have the opportunity to apply for apprenticeships which would be very beneficial, an option I never would have considered before. Work placement was the most useful experience I have ever participated in and really helped me to figure out what I would like to do in the future.'

Alice McKay

'From my week at work experience I feel more motivated to explore different career paths, especially within special needs teaching.'

Chioma Onyekwelu

'I did my work placement in the YMCA. I was able to interact with people from all different backgrounds and cultures. I would highly recommend YMCA as a work placement to anyone, as there are a variety of different areas you can participate in. I worked specifically with the youth and I enjoyed it so much that I have applied to become a volunteer there.'

Lauren Fair

The role of employers

It is important to say that the scheme would simply not be possible without the cooperation and commitment of local employers. The school has developed relationships with local employers and we are always very appreciative of the contribution which they make towards our students' futures. Here are some of their comments in relation to our placement students:

'The student was eager to find out information about the profession and was willing to help out

whenever she could.'

'Her professionalism with staff and students in the school was evident.'

'The student did an excellent presentation at the end of the week- a very creative display.'

'She has excellent communication skills and showed a willingness to learn.'

'The student has been punctual, reliable and friendly and generally a pleasure to have around. I would love to have her back to volunteer.'

Work 'taster events' at Local Health and Social Care Trusts

In addition, to our Year 13 work experience week in January, a range of other placements were arranged within the health care sector. This is carried out in Partnership with Work Inspiration, as well as the local Health and Social Care Trusts (SEHSCT & BHSCT). These placements focused on areas such as Radiography, Occupational Therapy, Medicine, Mental Health Nursing, Embryology and Pharmacy, amongst others. One student shares her experiences below:

'I was lucky enough to be allocated a place on a work taster event within the Therapeutic Radiography department at the City Hospital, Belfast. I had a very worthwhile afternoon, first I was shown a presentation outlining the type of treatments given at the hospital and the various pre-treatments required in order to administer radiation to the affected area e.g. tumour. I was then taken on a tour of the Department where I was able to see the pre-treatment room, the moulding room and one of the Linear Accelerator treatment rooms. We were then allowed to ask any questions and speak with one of the student Radiographers. This has been helpful in considering what this type of work involves.'

Ruby Cave

Would you consider a Psychology related Career?

One current Psychology student explored this option by taking up two opportunities that were publicised to her. The first, via the School's Psychology Department and the second opportunity was via the School Careers team. A keen Psychology student, Katie Partington tells us more about her experiences in exploring career options in this field.

'I attended an information day at Queens Universi-

ty entitled “Routes to Training in Clinical Psychology”. From this I have learnt that an important component of obtaining the qualifications necessary to becoming a Clinical Psychologist is to gain experience of assisting a Clinical Psychologist. The ways to go about obtaining this experience were discussed. It is usually a temporary role, so I have learnt that I would need to be willing to travel a lot. Working with people who have a Learning Disability was also discussed. I found this very interesting and from the talk I understood the importance of patience and tolerance. Due to thinking about this, I later volunteered at Clifton Special School for a STEM event through School.

The topics covered in the talks also consolidated my knowledge of core topics that I have studied in Psychology, such as Social Learning Theory and Bowlby’s Internal Working Model. I was also able to talk to charities about opportunities to get involved in relevant work experience.

A couple of months later, I was offered, and took up the opportunity to attend a Mental Health Open Day at Knockbracken Healthcare Park. “Forensic Nursing” was the first professional area discussed. From this, I established that this area of mental health involves working with patients after they have suffered trauma. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) was discussed in depth. I found this extremely useful, considering it is my current ambition to have a Psychological job that specialises in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Psychosis. Thus, my attendance provided me with a direct insight into exactly what I want to do, with such discussion consolidating my desire to become a Cognitive Behavioural Therapist.

Other forms of therapy such as Flooding and systematic desensitisation were also touched upon, further reinforcing my knowledge from class and allowing me to apply my studies into a real life context. Overall, I personally believe that this open day was very informative and opened my eyes into the range of branches of Psychology available. I would confidently recommend this open day to any individual who is considering a career based around these specialisms in Psychology.’

Katie Partington

Glenlola once again works in partnership with Clifton School to support STEM event.

‘On Tuesday 21st March, a group of ten keen volunteers from Year 13 assisted at Clifton Special School for a STEM event. We were both excited and nervous to find out what we were there to do! On arrival, everyone was very welcoming, and we were shown to our room. Here, we were shown our agenda for the day e.g. where we would be helping each of the two year-groups (equivalent to first year and upper sixth). Our role was to support the students, as necessary, to have fun and build play-ground items with ‘K’Nex’ toys. They also had the chance to build rockets, which they would then launch.

We talked to the children about school, what subjects they liked, and what else they were interested in. When they had built their rockets, we took them all outside to launch them. The excitement in their faces when they watched the rockets fly was so incredible to see! By the end of the day, we had formed special bonds with the girls and boys, and they were asking when we would be back to help again! It was such a wonderful opportunity the school provided us with, and all of us agreed we would love to go back and help out again.’

Erin Osborne

International Space School Educational Trust Camp

Congratulations to Year 14 pupil Amy Palmer who has secured a place at the International Space School Educational Trust camp in Moscow this summer.

ISSET works in partnership with some of the world's leading space organisations to deliver unique learning opportunities for students of all ages. Each of their programmes offers something unique, whether it be on an international excursion learning from some of the greatest minds in the world or their unique Mission Discovery challenge where participants can send an experiment into Space. Through close working relationships with different aerospace organisations ISSET will let Amy team up with astronauts, rocket scientists and leading business professionals at the highest level.



The camp will be by NASA's record-breaking Astronaut Michael Foale. Mike Foale will lead the Cosmonaut Leadership Experience.

He is the most experienced British born astronaut in the history of human space travel having flown on 6 Space Shuttle missions, a Soyuz and commanded the International Space Stations. He was also the first Briton to perform a spacewalk, during which he saved the Hubble Space Telescope.

Amy will stay in Star City, the world's training centre for Cosmonauts and Astronauts who are about to venture into space. She will have the opportunity to develop the exceptional team building and communication skills acquired by astronauts using the same scenarios, equipment and challenges that enable human space flight.

Speaking of her recent selection success, Amy said,

"I aspire to go into the RAF and train as a pilot straight after I leave school and I know to become a pilot you need very similar skills, qualities and leadership skills as one would require to become an Astronaut. It is a very exciting opportunity for me."

Medical Careers Symposium

On 27th April, four of us travelled to the Queen's Medical Biology Centre to the Medical Conference. Firstly, we attended a talk by Dr Inez Cooke who is the Admissions Lead for Medicine at Queen's and also an extremely engaging talk about the 'Life of a Paediatrician' by Dr Neil Kennedy who has had experiences working in countries such as Malaysia. These doctors were both inspiring and engaging, informing us about the advantages and drawbacks of the life of a doctor. After lunch, we were taken around the laboratories and allowed to look at a variety of tissue cell slides and preserved organs which we all found extremely interesting and informative. We were given the opportunity to test each other's lung capacity learning about the respiratory system. To conclude the day, we attended a lecture on the 'Life of a GP' and had a small group question and session with current medical students and professors. We all felt privileged to be given the opportunity to gain understanding on what the life of a medical student consisted of and it has encouraged us to peruse a career in Medicine.

*Nicole Lowans, Katie Doherty,
Sonum Shah and Ann Maria Joseph
Year 13*



'Engineering Our Future' Conference



On March 23rd we attended the Engineering Our Future event held at Methodist College in Belfast. This conference gave us an insight into the career paths continuing on from an Engineering degree thanks to the guest speaker Ed McCann, who help design the Infinity Bridge and the Velodrome for the 2012 London Olympics. Talks from recent engineering graduates and current students allowed us to see what student life is like while studying Engineering and where it took them. A chance to talk to university representatives from Queen's University and University of Strathclyde gave us the opportunity to ask more detailed questions about courses we were interested in. Overall we were able to gather more information on the opportunities available to us after Senior School.

After lunch we were given the chance to attend a site visit to local engineering companies ranging from Kainos, specialising in software engineering, to Andor who specialise in Hi-precision engineering, making sensors that can detect even 1 photon of light. These site visits further showed possible career paths that can be achieved through further study of engineering in many different disciplines.

Overall we feel this was a very worthwhile visit and would recommend it to anyone interested in pursuing Engineering.

Zara Simpson, Kristin Wilkinson, Eve Kennedy, Emily Keenan and Jaclyn Brackenridge

Inter-schools Law Conference



On Friday 10th March we attended Methodist College Belfast's Annual Law Conference. The day began with an introduction from Methody's headmaster before everyone began to talk 'All things Law.' Throughout the day there was a variety of speakers including Mr Kennedy, a barrister and Madame Justice Keegan, one of the first female Queen's Court judges in Northern Ireland. These speakers focused on differing aspects of Law such as the difference between a barrister and a solicitor as well as discussing the stepping-stones of progression into the Law industry.

There was also a variety of universities present including Newcastle, Bristol, Manchester, Aberdeen and Queen's University. Each university discussed the Law courses they offered, highlighting testing methods and required grades of entry. Interestingly, Scottish Law is nearly identical to European Law in comparison to UK law, commonly practised in Northern Ireland. This highlighted the fact that working within the Law industry can allow you to work essentially anywhere in the world.

After lunch we were split into groups and each assigned a lecturer from a university. We had a lecturer from Queen's University called Dr. McQuigg who specialised in Women's Rights Law. She explained that under the Istanbul Treaty, domestic violence is listed as being an act of violence against women only; irrespective of the fact that men can also be victims. She also told us that there are currently on going negotiations about identifying the right time for police and legal authorities to intervene to protect the victim, without causing more harm. This shows just how diverse and complex law can actually be.

To round the day off, there was a Law Fair where each of the present universities set up a stall and handed out their prospectus as well as the law firm Cleaver, Fulton and Rankin. This provided the chance to ask any questions about university and entry requirements, as well as gain some information about what it is like to work in the industry and the various areas of Law.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and very valuable day which made the processes after university much clearer and provided more of an insight into the profession itself.

Emiko Seawright, Jessica Courtney, Laura Neill and Grace Walker

FOOTBALL

Football Club has expanded this year, we have almost 40 girls attending in Years 8 – 11. We have competed in indoor Futsall, Irish Junior Cup and look forward to the Soccer 7s in mid June. Junior School footballers competed in the Junior Cup this year at 11 a side level.

Two girls were selected for the regional excellence programme following trials, Olivia Marshall and Zoe Stewart both Year 10. This is the first time that we have had pupils selected via the Schools route. Olivia and Zoe are pictured with Chloe Orr from Year 13 who is part of the Northern Ireland Under 19 team.



This summer the UEFA Under 19 Ladies' competition comes to Northern Ireland. Roadshows have been held all over the province and our footballers attended the Live your goals event at Aurora and had coaching plus the opportunity to meet the mascot Sweet Caroline!.



CCF Easter Camp, Halton, Lancaster

The journey to the ferry terminal was unusually quiet but that's only to be expected with a 5:45 am start! A pleasant sail and drive saw 30 cadets, male/female, army/navy, arrive at Halton Camp, just outside Lancaster, on the bank of the River Lune, mid-afternoon, but most importantly in time for dinner. This was followed by briefings on the activities planned for the next few days. These were to be run with the aid of a local outdoor pursuits centre, Borthwick Hall. Day one was a brilliant hike in the Yorkshire Dales. Although it was cold, windy and a bit hazy at points it was a very interesting walk up Ingleborough peak. It was great to see the limestone scenery of caves, swallow holes and limestone pavements. Lunch was enjoyed on top with views to the Irish Sea and the famous Ribblehead Viaduct. This was a challenging hike which gave the cadets a real sense of achievement. However, they were too tired for any activities that night and got a bit of chillax time.

Over the next two days the cadets enjoyed a canoe trip on the Lancaster Canal, a leap of faith, tree climbing, bouldering and a low ropes challenge course over a small lake...nearly everyone stayed dry! Many skills of teamwork and leadership were learned with many overcoming personal fears to rise to the various challenges. As ever the outdoor centre staff were very complimentary about our cadets and their attitudes and standards. Enjoy the accompanying photos which should give a flavour of the activities. Well done to all involved.

R Spence



ICT

Mrs. Heron is pleased to announce that Glenlola Collegiate is now a venue for Code Club. Code Club is an educational provider which runs free coding clubs for children and currently has over 8,000 clubs in over 80 countries. Through the club, our school has teamed up with Lizzie Reynolds a volunteer from Kainos, Belfast. Mrs Reynolds comes to the club each week and assists the pupils with the weekly projects.

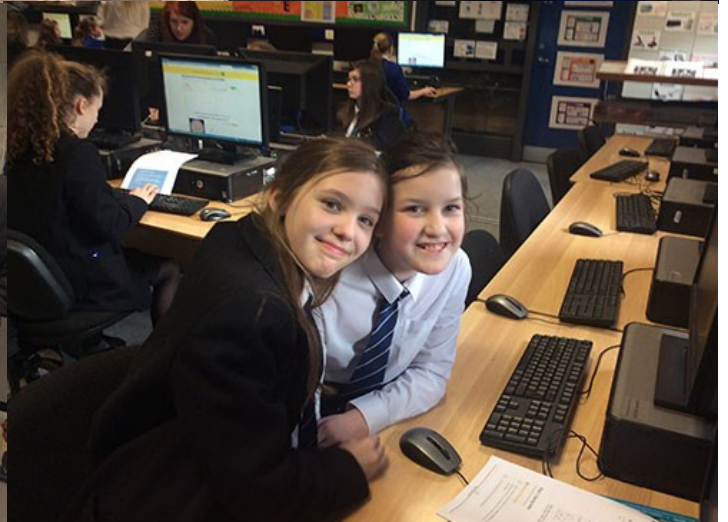
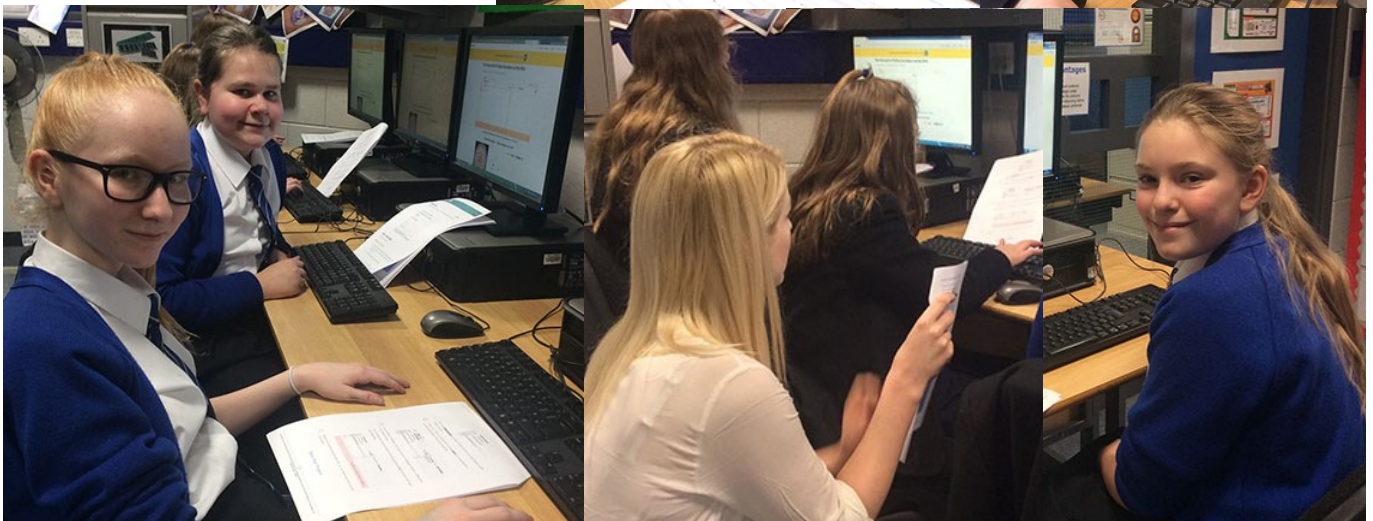
Throughout the year, pupils have been using online resources from Code Club to teach them how to programme in Python.



Learning to code is more than a vocational skill - it changes the way children analyse and solve problems, encourages creative thinking and collaboration.

Mrs J Heron

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Willkommen in Göttingen!

As we headed off on our trip to Germany, we were all slightly nervous. We had made contact before the trip by e-mail, text and social media but it was completely different finally preparing to meet face to face. As we stepped off the train, we were greeted by our host families who welcomed us with posters and smiles. Once we found our partner, we all went to our host families' houses where we would stay for the next week.

The homes in Germany are quite different from homes in NI. Differences include the custom of removing your shoes and wearing your slippers for the majority of the time in the house. The day to day routine of a German household is also extremely different to the daily routine in NI. The Germans wake up very early to get to school on time. Their school starts early and finishes early which allows them to go home, do their homework and go to bed so that they can get up again in time for school the next day. German food is also completely different to meals in NI. For breakfast, they eat lots of bread, cold meat and fruit. This is similar to their dinner or *Abendbrot* which often consists of cold meats, bread and butter which was spread out on the table so we can help ourselves. In the afternoon, the Germans normally eat a slice of cake which has lots of cream in it. You also have to be careful in Germany that you order the correct drink in a café because if you order water they tend to give you sparkling water which can become a problem.



On Sunday we had time to spend with our exchange partners and their families, many people participated in different activities. Some people went to play Lasertag and others went to the ice rink. It was a nice way for everyone to get to know

each other better. Our host families and all of the exchange partners were very nice and they were really friendly towards us. They were so kind and constantly entertained us, allowing us to have an amazing week full of really great experiences.

Rebecca McGookin
Darcy Larmour
 Year 10



School Life

Our first day in Göttingen was so exciting and it was so surreal to everyone that we were actually here. To start the day, we spent the morning in our partner school, the Felix-Klein-Gymnasium, the German equivalent of a grammar school. This was such an important part of our trip as we were really getting an insight into life in Germany. German school days start at 7:50am which is super early and we were all half asleep as we had to get up at around 6am! Our German exchange partners travelled to school by bus and buses there were massive compared to ours. Everything about German school life was so different but the biggest difference for us was that they don't wear a uniform. The school itself was very big with lots of classrooms. It was so overwhelming being in German school as we couldn't understand everything that was said in class, but it was still exciting to be able to participate in lessons.

The Felix-Klein-Gymnasium had school sheep which we all found so funny and thought it was such a random thing for a school to have. There were also two sites to the Felix-Klein-Gymnasium: the 'Big Felix', which was the part we were in, and the 'Little Felix' which was the Junior School. We took part in a language learning workshop in the 'Little Felix' where we played games in German which was a lot of fun! On the second day, there was a welcome dinner hosted in the school cafeteria by our host families which was a good opportunity to talk to everyone and make new friends. We both found this experience amazing and it will be something we will never forget!

Rudi Moore
Anna Jordan
Year 10



Exploring our host city

On the first day, we visited the Felix-Klein Gymnasium where the German partners attend school. It was an early start for us because school started at 7:50am. The classes and school life were completely different compared to Glenlola. The school itself was massive and the pupils weren't required to wear uniform. During the morning, I spent time in my partner Luna's classes. In citizenship class, we were asked to give a small speech about Bangor and why we wanted to come on the trip.

In the afternoon, we received a guided walking tour through the town and were told about the history of the town by our guide. We visited Göttingen's Town Hall, St. James' Church and the Gänselesel



statue ("The Most Kissed Girl in the World"). There was a crowd of people around the statue with a cart full of flowers and balloons watching a woman climbing up. This is a tradition for new doctoral graduates from the University to come and kiss her on the cheek after they have passed their exam.

After the tour, we settled down at a very popular coffee and cake shop called 'Cron und Lanz'. Everyone loved the look of the cake window which had almost every type of cake you could think of. When you went inside there were also gift wrapped treats you could buy and they all looked amazing. We each ordered our cake and drinks and I don't think there was one person who unhappy with their order.

I think everyone in our group would agree that it was a very beautiful town and I would definitely want to go back. The buildings were amazing with some great architecture.

Caitlin McKim
Megan McMillen
Year 11



Day Trip to Berlin

On Saturday 4th February, we had a whole group excursion to the German capital, Berlin. It was a very early start, 6am to be exact. We met at Göttingen train station at 7am and we travelled on an ICE train, which are German high speed trains. When we got there we walked from the station, which was extremely busy, to the Reichstag (the German parliament building). We walked through security and had to go by lift to the top. We then got our audio guides which pointed out landmarks around the city that we could see as we walked around the dome. We even got to look down into where the German government do their debating. Whenever we had finished exploring we had a quick snack and then continued on our way.

We went to the famous Brandenburg Gate where we got lots of photos with our friends and our German exchange partners. We also got to see the hotel that Michael Jackson stayed in, which was directly opposite the famous gate. Close to the gate there was the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe which was made out of different sized stones placed at different heights. We explored the stones and it was very eye opening about how many people suffered during the war.

The DDR Museum we visited was all about life in East Germany during the Cold War. It was very exciting to read about the history of this country and there was also an old fashioned East German *Trabant* car which was a simulator so we could truly experience driving this car around the streets of East Berlin. It was *prima!* After this we went straight to the best chocolate shop in the city, Fassbender und Rausch. On the way here we had a quick stop at Checkpoint Charlie and it was very interesting to see how this city used to be divided. We definitely spent most of our money in this shop and it was beautiful looking at all the monuments which were handcrafted from chocolate including the Brandenburg Gate and a massive chocolate volcano which erupted molten chocolate! After this we went shopping and went into the famous Ampelmann shop where we could buy figures of the famous East German traffic light men.

After a long day of laughs and fun and adventure we headed on our way back to Göttingen. It was a brilliant day and we definitely won't forget it any time soon.



*Shannon Power
Rebecca Hall
Year 10*

Welcome to Bangor!

Whenever you think of the word 'exchange' you generally think of the side of the exchange that will benefit you. I thought this with the German exchange. I admit that I mainly did it for the option of going to Germany. Although I was looking forward to hosting an exchange partner, I wasn't drawn to this opportunity for that reason. Unfortunately I wasn't able to go to Germany as at last minute I fell ill. This was extremely disappointing for both my partner and I. But this did mean that I was really looking forward to meeting my exchange partner, as when she came over to stay with me, this would be the first time we met. At the same time I was slightly terrified to meet her as we had been talking for months via the Internet and I was finally getting to meet her face to face.

When the day finally came to pick up my partner, Luise, I was really excited. I drove to the train station with my best friend Rebecca who also took part in the exchange. As soon as I saw Luise I im-

mediately ran up and hugged her and we started chatting. It was so bizarre to finally hear her and see her in person. Luckily Luise and I had loads to talk about and I could tell that we had lots in common and could have plenty of conversations.

Once we got home I assumed Luise would be tired and would want to go to bed, but she said she was too excited, so we stayed up and watched Netflix together. I didn't know it yet but this was earliest night's sleep I would get for the rest of her stay with me!

The next morning Luise came with me to school. When we arrived at school I gave her a mini tour of the school as we walked up to registration. When we got to form class she immediately ran up to her friend Charlotte and they started talking in German very quickly which freaked me out slightly because I hardly understood anything. After registration it was time for House Assembly. I took Luise to Harte House Assembly, which she found really cool because she said it's like the houses in Harry Potter. We all then met with the rest of the exchange partners to get a photograph taken together. Then she followed one of my friends around their classes for the first 3 periods. Later that day we went bowling together with the rest of the group at the Odyssey Arena in Belfast. Luise even beat me after she told me it was her first time bowling!

On Thursday I attended school as normal with Luise. She left at form time to get the train up to Belfast where she had a bus tour of Belfast and visited the Titanic Museum. When I picked her up from the train station she told us all about what she thought of Belfast and her favourite parts. We then quickly drove home to get changed to go to Airtastic with the other members of the exchange. We had a great time at Airtastic but it was very tiring. Of course Luise wasn't tired and we stayed up late watching the TV show *Miranda* on Netflix.

On Friday morning I went to school with Luise again and she left at form time to go on another bus tour of Belfast and a tour of Stormont. When I picked her up she came with me and my family to get fish and chips. Then Luise and I met up with our friends from the exchange at Ballyholme beach.

We stayed out chatting and having fun. We even went to the park and went on the swings. Luise and

I then walked home, and I think this is when we really got to know each other and be ourselves around each other.

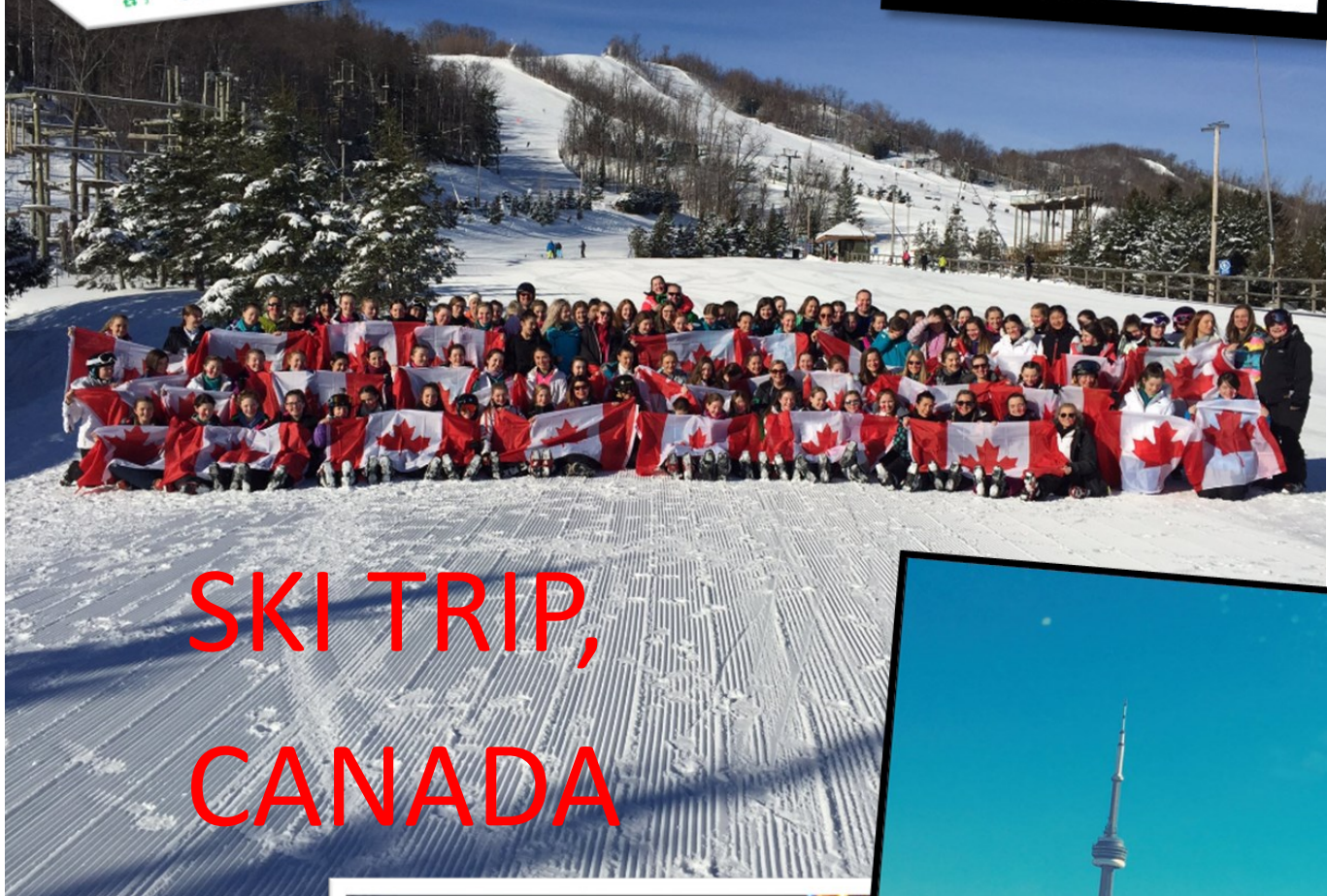
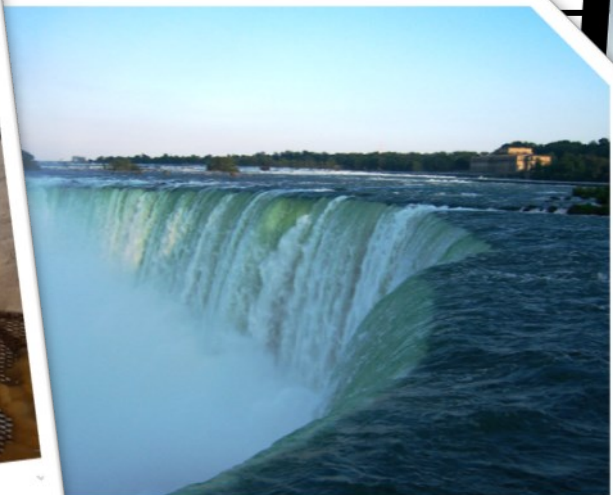
On Saturday we met early at the Omniplex car park where we got the coach up to the Giant's Causeway. The Causeway was amazing and I had loads of fun just walking around with Luise and the rest of my friends. We also got loads of great pictures together. We then had our packed lunches just sitting on the rocks together. Afterwards we went to Dunluce Castle and stopped for ice-cream in Portrush. When we returned to Bangor, we all decided to go and get takeaway pizza and sat at Pickie Park playing games together and just having loads of fun, getting to know each other.

On Sunday it was a very sad day as Luise was leaving. I helped Luise pack and we drove up to the train station with all my family. As soon as her train came in we all hugged goodbye and I was surprised at how upset I was to see her go. I would miss all the other German girls too.

I still really miss Luise and I am definitely hoping to invite her back to stay with me some day. I am going over to Germany with my friend Rebecca to stay with Luise this summer. So I would say if you get the chance to do the exchange, don't just think about going over to Germany as even though I didn't get to go, I don't think anything could beat having her stay with me. It was an experience that will stay with me forever.

Mia Minnis
Year 10







Gleniola Ski @gleniolaski Feb 17
The choices were all back this morning #TeamGary
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Thanks so much for the picture. The week with the group was amazing. Everyone was so positive and full of energy. It is one of the highlights of my ski teaching. Take care and say hello to all.

Gleniola Ski @gleniolaski Feb 21
Lovely comment from our ski instructor Gary! #TeamGary #AdoptedACanadianPet
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Charity

Once again, the needs of others have been prevalent throughout Glenlola Collegiate School. Since the last edition of the newsletter, many fundraising events have taken place throughout the school.

Junior School

Junior School pupils thoroughly enjoyed their sponsored glow-stick Danceathon. The girls danced for two hours 'strutting their stuff' and deafening their staff! This fantastic, fun-filled event raised an incredible £4867.20. With non-uniform day money, Junior School raised a fabulous £5556.20. The NSPCC and the Children's Cancer Unit Charity both received a cheque for £2779.00. Christine Hawe (NSPCC) and Jacqueline Wilson (Children's Cancer Unit) were delighted with the girls efforts.

Middle School

Year 12 pupils have just recently completed their sponsored Park Run. The girls who participated raised £500.00 for the Children's Cancer Unit Charity.

Year 11 charity fundraiser

On Thursday 8 June Year 11 pupils at Glenlola Collegiate took part in 'Onesie fun'. Originally meant to be a 'Onesie run' around Castle Park and the School grounds, the poor weather meant the event was brought indoors. Pupils took part in relays and, when the weather improved, many took to their feet and completed several laps of the School. The festivities finished with a BBQ. In total £1426.50 was raised for the pupils chosen charity. This year they felt it was important to support the work of the Children's Cancer Unit Charity which supported Year 12 pupil Megan Ogle during her illness. This amazing total is a tribute to Megan and it is hoped that the Children's Cancer Unit charity can use this money to continue to support young people, and their families, during their time of need.



Senior School

Year 13 pupils have raised a total of £1320.26 for the Riding School for the Disabled and Marie Curie. Since the Mannequin Challenge, the girls have also enjoyed an Easter Quiz along with Year 14.

Year 14 pupils through their Extravaganza, Easter Raffle, Easter Quiz and Charity Dinner, Year 14 raised a fantastic £1919.06 for their two charities – MACS and the Children's Cancer Unit Charity; each receiving £960.00. Sarah Morrow (MACS) was overwhelmed by their thoughtfulness and claimed that the money would make a real difference to those who avail of their services.



The Children's Cancer Unit Charity

This particular charity is one that is now and will be for some time, close to the hearts of all those associated with Glenlola Collegiate School. Megan Ogle raised lots of money for this charity while receiving treatment for her battle with cancer. Since her passing, we as a school have sought to remember the bright, caring, beautiful and inspirational girl that she was. As you can see, many of the year groups chose to support this charity this academic year. Through a special non-uniform day, Junior, Middle and Senior School and other fundraising, our total so far for the Children's Cancer Unit Charity stands at £7281.00. And our fundraising is not yet complete! An incredible amount of money raised in memory of an incredible young individual. This money will be used to help build an isolation room at The Great Victoria Hospital for Sick Children.

Young Enterprise 'Success Skills' Event

At the 'Success Skills' event for Year 12 in December, we were educated on the topic of applying for jobs. We completed a personality quiz which identified what skills we have and therefore what types of job would be most suited to us. We later looked at application forms for employment and were shown how to fill them in appropriately. Then we watched videos on the 'Dos and Don'ts' of a job interview, with pupils from our year volunteering to role play candidates being interviewed. I learnt a lot from this presentation. I was taught that in an interview it is essential to consider your body language, clothing, tone of voice, as well as your punctuality and focus, i.e. don't bring your phone in, incase it interrupts the interview, so it should, at the very least, be switched off. Lastly, some research on the company must have taken place prior to the interview to ensure that if you are asked any questions based on the business, you can give a certain and informed answer or if you are asked if you have any questions, you can inquire about the company to show your interest.

Not only was I given a significant amount of information, there were also many opportunities for fun. When told about the criteria of an interview, we were shown videos of how to do it correctly compared to a rather unprofessional candidate. Shortly after, we used 3 classmates as examples, each was told to sit in a different manner, in order to represent different types of candidates. Following on from this we then discussed how we should, or shouldn't, present ourselves in terms of seating and answering questions in an interview. Both the videos and the pupil demonstrations were entertaining and enjoyable. I feel I am now more informed on how to complete an application form and participate in an interview which should help prepare me better for life after school.

Holly Fusco
Year 12

Somme Battlefields Tour

At 4am on Monday 8th May, 52 bleary eyed pupils and teachers from 17 schools across NI met at Belfast International Airport as part of the "Battlefields Project". This scheme was launched by the Minister of Education and the Minister for Communities and offers schools in Northern Ireland the opportunity for two Year 10 pupils and a member of staff to go on a three day visit to the WW1 Battlefields in France and Belgium.

We flew to London where we met our Somme Association guide, Tom, and our coach driver Alan who would take us to all the sites of the Somme Battlefields. Our first site was Vimy Ridge, a Canadian memorial with trenches, where the Canadian Corps had fought and succeeded in pushing the Germans out of their heavily entrenched positions on the ridge in April 1917. Following this we drove to our hotel in Albert, where we were staying for the duration of our trip.

On Tuesday 9th of May, we started our Somme Battlefield tour, which included the 34th Ulster Division Memorial and the Lochnagar Crater Memorial. This memorial is the largest crater ever made by man (by shell) and is now a memorial dedicated to peace, fellowship and reconciliation between all nations who fought on the Western Front. We also visited 'Hearts Memorial', 'Pipers Memorial Longueval', 'Middlesex Memorial' and Delville wood. Delville wood is nicknamed 'Devil Wood' because of the ferocious fighting that took place there. The majority of the wood was captured by South African soldiers on the 15th July, 1916. After the war, South Africa bought the site in 1920 and it now serves as a memorial to those of that nation who fell. We then travelled to Guillemont Cemetery and



the 16th Irish Cross. After this, we visited Thiepval Memorial which we really loved and wished we spent more time at because of the impact it created for us. All 16 pillars were completely filled with names of those missing in the Somme. We were able to find some spots that names used to be in, but as of now, they have been buried and are no longer declared missing.



We then drove to the 13th Batt Memorial which was the memorial to those who fell in the County Down Division. After a short bus trip, we arrived at the Ulster Tower which is a replica of Helen's Tower in Northern Ireland. It is placed here to commemorate the Ulster 36th Division who had fought in that area and trained beside the tower at home. Just a short walk from the tower was Thiepval Wood and a small cemetery beside it. When we were there, we were told a story about two soldiers who were declared missing on Thiepval memorial. Earlier last year, they were found less than 200m from their trenches in the wood and were identified. They were first seen when a tour guide saw what looked to be a piece of a soldier's uniform buried in the ground. Their families were contacted and they decided to bury the men in the cemetery dedicated to those in the trenches in Thiepval Wood. Their names had been taken off Thiepval Memorial as they were no longer missing. In Thiepval Wood, we were warned to stay on the marked paths which had been cleared of all unexploded ammunition and bodies, unfortunately due to a lack of funding, not all trenches have been restored and soldiers' bodies still lie in the wood.

Tom told us another story about a volunteer who was part of an excavation team in Thiepval Wood



who hit a metal surface, but just kept on digging until his colleague asked what the noise was. He told us that they thought it could've been an unexploded shell, so they all ran for cover. They contacted experts to take a look at the object and they declared it as two gas canisters which had not released the gas inside. The two gases were phosphene and chlorine. If he had hit the metal harder and it opened, the gases would have released and killed those working there and could possibly have spread to other parts of France. The gas canisters were taken away and buried deep down into the ground where they are expected to remain for a very long time. Items found in the wood are common and one was shown to us. It was a metal breakfast spoon with a bullet hole in it. This had saved a soldier's life.

Finally, we left Thiepval to go to the grave of William McBride, who is mentioned in the famous song 'No Man's Land'. His grave had been decorated with flags and was extremely popular for tourists to visit. There was another William McBride buried in the same cemetery which some others had mistaken for the real William McBride mentioned in the song. This is because of his age. The song states that he is 19 but on his grave he is actually 21. This is why people believe that the



other grave is his, as it states no age of the man who died.

The following day, we set off for Belgium. We began our sightseeing trip at Island of Ireland Peace Park, in Mesen. It was a beautiful memorial to Irish soldiers. It is also close to the site of the June 1917 battle for the Messines Ridge. After the Peace Park, we drove to Spanbroekmolen Crater. The crater, also known as Lone Tree Crater, is the site of the largest of 19 mines blown by the British Army in the early hours of the morning of 7th June 1917. This signalled the launch of the Battle of Messines. After this, we visited the 36th and 16th Division memorial stones. We also went to the Wytschaete Military Cemetery and 16th Irish Memorial. This cemetery was very beautiful and bright, with the graves polished white and the flowers planted in front to give the cemetery a pop of colour and life to give those who fell in war a place to rest that they deserve. After we visited the cemetery, we travelled to Essex Farm and Major John McCrea's Bunker. John McCrea was a Cana-



dian poet, physician, author, artist and soldier during World War I, and a surgeon during the Second Battle of Ypres, in Belgium. He is best known for writing the famous war memorial poem "In Flanders Fields". The bunkers where he treated Soldiers, were very small and they gave a real insight into what he had to work with when dealing with hundreds of wounded soldiers at the time of the battles and the war in general.

Next, we travelled to Ypres, to explore the town with our friends and buy any souvenirs we wanted. We also visited Belgian Chocolate shops dotted around the area and we tried as much as we could eat! After lunch in Ypres, we travelled to St Martins Langemark German Military Cemetery. This cemetery was a German one, and when we arrived

we were surprised to see how different they were to those of the French and British. It had a very depressing atmosphere to everyone and it was covered by trees which really blocked out the sun and made everything darker. Each grave contained up to twenty one men and were not well kept, unlike the commonwealth graves, as they were covered in moss and dirt.



After our visit to the cemetery, we visited the grave of John Condon. He was buried in Poelcapelle British Cemetery. He fought in the war when he was just fourteen years old. He was buried next to a man who was forty five years old, and was too old to fight along with John. We then travelled to the Tyne Cot Memorial and Cemetery. Tyne Cot is a memorial and cemetery for the missing and those dead in the First World War in Ypres Salient on the Western Front. It has 11,965 men buried there, of which 8,369 are unnamed. The cemetery was a very moving place and gave an idea of how many men fought and died in war, and how many are missing or unidentified and will most likely remain that way.

We then travelled back to Ypres for some more shopping and our evening meal. We went to shops again, ate more chocolate and had fun with our friends from Bangor Grammar School and other schools including Glastry College and Christian Brothers School. Later that evening, we attended the memorial service at Menin Gate. The service included wreath layers from our group. The wreaths were laid during the sounding of the Last Post. The ceremony was very moving and powerful, it showed unity among all those who visited Menin Gate that day. Menin Gate is a memorial dedicated to Commonwealth and British soldiers who were killed and missing in Ypres Salient of

World War One. When the ceremony was over, we travelled back to Albert.

On our final day we visited the Notre Dame De Lorette. This is a French Ossuary and Cemetery. It also has the 'Ring of Remembrance'. In total, the cemetery and ossuary hold the remains of more than 40,000 soldiers, as well as the ashes of many concentration camp victims. The ground was strategically important during the First World War and was bitterly contested in a series of long and bloody battles between the opposing French and German armies. The Ring of Remembrance consists of 500 metal panels that are arranged in an ellipse pattern. Each panel contains approximately 1200 names of fallen soldiers, listed alphabetically by last name. The 500th panel remains blank so that any newly discovered names may be added.

This was an amazing opportunity and all of us on the trip have many memories of a somewhere so steeped in History.

Lucy Cheater

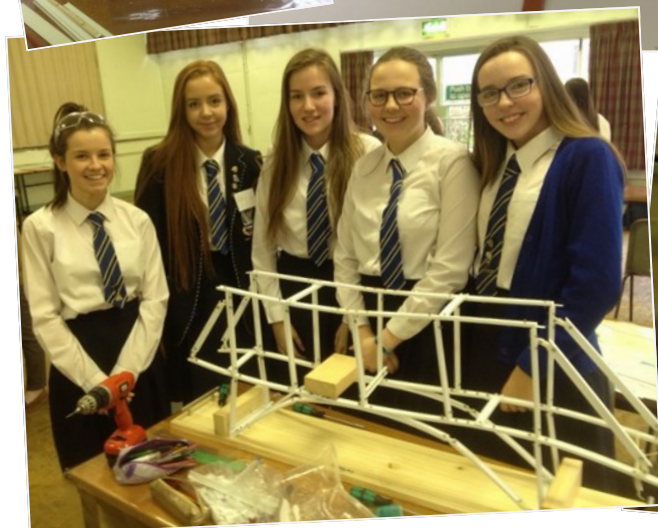
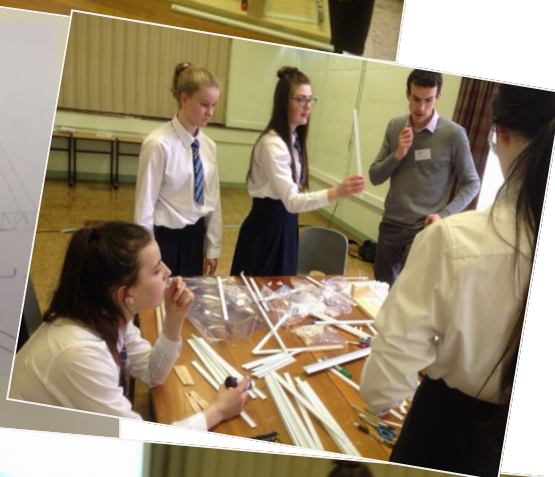
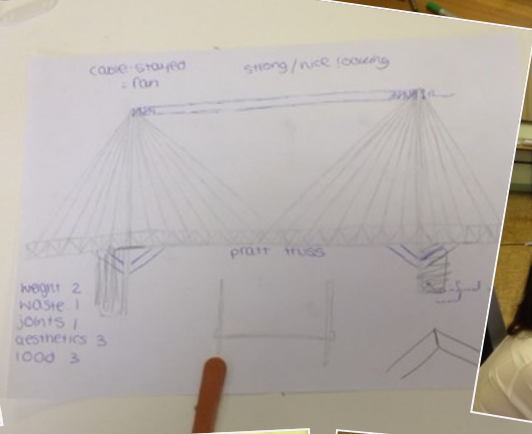
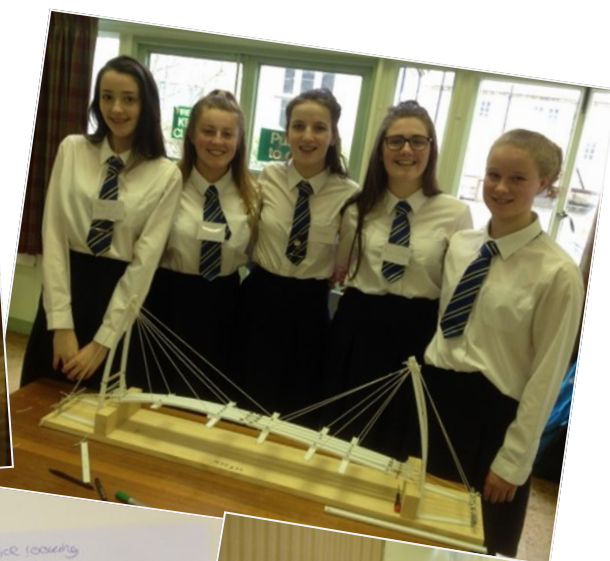
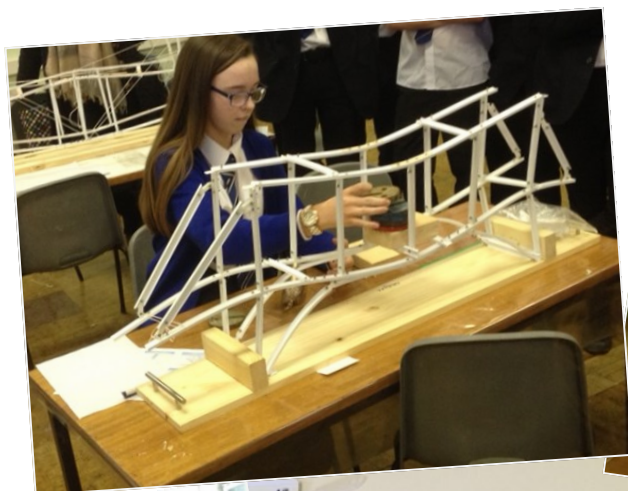
Zoe Kerr

Year 10



STEM PROJECT

Creative Bridges was a STEM Event supported by Royal Academy of Engineering and run by Queen's University Belfast. It was a one day workshop hosted by Dr John McKinley from the Civil Engineering Department at QUB aimed at giving students the opportunity to meet and work alongside engineers from local companies to solve a practical design problem. Glenlola Collegiate entered 2 teams of 5 Year 11 and 12 pupils who were set the task of designing and building a bridge to span a gap of 80cm whilst adhering to a number of predetermined design criteria. The teams had to first design their structures before building and testing their practical outcomes. All of the girls involved thoroughly enjoyed the day and found it extremely beneficial to meet with the local engineers and expand their own skills and knowledge through this fun event. The teams were very successful coming 1st and 2nd in this event which included teams from Bangor Grammar and Lismore Craigavon.



ULSTER SCHOOLS' DERBY

The 5th Ulster Schools' Derby was held on Thursday 22 June 2017 at Gransha Equestrian Centre. Ninety eight riders from schools, as far afield as Bessbrook, Ballymena and Lurgan, attended the event.

Anya Tueton, representing Carrowdore Primary School won the Primary School class (sponsored by Autokleen) riding her pony Shannaghmore Shooting Star. Anya also won the Tack and Turnout prize.

The Newcomer class, sponsored by EquiSuds, was won by Anna Jackson riding Andy and representing Larne Grammar School. Anna's form continued as she also won the Tack and Turnout for this class.

The Novice class sponsored by Spar (Rathmore Road) was the largest of the day with 54 riders. Vicky Fox riding Lislaird Joni (representing Victoria College), won this class with a clear round and a time of 25.71 seconds. Sophie Lister Tinsley, Ella Heron and Gillian Grogan representing Hunterhouse, won the Novice Team competition and Sophie McCormick from Bangor Academy and Sixth Form College was awarded the Tack and Turnout Prize.

The final class of the day was the Open competition sponsored, once again, by Botanica. Josh Mark representing Cambridge House won the individual Open competition whilst Troy Watson, Rachel Kerr, Jessica Nelson and Alex Cleland representing Down High School came away Open Team Champions. Tack and Turnout for the Open class was won by Noah Brown from Royal Belfast Academical Institution.

Champions, in each class, were presented with trophies, donated by Glenlola Collegiate, embroidered rugs and sashes. The prizes on offer were only possible due to the generosity of the class sponsors and of Jim Devenport Butchers (Donaghadee) who sponsored the rosettes. HorseWorld NI sponsored the Tack and Turnout prizes. We are indebted to all of our sponsors.

As the event was a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support, the Ulster Schools' Derby kindly donated an Apple iPod Shuffle for this year's top fundraiser. This was awarded to Alex Ogle from Down High School who raised a staggering £317. In total £778.82 was raised and, with a donation from the Ulster Schools' Derby, £1200 will be presented to Macmillan Cancer Support.

The day was a great success and several pupils from Glenlola Collegiate took part including Zara Wood (Year 8), Aimee Johnston (Year 9), Holly Martin, Cerys Howell and Phoebe Beaumont (Year 10), Jacelyn Brackenridge (Year 13) and Alex Ryan and Ciara Gilroy (Year 14). This is Alex and Ciara's last year competing for the School. They have had many successes during their time on the equestrian team and we wish them every success as they move to 'pastures' new.

Results:

Class 1 - Primary Individual:

Placing	Pupil name	Pony/Horse	School
1 st	Anya Tueton	Shannaghmore Shooting Star	Carrowdore Primary School

Class 2 – Newcomer Individual:

Placing	Pupil name	Pony/Horse	School
1 st	Anna Jackson	Andy	Larne Grammar School
2 nd	Andrew Hanna	Mr. AC Drummer	Kilkeel High School
3 rd	William Plank	Basil	Regent House School

Class 3 – Novice Individual

Placing	Pupil name	Pony/Horse	School
1 st	Vicky Fox	Lislaird Joni	Victoria College
2 nd	Dan Moore	Lancelot Du Bois	Lurgan Junior High School
3 rd	Cerys Howell	Harvey	Glenlola Collegiate School
4 th	Erin Carson	Kilgarry Breezer	Wellington College
5 th	Gillian Grogan	Shadow	Hunter House
6 th	Lauren Fleming	Burren Valley Flyer	Ballyclare High School

Novice Team:

Placing	School
1 st	Hunter House (Blue)
2 nd	Victoria College
3 rd	Hunter House (Red)
4 th	Glenlola Collegiate School
5 th	Lurgan Junior High
6 th	Regent House School

Open Individual:

Placing	Pupil name	Pony/Horse	School
1 st	Josh Mark	Calinvella	Cambridge House Grammar School
2 nd	Zara Wood	Rathcline Supreme	Glenlola Collegiate School
3 rd	Lucy Savage	Knock Ash Willis	Assumption Grammar School
4 th	Jessica Nelson	Duke	Down High School
5 th	Alex McClelland	Rafa Smash	Down High School
6 th	Cerys Howell	Willow	Glenlola Collegiate School

Open Team:

Placing	School
1 st	Down High School
2 nd	Glenlola Collegiate School
3 rd	Methodist College Belfast







Explorer Scouts

District Night Hike

The 20th January was the date for the annual District Night Hike. The girls turned out at 7pm on a cold, dark winter's night to walk from Whitespots car park at the Somme Heritage Centre, to Crawfordsburn Scout Centre, along the Ulster Way. Only one wrong turn was taken and the girls kept up a good pace, given it was pitch black, to arrive at Crawfordsburn at around 10pm. Although it is amazing what can be seen once our eyes became accustomed to the dark. It didn't take us long to down the soup and hot dogs supplied by the district team upon arrival! Tents then had to be pitched under the clear starry sky, which was an indication of the cold that was to come during the night. We woke up to a frosty scene which included ice outside and inside the fly sheets of the tents. After a good breakfast it was back home to appreciate the benefits of central heating. The girls rose to the challenge of this event and as a result got a great feeling of achievement and undoubtedly some resilience too.

Winter Bivvy Out and Backwoods Cook-Out

After the night hike the Explorer Scouts thought, who needs tents? So a bivvy out was decided upon. We arrived at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre at 9pm on ___ February. The first task was to build our bivvy shelters from rope and camouflage tarpaulins. Various weatherproof structures appeared and became home for the night. The campfire was then lit, crowded around for heat, and used to make the traditional smores. A good night's sleep was had by all, and next morning it was time to move on to the backwoods cooking exercise which is cooking without pots, but tin foil can be used. Two roaring log fires were lit using fire steel devices, no matches allowed! It has to be said tasty innovative and imaginative meals were produced and no one left hungry. We prepared a cooked breakfast of cocktail sausages, bacon on a stick and potatoes wrapped in foil. A popular choice was the hollowed out orange filled with chocolate cake batter and allowed to cook in the embers. The result was a chocolate orange to make Terry's envious.





Dance Team

This year saw over 75 girls audition for the Junior and Senior Dance teams, with the two squads enjoying considerable success again this year at NICMAC and Ulster Dance competitions.

The Junior Team won the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championship Junior Schools sections in March, scoring full marks with a magnificent take of The Wizard of Oz. Continuing their success, Oz went on to win the Open Section of the Ulster Dance and Fitness Championships in April. This is by far a more difficult competition than the previous competition they competed in in March, as this time they not only competed against schools, but also Dance schools.



The Senior team came third at the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championship, with 'A Grim Tale'. At the Ulster Championships, the Senior team performed a magnificent routine which the judges deemed 'too good' for the Novice section, moving them in to the Open section to compete against a number of top Dance schools from across the country. The girls' hard work paid off with them winning this section, becoming Ulster Champions.



Many thanks to Miss Tameron Drake for choreographing the routines and coaching both teams throughout the year. A special thanks must also go to Mr and Mrs Drake for giving up their time to make the fabulous costumes for the girls.





Hockey

1STXI

This season has been one of 'up and downs', with some very good performances which have not always got the results they deserved. The 1STXI won the first round of the schools cup 1-0 against Limavady Grammar School, with the hero of the day being captain Emilia Morrow scoring the winning goal. In the next round they got knocked out by a strong Sullivan side who went onto be semi-finalists of the cup.

In the Plate Competition the team played Belfast High and after a great performance won 3-1, which meant they progressed into the quarter finals of the plate. In the quarter final Glenlola faced Royal School Dungannon and the game finished 1-1 after playing the best hockey of the season, but unfortunately on the lottery of penalty flicks they got narrowly beaten. This match reflected the season of playing some very good hockey and creating chances but not always getting a positive result.

A highlight of the season was drawing 0-0 against BRA, an individual outstanding performance by Joy Eadie as goalkeeper left her own team and the opposition team and staff in disbelief at how good she actually was. Another highlight of the season was all the team bonding events that were organised, from Laser quest, football, and virtual golf to a day trip to Jungle NI.

It has been a great year and this group of girls were a pleasure to work with. The introduction of so many 'young' players into the 1STXI this season will allow the team to improve for next year. A special mention must be made to Libby Morton and Jodie Moore who were selected onto the South Eastern Area Board u15 and u17 team that won the Area Board Tournament, well done girls. The Year 14 Senior players; Emilia Morrow, Samantha Dornan, Anna Morwood, Kirsty O'Neill and Joy Eadie will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best as they start their university studies.

This year's most improved player went to Joy Eadie for her exceptional performances as goalkeeper. The award for outstanding player of the year was captain fantastic Emilia Morrow.



U13 Hockey

The girls had an outstanding season, with the A team only losing only two games throughout the entire year. Some highlights would be the 1-0 win against Victoria and Regent House, and tight contests resulting in draws with BRA and Strathearn.

The U13 B team had 7 scoreless draws this season, showing how hard they work in defence and the need for a goal scorer up front. A highlight would be the 5-0 victory over Bloomfield and the 2-0 win over Belfast High.

I have been pleased by the commitment of both hockey squads to training and their desire to win every Saturday morning, no matter how poor the weather conditions may be.

The U13 A team player of the year was Maddy McLean for her great defensive displays.

The most improved U13A was Rose McGreevy for her commitment, work rate and level of improvement.

The U13 B team player of the year was Amie Johnston and the most improved u13B was Shannon Mulder.

Excellent work girls, keep up the hard work.

2B & 3rd XI Hockey

The 2B and 3rd XI hockey teams welcomed 17 new players from last year's U14 squad, making it the largest 2B and 3rd XI squad in recent years.

Both teams had a great start to the season, the 2Bs beating Carrick 2-0 and Cambridge House 3-0 with the 3rds beating HunterHouse 5-0 throughout September.

The 2B's had a strong run in the Gibson Cup, beating Wallace 1-0, drawing with Grosvenor but unfortunately losing out to Lagan College.

The 3rds consisted of a fully new squad, with last year's team moving up to higher teams. Bearing this in mind, the 3rds did excellent in only losing 4 matches throughout the season and had some excellent results against the likes of Down High, Bloomfield and Regent House.

The 2Bs most improved player: Megan Mackey

The 2Bs player of the year: Chloe Eadie

The 3s most improved player – the 2B and 3s top goalscorer with 5: Vicky O'Neill

The 3s player of the year: Beth Howard

2B XI

Aimee Keenan
Anna Charlick
Beth Howard
Chloe Eadie
Elaina Vaughan
Heidi Quinn
Kate Getty
Lily Boyd
Lucy Black
Megan Mackey
Megan McCann
Rachel Branigan
Skye Houston
Tori Brown
Vicky O'Neill

3XI

Beth Howard
Caitlin Graham
Caitlin McCormick
Christy Beggs
Emily Doherty
Emily Fawthrop
Evie Wood
Hannah Patterson
Jessica Dempster
Louise Canning
Philippa Boyd
Rachel Osborne
Vicky O'Neill

2nd XI

This season the 2nd XI started with a bang, winning the first 3 games and drawing the next. It wasn't until they came up against a tough Victoria College side that the girls tasted defeat. The season then lost some of its initial momentum and we found it hard to break teams down, resulting in some close defeats in some games which could have been won. Unfortunately in this time, the girls also tasted defeat in the cup, losing out to Down High 2 – 0.

This took its toll on team morale until we played our best game of the season against Strathearn, losing narrowly 2 – 1 and coming close to an equaliser on a few occasions in the last 5 minutes. This was a much improved performance and contains some memorable moments, including our captain Joy

Eadie shouting 'Pegged' at a girl after having put the ball through her legs.

The girls' commitment to hockey this year has been fantastic, save a few missed training sessions, not looking at anyone in particular... Their desire to improve and willingness to learn will stand them in great stead as they continue on into senior hockey, and I have no doubt some will be moving on next year. Credit must be paid to the Year 11 girls who were thrown into things this year, often being asked to play different position and yet they did it without complaining. This includes Ruby Houston, Grace Arnold, Libby Morton and Rebecca Webb.

Our course we cannot forget those who will be leaving us this year after long careers in Senior Hockey; Saskia Greer, Anna Campbell and Joy Eadie who loves hockey so much she will play 2 games. They will be greatly missed by coaches and players alike, their attitude on the pitch, enthusiasm to play and boundless energy will be hard to replace and we wish them all the best in the future.

Player of the season this year went to Hannah Collins for finishing as top goal scorer in Senior Hockey and most improved went to Ella Ross who learnt the art of tracking back this year.

U14

A teams success is a reflection of how committed they are in training - the under 14 teams trained on a Monday and Wednesday this year and numbers were regularly high with more than 25 attendees at each session.



The first match for the A's was against Carrick Grammar and the girls were on form winning a convincing 4-0. This followed with a 2-0 win over Cambridge House the following week. The girls then seemed to be on a winning streak beating Hunterhouse, Grosvenor and Strathearn.

The performances improved each week and with the help of Chloe Brown and Miss Pierce confidence began to grow and the girls started to click and really play well. The cup match V Limavady was definitely a highlight for the coaches.

This year the top goal scorer for the A's was Olivia Marshall and we also had a hattrick from Abbie Webster in the Hunterhouse match.

The B team also played some great hockey; notable wins were against Cambridge House, Hunterhouse, Regent, Belfast High and Ballyclare. The defence worked extremely well under the guidance of Emma Gordon. The B's consistently played well throughout the season with most matches finishing with a draw line score. This just highlights the improvement, grit and determination this squad of players had.

I really do hope that all the girls will all continue to play hockey next year and move on up to the senior teams at Glenlola Collegiate.

This year's most improved player on the A team goes to Alex McCoey-Allen and on the B team it goes to someone who is also very dedicated and committed to the team – Jodie Mahood. The player of the year on the A team goes to someone who is very quiet off the pitch but really steps it up a gear on the pitch. She has recently been selected for South Eastern Squad and indeed the RDS development squad – the award goes to Katie McGonigle. The player of the year award on the B team goes to Emma Stevenson.



U14 Hockey

Swimming

In October, Glenlola Swim Team competed in the Swim Ulster Schools Cup and Championship held at Aurora. The girls had tremendous success over the 2 days.

The Year 8 relay team of Farrah Allen, Tarryn Barr, Lucy Hill and Amelia Urry won Gold in both the Medley and Freestyle relays. Both events were won extremely comfortably by Glenlola, beating the second place school by 12 seconds in the Medley Relay and over 10 seconds in the Freestyle Relay.



The Senior relay team of Sarah Davidson, Katie McDowell, Ellie McKibbin and Zoe Thompson won Silver in the Freestyle relay and Bronze in the Medley relay.

Individually, Glenlola achieved success bringing home another 7 medals.

- Tarryn Barr won Silver in both 50m Butterfly and 100 IM.
- Amelia Urry won Bronze in 50m Butterfly.
- Ellie McKibbin won Silver in 100m Butterfly and Bronze in 100m Breaststroke.
- Zoe Thompson won Gold in 100m Breaststroke and Bronze in 200m IM

The success of the Year 8 relay team enabled them to qualify for the Irish Minor Schools Championships in Dublin in February, competing against the top schools in Ireland. The girls again achieved outstanding success winning Gold in the Freestyle Relay, beating their nearest rivals by over 6.5 seconds.

Individually Tarryn also won Gold in the 50m Fly at the Irish Minor Schools.

Tennis

The Senior tennis team played in the Ulster Schools' Plate Final earlier today and beat Foyle College 5 matches to 1. This is a great achievement for the girls as each match was best of 3 sets, which Emilia Morrow correctly pointed out to her teammates was the same as what they play at Wimbledon! The girls are : Emilia Morrow, Anna Morwood, Samantha Dornan and Katie Reid.

Emilia, Anna and Samantha have now won the Ulster Plate at Junior level and twice at Senior level, with Katie slotting into the team this year.



Year 8

This year the Year 8 tennis club ran on a Wednesday afternoon at Ward Park. There were 8 girls who regularly attended:

Lucy Hill, Phoebe Larmour, Annabelle McClure, Tarryn Barr, Antonia Geddis, Taylor Beattie, Bethyn King and Molly Rodgers.

The girls were always enthusiastic and ready to learn. They played matches against Rockport and Strathearn and at the time of writing this article the competition is still on-going so results will be posted at a later date.

Athletics

Another successful season for the athletes at Glenlola. After a long tough year of training, which began in October, the medals in the summer term

were well deserved. On Wednesday 3rd May Glenlola Collegiate enjoyed fantastic success at the Schools Intermediate and Senior District Athletics Competition. Some notable results were as follows:

- Rebecca Webb finished 2nd in the Intermediate Long jump and 3rd in the triple jump.
- Louise Canning finished 3rd in the Intermediate 200m and Olivia Cumming finished 3rd in the Senior 400m.
- Hannah Reid finished 3rd in the Senior 800m.
- Saskia Greer won the Senior 100m and 200m.
- Emily Johnston was 2nd in the Senior 100m and 200m.
- Ruby Houston finished 3rd in the Intermediate shot and discus.
- Zara Dowds and Katie Robinson finished 3rd in the Intermediate and Senior Hammer
- In the Senior Javelin Joy Eadie finished 1st and Shoshanna Hull finished 2nd.
- The Senior Relay Team won the 4 x 100m and the Intermediate team came 3rd.

These fantastic set of results led to the Senior Team winning the District Shield.

District Mini/Minor and Junior Athletes

Next it was the turn of the younger athletes so on Thursday 11 May the Year 8, 9 and 10 athletes from Glenlola Collegiate competed at the District Schools athletics championships. Some notable results were as follows:

- Devon Sprake won the Mini 100m and was 2nd in the Shot Putt
- Shannan Farrall won the Mini High Jump.
- Rose McGreevy got silver in the Minor Hurdles
- Katie McGonigle got silver in the Junior Hurdles and bronze in the 200m.
- Brooke Stranagan got bronze in the Junior Hurdles
- Kirsten Hanna got silver in the Junior High Jump.
- Zoe Steen won the Junior Shot and got bronze in the Discus.
- Zoe Stewart got bronze in the Junior Hammer.

The Mini Girls 4x100 Relay team finished 2nd; the team was Shannan Farrall, Emma Stratton, Lydia Brankin and Devon Sprake.

The Minor Girls 4x100 Relay team finished 2nd; the team was Sarah Eadie, Rose McGreevy, Aimee Boyd and Alice Johnston.

The Junior Girls won their 4x 100 relay; the team was Katie McGonigle, Kirsten Hanna, Anna McCarroll and Olivia Marshall.

Next in the athletics calendar is the Ulster Schools Championships and again our athletes produced brilliant performances. Some of the results were as follows:

- Devon Sprake finished 4th in the 100m and 3rd in the mini Shot.
- Zoe Steen won gold in the Junior Discus and bronze in the shot.
- Joy Eadie won silver in the senior javelin.
- All five of our 4 x 100m relay teams qualified for the final which was a tremendous achievement, with the Minors, Juniors and Inters all winning Bronze medals and the Seniors winning Gold.

The senior girls relay team, Joy Eadie and Zoe Steen all qualified to compete in the Irish School Championships in Tullamore Co. Offaly on the 3rd June. Six excited athletes travelled to Tullamore with Mrs Johnston and Miss Adams. Zoe Steen was the first to compete in the Junior Girls Discus and won a fantastic bronze medal with a throw of 26.42. Joy Eadie was next to compete in the Senior Girls Javelin and finished fifth with a throw of 26.95. The senior girls relay were the last event of the day. The team finished in a fantastic fourth position in race where the senior record was broken. The team Saskia Greer, Emily Johnston, Aimee Johnston, Olivia Cumming.

Congratulations to all athletes who represented Glenlola Collegiate this year and to all the staff who coached and officiated at the various events.

Netball

Over 50 girls regularly attended Netball practice from Year 8 throughout the year, which led to two teams being entered in the TAGSA North Down

League. The 'A' team played against Bangor Academy, Dundonald High School, Priory College, Strangford College, and 2 Regent House teams, successfully winning all six matches. The 'B' team played against Bangor Academy, Glastry College, Priory College, Strangford College and 2 Regent House teams, winning 5 matches and drawing the 6th. Both teams qualified for the League Finals in Newtownards in May.

The 'B' team had a tough semi-final against Regent House 'B' team who the girls had drawn with previously; however they played excellently and overcame Regent to set up a final against our 'A' team who had knocked out Regent House 'A' in the other semi-final. The final was very closely matched with the 'A' team victorious.

The 'A' team were also entered in the SEELB Tournament, playing against a number of strong schools within the area. The team were victorious, beating a strong Lagan College side in the final to become Year 8 SEELB champions.

Minors

This year has provided great success for the Year 9 Netball teams. The 'A' team had a convincing run in the SEELB league, with excellent wins over St Malachy's Castlewellan, Priory College and Regent House. This put Glenlola at top of Section A, progressing to the SEELB league final, where they defeated Down High 10-4. This win put Glenlola in to the Northern Ireland B League semi-final against Holy Trinity, again, the success continued with a win securing a place in the final. The final took place in Lisburn Racquets Club on 23 February, with Glenlola beating Belfast Royal Academy to become Northern Ireland B League Champions.

The 'B' team entered the Year 9 TAGSA League, with four convincing wins against Nendrum College, Strangford College, Regent House and Bangor Academy. This put Glenlola at top of Section A, setting up a semi-final against Regent House – a repeat of one of the league matches, but unfortunately Regent House were the better team this time round. Many thanks to Mrs Caughers who coached the Year 9 Netball teams throughout the year.



Juniors

The 'A' team this year competed in the Northern Ireland 'B' League. They had matches against St Columbanus, Friends and Loreto Omagh. They reached the semi-finals of this competition and beat Sacred Heart Newry in an exciting encounter at Lisburn Racquets Club. The girls then faced Lumen Christi in the final and unfortunately lost. The girls should be extremely proud of themselves in the manner that they played and the commitment they showed at training. Thanks must go to Mrs Caughers who helped coach the girls on a Tuesday afternoon at school.

The 'B' team were unbeaten in the TAGSA league this year winning matches against Glasry, Nendrum, Strangford, Dundonald and Priory Integrated College. The girls worked extremely hard this year and were a credit to the school. They are now the 2017 TAGSA champions – a fantastic achievement and very well deserved.

A Team

Emily Montgomery
Rachel Johnston
Zoe Steen
Katie Brown
Olivia Marshall
Kirsten Hanna
Abbie Webster
Brooke Stranaghan
Emily Crutchley(Captain)
Kaitlin Small
Lucy Leathem

B Team

Abbie Thompson
Rachel Brunton
Emma Stevenson
Skye Tosh
Mackenzie Weir
Zara Gamble
Rhianna Poots
Zoe Stewart
Freya McNeice
Ailie Greer
Rebekah Leonard
Sarah Gibson



Intermediates

This year our Intermediate 'A' team entered the Northern Ireland 'A' League and the Northern Ireland Cup competitions, once again achieving great success. The girls knew that this was going to be a tough year for them given that most of the oppos-

ing teams would be comprised of girls from Year 12 and all our starting seven players are in Year 11. However, never to be ones daunted by a challenge, the girls stepped up to the mark.

Northern Ireland Cup

The girls faced Aquinas in the first round of the Cup and ran away comfortable winners; a great start. Next up was a strong Wallace team, but they also proved to be no match for our talented girls. The third round was against Loreto Omagh, who put up a stronger fight, but again we were victorious. That victory moved the girls into the semi-final where they came up against Methody, who hadn't lost a single match all season. The girls knew that they were going to be up against it but they held their own for the first two quarters and the scores were close. After half-time, Methody started to pull ahead and once they got their noses in front there was no stopping them; such an amazingly talented team of players who thoroughly deserved their win.

Northern Ireland League

Playing in the 'A' League at this level guarantees strong opposition in all matches, something teams from Glenlola have feared in the past. However, this Intermediate team were excited not daunted! Great team performances against Assumption, Lagan College and Wallace secured three victories, keeping the girls in the running for the league play-offs. Then they faced Our Lady and St Patrick's College who were just too good and won. This left Friends' School – a good but beatable team. However, the timing of the match left us at a disadvantage; the team had already played two school matches that week and some of the girls had played a club match too – they were exhausted and subsequently lost a close, well-contested match.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a talented and exciting group of girls, all of whom work their hardest to be the best they can be. Given that they were mostly playing against girls a year older than them only means that next year should be filled with more success, all of which will be much deserved.

Team members:

Emily Naylor, Lucy McCune, Joanna Beattie, Tori Brown, Georgia Hoy, Jessica Lord (Captain), Mia Boyd, Ruby Houstoun, Zoe Thompson & Zara Dowds.

Year 12

The Year 12 team played in the TAGSA League, which includes schools from across the North Down area. The Year 12 competition is usually popular with schools but this year many of the schools withdrew leaving only Glenlola and Strangford. The teams played each other in February with Strangford the victors. However, both teams were eligible to play in the TAGSA finals in May and our girls went out determined to show the standard of play that they were really capable of. This time they turned the tables and won comfortably to become TAGSA League Champions 2017.



Year 12 Team—TAGSA League Champions

Jessica Dempster, Emily Doherty, Zara Dowds, Holly Fusco, Anna Leeburn, Kirstie Oliver, Katie McCausland, Amy McCullagh & Brooke Stewart.

Seniors

The Senior team play in the Northern Ireland 'B' League and the Northern Ireland Cup and Plate competitions. This team was mainly comprised of girls who have represented Glenlola in netball for all of their 7 years in school – an amazing achievement, well done!

In the Northern Ireland 'B' League the girls faced teams from Assumption, Friends' and Wallace, and won all these matches showing great skill and team work. This meant that they qualified for the League semi-finals, where they played Victoria College. This was a closely contested affair but, unfortunately, luck was not on our side and VCB narrowly won. In the Cup competition, St. Mary's, Newry were the first round opponents – being the first match of the season, the girls were a little rusty and were unlucky to lose by 1 goal. However, this meant that they progressed to the Plate, the highlight of this competition being the tense and en-

thralling semi-final against Cookstown High School. With 2 minutes to go in the last quarter of the game, Glenlola were ahead by 3 goals but Cookstown managed, through some highly skilled play, to claw back the deficit, making it a draw at the end of full-time. By this stage the girls had played 40 minutes of high octane netball and they were exhausted – imagine their response when they heard that they had to play 10 minutes of extra time! After some refreshments, i.e. sugar, the girls went back out on court and found the energy from somewhere to up the tempo and resume scoring goals. Unfortunately, the Cookstown girls were able to do the same and when the whistle finally blew it was still a draw. This meant a replay, so back to Lisburn we went the following week. Despite great play from our girls, it wasn't to be and Cookstown were victorious.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 14 girls who have given so much to netball during their time at Glenlola. They have been loyal, dedicated and talented; I hope they have enjoyed their netball as much as I have enjoyed working with them – it really has been a pleasure to watch you develop into such brilliant ambassadors for netball in Glenlola.



Ruth Cox, Rachel Kennedy, Katie Magee, Kathryn Simpson, Hayley Walsh, Samantha Dornan & Alexandra Earl.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Caughers for all she has contributed to netball again this year – she works tirelessly with all our team, encouraging and guiding the girls every step of the way. I know we all appreciate you so much.

Mrs K Johnston

Trampolining

On Sunday 27 November Glenlola Collegiate enjoyed considerable success at the Northern Ireland Schools trampolining competition.

The U14 Novice Team of Elena Friar, Faith Blaney, Emma Douglas, and Lisa Green qualified for the Zonals.

The U14 Intermediate Team of Aimee Hughes, Amy Gray, Amy Meehan and Evie Banyard finished 1ST and qualified for the zonals

The U19 Novice team of Annie Doherty, Eva Morrison and Nadine Ross, and the u 19 Elite team of Sophie Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Kathryn Morrison and Emily Doherty finished 1st and qualified for zonals.

Individual qualifiers included year 8 Kirstyn Adair (2nd), Nadine Ross (1st), Eva Morrison (2nd) and Annie Doherty (3rd)

All the teams and individuals mentioned above now qualify for the Zonal Championships in January in Newcastle. In the zonal competition the most notable results was Sophie Hughes and Kirstyn Adair who qualified for the British Nationals. Kirsten Adair finished 3rd place and Sophie Hughes 6th place. A tremendous achievement by all the girls.

Relay

Best Junior team in the Borough, at the Ards and North Down Sports Awards on Friday 10 March, the Junior Relay team consisting of Elaina Vaughan, Louise Canning, Rebecca Webb and Libby Morton won the 2016 'U15 Team of the Year'.



The Senior Relay team consisting of Saskia Greer, Anna Charlick, Ellen Robinson and Elleana Hull won the 2016 'U18 Team of the Year'.

Gymnastics

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, loving what you are doing or learning to do." Pele

This quote encapsulates the ethos of the gymnastics team in Glenlola Collegiate – our "gym family" allows each and every gymnast to strive to be the best they can be and have a lot of fun along the way. This has led to yet another hugely successful year for the club and one that I am very proud of. 26 girls regularly attended gymnastics club this year, allowing us to train two Under 14 groups, two Under 19 groups and two Under 19 pairs. It was a pleasure to have Sophie Oliver back with us, this time in a coaching role, and she took on responsibility for the Under 14 groups. The girls quickly responded to her warm and friendly manner and it was clear from the start that they were going to work hard to achieve success.

Northern Ireland Schools' Acro Competition:

This competition was held in Newry Sports Centre on 25 February 2017. It was the first time that the girls were going to compete on a full floor in front of a large audience so the pressure was on! Six months of hard work were about to come to fruition and the excitement was palpable. The first of our girls to compete were the Under 19 pairs – Nicole Meier and Katie Lyall, and Chloe Shaw and Amy Gray. Both pairs performed impeccably and were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively – a tremendous achievement.



Next to compete were the U14 groups – it was lovely to see a return to competition in this section and the girls acquitted themselves very well. We were also reminded of the cruel nature of our sport – the smallest of mistakes can lead to large deductions from the judges and, unfortunately, the ‘A’ team fell victim to this in what was otherwise a well-performed, polished routine. They finished in 5th place overall but that’s not what was important – the manner in which they conducted themselves in the face of defeat could not be faulted and I am very proud of their resilience and determination to do better next year. A special word of thanks must go to Lily Ennis (Year 10) who took control of the team, organising and encouraging the girls at all stages.



Under 14 ‘A’ Team

*Lily Ennis, Amy Gray, Elena Friar,
Daisy Sheldon, Connie Watt & Chloe Winter.*

The U14 ‘B’ team performed their routine beautifully – they displayed poise, confidence and control. The look of delight on all their faces told the judges and spectators just how much enjoyment the girls were getting from being out on the floor – they really were a joy to watch. All their hard work and determination was rewarded with a score of 7.15 and silver medals – 2nd place in Northern Ireland!

U14 ‘B’ Team

*Alice Johnston, Katie Wilson, Taylor Bradford,
Molly Hicks, Aimee Hughes, Olivia Williamson*

**2nd place in
Northern Ireland.**

U14 ‘B’ Team



The most hotly contested section of the competition is always the Under 19 groups and this is when you see the highest standard of gymnastics – this year did not disappoint. The friendly rivalry between the competing schools over the years has allowed the standard of schools acro gymnastics in N. Ireland to improve year on year and this can only be a good thing for our sport. Both the ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams performed beautiful routines and finished in 1st and 4th places respectively.

It was an especially poignant day for our Year 14 girls as they were competing for the last time at the N. Ireland competition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma Cairnduff, Katie Lyall, Anisa McConnell and Nicole Meier for their dedication to gymnastics in Glenlola over their 7 years in school. I could not have asked for more from these girls and I will miss them all.



**Under 19 ‘A’ team – 1st place and
Northern Ireland Champions**

*Katie Lyall, Nicole Meier, Kirstie Oliver,
Tessa Quinn, Alexandra Garrett & Louise Savage*



Under 19 'B' team

Emma Cairnduff, Anisa McConnell, Katie McCullough, Emily McMullan, Sara Zoltan & Katie Vaughan

British Schools' Gymnastics Championships

Having placed 1st in the Northern Ireland competition, the Under 19 'A' team qualified to represent Glenlola and Northern Ireland at the British Schools' Finals, which were held in Stoke-on-Trent on 6th May 2017. The girls travelled across with high hopes of a top performance but also with some trepidation, knowing first-hand that things do not always go to plan.

It was lovely to be able to go to the morning competition to spectate and support an "Old Glenlola girl" as she expertly coached her primary school pupil to two British Championship titles – well done Zahra Bonnar (nee Prentice) and your girls from Pond Park Primary, Lisburn.

The girls remained calm throughout the day and were more than ready when it came to our allotted warm-up time. Before we knew it, it was time to enter the competition hall and the girls anxiously waited for their turn on the floor. The girls did not disappoint, performing a fantastically choreographed, clean routine whilst being cheered on by their parents in the stands. The look of relief and joy on their faces when they presented to the judges and the spectators was a representation of just how happy they were that they had done what they came for – to show the rest of the UK the high standard of gymnastics that Glenlola girls are capable of. And then, we had to wait!

Medal presentation is always a nerve-racking experience, for gymnasts and coaches! The judges no longer hold up scores during the competition so no-one knows who has medalled. By the time it finally came to the results of our section I really thought I was going to be sick! The compère announced, "In third place...", and we screamed with delight as we heard our names being called. The girls proudly took their places on the podium to be presented with their bronze medals and flowers. To say that this result was deserved is an understatement – these 6 girls have worked so hard to achieve this success. Team success is no accident, it only happens when the members of that team come together to achieve a common goal and persevere to achieve their dream. It has been such a pleasure to work with Nicole, Katie, Kirstie, Tessa, Alex and Louise this year and I know that they will be friends for life – all because of their love of gymnastics.



**Under 19 'A' team – 1st in N. Ireland,
3rd in UK.**

*Nicole Meier, Katie Lyall, Kirstie Oliver,
Tessa Quinn, Alexandra Garrett &
Louise Savage.*

