



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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Bar Mock Trial
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Air Ambulance Northern Ireland

We are delighted to announce that £1195.04 was raised through our 'Red Day' for the Air Ambulance Northern Ireland.

Thank you to everyone who participated and/or donated money.

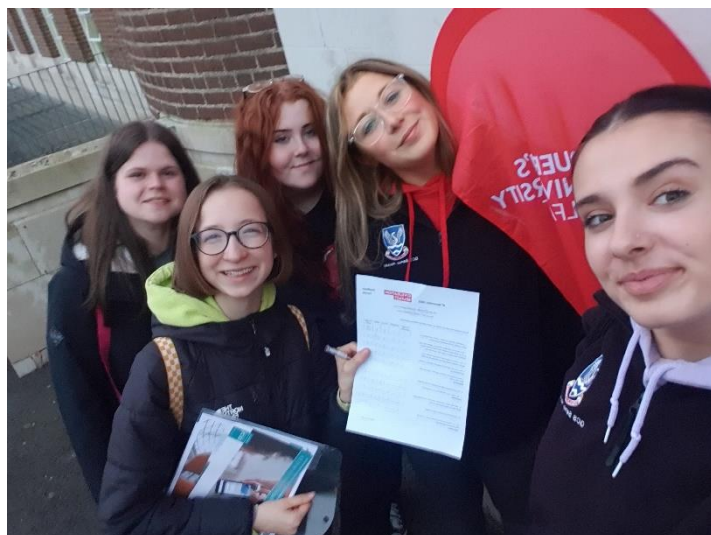


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Civil Engineering

On 9th November 2023, five Year 13 Glenlola Collegiate Physics and Mathematics students travelled to Queen's University Belfast for an introduction in Civil Engineering. The day began with an introduction lecture and insight from a past university student about what the day-to-day life is like as a civil engineer. We then travelled to the construction site of the new Belfast Grand Central Station. There, we received a site tour, inspiring talk and a unique VR experience. This was probably everyone's favourite part of the day. The rest of the day included visiting the Latin Weir, Quinn Piling, Victoria Square and back to Queen's for a finishing quiz. All of the site visits gave us an amazing insight into the civil engineering as a profession and the science and engineering in the structures we encounter every day. We all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and would recommend it for younger year groups if this opportunity comes up again.



Eco Council

Our Eco council completed their first litter pick of the year in Castle Park recently. This is an area that we are responsible for through the "Adopt a Spot" scheme organised by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. Much fun was had squirrel spotting, mud avoiding, shrub rummaging and bin bag filling, as the council made their way through the park improving Biodiversity and removing some rubbish.



Ulster Schools Swimming

Kiera Creaney has just returned from a fabulous training camp in Tenerife with a team of 24 swimmers representing their schools from across the Province. We are so proud to hear from the coach that Kiera was *"a delight to have on the trip - she is a great ambassador for your school and her behaviour was exemplary and it was a real pleasure to spend time getting to know her"*.

Well done, Kiera.



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Ulster Hockey

Well done to Olivia (Year 10) and Vanessa (Year 11) who have been selected onto the Ulster Hockey U15 Talent Development Programme – a great achievement!



Ice Skating

Congratulations to Faye (Year 9) who was the winner of the McIntyre Shield Competition at Dundonald Ice Skating Club recently. She also passed both her Silver and Gold Passport Awards – well done!



St. John's Ambulance Award

Emma (Year 9) received the Ruth Juste Memorial Shield for Outstanding Achievement from Dr. Walker, Lead Volunteer at St. John's Ambulance, for assisting a member of the public and providing care until paramedics arrived. Well done Emma #gcsproud



Wellness Centre @ GCS

Class 8A were the first class to write on the Cygnet Wellness Centre Wall – lovely to see what makes pupils happy in School. Follow @wellnessatglenlola for more updates!



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Christmas Fair

It is our pleasure to invite everyone to our annual Christmas Craft and Gift fair.

Everyone is very welcome and we would love to see you there for food, fun, Santa and some Christmas gift shopping!



Remembrance Sunday

Cadets from Glenlola and Bangor Grammar took part in a Service of Remembrance on Sunday at Ward Park in Bangor.

Christmas

Hard luck to our U14s losing 2-1 to Clounagh JHS this week in the Junior Cup, goal scored by Bethany. Our focus will now turn to the Junior Plate. Well played everyone!



New Art Department Trophies

This year, two new trophies were added to the trophy cabinet.

The A2 Level Hawkins Award for Art & Design honors the devotion of Miss Hawkins, who retired this year after 25 years of teaching Art & Design at Glenlola Collegiate. The Hawkins Award was presented to Rachel Smyth, a well deserving pupil, who had shown commitment and creativity throughout her A2 Level course.

Alisha Irvine and Charlotte Davis were the first students to receive the new AS Level Award for Art & Design. Both students achieved **full marks, joint top in Northern Ireland** for AS Level Art & Design, which is an outstanding achievement.



Geography

On Thursday 30th November - Year 14 Geographers Ashleigh Thompson, Poppy Dann, Niamh Pyper and Molly McCarroll are all taking part in a simulation COP28 event in Belfast City Hall. They will take on different roles, and work with other schools to negotiate a climate deal to try and tackle global climate change.