



# GLENLOLA NEWSLETTER

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Your gateway to the latest news, events, and accomplishments within our vibrant school community.

Upcoming events

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**04.10.23**

Senior House Netball  
Competition

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**05.10.23**

Shakespeare  
Performance Event –  
Year 11-14

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**12-13.10.23**

AS Geography Fieldtrip



## Year 13 Team Building Day

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we had our annual Year 13 Teambuilding Day at Lorne House. It was a fantastic day, with the rain in no way dampening spirits, as the Year 13s got involved in abseiling, archery, team games and even learnt survival and teamwork skills and how to start a fire in the wild! It was a great opportunity for pupils to get to know others in their year, to develop skills they didn't know they had, and to get to know their Form Teachers and Senior School Team. We all look forward to seeing this year's Year 13 make their mark, get involved in school life and make a lot of fantastic memories over the next two years, and the Teambuilding Day was a great start to this. Well done everyone!





## School Musical

Auditions took place for our next musical **"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat."**

Mrs Irvine and her team auditioned over 180 brave and talented girls for a part in the show.

What an amazing array of talent there was on display!

Keep an eye out for updates as we eagerly count down the days to the performance scheduled for January 2024!



## Hockey Results



## Football

Congratulations to Year 11 pupil, Daisy who has been selected to play for Northern Ireland Women's U15 Football squad. The squad will travel to Kaunas in Lithuania to face their counterparts from Poland, Moldova and Lithuania next month. What a fantastic achievement!



## Netball Success

Well done to Joy Ebbinghaus, a Year 14 student and the current Games Captain and Senior Player. Joy has been selected for Northern Ireland Under 19 Netball Team after successfully passing a selection and trial process.

Well done Joy!

## Updates

# Tallwood Trip

Last week saw the welcome return of our international collaboration with Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach, USA. 10 GCS pupils experienced life as pupils overseas, developed strong friendships with their host families and enjoyed the sights and sounds of a city rich with the history of America. Our delegation gave presentations to their fellow students at Tallwood and were even involved in a meeting between the Sister Cities Organisation and the Mayor of Ards and North Down Borough Council at the Virginia Beach Town Hall! Check out the GlenlolaLinks Instagram page to see all that they got up to. At Glenlola, we look forward to hosting a reciprocal visit from Tallwood to in March 2024.



## Show Jumping

Asya Dixon (Year 10) represented school in the highly competitive Individual Novice class at the TRI Inter Schools Show on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Meadows Equestrian Centre. Asya had a clear round with Sliabh Bán Rosie but unfortunately rolled a pole and finished on 4 faults with her second horse Donaghmore Melody Song.





# Safer Schools NI

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Glenlola hosted Safer Schools NI regional training, welcoming representatives from thirty-five local schools. Together, we gained insight into current and emerging trends, risks and threats to young people's online safety and we discussed the specialist tools and resources available to us as educators that will help us educate, empower and try to protect our school communities. The training was delivered in an engaging, professional and thought-provoking manner and we thank the whole team at Safer Schools NI for delivering.



## Year 8 House Rounders

On Tuesday, our Year 8 students had the opportunity to participate in their first House event of the year: House Rounders! All six houses participated. A lot of fun was had by everyone, and there was a strong display of house spirit. Congratulations to Ward House for winning the event.

Here are the final results:

- 1st - Ward  
2nd - Weir  
3rd - Clanmorris  
4th - Hamilton  
5th - Harte  
6th - Dufferin



## Golf

Congratulations to our Golf Team - Lucy M, Lucy Y, Sophie and Anna who won the Irish Post-Primary Schools Championships. The team have now qualified for the All-Ireland Finals - an excellent achievement!

