

Summer Issue

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House Report

Throughout the 2017-18 school year, the six rival houses in Glenlola took part in 21 house competitions which were fun, fair and fiercely contested.

When returning to school in August, the results of 4 of the 21 house competitions were already known. Dufferin had taken an early lead in June after placing 1st in the Sports Day competition with Harte placing second. Ward who had placed sixth in Sports Day had made up the difference by placing first in both GCSE and AS Level results. Ward house then also placed third in A2 Level with Weir coming first. It was already clear that this was going to be a very competitive year.

The next competition that took place was Year 8 Rounders in September and was the Year 8s first opportunity to get involved with their new house. Everyone had a great time with numerous girls holding signs and painting their faces to support their new team members, regardless of whether they were winning or losing! In the end, Weir took the win, closely followed by Clanmorris.



One of the most competitive and memorable house events of the year came next; the Choral competition. Many of the house officials had started the planning for this event over the summer holiday so there was great anticipation to see whose unique composition would win. There were many creative ideas such as Hamilton's 'High School Musical Mash-up'. However, Weir swooped in to take first place with a perfect rendition of 'Somebody to Love' by Queen, with Dufferin's 'Evolution of Music' placing second.

Up next was the Junior General Knowledge competition which allowed girls from Year 8-10 to work alongside each other to answer questions that some of the Senior girls were even unsure of! In the end, Harte took their first win of the year with Ward following close behind. A little after the Juniors, it was the Seniors turn to test their knowledge. Clanmorris had the brains in their team to win the competition with Ward again being runners up.

Next was Senior hockey which had been won by Dufferin for several consecutive years, and this year was no different. Dufferin came first with Hamilton in second place. This competition created a great atmosphere within all houses, for girls who played or simply supported! From scoring goals to dressing up in your house colours, Senior hockey always provides great memories.

After months of anticipation, a very popular Middle School event finally arrived... the Dance competition! Every year a huge number of girls are excited to take part in this event. This year's theme was 'Movies', making space for creativity within each house. Ward's dance which included elements of the 'Lion King' and 'La La Land' wowed the judges and grabbed them a well-deserved first place with Clanmorris placing second.

Senior Netball was the next event to take place and is always a very competitive event, with Weir coming in first after some very entertaining matches, and Dufferin placing second.

In the lead up to Christmas, Junior House Bake-off took place. There were some amazing Christmas themed cupcakes and decorated Ginger Bread men. Clanmorris took the win with and Harte in second place.



Just before the Christmas break, the points were totalled to allow each house to see its current placing, and it was very tight between all six houses! Dufferin was in the lead with 232.5 points with Clanmorris close behind on 227.5. Ward was also very close in third place with 220 points with Weir, Harte and Hamilton coming below in the order. It was clear that the shield was still up for grabs for any house.

After Christmas came Public Speaking with Ward winning both Junior and Senior with very intriguing and engaging topics. Numerous sporting competitions took place next including Junior netball won by Hamilton, Dufferin working hard to win with Junior hockey and Weir triumphing in Senior dodgeball.

These were followed by the Year 9s dodgeball and if we had thought that the Seniors were competitive, the Year 9s took it to a new level! An amazing effort was shown by all girls with Clanmorris dodging Hamilton to take first place!



The ongoing Year 10 Accelerated Reading competition results were announced next, with Weir proving to be the best book worms. Despite coming last in this competition, Dufferin did not let it deter them from going for the shield with the icing on the cake being their victory in the Senior Bake Off Competition.

The final competition of the year, and the last competition ever for the Year 14 girls took place at the end of April: Car Trials. This event always proves to be an entertaining evening, with some girls getting the assigned route perfect and others spending several hours being lost in the middle of nowhere! The results from Car Trials weren't announced, which added extra suspense in the lead up to announcing the winners of the House Shield 2017-2018...

On the morning of the final assembly of the school year, everyone's stomachs were in knots. This was the moment we had all been waiting for - the winner of the House Shield was being announced. As all House Captains sat on the edge of their seats, Mr. Hamilton took to the stage. Firstly, the Wooden Spoon was given to Harte House for their sixth place performance this year. In fifth place was Hamilton, closely followed by Clanmorris in fourth. Weir had taken pole position in Car Trials allowing them to push Ward down into third place and securing them the Runners Up Shield! Finally, for the second year in a row, the winners of the House Shield 2017-18 was Dufferin House!!! All the girls in Dufferin had worked extremely hard to win this and their house spirit was so encouraging and admirable throughout the whole year. We are so proud and thankful for every girl and staff member's contribution

to this win, as it was them who helped win it for us and make our final year the best year yet! We would like to thank all the members of staff who are the Heads of Houses and all the other members of staff who got involved to help organise the house events to make it a competitive and memorable year. We would also like to say thank you to the other five House Captains who are Katie Montgomery (Clanmorris), Georgia Ferguson (Hamilton), Anna McDowell (Harte), Emily Burrows (Weir) and Lauren Ward (Ward) for being such great competitors and for allowing the competitions to be fun and memorable for all the girls who took part.

“Being the House Captain of the house that won the shield is one of the greatest achievements I have experienced within my time at Glenlola! My team included Mr Dorman as Head of House, Beth Herron, Taylor Irwin, Caitlin McCormick and Sarah Davidson. They were so encouraging and enthusiastic throughout the whole year which was passed onto the girls within Dufferin who shared their sense of house spirit right from the start. After taking on the role of House Captain after winning last year, I felt a lot of pressure yet excitement and motivation to win again this year. We all worked so hard to ensure that as many girls as possible got involved, not only to compete for points, but also to give them the opportunity to make memories and friendships with the other girls in the house. This is something I think we achieved as many of my best memories in Glenlola were created this year in this role. I’d like to thank my team, the staff and everyone who took part in any event and for making my final year unforgettable by helping us to win the House Shield.”

Katie Robinson
Dufferin House Captain

“I feel privileged to have been a part of such an amazing team. Katie was an exceptional leader and the contribution of Caitlin, Sarah and Taylor made my final year of school incredibly special. My favourite competitions were House Dance and Choral as this was when I bonded with younger girls the most and where relationships blossomed. Having such an incredible Head of House added so much to my experience; Mr. Dorman provided endless laughs and was never afraid to make himself look silly to make others happy. This year has been one to remember and this is down to both Mr. Dorman and the rest of the Dufferin team.”

Beth Herron
Deputy of Dufferin

Mr K Dorman with Dufferin
House Officials:

Katie Robinson
Beth Heron
Taylor Irwin
Sarah Davidson
Caitlin McCormick



Charity Update 2018

Charity fundraising has continued throughout the school year! One big event that the whole school enjoyed was the Colour Run!!

Both pupils and staff enjoyed this very colourful day on Thursday 19th April as we set off to Ward Park. It was a lovely sunny day and great fun was had by all! This fantastic event raised an incredible £5095.00 for the different school sections' chosen charities. Huge thanks must to Mrs Sinnerton who, along with the Colour Run Committee made the event happen and to Nicole Lowans, our Head Girl, whose brilliant idea it was.

Year 14

The Year 14 pupils selected 'Invisible Traffick' as their charity. Receiving a cheque for £2,392, Charity Co-ordinator, Gayle Bunting praised the efforts of the pupils:

'Invisible Traffick' is completely overwhelmed by the financial support received from the Year 14 girls of Glenlola Collegiate School. When I heard of the amount raised, I was completely overwhelmed and in realising the amount of hard work that the girls have put in to support the work of I.T. made it a very emotional morning for me.

This financial support will be going towards our recently launched Freephone Helpline, 0808 800 8001 which will enable us to extend our opening hours to answer the missed calls and most importantly to reach vulnerable persons who have been coerced into the horrendous crime of human trafficking, that is happening on our own very doorstep in North Down. The funds will also go to support the development of workshops designed at engaging with secondary and third level students.'

Pictured L – R Anna Carberry, Emily Johnston, Charity Co-ordinator Gayle Bunting, Emiko Seawright, Jordan Rosborough and Head Girl Nicole Lowans.



Year 13

The Year 13 pupils chose 'The Children's Cancer Unit Charity' and receiving the cheque for £2,729 its Executive Assistant, Jacqueline Wilkinson commented, 'The girls from Glenlola Collegiate in Bangor are some of our biggest supporters, fundraising for the charity in memory of their dear friend Megan Ogle. Together they raised £2,729 for the charity. A huge achievement – thank you all so much!'

Pictured L - R, presenting the cheque for £2,729 to Jacqueline from CCUC are Mr Harding, Jodie Moore, Jasmine McDermott, Kirstie Oliver and Mrs Flannigan.



Year 12

Year 12 selected the NI Children's Hospice as the recipient of their fundraising efforts.

Johnny Breen, Representative of Northern Ireland Children's Hospice pictured with Year 12 Form Captains presenting him with a cheque for £1300.00 as result of charity fundraising throughout the school year.



Year 11

Year 11 Form Captains of Glenlola Collegiate School are pictured with Gareth McGreevy from the Children's Heartbeat Trust. The Year 11 pupils also presented a cheque for £1300.00 as a result of their charity fundraising throughout the school year.



We once again had Jacqueline Wilson from The Children's Cancer Unit Charity, a charity that continues to be close to the hearts of Glenlola Collegiate pupils. Jacqueline commented,

'The girls from Glenlola Collegiate in Bangor are some of our biggest supporters, fundraising for the charity in memory of their dear friend Megan Ogle. Together they raised £2,729 for the charity. A huge achievement – thank you all so much!'

Junior School pupils choose to support Praxis, the Alzheimer's Society and the Down Syndrome Association. Each of these charities received a cheque for £825.00.

Currently our charity fundraising stands at £12,712.41, but we are not finished yet! The pupils can look forward to the annual Uganda Dander in June and another non-uniform day!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with regards to charity fundraising, without it, we would not be able to do this. Charity work is an integral part of our school life and allows our pupils to help fulfil the schools mission statement: Excellence through contribution, commitment and caring.

B Haslam
Charity Co-Ordinator

EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

Phoebe Beaumont Year 11 and her pony Edie have qualified for the Horse of the Year Show which will be held at the NEC (Birmingham) in October. This equestrian event is regarded as one of the most prestigious in the world and for many, is a lifetime achievement to qualify and compete here.

Phoebe will compete in the 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year class and we wish her well as she makes her preparations for the event.



Cerys Howell Year 11 competed at the Meadows St Patrick's Day Schools showjumping competition. This is a fiercely competitive event and Cerys was placed 3rd, riding Lulu, in the Open Individual class. Cerys went on to compete her newest horse, Leo, in the Premier (1.10 metre) Individual class. Again, there was serious competition and Cerys and Leo finished 6th with a pleasing clear round for this young horse.



Shorty (the pony) came to school today to help with the cheque presentation to Macmillan Cancer Support. £800 was raised at this year's Ulster Schools' Derby, organised by staff from Glenlola Collegiate School, and was presented to Joanne Young.



Year 11 Business Studies Visit to Tayto Factory

On Wednesday 11th April, we visited Tayto Factory located at Tayto Castle in Tandragee. Tayto Castle was built by the O'Hanlon Clan in 1641 which was then sold on to Mr. Hutchinson in the 1950's who then went on to develop the classic Tayto brand in 1956.

When we arrived at Tayto, we were welcomed by our tour guide Lenore. We had to use hand sanitiser as hygiene in the factory is very important. We then got to meet and took selfies with the mascot Pat Tayto. We were then talked through the rules of touring the factory to keep us safe, one of the rules was to wear a hairnet and disposable apron in order to prevent anything contaminating the crisps. Lenore told us about the history of the factory before we entered and after learning about our surroundings, we were shown around the warehouse. This was full of 40 crates, each holding 1 ton of potatoes. We were told about the process of cleaning the potatoes and shown the machinery used to do so. Once we had our tour of the warehouse we went into a small glass room to wash our hands before going into the factory.

The first thing we saw in the factory was the crisps before they were fried. On the day we were there, they were making Onion Rings, so we saw those before they expanded in the oil. Lenore showed us how to make a bowl out of our aprons and we got to taste some plain Rough-Cut crisps. Next, we saw the packaging room and how the machinery is used to package the different crisps. Throughout our tour we tasted various flavors of crisps like Spicy Thai, Onion Rings, Cheese and Onion and a new flavour that is still in the testing stages. We were then shown where the crisps are put into multi-packs and after that we saw a small room where a worker was testing the oil, checking for any problems in the samples. We were each given 2 free packets of crisps of our choice and at the end we had a quiz to win a free 6 pack of our choice.

Throughout our tour we saw very few workers, we were told that there are 300 employees, but we only saw around 25. Overall, the trip was very enjoyable and also very worthwhile as we were able to apply all that we had learned about manufacturing in class to a real life factory environment teaching us even more about this area of production.

*Elsa Collins, Rebecca McCookin,
Hollie Jordan & Emma Allen*



German Exchange Programme

Once again as in previous years we were delighted welcomed a group of students and staff from the Felix-Klein-Gymnasium in Göttingen, Germany, to Glenlola Collegiate School as part of our annual German Exchange Programme. This year is particularly significant for both schools as we are celebrating five years of partnership together. Over the course of our week together, our German guests enjoyed a range of activities and experiences, including a sightseeing tour of Belfast, visits to Stormont Buildings and Titanic Belfast, and time spent here at Glenlola experiencing everyday school life in Northern

Ireland. It was wonderful to see the friendships established back in December on our visit to Germany continue to flourish, as the whole group came together for a night of burgers and bowling at the SSE Arena and an excursion to the world famous Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge on our visit to the beautiful North Antrim Coast. A huge "Danke schön!" to our pupils and their families for their excellent hosting duties and the warm welcome they extended to our German visitors.



You can read more about the exchange visit in German on the website of our partner school:

http://www.fkg-goettingen.de/startseite/archiv/2018/04_ni.html



Miss Cardwell
German Department



School Library

I wanted to take this opportunity to heartily thank all those parents and pupils who supported the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Library in March. £205 was raised and immediately reinvested into new books for the Library. These included books nominated for the 2018 Carnegie Book Awards, and I can assure you all, they are being read and enjoyed.

Here in Glenlola, every Junior Pupil takes part in the Accelerated Reader programme. Your support of events like the Book Fair, enables us to increase the range of Accelerated Reader books we stock. I must also thank the English Department and the School PTA for their continued support this year, in allocating additional funds to purchase new books for the Library.

Please encourage your daughter to make time to read. If she is in Junior School, her target is to read for 30 minutes every day.

Please take time to read the following information for parents on Accelerated Reader.

A Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader.

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a computer programme that helps teachers manage and monitor your child's independent reading practice. Your daughter picks a book at her own level and reads it at her own pace. When finished, she takes a short quiz using a computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that they have not only read, but understood what they have read. Teachers can use quiz results to set targets to try and develop your daughter's reading.

Your daughter chooses her own book to read, rather than having one assigned. This makes reading more enjoyable as they have freedom to choose something interesting to them. Taking a STAR test enables your daughter to choose a book that will not be too difficult for her. As your daughter should be reading books at a specified reading and interest level, they are more likely to be successful. She can learn and develop her reading at her own pace.



How much time should my daughter spend reading?

We recommend that your daughter aims to read for at least 30 minutes per day. Try to encourage more if possible.

What if my child does not enjoy reading?

AR allows your daughter to choose the books she wants to read. The Star test ensures she selects a book at the correct level of difficulty/challenge for her. If she completes the book, she should do well on the quiz. This success should in turn encourage your child to read more.

My daughter is already an able reader. Why does she need this?

Bright children, like all children, need to be challenged.

What is a STAR test?

A computerised reading assessment. We aim to test your daughter 3 times in a school year. The test is multiple choice, requires no prior revision and takes approximately 15 minutes. The results determine your daughter's ZPD.

What is a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)?

This is the range of books your daughter should read to challenge her but without causing frustration or loss of motivation. It is important to read with a high degree of comprehension and within the ZPD. The ZPD relates to the level of book to be read.

What is a book level?

AR categorise books into levels ranging from 1.0-14.0 using the ATOS formula - a level 14.0 book will be a considerably more challenging read than a level 1.0. All our AR books in the library have colour coded spine labels to quickly identify a general book level. More information such as the quiz number, specific book level and points total are placed in the inside cover.

What are quizzes?

There are several types of quizzes designed to develop reading skills. The most common is the Reading Practice quiz. The purpose of this quiz is to determine if the book has been read and understood. The quiz has up to 20 multiple choice questions depending on the book level and length. Some books have additional vocabulary and literacy skills quizzes.

Are all books AR books?

You can check to see if any book has an AR quiz using www.arbookfind.co.uk. Around one quarter of our current Library books are AR books and we

are steadily increasing this number. Many local libraries are now labelling their stock with AR details. There are currently over 27,000 AR quizzes.

What are points?

Each book on the AR programme has a point value. AR points are based on the difficulty of the book and its length (number of words). Your daughter will earn points depending on how well they do on a Reading Practice quiz. We set all pupils a target score on Reading Practice quizzes of 85% of questions answered correctly. If a pupil takes a quiz on a book worth 5 points, then a 100% score on the quiz will earn 5 points, 90% will earn 4.5 points and so on.

Why use points?

We aim to introduce rewards and certificates for those girls who develop their reading skills.

Will my daughter have to read a book I do not want her to read?

No. There are many choices at your child's level. In addition, we restrict certain books in our Library to age limits. Books labelled as Teen are only available to Year 10 and above unless parental permission is provided. Young Adult books are for Sixth Form only.

How will I know how my child is doing?

A TOPS report is available each time your daughter takes a quiz, giving feedback on her understanding and cumulative results for the term and the year as a whole. Your daughter can choose to print this for you. On Parents Information afternoons, your daughter's teacher will be able to update you with her progress. You can further encourage your daughter's reading using Renaissance Home Connect. Using a PC with internet access, you can gain access to the AR programme from home. Once logged in you will be able to view your daughter's progress, monitor the books she has read and view her points total. You can also access AR Bookfinder from Home Connect, a facility we hope to introduce in the near future.

How can I help my daughter become a better reader?

Encourage your daughter to read at home. Read with her, if you have the time to do so (regardless of age). Performance improves with practice. Create a home library; ensure she is a member of her local library. Create a reading culture in your home. Enquire if she has completed her 30 minutes daily reading. Use Home Connect and take an active interest in your daughter's progress.

Further information can be found at www.renlearn.co.uk.

Leisure & Tourism trip to Culloden Estate & Spa

One Wednesday 29th May, with my fellow Year 11 Leisure and Tourism students, we visited the Culloden Estate and Spa as part of our GCSE Controlled Assessment. On arrival at the Culloden Estate and Spa, we were shown to a beautiful conference suite which had refreshments, shortbread and stationery.



The Business Development manager, Eoin McGrath, then introduced himself and talked to us about fundamental aspects of the hotel such as Health and Safety, Customer Service and Human Resources, all of which link to our GCSE. Afterwards he took us on a short tour around the hotel. Personally I found the trip an extremely rewarding experience and would like to thank the Culloden Estate and Spa for hosting us so well!

Cerys Howell
Year 11

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Glenlola Coding Club

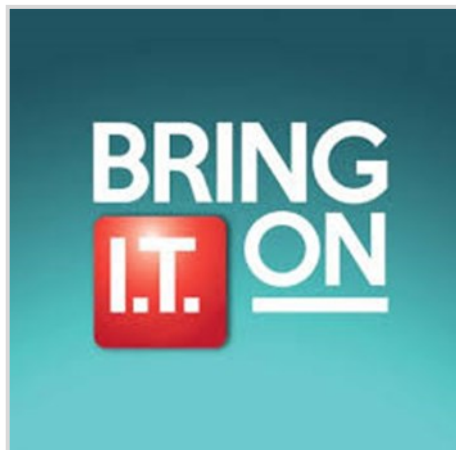
“To inspire the next generation to get excited about computing and digital making”

Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to develop their coding skills this in the Glenlola Coding Club. This was the second year that the ICT Department participated in the international Code Club network. Mrs. J Carson project coordinator from Kainos Belfast, assisted Mrs. Heron with the club. Mrs. Carson made a valuable contribution, by building up positive relationships with the girls and sharing her professional programming expertise. Over two months, the pupils used python programming language to design games and create animated posters. Hopefully the club has inspired a new generation of female IT professionals!



J Heron

Bring on the Next Generation of IT Talent



On 21st March 2018 Year 13 Digital Technology pupils attended a Bring IT On careers event. Mrs J Heron, Head of ICT, and Mrs A McKinley, Head of Careers, accompanied the pupils to the conference which was held at SPACE SERC. The event was attended by over 10 IT companies ranging from local to multi-national enterprises spanning the diverse technologies inside the IT sector.

Pupils were given an insight into a career in the IT industry and also had the opportunity to attend interactive workshops including network technologies, gaming and cyber security. These valuable workshops enabled the pupils to gain an awareness of specific skills that are currently in demand in the IT industry in Northern Ireland.



iThink Debating Club

'Junior School Exams Should be Abolished', 'Animal Testing Should be Banned' and 'Schools Aren't Doing Enough to Promote Mental Health Awareness in Teenagers': these are just a few of the topics debated this year in **iThink Debating Club**.

Throughout the school year, iThink has grown massively with pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 becoming more confident and ready to have their say. This large amount of pupils has meant that we have been able to form the Debating Committee with Freya Nelson as Chairperson and Faye Kennedy as Deputy. The committee has been a huge part of iThink organising debates, updating the debate board each week and most importantly getting people involved. The publicity team has been excellent at updating the board each week and making it eye catching for pupils passing by.

iThink meets up every Thursday in Mrs. Wotherspoon's room at 1pm. Every two weeks we hold a debate and the other weeks we collectively decide on the next week's debate and speakers. We have been extremely lucky this year with the high quality of speeches from certain individuals such as Rachel Hill, Lara Gazzard and Autumn Hawthorne.

This year, we have had the privilege of showcasing a Disney Balloon Debate for Primary 7 Open Night. Some of the characters present at the debate were Mickey Mouse, Snow White and Belle. Each girl prepared an entertaining speech ... and it goes without saying that their costumes were fantastic!

For the last debate of each term, the Debating Committee has held themed parties for all of its members. At the parties, members take part in 'speed debating' which is a fun game where pupils will make new friends, become more confident and learn new techniques on how to debate. These parties attract new members and give girls a sense of what debating is.

Debating doesn't just help with a pupil's confidence, it helps with their delivery which is a key part when presenting a speech. iThink Debating Club gives girls skills that they can use in other subjects around school such as the ability to: structure and organize thoughts, think on the spot, express themselves verbally and develop sound reasoning skills. These skills are very useful when

doing a presentation, writing an essay, interviewing and answering an extended writing question.

The Debating Committee has enjoyed watching iThink grow bigger and bigger this year. We hope that next year, we will be able to compete with other schools and show off our talent. We can't wait to debate new topics and welcome new members to our iThink Debating Club.



*Freya Nelson 10D
Chairperson*

Work Experience

In January, Year 13 entered the workplace, where they again proved to be excellent ambassadors for our school. Over 115 pupils took part in a wide variety of placements in occupations including business, medicine, teaching, politics, design and motorsport. Feedback from pupils and employers was extremely positive, with many employers commenting on our pupils willingness to learn, willingness to engage, good interpersonal skills and enthusiasm. A number of employers commented on how they enjoyed having the pupils and would like to have them back, describing pupils as a credit to the school. A few pupils have taken the opportunity to go back to their placement for further experience.

Two pupils share their experiences with us:

"From Monday until Wednesday of my work experience week, I worked alongside the Youth Coordinators at West Presbyterian Church. I was allowed the opportunity to go into Primary Schools and lead assemblies, as well as helping to teach

RS classes. I attended training on how to spot, and deal with panic attacks and anxiety. Besides going out into the wider community, my work experience also entailed taking part in the life of the Youth Organisations within the church, such as GB and 'Mums and Tots'. I thoroughly enjoyed my placement in West as it allowed me to grow in self-confidence as I was given the opportunity to share and lead in front of a wide range of audiences in different environments.

I spent Thursday and Friday in a Primary 6 classroom in Donaghadee Primary School. During my time on work experience, I helped my class to compose a 'Weather-Watchers Rap' and had the chance to help lead activities in literacy and maths. I loved being in the classroom and working alongside the children, which again provided me with new self confidence and love for teaching.

Overall, I found my Work Experience week extremely enjoyable, as it gave me an important insight into careers in teaching and youth work, two areas in which I may consider for my future. “

Megan Jackson

I completed a five day medical placement at Antrim Area Hospital, during which I was able to see

an abundance of different specialties, including Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care, Radiology, Paediatrics, Neonatal Care and Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy. It was an incredible opportunity that allowed me to learn more about the medical profession in a variety of ways. This was through shadowing doctors and observing procedures such as a central line insertion and a hernia removal operation. I was also able to follow a number of patients through the process which provided me with a deeper understanding of how a hospital functions and how interdepartmental coordination works within patient care. Additionally, I learnt more about the pathway to becoming a doctor through speaking to a variety of people, ranging from third year medical students to consultants.

On the other hand, the challenges doctors face were evident and it allowed me to obtain a more realistic view of what being a doctor in the NHS is actually like. My medical placement was an invaluable experience that I know will prove to be critical in my application to medical school.

Jemma Knox

In June, 60 Year 11 pupils will embark on a two day work experience placement, which should also be extremely beneficial.

N.I.Book Awards 2018

A committed and enthusiastic group of Junior School pupils has been busy reading the six novels shortlisted for this year's Northern Ireland Book Awards. Our votes were submitted in early May and whilst we didn't have a clear favourite amongst ourselves, we are looking forward to hearing who the overall winner is. We will find out when we attend the finale in Belfast at the end of June. My thanks to the girls for their interest in the Award.

The shortlisted books are;

Alone by D.J. Brazier.

Knights of the Borrowed Dark by Dave Rudden.

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson.

Wing Jones by Katherine Webber.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas.

The Call by Peadar O'Guilin.

My thanks to the English Department for their generous support in purchasing these books for the Library.

Brian McMillan
Assistant Librarian



Participating pupils from 9A

My Year as Head Girl

I cannot believe that my time as Head Girl is coming to an end. It has been an unbelievable journey. With every role comes responsibility and challenges but I have grown so much as person and developed resilience, leadership skills but most importantly memories I will never forget and in a once in a lifetime experience. I am so grateful for the support of my Deputies and Games Captain, Anna Carberry, Jordan Rosborough, Emiko Seawright and Emily Johnston. We started the year as a team and ended it as best friends. It has been a privilege to work alongside them and I will be forever grateful for all their hard work. We have had a surreal experience and I think we will all agree that time does fly when you are having fun.

My year as Head Girl has provided me with the opportunity to represent the school and my year group at a wide range of school events. At the start of the academic year I spoke to the principals of local Primary Schools about the importance of Primary Education and also gave a speech at the School's Annual Prize Day. I enjoyed welcoming parents and guardians into the School for the Annual Spring Concert, Carol Service and consultation evenings. Furthermore, I got the opportunity to talk about the school's values, visions and crest at the Royal Military Officers' Training Corps and had the pleasure of speaking to prospective new pupils and their parents at Open Night about my 7 unforgettable years at Glenlola. Along with 'meeting and greeting', my duties have included working with teachers and my year group to organise the Year 14 Formal, Extravaganza, Charity events and our Leavers' Dinner. The Pupil Leadership Team has had an extremely busy year but we wouldn't have changed it for the world.



The first event on the School calendar was one of great excitement, on 26th October we took to the Clandeboy Lodge in our glad rags to enjoy our Year 14 Formal. From the laughter, to the good food, to Mr Haylett showing us how it was done on the dance floor, it really was an unforgettable night. The Formal Committee of 12 girls was led so ably by Emiko Seawright, they worked so hard to put together a night to remember and it certainly was that!

From the outset, I knew that I wanted to put a major focus on Charity work for the school year of 2017-18. Knowing this, my year group and I went through much deliberation on deciding which Charities Senior School would support. We had a vote and we decided upon Invisible Traffick and The Children's Cancer Unity Charity, Invisible Traffick provides awareness, education and active support to promote a clearer understanding of the signs and dangers of Human Trafficking. The director of this charity is the mother of one of our Senior Pupils – Emma Murdoch, and it is a charity which is very close to our hearts and one which we are honoured to support. Furthermore The Children's Cancer Unit Charity exists solely to support the work of the Children's Cancer and Haematology Unit at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and their families. This charity significantly benefited a former pupil and friend Megan Ogle, who sadly passed away in 2016. It is with great excitement that we raised money to give back to the charity for the difference they made to Megan's life and the care and love they provided for her.

Our first Charity event took place on 15th December and this was the 'Extravaganza', a Christmas show directed, produced, edited and performed by Year 14. After weeks of brainstorming, filming and

rehearsing we were ready to take the stage, showcasing talents we never knew we had. The hard work from the whole year group, especially the Moving Image Arts girls certainly paid off as the show was great success and a massive hit with the younger girls. During our whole year group rendition of 'All I Want for Christmas is You' the sense of unity between our year group was overwhelming and I feel so honoured to have led such a talented group of girls this year.

The run up to Christmas was a busy and exciting time in Senior School. On the 19th December both Years 13 and 14 took part in a charity quiz, the 'Big Festive Christmas Quiz of the Year'. We dressed up in teams as reindeer, disciples and everything in between. Words cannot begin to thank Mr Harding for organising this years Quiz along with last years 'Big EGG-cellent Easter Quiz', your hard work was so appreciated by us all. Soon after we had our glorious Christmas Dinner; ugly Christmas jumpers were out in full force, the Senior School Centre was filled with tinsel, we drank 42 bottles of Shloer and Michael Buble was playing. What more could you ask for? We had the so much fun as a year group and I couldn't think way to see off a busy term filled with University applications, studies and school events.



Our first charity event of 2018 was to raise money and give something back to the Children's Cancer Unit Charity. On Megan's birthday, the 20th of February, the Pupil Leadership Team, along with some of Megan's closest friends, sold yellow ribbon in school, for girls to: tie on their bag, wear in their hair, or as Mr Shanks modelled, tie around their ties. The atmosphere around school on this otherwise normal Tuesday was so special and everyone had a smile on her face as we celebrated Megan's 17th. This was a real highlight for me in the School year and I felt privileged to be a part of such unity. Quickly after the ribbon selling, we couldn't wait to get stuck into our next charity event, and we decided to hold an Easter Raffle. This was something that the whole school community could get involved in and, let me tell you we set our goals very high. As a team, we fluttered our eyelashes at just about every shop and restaurant manager in Bangor and we managed to come away with 70 prizes! These included 5x Driving Lessons, 6x Belfast Giants Tickets, Spa vouchers and many more. We not only had SO much fun organising this event and watching the buzz around school as the girls bought their tickets but we also raised £1630 for our worthwhile Charities.

Our last main Charity event was a whole School event. In my interview for Head Girl back in April 2017 we had to give a presentation about a charity

event aimed at Year 8. Mine was a Colour Run and I was absolutely delighted that my dream became a reality when Mrs Sinnerton was on board with the plan! It was surreal to see a crazy vision in my head actually come to fruition, bigger than I ever expected as this turned out to be a full school event. I am so grateful for the help of the Pupil Leadership Team, peer supporters, Form Captains and every single teacher who sacrificed their Thursday to get covered in paint. From the laughter, to the paint, Ward Park was most certainly shining bright that afternoon. Whilst having so much fun at these Charity events throughout the year, myself and the Pupil Leadership Team are overwhelmed and delighted to have raised a total of £5,121 for Invisible Traffick and the Children's Cancer Unit Charity and we are so grateful to the local businesses who supported us, our teachers and the whole of our Year group for their continued enthusiasm.

When we returned to Glenlola after Easter, reality started to hit that our 7 years at Glenlola were coming to a close, although, this feeling was bitter sweet as we had so much to look forward to in our last term in school. On the 24th April we gave out the highly anticipated 2018 Leavers' Hoodies, and we got the opportunity to model these just two days later at Glenlola's 53rd Annual Car Trial in association with Road Safety NI. Organised once again by the amazing Mr Harding, this was the final House

Competition of the School calendar. It was supposed to be an opportunity for girls to show their skills and talents in a variety of manoeuvres, a drive with a map to follow and a theory test. I say 'supposed' as for many girls (especially me) these tests proved a lot more challenging than initially anticipated. With the last car finishing its 50 mile drive in just over 3 hours, it was an evening full of tears (mostly from laughter) as we all tried to scrape at least some final House Points in the run up to the big House Shield announcement.

As much as I was dreading it, eventually the 2nd of May came around, our last official day at Glenlola Collegiate. It was a complete whirlwind of a day, which began at 7am when we parked in the teacher's spaces, much to their dismay. As we sat down for our last Assembly we all experienced a mix of emotions; tears were shed as we said goodbye to a place that is so much more than a school to us. Glenlola is a place where we have formed lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories, but we also experienced a sense of excitement and apprehension as we look forward to our next chapter, knowing that Glenlola has shaped us into the young women we are today. That evening, pupils and teachers alike took to Clandeboyne Golf Club for our final send off. We were delighted to have the most teachers and non-teaching staff attending that Glenlola has seen, a testament to my peers of the Class of 2018. This was the final time the whole of our year group would be together, I was so touched by the atmosphere in the room and it didn't make the thought of leaving Glenlola any easier for me. The highlights of the night for me were the reveal of the pranksters who stole Mrs Pierces crocs back in December, the photo presentation from Mrs Porter and the Moving Image Arts girls, and a touching speech from the amazing Deputy Head Girls and Games Captain. There couldn't have been a more perfect way to finish these incredible 7 years at Glenlola.

I have felt so honoured to be the Head Girl of 2017/18 and I am so grateful for everything I have learnt, the opportunities I have been given and the relationships I have formed with both teachers and pupils. I couldn't have done it without the help of some very special people. Mr Harding, Head of Senior School, where do I start? Your enthusiasm, organisation and humour have not gone unnoticed by me, or any of the Class of 2018. You have injected an energy into Senior School that has made our last 2 years completely unforgettable and you have made my year as Head Girl such a special one. I also cannot thank Mrs Porter, our Year Head for her caring nature and support for the Pupil Leadership Team and myself. You have been my in-school 'mum' this year and you have been a cheerleader not only for me, but also for every single girl in the year group and you will be greatly missed us all.

This year and everything we have achieved has been the result of a one of a kind team, The Pupil Leadership Team. They have made such an incredible impact on all aspects of school life and on behalf of the whole school I want to thank them for their dedication to their roles, you are an inspiration to so many younger girls and they have genuinely been a 'dream team'. The final people I would like to thank is, the Class of 2018. You are all individual, with different talents, passions and views, yet united in your morality, goodness and inclusiveness and that is what has made my year so rewarding. It has been an absolute honour to lead such an incredible group of girls and I am so thankful for lifelong friendships and treasured memories we have together.

Glenlola as a school has gone above and beyond for me, shaping me into the best young woman I can be. I have had the most rewarding year as Head Girl and I can only dream that I gave back even half of what I got out of these 7 years.



Senior Scripture Union

Last May, Senior Scripture Union organised a retreat day for the girls in SU, which took place on a very sunny Saturday in Strandtown Baptist Church, Belfast. We spent a lot of time having fun together and encouraging each other. We played lots of games, had lots of food and took a well-earned break from revision! We wanted the purpose of the day to be an opportunity to learn more of God's undeniable, incredible and unending love for us. This included listening to talks and interviews from the youth workers at Strandtown Baptist and learning from each other through discussions in small groups. It was an incredible day which we hope will be repeated next year!



*Amber Hanan
Year 12*



THE COLOR RUN

On Thursday 19 April 760 pupils from Glenlola Collegiate, took part in the School's Colour Run event. This was held at Ward Park with kind permission of Ards and North Down Borough Council.

There was real excitement in the air as pupils gathered in the Assembly Hall dressed to the 'nines' in tutus, tiaras and sweatbands and this continued to build, creating a real party atmosphere in Ward Park. Senior School pupils, Katie Montgomery and Nicole Lowans, ably assisted by DJ Billy Fyffe, had the crowd dancing prior to the start of the run. After the dress rehearsal of a false start, the run got under way.

Pupils passed through a series of Colour stations where they were met by teachers eager to cover them in powder. The white t-shirts received before the event, were soon covered in shades of blue, pink, red and green. There was not a face untouched by colour.

The run culminated in a Colour Party where all the pupils received an individual colour powder pouch. After a rendition of YMCA and a final countdown everyone released the powder creating a rainbow of colour.

Many parents, guardians and spectators watched from the side-lines and found it to be a wonderful spectacle. Each pupil received a packet of Tayto crisps and bottle of water kindly donated by Lidl, Sainsbury's and both Tesco Bloomfield and Tesco Springhill.

Thanks go to U-Hire who kindly donated the use of the generator to power the music and of course to Billy, our DJ, who had everyone rocking to the music. Thanks also to Running Imp who supplied the powders and to Signature Works for providing the t-shirts and sunglasses.

Final thanks must also go to Bob & Berts (Bangor), Clip and Climb and Glenlola Collegiate who kindly donated prizes for the top fundraisers in each year group. They were:

Year 8 – Leah McIver
 Year 9 – Emma McAllister
 Year 10 – Anna Byrne
 Year 11 – Amy Allen and Niamh Menzies
 Year 12 – Vicky O'Neill
 Year 13 – Holly Fusco
 Year 14 – Zara Cosh

A total of £5095.51 was raised through this amazing event which will definitely be repeated.









Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Six groups of around six pupils, all from Year 10, took up the challenge of Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year. They have been involved in volunteering to help in our community in many ways, working on their fitness, and developing a chosen skill. Along with these aspects of The Award they have been undertaking their expedition section in the Mourne. This involved a training day, a training weekend and then the final qualifying expedition. With tents, ruck sacks, Trangia cookers and navigational issues, this proved to be a huge challenge that the girls rose to, in good spirits. The weather was generally kind, if a little too hot at times. Some culinary delights were produced on the Trangia stoves which helped keep the legs going to the end. Tents were well pitched and even folded well back into ruck sacks! Navigation went well with the girls enjoying using the maps, taking work done in Geography, out to the mountains. The Expedition is difficult at the time, but can be enjoyed afterwards with such a good feeling of achievement. On the way back to school, one girl was heard to say, "I'm on top of the world. I feel like I could do anything now!" which really sums up the purpose of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Finally, thanks to Mr and Mrs Loder for all their organising for both the Bronze and Silver Awards.



Streamvale Farm Visit

June saw the Year 8 Geographers pay their annual visit to Streamvale Farm as part of their Farming topic. The pupils have been learning about Diversification in farming and saw, at first hand, the ways in which the Morrow Family, who own Streamvale, have been earning an extra income beyond the traditional farming methods. They were able to feed the animals and hold some of the puppies, always the highlight of the trip. The pupils got to sample the lovely ice-cream that is made on site and learn a little bit about what they do on the farm.



Dance 2018

This year the dance team auditions saw over 80 girls audition for just the Junior team alone. Once selected the girls worked hard each week perfecting their competition routines.

The Junior dance team consisted of 20 dedicated girls who performed a routine entitled 'Beauty and the Beast'. They placed 2nd at the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championships. The team was also crowned the Ulster Dance and Fitness Champions 2018 and was awarded with the trophy for the highest Junior team mark across all dance styles at the competition.



The Junior duet entitled 'Wonderland' was performed by Kelsey Brown and Georgia Crawford. The girls placed 2nd at the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championships and 2nd at the Ulster Dance and Fitness Championships. Their individual improvement in their self-confidence and dance ability has been outstanding and I could not be any prouder of them both.

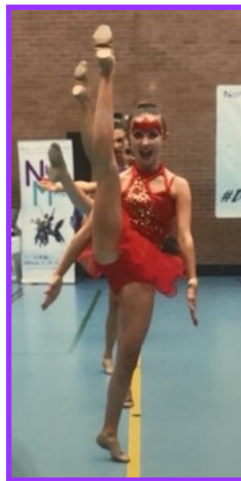
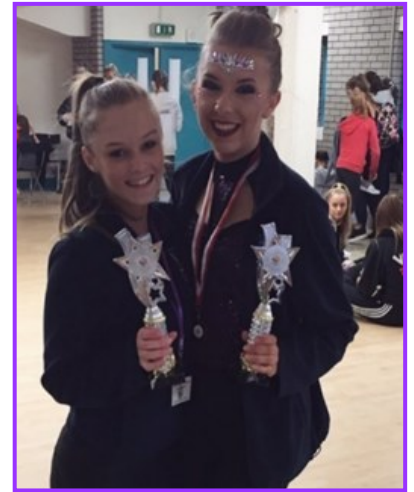
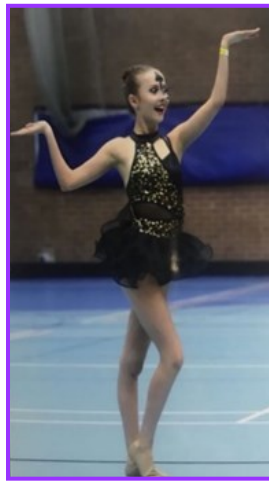
The Senior dance team consisted of 18 girls who completed a routine entitled 'The Hunger Games'. The team not only placed 1st at the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championships but attained the highest score of the entire competition! The dancers also crowned Ulster Dance and Fitness Champions 2018 with the trophy for the highest Senior team mark across all dance styles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Physical Education Department and especially Miss Victoria Lovell for their consistent support. I am simply so privileged to have coached both dance teams at the age of just 19 years old and am incredibly proud of the girls for their outstanding achievements this year.

'You will never understand the true value of a moment until it becomes a treasured memory'

Nicole Meier





Athletics

This was another successful season for athletes at Glenlola Collegiate. At District level the girls won no fewer than 20 medals. All medallists then qualified to compete at the Ulster Schools' Championships. Some of the successes at District and Ulster level are detailed below:

Intermediates:

Rebecca Webb – 1st in Long Jump
 Libby Morton – 1st in 300m hurdles
 Louise Canning – 1st in 100m
 Anna McCarroll – 1st in Hammer
 Kirsten Hanna – 2nd in High Jump
 Ruby Houstoun – 3rd in Discus
 Zoe Steen – 3rd in Shot
 Zoe Stewart – 3rd in Hammer
 Brooke Stranaghan – 3rd in 80m Hurdles
 4 x 100m Relay – 1st (Rebecca Webb, Louise Canning, Libby Morton, Katie McGonigle and Megan Drummond)

Seniors:

Emily Johnston – 1st in 400m
 Anna Charlick – 2nd in 100m
 4 x 300m Relay – 2nd (Emily Johnston, Anna Charlick, Aimee Johnston and Heidi Quinn).

Minis'

Poppy Dann finished 3rd in the 100m and 2nd in the Long Jump
 Rachel Stockman finished 4th in the Shot Putt

Minors

Devon Sprake finished 2nd in the 100m and 4th in the Long Jump
 Beth Hammond finished 2nd in the Shot Putt
 Shannan Farrall finished 3rd in the High Jump
 Connie Butler finished 4th in the High Jump

Juniors

Sarah Eadie finished 4th in the Triple Jump
 Aimee Boyd finished 6th in the Triple Jump
 Megan Drummond finished 3rd in the 100m and 1st in the Long Jump
 Rose McGreevy finished 1st in the 75m Hurdles
 Ellie Brown finished 3rd in the 1500m
 The 4x100m relay team finished 1st. The team were Sarah Eadie, Aimee Boyd, Devon Sprake and Rose McGreevy

The Ulster Schools' Athletics championships were held on Friday and Saturday. Once again Glenlola enjoyed some notable successes. The results were as follows:

Rose McGreevy won a bronze medal in the Junior girls 75m hurdles

Brooke Stranaghan finished 4th in Inter girls 80m Hurdles

Zara Dowds finished 5th in the Senior girls hammer

Anna McCarroll finished 7th in the Inter girls hammer

Zoe Stewart finished 9th in the Inter girls hammer.

The 4x300m relay team finished 2nd. The team were Anna Charlick, Heidi Quinn, Emily Johnston and Aimee Johnston

Poppy Dann finished 6th in the Mini 100m and won a gold medal in the mini girls long jump

Devon Sprake finished 8th in the Minor 100m

Sarah Eadie finished 6th in the Junior 100m

Megan Drummond finished 4th in the Junior 100m and 5th in the Junior long jump

Louise Canning won a bronze medal in the Inter girls 100m

Anna Charlick finished 5th in the Senior girls 100m

Shannan Farrall finished 4th in the Minor girls high jump

Emily Johnston finished 2nd in the Senior girls 400m

Rebecca Webb finished 5th in the Inter girls long jump

Libby Morton finished 7th in the 300m hurdles

Zoe Steen finished 6th in the inter girls shot

Kirsten Hanna finished 6th in the Inter girls high jump

The Junior Relay Team won gold medals in the 4 x 100m relay. The team consisted Sarah Eadie, Aimee Boyd, Devon Sprake and Rose McGreevy.

The Inter Relay Team also won gold medals in the 4 x 100m relay. The team consisted Megan Drummond, Louise Canning, Libby Morton and Rebecca Webb.

Emily Johnston, Louise Canning and the 3 relay teams mentioned above qualified to compete at the Irish Schools' championships in Tullamore on Saturday 2nd June. The girls were full of excitement and nervous energy on the long drive to Tullamore. Louise Canning was the first athlete to compete. In a very fast race she ran a personal best of 12.73 to finish 7th. Emily Johnston was next in the Senior Girls 400m. Again, running a personal best, she finished 6th. The championship finale is always relay. The first team to compete was the Juniors in the 4 x 100m. The team consisted of Sarah Eadie, Aimee Boyd, Devon Sprake and Rose McGreevy. They ran a fantastic race to win bronze medals. The next team to run was the 4 x 100m Intermediate team. The team were Megan Drummond, Louise Canning, Libby Morton and Rebecca Webb. Another fantastic race saw the team finish 4th, unfortunately just outside the medals.

Last but not least was the 4x300m relay. In a very fast race the girls finished 6th. The team comprised Anna Charlick, Heidi Quinn, Aimee Johnston and Emily Johnston.

Thanks to Mrs Heasley, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Johnston, Miss McCracken and Miss Lough for coaching at extracurricular athletics.



J Heasley

Hockey



The 1st XI Hockey Team had a memorable season, with many highs points and a few low points. The first match of the season was one to forget but was also an important moment. After the match, despite the disappointment at the defeat, the players had a positive demeanour and were eager to improve. This, coupled with hard work, at training saw the team embark on a run of 4 victories and reach the quarter final of the Super Cup. One of the most notable successes was against Bloomfield Collegiate. The players were 2-0 behind after 15mins, but with endless work rate and belief went on to win the game 3-2.

Despite an early exit from the Schools' Cup, the team had a positive run in the Plate. The quarter final against Foyle College in Londonderry was one of the toughest matches of the season. The team fought hard to secure a 2-0 victory in challenging circumstances. The semi-final against Belfast High proved to be one of the biggest disappointments of the season. Despite leading 2-0 at half time the team lost 3-2. This was a tough lesson but I know they will strive to do better next year.

It has been a pleasure to work with this squad. I wish Megan Inglis (Captain), Katie Robinson (Vice-Captain) and Emily Johnston every success for the future as they leave school this year.

2NDXI Hockey

This year Glenlola 2nd XI enjoyed a successful season. At the beginning of the season, we enjoyed a winning streak of about 6 games before having some tight games which were narrowly lost. Whilst our performances were still good, at times we

lacked the killer touch in front of goal. This meant that we would lose games even when we created the majority of chances and had the majority of the possession. This was epitomised in our Cup run where we had to win on penalty strokes against Hunterhouse in a game which we dominated, before being knocked out by Ballymena in the next round.

A number of Year 11s stepped on to the squad this year and I hope that the experience they gained this season will help them to do even better next year. The team will miss the calm influences of Hannah Collins, Emily Burrows and Sian Walton as they go on to bigger things. Hannah was Captain in her final season and her keen determination had her leading from the front with endless running and this led to quite a few match winning performances. Sian was Vice-Captain and her versatility along the back line and easy going nature made her a key member of the squad. Emily Burrows often had to put up being playing in multiple positions this year but her determination to do well meant that she did a good job wherever she played. The 3 Year 14 pupils will be keenly missed both for their talent and their integration within the squad, and we wish them all the best for whatever they go on to do. #gcsproud



U14 Hockey

The U14 Hockey teams have had a successful season and are looking forward to joining Senior Hockey next year. It is evident that their commitment to training and matches has paid off. The 'A' Team has gathered a great set of results this season beating; Lagan College, Carrick Grammar, Hunter House, Bloomfield, Down High and Larne.

The team was unfortunately put out of the second round of the U14 Cup by BRA. After full time the score was 0-0 meaning extra time would have to be

played. All players worked extremely hard and we were unlucky to concede in the last three minutes. Other extremely exciting and tight matches included draws against Strathearn and Belfast High. The team played with good structure and discipline throughout.

The 'B' Team played with consistency throughout their season. Some excellent results included draws against BRA and Cambridge House. All the players worked hard during training sessions and have been able to improve skills that they can put into practise next year.



Year 8 Hockey

Year 8 Hockey was a very popular extra-curricular activity this year with over 50 girls attending training. The 'A' Team attended the Grosvenor Tournament in March and finished 2nd in their group. Results included draws against Wallace, Ballyclare High, Lagan College and Antrim Grammar. Two final results worth mentioning included a 2-1 win against Sullivan and a 1-0 win against Bloomfield. Well done to all Year 8 Hockey teams this year.

Hockey U13

The energy and enthusiasm of the players in both the A and B teams have been good this year. On average 26 girls attended practice twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. These sessions concentrated on basic technical skills and fitness which undoubtedly improved immensely over the season.

A squad

After a slow start for the AS results began to reflect better play and wins against Lagan and Down High followed.

Gracie Keenan (captain) was particularly strong at the back and led the team well. The midfield, including Amelia, Devon and Faith worked very

well together and proved essential in tough games.

The players found it difficult to gel well as a team and this was disappointing especially with the shortened season which was not expected but unfortunately it was the right thing to do.

I would hope the players will continue to mature over the summer and come back in September with a renewed energy and love for the game and one another.



A Squad Annabelle McClure
Lucy Hill
Ruby Monaghan
Gracie Keenan
Beth Hammond
Gracie Doran
Devon Sprake
Faith Blaney
Taylor Bradford
Molly McKibben
Cerys Edge
Amelia Urry
Grace Anderson
Phoebe Lorimer

B squad

The B squad was a joy to coach and always gave 110%. Wins over Carrick and Down High helped give the players a bit more confidence as the season progressed.

Bethyn, Kitty and Gemma worked well at the back. Sophie was influential in the middle and worked tirelessly to feed the ball to the forwards.

Thanks must also go to the Year 8 players who played several matches for us – in particular Ruby Monaghan, Grace Anderson, Katie McClarnon and Riley Workman. They were a breath of fresh air and complimented the squad perfectly.



Thanks also must go to Miss McKnight who gave up her time on a Monday and a Wednesday and also Ellen Robinson who helped coach the girls.

B Squad

Kitty Weatherup
Bethyn King
Connie Butler
Chloe Butler
Shannon Farrall
Sophie Gedge-Duffy
Ericka Henry
Lucy Wilson
Thea Wood
Jess Rook
Darcy Montgomery
Emily Paden
Gemma Squance
Emily Thurley

Awards for 2017/18 season

Most Improved player Annabelle McClure
Player of the Year Gracie Keenan

Netball



The following players came regularly to practice and worked extremely hard to improve their skills: Lauren Redpath, Grace Laffin, Ruby Fell, Faye Shields, Eileen McDowell, Laia Halliday, Sophia Hawes, Harriet Graham, Beth Turner, Anna Cheung, Leah Carlin, Xanthe Grammaticus, Sophie Pollock, Leah Wilson, Sophia Hawes, Miya Rowan, Abbie Ennis, Charlotte Rudd.

The 'A' team this year competed in the TAGSA League and was crowned overall winners of the shield at the Finals day held in April at Bangor Academy this year. They had matches against Priory, Bangor Academy and Regent House. The girls played Regent House in the final and won 8-4. The team was a credit to Glenlola in both how it played and in general behaviour. This team has a lot of potential and we look forward to coaching them next year. Thanks must go to Mrs Caughers who helped coach the girls on a Monday afternoon at school.



A Team

Petra Taylor
Joy Ebbinghaus
Lucy Crutchley
Megan Leonard
Megan Joss
Poppi Robinson
Autumn Hawthorne
Eve Warren
Abbey Ferguson

The 'B' team worked tirelessly and improved significantly over the season. It began with a narrow defeat to Strangford College 11-10 but soon followed it up with wins against Nendrum, Regent and Dundonald. This year the team was crowned the TAGSA runners up.

B Team

Rosie Johnston
Sasha Gedge-Duffy
Abbey Dodds

Grace Anderson
Scarlett Urry
Lauren Taylor
Molly McCartney
Hope Stewart
Riley Workman
Abigail Law
Annie Muldoon



Year 10

This year has provided great success for both of the Year 10 Netball teams.

The 'A' team started off the season in the District 6 A league with convincing wins both home and away against Regent House and Sullivan Upper School. This success saw the players become District league champions, progressing to the Northern Ireland A League Final, which they won convincingly to become Northern Ireland A League Champions.

In the Northern Ireland Cup, the 'A' team had convincing wins in the early stages against Ballymena Academy and Assumption Grammar. However, the pupils came up against a very strong Rathmore team in the ¼ final which they narrowly lost. The team progressed through the Shield with ease with wins against Banbridge Academy and Loreto College, Omagh, securing a place in the Northern Ireland Shield Final. Another excellent team performance saw the Junior Netball team win the Northern Ireland Junior Shield 24-11 against Thornhill College.

The 'B' team also had great success this year and was undefeated throughout the group stages of the TAGSA league, with excellent wins against Bangor Academy, Regent House and Strangford College. This set up a final against Nendrum College, which saw an outstanding team performance for Glenlola Junior B Team to win the TAGSA League.

Many thanks to Mrs Caughers.

Minor 'A' Netball Team

The Minor 'A' Netball team had a mixed season. It competed in the Northern Ireland League and played matches against Rockport, Regent and Sullivan. The team won against Sullivan and was narrowly beaten by Regent and Rockport. In the Cup the Minor team was unlucky to lose in a very competitive game against St. Pauls. In the shield competition, the team enjoyed a comfortable win against Our Lady and St Patricks College which meant it progressed to the final. The team was thrilled to be part of the finals day where no less than 30 teams competed for 15 different cups and shields. Again our opponents were St Pauls and we were narrowly beaten in a competitive final.



Minor 'B' Netball Team

The Minor 'B' team had a mixed season but has undoubtedly shown a massive improvement from the beginning of the year. In the District 6 league the team enjoyed success against Bloomfield, Priory and St Columbanus and was unlucky to lose against Regent and Strathearn. The team has im-



proved skills and match play from the beginning of the season and, with continued effort and determination will enjoy more success in the future.

Intermediates (Years 11 & 12)

This year we had two Intermediate teams training on a weekly basis and competing at a high level. The 'A' team played in the Northern Ireland Premier League (a new league structure for those teams who have excelled in previous years) and the Northern Ireland Cup Competition.

In the section of the Premier League the players completed against Thornhill College, winning 22-16 and St. Paul's Bessbrook, winning 30-14. This meant they were League winners, qualifying for the knock-out stages. In the semi-final stage of this, the team beat Wallace 33-20 and progressed to the final. In the final they once again played St. Paul's but this time the result did not go our way. However, to finish as runners-up in a Northern Ireland-wide competition is a tremendous achievement and one that I am very proud of.



Intermediate 'A' Netball – Jessica Lord (Captain), Joanna Beattie, Mia Boyd, Tori Brown, Georgia Hoy, Lucy McCune, Emily Naylor, Ruby Houstoun, Katie Brown, Rachel Johnston, Kirsten Hanna and Emer Malcolm.

In the Cup competition, the players played Aquinas in the first round and won 21-18. In the second round the team played Loreto and won comfortably, 26-7. They then progressed to the quarter-final stage where they met St. Paul's, again! Another victory meant a place in the semi-finals where they came up against a very strong side from Lumen Christi. The team played some wonderful netball

and emerged victorious. This earned them a place in the Northern Ireland Cup Final against Rathmore. Finals day was scheduled for 21st March and was played at Lisburn Racquets. It was a brilliant day with the finals of the Cup, Shield, Plate and Bowl competitions for Minors, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors all being played. The atmosphere was amazing, especially the cheering from the large contingent of Glenlola pupils who had come along to support! The Intermediate team put up a great fight, but on the day, Rathmore were just too strong.

I cannot emphasise just how good this group of pupils are – they won the Northern Ireland Cup as Minors and Juniors, were semi-finalists as Intermediates when they were a year younger than most of the other competitors and now Cup runners-up. Their dedication to their sport and their willingness to succeed, especially when things have been against them, is something that all our netballers should be striving for. I am very excited to see what next season brings!

The 'B' team played in the Northern Ireland 'A' League which was a big step up for all of these girls, but one that we knew they were capable of making. The Team played against teams from Rockport, Regent and Sullivan winning 22-5, 20-4 and 24-10. This meant that they won their League section comfortably and progressed to the Northern Ireland 'A' League semi-final stages, where they met the 'A' team from Aquinas. Our netballers put up a great fight, but Aquinas emerged victorious. The team deserves so much credit for its achievements this year; playing in a league which was for 'A' teams and acquitted admirably. The schools



that they played assumed that this was our 'A' team and were amazed to learn that the players were only in Year 11 and on the 'B' team!



Intermediate 'B' Netball – Emily Crutchley (Captain), Emily Montgomery, Emer Malcolm, Olivia Marshall, Brooke Stranaghan, Kirsten Hanna, Zoe Steen, Juno Chapman, Lucy Leathem, Freya McNeice and Emma Stevenson.

Seniors (Years 13 & 14)

The Senior team played in the Northern Ireland 'A' League and the Northern Ireland Cup. In the League the team played against very strong teams from Sullivan and Regent, and were beaten in both. In the Cup they played Methody in the first round and were beaten, meaning that they were then entered into the Bowl competition where they played Thornhill. Despite putting up a brave fight, they were narrowly beaten.

Senior Netball – Taylor Irwin (Captain), Cherie Bull, Hannah Clarke, Katie McCausland, Emily Doherty, Anna Leeburn, Kirstie Oliver, Brooke Stewart, Zara Dowds, Jessica Dempster.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Maureen Caughers for all her work with the teams this year - we are truly indebted to her and could not function without her expertise, wisdom and support. She is highly valued by staff and pupils alike.

Mrs K Johnston



This year, 28 pupils from Year 8 to 14 attended gymnastics club on a weekly basis. They were assigned to work as part of a pair or a group of six and began preparing for the Northern Ireland Schools' Acro Gymnastics Competition in September.



The Northern Ireland Schools' Acro Gymnastics Competition was held on Sunday 4th March 2018 in Bangor Aurora, and the results were as follows:

U14 Novice Pairs:

1st Place: Daisy Dickson and Abbie Ferguson
2nd Place: Connie Butler and Gracie Campbell



U14 Pairs:

8th Place: Alice Johnston and Poppy Irvine

U14 Groups:

A Team = 2nd Place:

Katie Vaughan, Taylor Bradford, Megan Haire, Connie Watt, Corinna Meier and Molly Wallace.



B team = 3rd Place:

Alice Johnston, Molly Hicks, Olivia Williamson, Daisy Sheldon, Emma Houston and Poppy Irvine.



U19 Pairs:

3rd Place: Emily McMullan and Ailie Greer

4th Place: Chloe Shaw and Aimee Hughes

**U19 Groups:**

2nd Place: Kirstie Oliver, Tessa Quinn, Sara Zoltan, Alexandra Garrett, Louise Savage and Katie Wilson.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Meier and Sophie Oliver for all their work with the gymnasts this year. It is always a pleasure to welcome back “old girls” to share their experience and expertise; their presence has been an integral part of the success that we have achieved this year.

Mrs K. Johnston

Swimming

Glenlola Swimming Team has had an extremely busy and successful school year.



In September, Campbell College held the Ulster Schools Relay Gala with our Teams making an excellent start to the term. The Junior Relay team of Amelia Urry, Keira Williams, Lucy Hill and Tarryn Barr won the Junior Medley Cup and the Junior Relay team of Amelia Urry, Ellie McKibbin, Keira Williams and Tarryn Barr won the Junior Freestyle Cup. The 6x50 Open Relay team, consisting of a mix of Year 9-14 pupils, won Silver.

In October, the Team had huge success at the Swim Ulster Schools Championships, competing against more than 1000 pupils from across Ulster and had incredible success.



Ellie McKibbin



Tarryn Barr

Individually, Ellie McKibbin became Junior Swim Ulster Schools' Champion in 100m Butterfly and won Silver in 100m Freestyle. Tarryn Barr became Junior Swim Ulster Schools' Champion in 200m Individual Medley. Zoe Thompson became Inter-

mediate Swim Ulster Schools' Champion in 100m Breaststroke. Sarah Davidson won Bronze in 100m Butterfly.



The Junior Relay Team of Amelia Urry, Keira Williams, Lucy Hill and Tarryn Barr won the Junior Medley Relay and finished second in the Freestyle Relay.



The Senior Relay Team of Abbie Thompson, Ellie McKibbin, Sarah Davidson and Zoe Thompson were crowned Double Ulster Schools' Champions, winning both the Freestyle and Medley relays. As a result of such strong performances from all of



our 9 Junior girls in individual and relay events throughout Sunday morning, Glenlola Collegiate

won the Swim Ulster Firth Junior Schools' Cup for Girls, a fabulous achievement. Well done girls.

November saw another gala filled with success for our Junior swimmers, this time the Ulster Grammar Schools' Gala in Ballymena. The Junior Relay Team of Amelia Urry, Keira Williams, Lucy Hill and Tarryn Barr won Gold in the Freestyle Relay and Silver in the Medley Relay.

Individually, Amelia Urry won Bronze in the Junior 50m Freestyle. Tarryn Barr won Silver in the 50m Butterfly and Bronze in the 100m Individual Medley.

April saw Glenlola Collegiate enter the Irish Senior Schools' Relay Finals for the first time. The Senior Relay team of Abbie Thompson, Ellie McKibbin, Sarah Davidson and Zoe Thompson came second in Ireland, achieving Silver medals in both the Freestyle and Medley relays.

The Junior Relay team of Farrah Allen, Keira Williams, Amelia Urry and Lucy Hill also won Bronze medals in both the Freestyle and Medley relays.

The season finished off with the Ulster Secondary Schools' Gala for our Junior Swimmers. Individually, Amelia Urry won Bronze in the Junior 50m Breaststroke final. The Junior Relay team also won Bronze in the Medley Relay.

Well done to all our swimmers on such a successful year.

Miss C Lough

ULSTER SCHOOL'S DERBY

The 6th Ulster Schools' Derby, organised by Glenlola Collegiate School, was held on Thursday 21 June 2018 at Gransha Equestrian Centre. One hundred and nine riders from schools across Northern Ireland attended the event.

Calum Pearson, representing Campbell College Junior School won the Primary School class (sponsored by Autokleen) riding his pony Lackaghmore Frishow. Andrew Sharvin, representing Downpatrick Primary School was the worthy winner of the Tack and Turnout prize with his pony Archill Lass.

The Newcomer class, sponsored this year by Noble Restaurant (Holywood), was won by Louise Brown from Strathearn School riding Murphy. The tack and turnout prize was won by Holly McCoubrey representing Strangford College on Spirit.

The Novice class, sponsored by Brewin Dolphin (Belfast) was the largest of the day with 50 riders. Vicky Fox riding Lislaird Joni (representing Victoria College), won this class with a clear round and a time of 22.90 seconds. Abby Cummisky, Katie Robinson, Tara Emmett and Zara Sharvin, representing Down High School, won the Novice Team competition and Tara Emmett was also the worthy winner of the Tack and Turnout Prize.

The final class of the day was the Open competition sponsored by U-Hire NI (ltd.). Year 11 pupil Cerys Howell, representing Glenlola Collegiate School, won the individual Open competition whilst Rocco Quinn, Olivia Quinn and Jessica Davidson, representing Belfast Royal Academy, finished the day as Open Team Champions. Tack and Turnout for the Open class was won by Glenlola Collegiate's Year 9 pupil Zara Wood.

Champions, in each class, were presented with trophies, donated by Glenlola Collegiate, embroidered rugs and sashes. These prizes were only possible due to the generosity of the class sponsors and of Jim Devenport Butchers (Donaghadee) who sponsored the rosettes. Botanica 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 Amazon vouchers to the top fundraiser. This was awarded to Nicole McStay from St. Joseph's

primary school who raised £136. In total £800 was raised and will be presented to Macmillan Cancer Support later this week.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people whom without their support, the event would not have been possible. Thanks to Adrienne Stuart from

Gransha Equestrian Centre who designed, built and maintained the fantastic derby course. Thanks must also go to our judge, Noeleen Mayberry, who gave of her time so freely. To Ciaran Sinnerton, the 'gate keeper', for allowing the event to run smoothly. Thanks also go to past pupil Ciara Gilroy who judged the Tack and Turnout. Thanks must also go to the staff from Glenlola Collegiate who helped at the event (Brian Montgomery, Brian McMillan and Rosie Carlin) and to the trusty team of pupil volunteers. Finally, we must thank all those competitors, parents, teachers and helpers from the many different schools who were in attendance. Without their support the event would not run.





Leavers' Dinner



