



# 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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04.05.2024

Duke of Ed Silver  
Training Day

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06.05.2024

May Day Bank Holiday

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07-10.05.2024

External GCE and  
GCSE Examinations

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13-17.05.2024

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GCSE Examinations



## Pupil Leadership Team 2024/2025

We are delighted to introduce the group of talented young women who have been selected to be part of the Pupil Leadership Team for the Academic Year 2024/2025.

**Head Girl:** Kiera Edgar

**Deputy Head Girls:** Isabella Heaney, Ariana Hodgen, Romy Maguire, Sarah McLean

**Games Captain:** Rachel Jackson

**Clanmorris House Captain:** Charlotte Bates

**Dufferin House Captain:** Rachael Horner

**Hamilton House Captain:** Ellie Thorpe

**Harte House Captain:** Ellie-May Irvine

**Ward House Captain:** Alex Fletcher

**Weir House Captain:** Jessica Finlay

**Junior School Prefect:** Matilda Heaney, Jenna Doherty, Beth Heasley

**Middle School Prefect:** Emma Taylor, Carrie Wilson

**Chair of Student Council:** Zara Heron

**Administrative Prefect:** Katie Bruce

**Pastoral Care Prefect:** Tess Crothers

**Public Relations Prefect:** Quinn McEilly

**Chair of Eco Council:** Sara Smith-Stanton

## Updates

### Gymnastics Success!

Over the weekend, our U14 Gymnastics team competed at the British Schools National Finals in Stoke-on-Trent, England. The girls finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, bringing home bronze medals. This is an incredible achievement, competing against the top schools in the United Kingdom.



### Eco School Visit 23/04/2024



On Tuesday, Glenlola received assessors from Eco schools to chat about our application for Green Flag status. Members of the Eco council, including Autumn Hawthorne, our Sustainability Prefect and student lead, presented our successes this year in the areas of Biodiversity, Waste management and Marine.

The visiting delegation was very impressed and positive about our commitment to the Eco schools' program, something which they are keen to promote within the Post Primary sector. Autumn has been a fantastic student leader and an "eco inspiration", with the application for Green Flag status a fitting legacy to her time at Glenlola.

### Royal Yachting Association

Congratulations to Emily Dickson and Emily Macafee who both received awards at the recent RYA Awards Ceremony.

Emily Dickson was awarded Young Volunteer of the Year. She is Junior Commodore at Donaghadee Sailing Club and has been recognised for her time, commitment and energy in inspiring young members to get involved, both on and off the water.

Emily Macafee is a Topper (Dinghy) sailor from Ballyholme Yacht Club and was named Young Sailor of the Year, in recognition of making an exceptional contribution to the sport. Huge congratulations to both.



## Northern Ireland Festival - Show Jumping

Rebecca Cowan (9F) competed at the Northern Ireland Festival last week in Cavan on her ponies Teal and Hugo. This is the largest horse and pony show in Ireland. Rebecca picked up rosettes in all her classes placing 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th. She went on to win reserve champion show pony which allowed her to participate in the supreme championship evening performance!



## Air Ambulance

Grace Williams from Air Ambulance NI collected a cheque for £8190 from the Head Girl Team and Mrs Haslam, Charity Coordinator, at our final whole school assembly of the year. Grace spoke about the invaluable and life-saving work of Air Ambulance NI.



## Ulster Schools Swimming Gala

A total of 20 Glenlola pupils took part in the Ulster Schools Gala in Ards in April. Notable results include:

Megan Markwell 3rd Year 8 Backstroke  
Carys Nicolai 3rd Year 9 Backstroke  
Zara Reid 1st Year 10 Butterfly and 3rd Year 10 IM.

The Junior Freestyle Relay team of Megan Markwell, Carys Nicolai, Zara Reid and Rachel Moore finished 3rd.



## Water Polo

Chloe Stewart, Lottie Parker, Tilly Beattie, Florence Charlton and Megan Markwell represented their club Bangor Barracudas competing in the U15 Water Polo Irish Cup in Galway last weekend.



### Year 12 Leavers

Mr Spence and Mrs Donnan bid farewell to Year 12 yesterday morning as they head off on study leave. The group also celebrated the winner of the Hayes Cup, voted for by the pupils, and the winner this year was the very lovely Eva Posner!



### Gold Duke of Ed



In July 2024, a group of six girls from year 13 will be travelling to Chamonix to complete 4 days of trekking along part of the Tour de Mont Blanc through Italy, Switzerland and France for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. In preparation for this expedition, the girls must complete two training days and two practice expeditions in the Mourne mountains. Here are a few photographs from the first of their two 3-day practice expeditions last weekend from Friday 26th-Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### CCF



Congratulations to the Year 10 CCF cadets who completed their Junior Leadership Course at Palace Barracks. Over the weekend they had lessons in types of leadership and how to lead a team, they participated in Practical Leadership Tasks and orienteering, and they had opportunities to try out their own leadership skills. They will now have opportunities to build on this course during Wednesday evening CCF training. We are proud of how enthusiastic they were and how willing they were to give things a try. They grew in confidence as the weekend progressed and we look forward to seeing their development in the coming years.

# Updates

## Careers in Social Work Event

A number of pupils in Years 12-14 attended a lunchtime information session on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April about career opportunities in Social Work. The School was delighted to welcome Rachael Graham and Judith Hanna from the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, both of whom are senior social workers with a wealth of experience and expertise in their specialist fields. During the session, pupils were given insights into Social Work as a career choice, including tips on how to apply to, and interview for, Social Work studies in Northern Ireland and beyond. It was a fantastic opportunity for Middle and Senior School pupils to find out more about what social workers do, the difference social work can make, what makes a successful application, how to gain relevant work and volunteering experience, and the financial support available to Social Work students. We are very grateful to Rachael and Judith for taking the time out of their busy schedules to speak to our pupils about the valuable work of social workers in the community and in the lives of individuals and their families.

## Athletics

Yesterday, Y8-Y10 athletes competed in the District Athletics. Masie placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the JG 100m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the JG Triple Jump; Chloe F placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the JG High Jump; Isla placed first in the JG Javelin; Anna G placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the JG Long Jump and 4<sup>th</sup> in the JG Triple Jump; Emma R placed 1<sup>st</sup> in JG Discus and 2<sup>nd</sup> in MG Shot Putt and Chloe S placed 4<sup>th</sup> in MiniG 800m. The teams also placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Mini Relay, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Minor Relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Relay. Congratulations to all the girls who represented the School.

## Golf

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Lucy Yeates, Sophie Maidment and Lucy Morrison won the Irish Schools Golf championships. Lucy Morrison also won the Best overall Junior player. Well done!

