

A photograph of four female students in school uniforms standing on a spiral staircase. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The staircase has a blue handrail and white balustrade. The background shows a school hallway with various displays on the wall.

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Sister Act



Pupil Leadership Team

Head Girl

It is a privilege to be Head Girl for 2017/18 and it has been a pleasure to experience not only the rewards but also the challenges that come with the role. In my role I create an interface between teachers and pupils and work closely along with the Pupil Leadership team to maintain the efficient and positive school life of Glenlola. To date, we have coordinated a variety of events and also created new charity initiatives for a range of worthwhile causes. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the girls who are new to Glenlola this year both at Year 8 and further up the school. It is an honour to work alongside such a talented Pupil Leadership Team and I am so grateful for their continual dedication and support. I am currently studying Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and I hope to pursue a career in Medicine. I am excited by the remainder of the year ahead as Head Girl and cannot think of a more rewarding way to conclude my time at Glenlola.

Nicole Lowans

Deputy Head Girl

The first term of being Deputy Head Girl has been an extremely active yet truly rewarding time.

Already I have made many unforgettable memories that will stay with me long after I leave Glenlola; most of which have been made by my fellow Senior Officials. The events that have been accomplished so far such as the Year 14 Formal and the 'Extravaganza', would not have been as successful as they were, if it were not for the teamwork and determination from the Officials and the year group as a whole. I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year holds for us as a team. Currently, I am studying Chemistry, Mathematics and Theatre Studies and I hope to go on to study Physiotherapy.

Jordan Rosborough

Deputy Head Girl

My favourite aspect of being Deputy Head Girl is having the opportunity to be part of an amazing Pupil Leadership team. This year I have loved working alongside my fellow pupils to organise exciting events such as the Year 14 Formal and plan our annual, charity fundraiser, extravaganza. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the younger year groups in the school; getting to know some of the new Year 8s and helping them to settle in, as

well as being involved in worthwhile school charity initiatives, such as the Shoebox Appeal. It has been a busy and challenging term, organising these events alongside preparation for 'Sister Act' and the Carol Service, but I have loved every minute of it! I am looking forward to creating many more memories as a year group next term. I am currently studying Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and hope to study Biomolecular Sciences at the University of St Andrews.

Anna Carberry

Deputy Head Girl

My first term as Deputy Head Girl has been busy and challenging but also filled with so many great experiences. Becoming Chairperson of the Formal Committee has to be a highlight for me, as I really enjoyed being at the forefront of planning such a memorable and enjoyable night for my entire year group. Working closely with my fellow Pupil Leaders, especially on things such as the Year 14 Extravaganza, has made this term so much fun. It is sad to look back at the term past and think of all the things we won't have the opportunity to experience again but I am looking forward to making more incredible memories as my time at Glenlola comes to an end. This year I am studying, English Literature, History and Music with the intention to go on to study Law at Queen's University Belfast.

Emiko Seawright

Games Captain

As Games Captain, I get to work closely alongside the PE Department. I have particularly enjoyed being able to organise a variety of school events, as well as getting closer with the girls in my year and pupils in the younger years. Our sports results, have been very successful so far and it is always such a delight getting to read them out in assemblies. This year has been one of the best years by far and I am excited for upcoming sports events as well as our Year 14 charity events. I am currently studying Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics and hope to study Mathematics next year at university.

Emily Johnson

Administrative Prefect

I am currently studying Biology, Business Studies and Health and Social Care at A2-Level and hope to study Radiotherapy and Oncology at university next year. As Administration Prefect, I have been involved in creating rotas for those who have taken on positions of responsibility and coordinating and attending school events. I have thoroughly enjoyed this role as it has allowed me to work closely with teachers, Senior Officials and my peers which has been very rewarding. I am looking forward to everything that comes along with being in Year 14, including taking part in events such as car trials and Leavers as well as making extraordinary memories with the Class of 2018 during our final year at Glenlola.

Aleisha Bullar

Pastoral Care Prefect

This year I am studying Religious Studies, Technology and Health and Social Care. I hope to go to University at Queen's to study Theology after taking a gap year to work and go on a mission trip with my friends. I have loved my role as Pastoral Care Prefect as it has given me more confidence in speaking to others and giving advice to help them. I have also loved working closely with the Pastoral Care Team and the Peer Supporter Team in leading alongside them to make school a fun and safe place for them to be. I enjoyed decorating the Pastoral Care board as it allowed me to be creative in ways for giving advice and displaying information for pupils to take easily. These will be great memories I will take with me from Glenlola Collegiate.

Phoebe Mann

Chair of Student Council

I am currently studying Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics in the hopes of doing Zoology at university, however I am going to be taking a gap year beforehand. The Student Council consists of two representatives from each year group that will bring forward ideas from their fellow pupils in their year. Every other Friday lunchtime, we meet to discuss ideas to further our school and how to achieve this. I have enjoyed getting to know other pupils from different year groups, working with them to better our school and look forward to what the rest of the year has to bring.

Cara Ryan

Public Relations Prefect

I am currently one of the two Public Relations Prefects in Year 14. I am studying English Literature, Government and Politics and Theatre Studies. I'm hoping to begin my further education studying Journalism in September. I am often asked to take photographs of high achievers or visitors to the school. This role has aided me to build upon my communication skills that will definitely be of use to me later in life. This position can be challenging, yet rewarding, as I have to bring a sense of creativity to every photo I take or task that has been asked of me. I have thoroughly enjoyed this position in school and genuinely look forward to the final months of school where I will continue to better myself through this role.

Tara Millar

Public Relations Prefect

For my final year in Glenlola I was appointed as one of the Public Relations Prefects which is a new role in school this year. I really enjoy this role as it enables me to become involved in a variety of school events, such as 'Sister Act' where I helped with the production team. My role also involves me helping with various school events such as Parent's Evenings and Open Night. I have also enjoyed being involved in the school's Facebook page which I help to keep up to date. This year in school I am studying Health and Social Care, Religious Studies and Business Studies and I hope to go on to complete a degree in Social Work at university next year.

Amber Cummins

Junior School Prefect

My name is Amy Irvine and I am one of the three current Junior School Prefects. My role involves me working with the younger pupils to ensure they settle into secondary school life and organising fundraiser events for them to be a part of. I have loved getting to know so many of the pupils through events such as Teambuilding days and Year Group discos. I am currently studying Chemistry, Biology and Physics and hope to go on to study Food Science at Queen's University next year.

Amy Irvine

Junior School Prefect

My name is Erin Osborne. I study Physics, Mathematics and Business Studies, and next year I hope to study Management and Economics at university. This year I am a Junior School Prefect, which has been such an enjoyable role. Between assemblies, visiting form classes, the Year 8 team building and the Years 9 & 10 cinema trip, I have been able to build relationships with many of the Junior School girls and really hope that this year they feel that they can ask for advice any time they need it. I'm looking forward to more opportunities this year, including our charity events to fundraise for Alzheimer's Society, The Down Syndrome Association, and Praxis Care.

Erin Osborne

Junior School Prefect

I am one of the three Junior School Prefects this year. I am currently studying French, Spanish and Mathematics at A-Level and I hope to go to university to read Actuarial Science in September. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role so far, one of the highlights being the Year 8 Team Building day at Ganaway. During the first term I have spent time getting to know the Junior School pupils and helping with any issues they are having in school. The other prefects and I have been planning the charity events for Years 8, 9 and 10 and it has been extremely encouraging to see how enthusiastic the girls are to raise money for their chosen charities.

Chioma Onyekwelu

Middle School Prefect

My time so far in the role of Middle School Prefect has been exciting and rewarding. I was thrilled with the enthusiasm from the girls to get involved when it came to picking a charity and fundraising events. We chose NI

Children's Hospice and Children's Heart Beat Trust two local worthwhile causes. It has been great getting to know the girls in Middle School through Form Captain meetings and talking to them at monthly assemblies. I have already gained so much from my role and I look forward to the second term, appreciating all that Year 14 has in store making memories with my year group and others throughout the school. I am currently studying Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics and hope to study Medicine at university.

Katie Doherty

Middle School Prefect

I am really enjoying my role as Middle School Prefect. It is so rewarding to be able to help Year 11 and Year 12 together, providing revision tips and guidance to both years groups for upcoming exams and Middle School life. I really enjoy working alongside the other Middle School Prefects and getting to know the pupils in Middle School, assisting where I can to ensure they have the best possible time. I am extremely excited for the upcoming charity events to raise some money for our chosen charities; The Children's Heartbeat Trust and The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice as well as getting all the girls involved in the events. This has already been a major success following the Middle School Dance competition in November. I am currently studying History, English Literature and Business Studies at A2-Level, with the hope of studying Law at university next year.

Jessica Courtney

Middle School Prefect

I am currently studying Biology, Chemistry and Geography and I would love to study Marine Biology at university next year. Along with the two other Middle School prefects this year we have been producing birthday cards with a lollipop for all the girls in Year 11 and Year 12. This is encouraging us to build stronger relationships with the Middle School section. I have loved being able to work alongside Katie and Jessica in a team this year as it has helped develop my communication skills and I look forward to our future charity events this year for our chosen charities of the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and the Children's Heart Beat Trust.

Hannah Clarke

House Officials

	<p>Clanmorris</p> <p>Captain Katie Montgomery Deputy Leah Henderson Games Capt Emma Hedley Assembly Rebekah Baillie Publicity Rosie Martin</p>		<p>Harte</p> <p>Captain Anna McDowell Deputy Hannah Collins Games Capt Emma Murdock Assembly Shannon Williamson Publicity Emily McMullan</p>
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	<p>Hamilton</p> <p>Captain Georgia Ferguson Deputy Kaitlyn Coffey Games Captain Megan Inglis Assembly Lucy Mercer Publicity Cherie Bull</p>		<p>Weir</p> <p>Captain Emily Burrows Deputy Anna McWatters Games Captain Kasha Caldwell Assembly Jaclyn Brackenridge Publicity Olivia O'Keeffe</p>

Prize Distribution

This year, we were delighted to welcome back a former pupil as our guest speaker.

Dr Joanna Neilly is a former pupil who showed great academic promise during her time in Glenlola and went on to realise that promise in the world of academia. She attended Glenlola Collegiate School from 1996 to 2003, taking an AS level in Government & Politics and A Levels in French, German, and History.

In her final year with us she secured an offer to study Modern Languages at Oxford University reading Modern Languages (French and German) at Keble College. She spent 2006-07 in Heidelberg, working as an English Language Assistant in a local German grammar school following which she spent 2 years with the Northern Ireland Civil Service as a Staff Officer in the Department of Health.

In 2008-09 Joanna took a Master's Degree in German Studies at Queen's University Belfast followed by a PhD in German at The University of Edinburgh, her thesis focussing on the nineteenth-century German writer E.T.A. Hoffmann.

After a brief period as a British Council Research Fellow at the Kluge Centre Library of Congress, Washington DC, Joanna took up posts as a Lecturer in German at various colleges of the University of Oxford, including Wadham College, The Queen's College and most recently St John's College.

Joanna has published several essays on nineteenth-century German literature and culture, and on the English feminist writer Angela Carter.

In 2016 Joanna saw the publication of her first book, *'E.T.A. Hoffmann's Orient: Romantic Aesthetics and the German Imagination.'*

From 1 Oct 2017 she took up the post of Associate Professor in German at the University of Oxford, and Tutorial Fellow of St Peter's College specialising in nineteenth-century German literature, and cultural transfer.

Mr Thompson also welcomed several primary and

post primary principals: Mrs Elizabeth Huddleson (Bangor Grammar School) Mrs Pamela Rothwell (Ballyholme Primary School) Mrs Julie Thomas (Clandeboyne Primary School). In acknowledging the strong links that exist, he commented:

'We are fortunate to receive pupils from the excellent feeder primaries that exist in Bangor and the greater Ards & North Down Area and in recent years we have worked to develop our links with them further. Each year Glenlola sends 30-40 Senior girls to local primaries for a period which runs from October until Easter in order to provide literacy & numeracy support for their pupils and I thank those primary schools for providing those opportunities which are so valuable to our girls in terms of their personal development and in some cases, their career choices.

This is the School's opportunity to celebrate the academic and extracurricular successes of our pupils during the course of the 2016/17 school year; achievements that have been earned through sustained hard work and determination, are the most valuable of all. Not only do they have the highest currency in the wider worlds of work, academia, and commerce; a currency that holds its value through the years but it is in working towards and securing these accomplishments, that our girls come to know the true extent of their own capabilities and perhaps this is where their greatest value is to be found. The prizes distributed are not only a recognition of the talents and conscientiousness of their recipients, they are also an acknowledgement of the vital support of parents and guardians in helping their daughters to find their aspirations and then to strive for them. They also serve as reminders to our pupils, should they ever be in need of them, that they have the talent and determination to overcome the challenges to be faced in the future.

In addressing parents, Mr Thompson observed: 'Each year, in the face of significant and growing challenges, we strive to develop and innovate. But innovation and development are difficult things to do at the best of times. In recent years, cuts to funding for schools have made the task even greater. In fact, many schools have had little

choice but to reduce the range and scale of their provision to make ends meet. Here in Glenlola Collegiate, we have only been able to expand our curricular and extra-curricular offers thanks to the parental contributions to School Fund and to the skill and ingenuity of our staff and governors in finding ever more efficient ways to deliver more with less. We know that the young people of Bangor, Ards and North Down are well served by Glenlola Collegiate and her colleague schools within the Area Learning Community, but we worry about the sustainability of this level of provision in the current economic climate.



It has been said that schools are the glue that holds the system together in difficult times. But glue can only hold so much for so long and we hope and trust that this is understood by policy-makers at the most senior level.'

Referring to staff he added the 'support staff continue to use their initiative, finding new ways to get things done more quickly and better than before and for this they have my thanks and admiration. Likewise the resourcefulness and inventiveness of our teaching staff shows no sign of abating. Through their unstinting commitment to our girls in the face of ever growing challenges, they bring credit not only to the School but also to their profession.

Their primary motive as teachers is to help the pupils of this school to fulfill their potential, discover and pursue their aspirations and grow in the broadest sense - as knowing, thinking, caring human beings. They don't just do their jobs in a professional manner, they care about what they do. They are driven by a fundamental desire to give, not to take.

This is what makes Glenlola Collegiate such a special place and I feel privileged to be part of it.'

Two new Governors were welcomed to the Board last year: Yvette Fitzpatrick and Kerry Wood who joined as parent Governors, broadening the collective professional experience of the Board. The School's gratitude and best wishes were extended to Mrs Christina Dickson and Mr Stephen Maltman who left the Board. Mr Thompson expressed gratitude for the significant contributions they made to the school ; Mr Maltman as Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee and Mrs Dickson, in addition to her governor role, as Chairperson of the Parent-Teacher Association.

In June, farewells were said to 8 members of staff: From the temporary staff, Caroline Adams and Dr Erin Halliday who moved on from the PE and English Departments respectively to take up new opportunities.

From the permanent staff: Dr Bill McBride who left the Physics department after 10 years. His sense of fun and scientific curiosity will be missed.

Dr Michelle Beirne who left the Modern Languages Department also after 10 years to take up a Head of Department post in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Belfast. Our School's loss is most certainly their gain and her new pupils will most certainly benefit from her clear love of languages and professional background. having previously taught in France and also as a tutor at the University of Ulster.

Last year also saw a number of retirements: Maureen Aiken who was a pupil at Glenlola Collegiate and joined the staff in 1999. She was a



passionate historian who embraced her subject and was an influential teacher to those she taught. In addition to her teaching duties Maureen also held the role of Head of Pastoral Care for 10 years.

Mary Wolsey also a former pupil of the school, joined the Mathematics Department, in 1983 and spent the whole of her teaching career at Glenlola, holding various roles including Head of Ward House and more recently Head of Mathematics, a position held for over 21 years.

Gillian McDonald came to the School in 1980 straight from Stanmillis College where she completed a Bachelor in Education specialising in junior age range pupils. As an ex pupil of Wallace High School, she proved her mettle by achieving her Duke of Edinburgh Gold award amongst her other achievements. Gillian spent her whole teaching career with us carrying out a variety of roles including pioneering trips to the Holyland throughout the 1980s. Most notably, however she held the positions of Head of RS Department and Head of Year 8 showing her characteristic vision and leadership.

Helen Watson retired after 16 years of service from the Finance Department having originally come to the school as a Classroom Assistant. With a background in banking the move to the Finance Department was a natural one for Mrs Watson.

Denise Rawson had been our School Nurse for the past 3 years during which time she carried out her duties with the highest professionalism. She is held in very high regard by the staff and loved and respected by the pupils. A trained Occupational Therapist Mrs Rawson has moved back to the private sector to further her career within this area.

On behalf of the School, Mr Thompson thanked all of the departing staff for their contribution to the lives of the girls who have passed through the school and to the lives of those with whom they worked and wished them well in the future.

During the summer break, it was with great sadness that School received news of the passing of Mrs Julie Jones.

Julie had been a teacher of Business Studies in the school for 8 years and was one of those rare individuals who always had a smile and a happy word

for others, even when she may have had just cause to be gloomy. A few minutes chatting with Julie always left one feeling uplifted. She will be greatly missed by colleagues and those who were fortunate to have been taught by her.

Joining the staff this year in a Permanent capacity, Mr Thompson welcomed

Emma Graham	Assistant Head of English
Victoria Lovell	Mathematics
Louise McCracken	PE
Lynne Priestly	Mod Lang
Brian McMillan	Librarian

In a Temporary capacity,

Ruth Dalzell	Physics
Carol Brown	RS
Ryan Livingston	History & Politics
Josh Haylett	Business Studies
Mrs Sharon Magee	School Nurse
Lisa Waugh	Classroom Assistant
Helen McConnell	Classroom Assistant

were also welcomed.

Turning to examinations, Mr Thompson continued, 'I am pleased to report that the School has enjoyed another year of success in public examinations

At A-level The Y14 pupils of Glenlola Collegiate have achieved exceptional examination results, exceeding the Northern Ireland Girls' averages at grades A*-A, B, C, D and E.

They recorded a 99.7% pass rate in all subjects offered at A-Level, which compares very favourably with the NI girls' pass rate of 98.6%.

Over one third of all grades were A*-A while grades A*, A and B accounted for almost two thirds of all those achieved.

The 91.5% of A*-C grades, an increase of 3.8% on last year, is also well in excess of the NI average of 84.3% and the girls' average of 86.4%.

And there were notable individual achievements:

Achieving 3A*-A grades:

Hannah Ardill, Rachel Kennedy, Emma Dow, Hollie Ennis, Jessica McMaster, Lucy Bell, Lucy Canning, Emilia Morrow, Beccy Sexton, Bethany Conlon, Imogen Coulter, Samantha Dornan, Saskia Greer, Katie Lyall, Nicole Meier, Kathryn Routledge, and Kathryn Simpson.

Achieving 2A*-A grades:

Katie Magee, Georgia Moore, Charlotte Ward, Anna Campbell, Olivia Cumming, Amy Dickson, Jessica Flowers, Ciara Gilroy, Hannah Kennedy, Niamh McCartney, Anisa McConnell, Hayley Walsh, Alex Earl and Ruby Vance.

The results achieved by the Year 13 pupils of Glenlola Collegiate at **AS-Level** are once again very pleasing. The overall pass rate was a most pleasing 97.4% which sits 1.8% above the NI girls' average.

With over half of all entries graded at A-B this has been another successful year.

Almost 4 out of every 5 grades were A-C while a number of subjects recorded 100% in this category.

Anna Carberry, Holly Huddleston and Anna McDowell achieved 4 straight A grades.

Achieving 3 A grades were:

Caitlin Gamble, Eden McRoberts, Georgia O'Reilly, Chioma Onyekwelu, Erin Osborne, Bethany Evans, Judith Moore and Laura Neill.

Achieving 2 A grades were:

Katie Robinson, Aleisha Bullar, Katie-Rose Gilmore, Phoebe Mann, Shannon Marshall, Laura McMaw, Sophie Rutledge, Lauren Ward, Rubi Watton, Claire Waugh and Alex Winch.

At GCSE our pupils continue to achieve at the highest levels with an increase of 2.6% on the number of A* grades achieved. 41.4% of all grades achieved were A*s or As, 5.9% above the NI girls' average. Almost 4 out of every 5 grades were in the A*- B category.

96% of all grades were C or better, an increase on the previous year and 12.2% above the corresponding NI girls' average.

Megan Minnis and Rosie McDonald-Hill achieved a remarkable 11A* grades and 10A* + 1A grade respectively.

Also achieving 11A* A grades was:
Jasmine McDermott

Achieving 10A* grades were:

Lauren Clarke, Jemma Knox and Anna Kyle

Achieving 10A*-A grades were:

Caitlin McMurray, Erin Campbell, Zara Dowds, Emily Doherty, Rachel Clarke, Emma Sims and Ella Ross.

Achieving 9A*-A grades:

Megan Jackson, Baillie Scott-Murphy, Beth Francis, Rachael McLean, Jessica Dempster, Ellen Hunt and Caroline Barr'.

Overall, more than one quarter of the entire year group achieved at least 7A*-A grades.

Congratulations go to all of our pupils on their well deserved success.

Each year we are impressed by the exceptional academic success enjoyed by our girls, but Glenlola Collegiate is also a school that makes it possible for its pupils to excel in other ways. Our range of extra-curricular clubs and activities continues to grow despite cuts to funding and this gives us another indication of the commitment of our staff.



Time and time again we have seen girls come to Glenlola and once here, develop their existing talents in sport, drama, music, public speaking, as leaders in a variety of settings. We are pleased to be in a position as a large grammar school, to facilitate this process, but while this is happening, other girls are discovering new interests and talents that they did not know they possessed. I am proud to be able to say that to be educated in Glenlola is to undergo a process not only of self-development, but perhaps more importantly one of self-discovery.

In November Anna Carberry was awarded 2nd place in the local heat of the Soroptimists' Public Speaking Competition.

Laura Neill and Grace Walker were selected to sit on the NICCY youth panel, through a competitive process. The panel was established to promote, develop and protect the rights of young people in NI and is made up of around 60 students from schools across NI who share experiences with the commissioner and inform her of issues pertinent to children. The youth panel meets regularly, and input from members informs political decision making at Stormont, and influences vital laws that protect children.

In the same month, a team of Year 14 Business Studies pupils won the Northern Ireland heat of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Business & Accounting competition going on to represent the school in the UK final.

In February a group of 110 girls travelled to Canada for a very successful ski trip which incorporated visits to Niagara Falls and Toronto. This popular annual event has grown from strength to strength under the stewardship of Mrs Donnan and a return visit to Canada is scheduled for 2018. Every year, after the girls have returned home, we receive emails and letters from hotel staff commenting on their sense of fun and exemplary behaviour and it is gratifying to know that our girls represent the School so well when they travel abroad.

The ongoing American exchange with Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach saw Mr Harding, Mrs Harrison and ten Senior pupils experience family and school life in September and in March of this year our girls, their families and staff hosted 10 American students and staff in return. Our guests enjoyed the novelty of school uniform, driving on the 'wrong' side of the road and many food highlights as well as nurturing friendships that have proven to last beyond the exchange.

In the February twelve pupils and two staff from Glenlola Collegiate participated in the Annual German exchange programme with our partner school, the Felix-Klein-Gymnasium in Göttingen. The group travelled to northern Germany to participate in a homestay with their German hosts, experiencing everyday school and home life, as well as excursions to Hannover and the capital, Berlin. In May, Glenlola pupils and their families kindly hosted our German visitors, with visits to the North Coast, Titanic Belfast and Stormont, and we extend our thanks to our pupils and their families for their

generosity and thoughtfulness as willing hosts. Our pupils continue to benefit from the cultural and linguistic exchange they experience on these visits and from the now well-established international links between the two schools.



The Young Enterprise company won an Marketing Award for its innovative use of social media in promoting its products.

The CCF in collaboration with Bangor Grammar School continued to flourish. Throughout the year large numbers of our pupils attended camps and courses, gaining valuable life skills and developing their leadership potential. The highlight of the year was their performance at the Northern Ireland Orienteering Championships where they won both the Senior and Junior Girls team event.

In March Year 14 pupil Amy Palmer received confirmation that she had secured a place at the International Space School Educational Trust camp in Moscow to take part in leadership training in a programme derived from that which astronauts undergo in preparation for space travel.

In June the 5th Ulster Schools' Derby, initiated and organised by our very own Mrs Sinnerton and Mrs Hughes, took place at Gransha Equestrian Centre. In a competitive field of 98 riders from schools all over the province 2 of our pupils excelled.

Cerys Howell of Y11 placed 2nd in the Team, 3rd in the Novice Individual and 6th in the Open Individual categories while Zara Wood, then a Year 8 pupil, placed an impressive 2nd in both the Team and

Open Individual categories.

Zara had also enjoyed success earlier in the year, placing 5th at The All Ireland National dressage Championships in April and, competing at Balmoral in June, where she won the Connemara Working Hunter class and then went on to be named overall Connemara Champion.



Last November, we enjoyed a fabulous School musical production of 'Oliver!'. Thanks to the professionalism and commitment of Producer Sandra Parkinson, Musical Director Sue Philips and Director of Choreography Sara Ennis we were treated to performances which exceeded even the highest expectations in a dazzling display of the wealth of talent that resides here in Glenlola Collegiate.

If musical theatre was not enough, the School Spring Concert, led by Head of Music Mrs Johnston and her team, offered us a wonderfully varied programme drawn from a wide range of traditions and eras.

The School continued in its commitment to charities in a range of ways through the various House competitions and activities that took place throughout the year. We were pleased to support local as well as larger charities and I thank Mrs Haslam for coordinating this important area of school life so well as well as the other staff who offered their help and support so willingly. I also thank the pupils for their enthusiastic participation and you, the parents, for the generous donations you make throughout the year.

Last year, all of this activity and effort resulted in an impressive £20,897.91 being raised and donated to worthy causes. In addition to the usual extensive programme of fundraising activities, a total of £8723.85 was raised for the Children's Cancer Unit in memory of Megan Ogle and the Uganda Dander raised just under £6000 for the School's

named charity, Charlene's Project.

All of these activities are classed as 'extra-curricular', but they do not sit outside of the educational experience of the pupils in this school – they are a fundamental part of it. And as a consequence many of the strong pupil-teacher relationships that form through them endure long after the pupil has left school.

This is particularly evident each year at the 'Friends of Glenlola Dinner' when former pupils, spanning a number of generations converge from such far flung and exotic places as Donaghadee, Glasgow and Buenos Aires.

In October, Mrs Fiona Agnew, a former pupil who graduated from Edinburgh in Arabic and Business Studies and now lives in Spain and Argentina, visited the school to give a presentation on potential jobs combining language & technology commonly known as the GILT industry.

Fiona has worked with IBM and collaborated with Enterprise Ireland promoting the career opportunities in this growing area where she herself has worked as a translator, project manager and manager within IBM.

In April former pupil Sarah Edmund spoke to girls about the challenges and benefits of studying at Cambridge.

After completing a Manufacturing Engineering Master's degree at Cambridge, she was a Strategy Consultant for one of the big global consultancy firms, then worked at MTV networks (music TV) as a Strategy Analyst and is now with Google working in digital advertising with global publishing and e-commerce companies, advising them on approaches to digital web and apps for best in class monetisation and user experience; she is the relationship manager looking after their senior teams. Next month she is taking one client's team of executives to California to the Googleplex to plan for 2018 and think about things like self-driving cars and Google Home integration.

Collectively our alumni embodies all of the qualities that we most value; caring friendship, commitment to their respective careers and a willingness to contribute in order to help others.

I can confidently say that Glenlola Collegiate is fulfilling its mission to achieve 'excellence through commitment, contribution and

caring', that phrase which captures so well the essence of what we as a school strive for.

Like all schools we are in the Education Business, perhaps in the not too distant future we will be referring to it as 'The Education Industry'. You have been presented with an impressive array of facts and figures which aim to capture, in the time available to us, what it is possible to make of the opportunities that an education in Glenlola Collegiate offers.



So, having listened, are we now in a position to say definitively what the primary purpose of education is?

This can seem like an easy thing to do, and a ready answer often comes to mind on being asked 'What is the purpose of education?'

But the more we think about it, the more difficult the question seems to be.

Over the centuries many have offered their opinion:

'The purpose of Education is knowledge of values, not facts' said William Ralph Inge, English author, Anglican priest, professor of divinity at Cambridge, and Dean of St Paul's Cathedral:

'It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts ... it is to teach them to think'

wrote Robert M Hutchins the American educational philosopher, Dean of Yale Law School (1927–1929), and president (1929–1945) and chancellor (1945–1951) of the University of Chicago:

'The primary purpose of education is not to teach you to earn your bread, but to make every mouthful sweeter.'

Is how it was put by James Rowland Angell American psychologist and educator. He served as the President of Yale University between 1921 and 1937:

Two thousand years earlier, Marcus Tullius Cicero the Roman politician and lawyer, who served as consul in the year 63 BC had this to say about education:

'The purpose of education is to free the student from the tyranny of the present'.

'Education must prepare children to make a life rather than to make a living'comes from an unattributed source.

'Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it' says Marian Wright Edelman.

American activist for the rights of children and president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund

And many of you will like this one ... African proverb says:

If you educate a man, you educate an individual. But if you educate a woman, you educate a nation.

It seems that everyone has their own view of what education should be for. One thing is certain – it is no simple thing and cannot be defined in a few words.

I recently read some words written by a now accomplished and successful female academic about her education and I want to close with those words because, to me, they sum up what is best about education much more powerfully than any concise definition ever could.

I was recently invited to submit a post to the school website about my career in Modern Languages. The timing couldn't be better: I have just published my first book on German literature, and when it came to writing a dedication there were two people at the very top of my list – my former

French and German teachers from Glenlola, alten Dame and French novelist François Mauriac's Thérèse Desqueyroux provided some E.T.A. Hoffmann's Orient, is about a fantastically memorable colour, and welcome relief from lists of vocabulary to be learned for the exams). It was a bizarre and funny nineteenth-century German writer I discovered at university, but my love of European literature goes back to Mrs Beatty's and Miss Richardson's classrooms (the Swiss playwright Friedrich Dürrenmatt's Der Besuch der

JUNIOR SCHOOL AWARDS

PTA Award for Progress Year 8		Rachel Magill
Excellent achievement Year 8	Ruth Stevenson	Devon Sprake
PTA Award for attainment Year 8		Malena Montoiro Kelly
PTA Award for Progress Year 9		Shannon Mulder
Excellent Achievement Year 9	Ellie Carvalho	Ellen Spence
Mathematics and Science Cup		Ellen Spence
PTA Award for attainment Year 9		Charlie Cooper
The Emma Harvey Award for Endeavour		Cara Watkins
The Gordon Cup for Public Speaking		Thea Wood
World Citizenship Creative Writing Award		Elise Morrow
Cole Cup for Debating		Leah Dow
Technology and Design Cup	Holly McNaughton	Kirsty Thomson
Claire Chambers Award for Geography		Molly Flowers
The McCulloch Cup for English Literature		Rebecca Hall
The Acheson History Cup		Megan Smith
The Millar Cup for Progress in Year 10		Ashleigh Saunderson
CCF – Best Army Recruit		Angel Dong
CCF – Best Navy Recruit		Niamh Menzies
The Science Cup		Niamh Menzies
The Music Trophy	Zara Carroll	Darcy Larmour
Astronomy Cup		Alycia Lemon
The Mathematics Shield		Brooke Stranaghan
The French Trophy		Emma Allen
Business and Professional Women's Cup		Katie Brown
The Greaves Award		Imogen Maxwell

SPORTS AWARDS

Athletics			Zoe Steen
Equestrian		Cerys Howell	Zara Wood
Faull Cup			Kirsten Adair
Golf			Rebecca Gardner
Gymnastics			Connie Watt
Gymnastics U19	Louise Savage	Alexandra Garrett	Tessa Quinn
	Kirstie Oliver	Nicole Meier	Katie Lyall
Swimming		Zoe Thompson	Ellie McKibbin
		Farrah Allen	Tarryn Barr
		Lucy Hill	Amelia Urry
Taekwondo			Molly McKibben

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

Loreto Award	Joanna Beattie	Katie McDowell
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SUBJECT AWARDS YEAR 11

Art		Hope Harkins
Business Studies		Rachel Osborne
Drama		Alice Hawthorne
English Language	Ana Savage	Ellie Shevlin
English Literature	Ana Savage	Rebecca Webb
Geography (Beck Award)		Lucy McCune
Home Economics		Jessica Lord
ICT	Kaitlin Cherry	Mya Green
Leisure & Tourism		Anna McKillen
Mathematics		Jodie Farrar
Music		Hannah McCoo
Physical Education		Tessa Quinn
Technology & Design	Amy Davis	Connie Allen
Physics		Connie Allen
RS Short Course		Jane Beattie
RS Full Course		Amy Burrridge
Science, Single Award		Caitlyn Belshaw
Spanish	Wioletta Krzewica	Jenna Dunwoody
Child Development		Jenna Dunwoody

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT in Year 11

Armstrong Cup for Progress in Year 11	Emily Buckley
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3rd Place in Year	Amy McCormick
2nd Place in Year and the History prize, sharing the prizes Chemistry & English Literature	Rebecca Webb
1st Place in Year and subject prizes for Biology, French & German, sharing the English Language & the Chemistry Cup prizes.	Ellie Shevlin

SUBJECT AWARDS YEAR 12

Hayes Cup for Contribution to Middle School & Sleath Cup for Religious Studies	Jessica Dempster
Parr Cup for Progress	Rachel Clarke
Hazel Bradford Trophy for Special Endeavour	Rachel Clarke
Elizbeth Belshaw Memorial Trophy for Art	Rosie McDonald-Hill
McKee Cup for English Language	Rosie McDonald-Hill
Business Studies, ICT	Sarah Bailey
Child Development	Tamara Thompson
Foye Cup for Drama	Hannah Patterson
Physical Education	Kirstie Oliver
RS Short Course	Kirstie Oliver
Gamble Cup for English Literature	Jasmine McDermott
Kearney Cup for Geography	Jasmine McDermott
French	Jemma Knox
Spanish	Anna Kyle
Coskery Cup	Lauren Clarke
Cromwell Award for Excellence in Home Economics	Nicole Duncan
Irwin Cup for History	Charlotte Adams
Learning for Life and Work	Beth Francis
Ruddock Award for GCSE Music	Rachael Fleming
Martin Cup for Musicianship	Emma Simms
Science, Single Award	Ceri Watters
Technology & Design Cup	Abbey Davidson
	Katie McCausland

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

	Caroline Barr	Erin Campbell	Emily Doherty
	Zara Dowds	Megan Jackson	Rachael McLean
Caitlin McMurray	Caitlin Meier	Ella Ross	Bailie Scott-Murphy

Overall Top Award - German, Biology, Chemistry & Physics, Galbraith trophy for Sciences, Joan Logan Cup for Mathematics and the Parents Cup	Meghan Minnis
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SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS

YEAR 13

Greaves Memorial Award		Anna Carberry Laura Neill	Holly Huddleston Chioma Onyekwelu
Coskery Memorial	Bethany Evans Judith Moore	Caitlin Gamble Georgia O'Reilly	Eden McRoberts Erin Osborne

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Biology		Anna Carberry
Business Studies		Erin Osborne
Chemistry		Anna Carberry
Digital Technology *ICT		Eve Kennedy
English Literature		Grace Walker
French		Chioma Onyekwelu
AS Geography Trophy		Claire Waugh
German		Georgia O'Reilly
Trophy for AS Government & Politics		Laura Neill
History		Caitlin Gamble
Trophy for Health and Social Care		Aleisha Bullar
Wilson Cup for AS Mathematics		Holly Huddleston
Moving Image Arts		Remy Silvester
Judith McKee Cup for AS Music		Holly Huddleston
McKinnie Cup for Music		Lauren Ward
Nutrition & Food Science		Amber Gowdy
Physics		Anna Carberry
Psychology		Anna Royle
Physical Education		Katie Robinson
Religious Studies		Laura Neill
Spanish		Chioma Onyekwelu
Widdicombe Award for AS Technology & Design		Jaclyn Brackenridge
AS Theatre Studies Cup	Jordan Rosborough	Rebekah Baillie
Claney Cup for Public Speaking		Anna Carberry
Leadership Award (CCF) Army		Shoshannah Hull
Leadership Award (CCF) Navy		Jasmine McDermott

YEAR 14

Greaves Memorial Award	Hannah Ardill	Rachel Kennedy	Holly Ennis	Jessica McMaster
Coskery Memorial Award		Lucy Canning	Bethany Conlon	Imogen Coulter
		Emma Dow	Saskia Greer	Katie Lyall
		Kathryn Routledge	Emilia Morrow	Beccy Sexton
	Kathryn Simpson	Samantha Dornan	Lucy Bell	Nicole Meier

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Art & Design		Elizabeth Brown
Pollock Trophy for Biology		Emma Dow
First Trust Cup for A Level Business Studies		Courtney Rodgers
Heather Milligan Cup for Chemistry		Rachel Kennedy
McKee Cup for English		Lucy Bell
Gemma Montgomery Cup for French		Jessica McMaster
Morrow Memorial Cup for Geography		Ciara Gilroy
Sally McKee Equestrian Trophy		Ciara Gilroy
Carolyn Scott Cup for German		Jessica McMaster
Trophy for Government & Politics		Hollie Ennis
McClelland History Trophy		Hollie Ennis
Trophy for Health and Social Care		Nicole Meier
ICT Award		Lauren Dorman
Blackwood Shield for Mathematics		Beccy Sexton
Moore Trophy for Mathematics		Rachel Kennedy
Further Mathematics		Anisa McConnell
Marie Brownlee Cup for Modern Languages		Jessica McMaster
Moving Image Arts		Charlotte Ward
McCutcheon Cup for Music		Emily Martin
Byers Cup Contribution to Music		Lauren Ward
Latifa Cup for Practical Musicianship	Jasmine McDermott	Meghan Minnis
Psychology Award		Hannah Kennedy
Carolyn Milligan Cup for Physics		Hannah Ardill
Physical Education		Saskia Greer
Religious Studies		Holly Ennis
Abernethy Cup for Spanish		Alexandra Earl
Hamilton-Porter Trophy for A2 Technology & Design		Hannah Ardill
Theatre Studies	Jade Sexton	Rebecca Williamson
Neville Trophy for Contribution to Pastoral Care	Lucy Bell	Jessica McMaster
Megan Ogle Cup for Pastoral Care		Olivia Cumming
The School Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Performing Arts		Nareece Nolan
Glenlola Cup for Excellent Attendance/Commitment	Hannah Ardill	Anisa McConnell
PSNI Road Safety Cup	Courtney Lowry	Emily Martin
Esprit de Corps Cup		Sarah Hamilton
Galadriel Trophy		Nicole Meier
Josias Cunningham Cup for Good Citizenship		Saskia Greer
Lady Clanmorris Cup (Sports Award)		Saskia Greer
Claire McMurray Cup for Efficiency		Samantha Dornan
Barbara Grant Award to the Deputy Head Girl	Emma Dow	Rachel Kennedy
Glenlola Collegiate Cup for Service to the School		
Kathleen Scott Award to the Head Girl		Bethany Conlon

Charity Update

The 2017-2018 charity fundraising began with the choosing of the charities to be supported throughout the year. The following Charities have been selected:

Junior School:

Praxis, Alzheimer's Society, Downs Syndrome Association.

Middle School:

NI Children's Hospice
Children's Heartbeat Trust

Senior School:

Children's Cancer Unit Charity
Invisible Traffick

Whole School:

Charlene's Project
Our charity fundraising again began with the RAF Wings Appeal and as in the past, the pupils of Glenlola Collegiate raised a brilliant £176.35 and the Poppy Appeal raised £273.78.

Senior School Fundraising:

The Year 13s were busy baking and ran a fantastic bun sale in December. The pupils just loved the treats and an amazing £750 was raised through this event.

The Year 14 pupils also put on their annual extravaganza – this was enjoyed by the whole school and the girls once again did superbly!

Both Year groups enjoyed a festive Christmas quiz and raised a brilliant over £300.00.

Whole School:

The Samaritans Purse Shoe-box appeal was once again very well supported by the pupils and staff. In total 202 boxes were donated. Thank you to all who donated shoe-boxes.

Our annual Craft Fair was held in October and this event raised over £2000 for Charlene's Project.

Many thanks to Mrs Cahoon for all her work in organising this event.

The New Year will bring many more fundraising events and we look forward to them all. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Success

Congratulations to Abbie Brown from Year 10 who has been successfully selected for the Northern Ireland Topper Sailing Performance squad. This is a fantastic achievement.

Commenting on Abbie's success, James Farrell, who is the Performance Manager for the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland's (RYANI) said:

“Abbie is one of the sailors I have identified with potential within the Topper Class and is a member of my Northern Ireland Youth Performance Programme. The Programme is Made up of the best Topper Sailors in the province.

The RYANI Youth Performance Programmes are run by the RYANI with funding from Sport Northern Ireland. They are run over six intensive weekends. In addition the squad sailors are required to attend and compete at key National Events, practice in their own time and undertake fitness training.”



Onatti Theatre

On Friday 13th October, the Onatti Theatre Company visited Glenlola to perform their play “Mes Chers Voisins” for Year 11-14 pupils studying French. The play was performed entirely in French by just two actors who each played several characters. The plot comprised a collection of different storylines interconnecting five teenagers from different families living on the same street. Some pupils were even invited on stage to take part in the show and to try their hand at speaking some French.

The performance was very funny and exciting. Visits from the company are looked forward to every year as they are an excellent opportunity for pupils of French to immerse themselves in the French language while also enjoying an excellent show. We all hope that the Onatti Theatre Company will pay us a visit once again next year!



Taylor Smyth
Year 14

On the 19th of December, pupils of Year 14 French took part in a Skype call session with pupils from a school in Tours, France. The session lasted an hour and involved the discussion of multiple interesting topics such as the differences in Christmas traditions between Northern Ireland and France, film, music and social media. The session involved everyone as each pupil had a chance to interact with a French native. Equally, each pupil was given an individual pen-pal in September before the session that they could email. The school we communicated with were slightly different from us as it was a mixed gender school. The Skype call was very enjoyable and it was interesting to see the differences between the school system in France compared to ours. The pupils did not wear a school uniform which was very different to all of us! Overall this was a great experience as we learnt many new things about the culture in France whilst having the chance to practise speaking French – and making friends in the process!



Tech Mini Company

During the Autumn term 2017, the Technology Club industrialised themselves into a small mini company to design and make products to sell in the run up to Christmas. The aim of this venture was to let the students explore the connection between the subject, Technology and Design and the real business/manufacturing world outside the classroom. The group took a professional approach to the task.

Firstly, they quickly analysed the market and in a cooperative, business style decided on their product range having done some market research to see what was trending this Christmas. They then collectively allocated people to make certain products. They formed a factory style operation with batches and productivity becoming vital factors. Roles and responsibilities were allocated to specific individuals as the need for a structure and accountability arose. This happened naturally. One person quickly became the resource manager as she initiated the purchase of materials and organised her Dad to bring two lengths of wood to school strapped to the roof of his van. Funds were needed to pay for purchases, so one student quickly volunteered to be an investor; a brave move that proved lucrative as the investment was returned with 20% interest.

As money came in, a financial manager was needed so stock and takings could be cross checked and verified daily. This person became known as the Banker and with the help of a clerk handled and audited all the transactions. It was soon apparent that shifts would be needed and a rota manager was created to organise the merchants.

The stall was coincidentally opened on Black Friday and in true retail fashion, the goods sold briskly in the run up to Christmas. The theme was natural, rustic and cosy. This was exemplified in the shop front – a school library trolley quickly customised to look like an alpine hut fully dressed in rustic timber, from a teacher's fence that had blown down in the wind - very resourceful! With stock rapidly running out, the group met three times to run their factory and make more products to sell.

Each item sold, yielded a return, so it was difficult to stop the factory producing when in full

swing. Time flew and productivity was intense and addictive. People relied on others to do their stage of the operation 'just in time' so they could get their task done before passing on to the next person. Teamwork, reliability and trust were key skills learnt by default as an assembly line got in to full scale production. At the end of the line was a student placing the finished goods on the shop shelf, ready to be rolled down the central mall of the school to the Penhouse below. The buzz in the work shop was electric. Everyone just did their job and kept focused. It was a joy to witness. The intensity was only interrupted and brought to a halt when the caretakers came to switch off the lights and lock up! The students really didn't want to leave school!

It was difficult to get the students to stop and go home. Entrepreneurs had been created and were now difficult to stop. It was a truly corporate environment with students realising the connection between effort and monetary return. Students saw the daily economic gain on their input and this drove the business to develop and become better organised for fiscal purposes.

During the last week of term, the company was wound up and put through a voluntary liquidation to cease trading. Takings were totalled, invoices produced, debts were settled, profits determined and dividends paid. A future franchise was discussed to exploit the mobile shop in the future and it has been parked in the school basement ready for another group to lease it out. An end of year corporate party was planned at which a receiver was established to dispose of the surplus stock and funds. A number of causes and charities were discussed at a final executive meeting and the company directors decided they would put the surplus funds back into the local school economy by sponsoring Aoife Press, a Year 10 student who has been selected to compete at the 2018 International Scout Jamboree in the USA. She became the receiver of a generous bursary which was presented by the bank manager, Paige Clarke to Aoife during a small award ceremony on the last day of term in December. A fitting end to the endeavour.

Chemistry at Work Event

Twenty five Year 12 pupils enjoyed this event, in the Whitla Hall at QUB on 21 November. Our pupils got an insight into how the chemistry they learn in class is used by various local companies. The companies gave interesting talks and chemical demonstrations on how they use chemistry on a daily basis. As a result, a lot of knowledge was gained about careers that need chemists. The QUB Chemistry Department gave a talk about their degree courses, employment statistics and potential chemist salaries. From freezing flowers at -196°C to hearing about urgently needed alternatives for antibiotics, it proved to be a most interesting day.



Mr R Spence

Junior SU

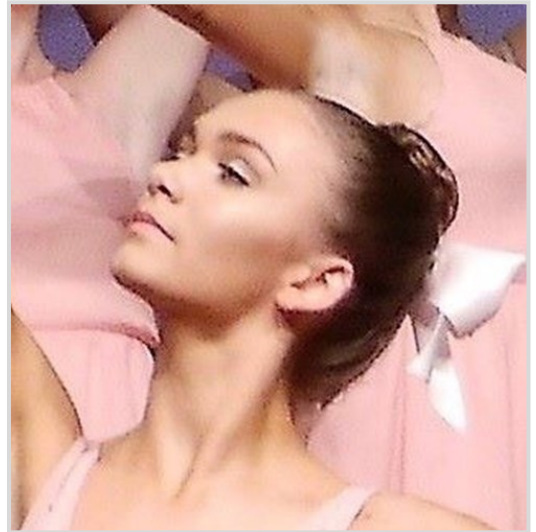
We've had such a great term at SU so far. One of our main highlights from 2017 was our Sundae Fun-Day joint 'Shine' event with Junior SU and guest speakers from The Irish Baptist College. Our Shine event was a way of inviting friends to SU at lunch to hear testimonies and have the opportunity to share Jesus' love with others.

We had an amazing turn out from all year groups and managed to eat our way through 10 litres of ice cream! It was a great atmosphere spending time with each other and a reminder of the large Christian community of pupils and teachers in our school.



Success

Congratulations to Year 14 pupil Katie McCullough who has secured a place to complete a 3 year Honours degree in Ballet at the prestigious Ballet West Academy in Scotland.



Dance Report

On the 13th of November 2017, the most highly anticipated House competition of the year took place. Every year, girls from Year 11 and 12 form a dance team within their house and perform it in front of the whole school for charity. This year, the theme was the movies. The houses had a limited time period to prepare and perfect their dance before taking to the Assembly Hall floor for the ultimate dance competition.

Hamilton House kicked it off with a mash up of different musicals including 'Grease' and 'Hairspray'. As each house performed, it was clear the standard was exceptionally high. Clanmorris even incorporated a slow-motion humorous sequence to 'Chariots of Fire'. Once all the houses had performed, the time came for our judges, Tameron Drake and Hannah Crymble, to announce their decision. Everyone was on the edge of their seats as a drum roll began for the anticipated results. Weir placed 3rd, Clanmorris 2nd and Ward 1st! With their upbeat tribal section to 'The Lion King' and a cool comical section for 'Men in Black', the Ward girls clinched an amazing win! All that remained was to thank our wonderful judges, staff, pupils who supported and finally, the incredible and dedicated dance teams who put on fantastic routines!

Year 9 Young Enterprise

'On Thursday a representative from the charity Young Enterprise came in to talk to the Year 9 students. Young Enterprise is a charity that empowers young children to harness their personal and business skills.

During this talk, we completed an activity booklet that helped us to recognize our own personal skills and we also watched video clips of different local entrepreneurs, their business ideas and how they came up with these. Darragh Neely, a Graphic designer from Northern Ireland spoke to us about his business and then showed us lots of different examples of a range of jobs he has done.

For our final task, we worked in groups to create a company name, slogan and logo for our own company. We had to make our company based on something solar powered like a solar powered car or a solar powered defibrillator.'

Zara Wood
Year 9

Primary Principals' Lunch

Staff and Pupil Leadership team with some of the Primary principals who attended a lunch just before half term in October.



Politics Top Table Event

On 26th September, The Top Table was filmed at Blackstaff studios in Belfast, presented by Stephen Nolan. 11 Year 14 Politics pupils from Glenlola were part of the audience along with 'A' level pupils from a number of schools across Northern Ireland. The show hosts four people with political backgrounds who face four young people with varied political opinions. On the first show filmed, the four young people challenged Jim Allister (TUV); Stephen Farry (Alliance); George Galloway Independent) and Máirtín Ó Muilleoir (Sinn Féin). They represented a wide variety of opinions and discussed controversial topics covering same sex marriage, devolution in Northern Ireland and would President Trump make a good First Minister. The second show filmed included the four young people challenging Koulla Yiasouma (Commissioner for children and young people), Edwina Curry (Conservatives), Andy Allen (UUP) and Kellie Armstrong (Alliance). This time, the issues were whether abortion should be legalised in Northern Ireland, privacy and rights of young people and whether pupils should be allowed to express themselves freely in schools. Again, this resulted in tensions across the table as each person represented their views and responded to criticism. Stephen Nolan joined in some of the debates, giving his own opinion to the controversy whilst also keeping the discussion on topic. It was a great opportunity to be part of the audience, a very informative evening and the arguments on both sides were very convincing, providing an entertaining yet educational evening.



Careers Winter 2017

Year 14 Interview Skills Day

On Wednesday 8th November, an Interview Skills Day took place for all Year 14 pupils. The day began in the Assembly Hall, where we organised ourselves into tables of eight people, all of whom were interested in a similar future career path. A representative from the interview coaching company, Purple Patch, came into school to give interview advice to the year group, in preparation for university interviews. She presented a PowerPoint on what to do and not to do in an interview setting and gave us some additional tips that would help us stand out from the average applicant. Each of us then had to fill out a double-sided page on extra-curricular activities, experience and other personal achievements we have and the skills we gained from each of these, helping us to think of relevant skills and qualities we have developed and how these could be applicable to our chosen careers. We also learned how to clearly and confidently introduce ourselves to an interviewer and were given the opportunity to introduce ourselves in this manner to another girl at the table to allow us to practise our new skills. We were then asked to fill out a page describing a difficult teamwork situation that we had faced and how we overcame it using a method called the "STARR Approach". This is where you discuss the situation you faced; the task that had to be overcome; the action that you took to resolve it; the result; and your personal reflection on the situation. We had the opportunity to practise asking and being asked about the situations that we had described. Before breaking for lunch our final activity was to write down a short paragraph on why we want to pursue our chosen profession and why the course appealed to us. This then allowed us to practise all these skills with our partner once more before lunch, and the mock interviews which would follow.

After lunch, we were split into groups which corresponded with our chosen courses. This meant that we could be interviewed by someone experienced in the field we were applying for. I was put into the Nursing and Medicine group as I am applying for Children's Nursing. For these types of courses we are expected to carry out 'multiple mini interviews' (MMIs) as opposed to a single interview. Therefore, while everyone else went off for their

interviews, we had an additional talk on what the MMIs consisted of and how to prepare. Afterwards, we were given a partner and had to complete an interview at each of the mock stations. The stations asked questions such as why I wanted to do the course, what relevant work experience I had completed, how I solved a difficult situation and what skills and qualities I had that would make me suitable to be a nurse. After we completed our interview at each station, we received feedback and then swapped with our partner. This was useful as I got to hear what my partner had to say for each question and provided me with more knowledge of what I could include in my answers. One station also tested our ability in teamwork as we had to describe a picture to our partner and they had to draw it while we were sitting with our backs to one another. I had to make sure I was giving clear instructions and that she was following what I was asking her to do. After we had completed all four stations, we got the opportunity to chat to the interviewers and ask any questions that we might have about applying to subjects in this field.

Overall, the interview day was invaluable as it informed us of what interviewers are looking for and it gave us the chance to practise what we should say in a university interview.

*Katie McFall
Megan Reddy
Careers Prefects*

Year 12 Young Enterprise 'Success Skills' Event

On Monday 11th December, we were delighted to welcome Andrew Briggs from Young Enterprise and Katie Doyle from Grafton Recruitment to talk to Year 12 classes about essential skills for success in applying for jobs and in future employment. This very informative and interactive session allowed us to explore the concept of what it is to be successful, and key components of what makes someone successful in our chosen field of work. We participated in a range of fun and engaging group work activities that highlighted the essential role of good communication skills in being successful. We discovered how not only the words we say, but also our tone of voice and body language have significant roles in effective communication. We then listened to a very interesting presentation led by

Katie from Grafton Recruitment about writing CVs and interview skills, such as common “Dos” and “Don’ts” in job interviews. We were able to put this guidance into practice with mock interviews in pairs, using common interview questions, before each preparing a 1-minute presentation. The information provided today, along with the materials distributed to each of us, helped to ease our concerns about completing job applications and interviews and will prove useful as we embark on seeking employment in the future.

Sara Sibley
Leah Gillespie
Year 12

Year 11 Careers Event: Young Enterprise ‘Learn To Earn’

On Monday 8th January, a team from Young Enterprise visited Glenlola Collegiate to lead a programme with us called ‘Learn To Earn’.

For our first activity we were asked by our instructor, Kevin, what our hopes and dreams for the future are. We were given 3 circles and asked to write in the inner circle what are the most important things we want to achieve in our lives, and to add to the other circles aspirations and goals for the future. Then three of us from the class got up and shared our hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future with the rest of the group. Hearing others’ future hopes and aspirations was interesting and fun, as I felt I was able to learn more about people and think more about my own. This also showed us that we are all unique as no two people have exactly the same aspirations in life and everyone is working towards different goals.

Next, we used a budget planner to see how much our dream lifestyle would cost. After calculating what my dream lifestyle would cost, I was in total shock. This activity for me was a real eye-opener and a wake-up call to stop taking things for granted. I know I sometimes forget how much things cost in the real world because I live off the Bank of Mum and Dad. The everyday things like food, heating and electricity total a staggering amount, let alone any additional luxuries. As I looked around the class, a wave of disbelief and horror hit everyone as we learnt that money definitely does not grow on trees! This motivated me to start thinking about how much I spend, what I buy and is it really necessary?

Then Kevin asked us to consider what success really mean to each of us. We were given a sheet full

of things that mean success to different people, for example, having a flashy car to changing the world. We were given the tricky task of only being able to choose 5 things. Kevin explained to us that success isn’t necessarily about being rich and famous; it’s about deciding what will make you happy in life and then planning how you can get it. He then went on to say the key to success is determination. This really spoke to me as it doesn’t matter if you’re not the best at something, but if you are determined and willing to work, you can achieve it.

Then we completed a quiz on which job is best suited to our talents. The questions helped us to identify our main area of interest or talent, and you were assigned jobs that would best suit your result. From this task I learnt that I was equipped with skills for a greater number of careers than I initially thought. Before this task I was certain about the career I wanted to pursue because I didn’t realise how many other jobs my talents would be useful for. Since completing this task I have been investigating different fields of work and this have really broadened my horizons.

For our final activity we chose a job we felt would be best suited to us and created a budget based on our total annual expenses. From this task I learnt living comfortably won’t come from being lazy, but that it will be achievable by budgeting and working hard.

A speaker called Caroline from Tesco shared with us her story about how she got to where she is today by not going down the traditional path of A Levels and then university. For Caroline, it was about doing what was right for her, pursuing what she loves and seeking opportunities that would make that possible and give her the qualifications she needed. She reinforced the fact that you need to love your job and make the right choices for you, not anyone else.

The ‘Learn To Earn’ programme for me was a real eye-opener and insight on what I need to do to get my dream job and achieve my own idea of success in life. I really enjoyed listening to the contributions of the guest speakers and completing the activities, as they allowed me to better understand that there is a whole world of jobs out there to investigate. I learnt that I need to believe I can do it, make the right choices for me and be determined to achieve.

Emma Gordon
Year 11

Modern Language Club

Modern Language Club French Breakfast

To celebrate European Day of Languages on the 26th of September Glenlola Modern Language Club organized a French Breakfast for Year 8 pupils. This took place before school and allowed pupils to sample a wide range of delights such as pain au chocolat, croissants, French cheeses, cold meats and some delectable treats conjured up by our very own French Assistant and chef extraordinaire Jérémie. The breakfast was very popular with our eager Year 8 French students and about forty pupils attended. Our Sixth Form linguists provided the entertainment chatting to the girls about France and their experiences studying languages in Senior School. Bon appétit!



German Exchange Visit to Göttingen

This is a rather special year for the German Department as we celebrate five years of partnership with the Felix-Klein Gymnasium in the northern German city of Göttingen. As in previous years, this year's trip to Germany was no exception in the enjoyment and enrichment it offered to students from both schools!

In the final week of the first term, ten pupils and two members of staff, Miss Richardson and Miss Cardwell, took part in the first leg of the annual German Exchange with our partner school, the Felix-Klein Gymnasium, in the northern German city of Göttingen. Pupils enjoyed a week of fun activities, sightseeing, and experiencing everyday life with their German exchange partners and host families. Over the course of our week's stay, Glenlola pupils spend time in class in their host school, baked delicious Christmas cookies in the school kitchen with their exchange partners, and enjoyed the festive atmosphere of the Christmas markets in Göttingen and other picturesque towns in the region. Excursions included a day trip to the town of Goslar in the snow-covered Harz mountains, an afternoon spent following the trail of the famous Pied Piper in Hamelin, and a visit to the state capital, Hannover. A highlight for many on the trip was the day trip to Berlin with the German students and teachers, visiting the GDR museum to learn about life in former East Germany, sightseeing at Alexanderplatz and the Brandenburg Gate, and shopping for souvenirs at beautiful Gendarmenmarkt. We rounded off our visit with a memorable night-time visit to the dome of the German parliament building (or Reichstag) to admire Berlin's sights and beautiful Christmas lights.

As always, our visit was over all too soon, and fond farewells were made as we started our journey back to Bangor. It is always wonderful to see the friendships forged between pupils from both schools and we eagerly await the arrival of our German visitors to Northern Ireland in the Spring term. A huge "Danke schön!" to Miss Richardson and to Frau Juhle at the Felix-Klein Gymnasium for the enormous time and care they put into making our annual exchange such an enjoyable and successful experience for all involved.

You can read more about the exchange visit on the website of our partner school at the following link: http://www.fkg-goettingen.de/startseite/archiv/2017/12_nordirland.html

Miss R Cardwell

Public Speaking

Congratulations to Evie Wood 12F, Jasmine McDermott 13D and Katie Graden 13B on their performances in the local heat of the Soroptimists' Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 29th at 7.00pm. All three pupils selected different topics and were competing against six pupils from Regent House and Strathearn. Congratulations to Katie on being placed 2nd with her speech, 'Ill health begins in the mind.' Evie spoke on the New England Proverb 'Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without.' Jasmine's speech was on the topic, 'What does Brexit mean for young people?' Thank you to the parents and friends of Glenlola who came along to support and encourage our pupils.

Mrs L McCombe



Explorer Scouts

Summer Camp

A most enjoyable summer camp was held at Slievenamann Schoolhouse at the end of July. As usual we joined up with 1st Donaghadee Sea Scouts. The scouts camped, but we also had the use of the schoolhouse, built in 1843 and not modernised much since, for cooking and enjoying the open fire. Many activities took place, from tent pitching and general camping skills, to cooking on stoves with some tasty meals prepared to a budget, games, Castlewellan Maze, campfire and a brilliant day hike in the Mourne.



North Coast Hike

The 30th of September saw our Explorer Scouts head to the North Coast for a day hike from Dunseverick to Portballintrae. We were blessed with fantastic weather and a track that wasn't too busy. Rebecca G kept us walking at marching pace, we just managed to keep up! The scenery really was amazing, with countless photos taken. A snack stop was enjoyed at the Giant's Causeway, then on to the finish with a stunning walk beside the crashing breakers on Bushfoot Strand. The best was yet to come...on to Portrush for chips and ice cream. An excellent day was enjoyed by all and we look forward to repeating the experience in the future.



Sport

Junior Hockey

So far this season the U14 Hockey Teams have been doing extremely well. The 'A' Team have won 5 matches, drawn 4 and only lost 2. In the first round of the cup the match against BRA went to extra time, but unfortunately Glenlola lost 3-2. The U14 cup squad are now in the plate competition where they will play Larne Grammar. The 'B' team have also been doing well, they have only lost 2 matches and have drawn 3. A very pleasing performance against BRA in December should be mentioned. The team played very well throughout the match and were unlucky not to score.

U13 teams have made significant progress from the beginning of the year. Both teams have been working hard to improve defending and attacking skills. 'A' and 'B' teams performed well against Lagan and Bloomfield.

The Year 8 Hockey teams have been working hard to improve their skills and match play so far this year. In December 3 teams travelled to Regent for their very first school hockey fixture. All teams performed well and many goals were scored. Well done to the 'B' Team who defeated Regent 4-0. The teams now look forward to more fixtures in February.



Senior Hockey

The girls in the senior hockey teams have made a fantastic start to the season. The 2BXI were very competitive in the Gibson Cup beating both Banbridge Academy and Portadown College. The 2NDXI reached the quarter final of the McDowell Cup where they were narrowly defeated by Ballymena Academy. The ISTXI reached the quarter final of the Super Cup where they were narrowly defeated by Cookstown High School. They lost out on penalty strokes to Coleraine Grammar in the first round of the Senior Cup and

will play Foyle College in the first round of the plate.

Netball

Northern Ireland U17 National Squad

Tori Brown and Jessica Lord have been selected for the Northern Ireland U17 National Squad. They are currently accessing expert technical coaching as well as fitness and sports psychology support.

Northern Ireland U17 Development Squad

Having just missed out on the final cut for the NI U17 squad, Lucy McCune (Year 12) has been selected for Northern Ireland U17 Development Squad which recognises the potential of players who may make International squads in the future

Belfast U13 Development Academy

The following 3 girls have been selected for the Belfast U13 Development Academy squad having attended intense trials where they were selected onto a squad of 24 out of 84 girls. The girls will now attend training sessions before competing in a tournament against the other Regional Development Squads in June.

Gracie Doran – Year 9, Amelia Urry – Year 9 & Megan Joss – Year 8

Belfast U15 Future Internationals Academy

The following 5 girls have been selected for the Belfast U15 Future Internationals Academy having attended intense trials where they were selected onto a squad of 24 out of 99 girls. The girls will now attend training sessions and Match Play days against the other Regional Development Squads in June.

Anna Black – Year 10
Aimee Boyd – Year 10
Rachel Johnston – Year 11
Emer Malcolm – Year 11
Zoe Steen – Year 11

Northern Ireland Schools Trampolining.

On Saturday 18th November a number of girls com-

peted at the NI Schools Trampolining competition. The results were as follows:

The U19 Intermediate team won their section. The U14 Intermediate Team finished 2nd.

The U13 Novice Team finished 3rd.

Kenzie Richardson finished 3rd in the U14 Elite section and Emily McGowan finished 3rd in the Novice section.

Swimming

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Swimming Photos



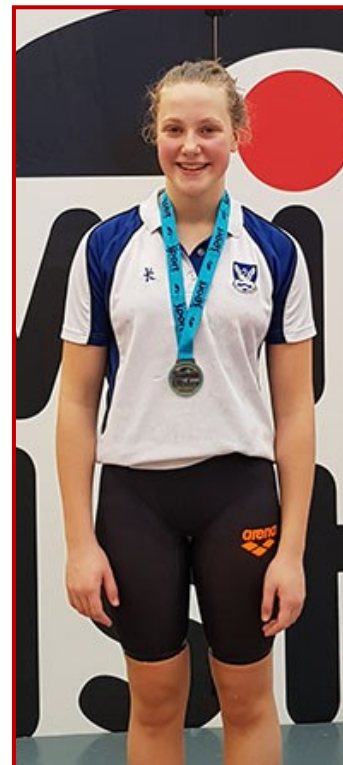
Junior Swim Team



Junior Relay Team



Senior Relay Team



Ellie McKibbin



Tarryn Barr

Glenlola Equestrians

Glenlola Collegiate Equestrians have had a busy winter taking part in the TRI Equestrian Inter Schools' Show Jumping League, Northern Ireland. Cerys Howell, Phoebe Beaumont and Zara Wood travelled to the Meadows Equestrian Centre near Lurgan every month to represent Glenlola Collegiate at this exciting event.

Cerys, Phoebe and Zara took part in the Open Team event competing against 20 other schools from across Northern Ireland in a hugely competitive class. The course was a strong track of 1metre fences with the second round being jumped against the clock. The girls went into the final in joint fourth place with Assumption Grammar. They were delighted to gain enough points at the final to finish in third position overall earning a place on the winner's podium and receiving generous prizes from TRI Equestrian. This is a wonderful achievement for the team!

Cerys Howell also took part in the Open Individual event in the same league. Cerys had fantastic results of third place on her pony Lulu and sixth place on Mr Murphy. Well done Cerys!

The girls are looking forward to the Annual Ulster Schools' Derby hosted by Glenlola Collegiate at Gransha Equestrian Centre in June where some of our novice competitors will also be taking part.

Phoebe Beaumont
Year 11



Zara Wood on McCormick

Cerys Howell
Zara Wood
Phoebe Beaumont



Cerys Howell on Leo



Phoebe Beaumont on Edie

BYRDS

At the end of July, Zara Wood and Ciara Gilroy (both students at Glenlola Collegiate School) travelled to Scotland to represent Ireland at the British Young Riders Dressage Scheme (BYRDS) Home International competition. Ciara, and her pony Killaan Blu, competed in the Young Rider section for competitors aged 18-25) whilst Zara, and her pony Ard Mirah, was part of the Under 25 dressage team (an amazing achievement for a 12 year old). Both Zara and Ciara, as well as their ponies, were put through their paces and completed a number of different dressage tests throughout the weekend.

International competitions bring extra nerves but despite this both Ciara and Zara rode fantastic tests. Overall Ciara finished 15th out of 50 competitors and finished 6th in the Young Rider section for the weekend. This is a fantastic achievement as training for young riders in Britain has more prominence than the training provided by Dressage Ireland. Zara was part of a four-person team that competed against twenty-eight other teams. They finished 2nd, winning Silver. Zara also competed as an individual. There were fifty competitors in the class and she finished 5th as an individual rider.





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