



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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23.08.2024

Year 13
Return to School

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26.08.2024

Bank Holiday

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27.2024

Year 8
Return to School

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28.08.2024

Years 12 & 14
Return to School

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29.08.2024

Years 8-11 & 13
Return to School

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30.08.2024

All Year Groups Return
to School

Headmaster's End of Year Message

As we reach the end of another busy and productive year, I would like to express my thanks to our parents and carers for the part they have played in enabling and encouraging their daughters to engage fully in school life. They have worked hard, learned much and travelled a little further on their educational journeys. I also want to thank their teachers and all of our support staff for the commitment that they bring to the School and its pupils every day.

Summer, and hopefully a little sunshine, beckons!

Uganda Feminine Care Packs

Suitcases packed with over two hundred and fifty feminine care packs, each with three reusable sanitary towels, will travel to Uganda this weekend with a team of staff and pupils. Students in Charlene's Secondary School will not only receive a pack but will be taught how to make them on new sewing machines purchased for the school. Many students miss school due to period poverty and it is hoped that this project will make a huge difference.

Many thanks to all staff involved but particularly Christine McCullough, our school Art Technician for her talent and dedication at making this vision a reality.



Updates

GCSE Geography

Our GCSE Geographers embarked on their fieldtrip up to the north coast to experience how the Curly Burn River changes downstream. The pupils enjoyed applying all the skills they learnt in class and great teamwork was evident throughout the day, as pupils were fully engaged with the data collection methods. Well done to all GCSE Geographers involved.



Ulster Schools Tennis Champions

On Wednesday 19th June the Ulster Junior tennis finals were held at Bangor Lawn Tennis Club. The Glenlola Junior team (Connie Moore (Yr10), Emily Martindale (Year9), Lily Hall (Yr9) and Sienna Hall (Yr9) were drawn against Victoria College Belfast and what a final it was! The girls played brilliantly and really fought until the end, in fact it all came down to the last doubles match and luckily Connie and Emily were able to get a convincing win.

We are so proud of this team who worked solidly to help lift the cup for a second consecutive year. Well done girls



Ulster Hockey

Well done to Y9 pupils Anya, Alice, Kate and Anna who recently completed the U13 Ulster Hockey Talent Programme.



Ulster Rugby U16s

Congratulations to Robyn Y11 who has been selected for the Ulster Rugby U16 Development Programme!



NAPCE

Congratulations to the Pastoral Care Team who have been named as a finalist in 3 categories of the NAPCE (National Association for Pastoral Care in Education) Awards this year!

The categories are Pastoral Development of the Year, Pastoral Team of the Year and Raising Awareness about Pastoral Care.

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Updates

Year 8 KS3 Science

As part of the Year 8 KS 3 Science course, we had the opportunity to visit Bangor Walled Garden. The students explored the garden and classified the plants into Mosses, Ferns, Gymnosperms and Angiosperms. The Art department would also be delighted that we availed of the beautiful Sculptures darted around the borders and had a wee look. The Year 8's also managed an ice -cream along the way. As usual the students were exceptional and a credit to the school. How lovely having such a beautiful resource on our doorstep.

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MiSAC Annual competition

The Biology Department would like to say a huge well done to Stella, Anya, Daisy and Ruby who took place in the 36th MiSAC Annual competition. This competition run by the Microbiology in School Advisory Committee, challenged the students to research and present information on one of 20 Neglected Tropical Diseases and the impact of Climate Change. There were over 480 separate entries and although our girls did not place, they thoroughly enjoyed developing their knowledge outside the classroom and produced some amazing work strictly adhering to the brief. We look forward to entering more students from KS3 and 4 next year when they explore Human Fungal Disease and Anti-fungal drug resistance. These competitions are fantastic as they increase our student's awareness of the link between what we learn in the classroom and the relevance in the real world. Well done!



Updates

NI Trampolining

Congratulations to Jessica in Y8 who finished 3rd individually and 2nd as part of a team in the recent NI Trampolining Championships.

Cambridge Biology Challenge

In January of this year 2 teams from Year 13 entered the first ever Cambridge Biology Challenge run by Homerton College. Over the course of the last 6 months the girls have submitted responses to questions posed by

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the university and have watched as they have moved up the leader board

The competition is very intense with over 475 teams taking part and 2000 students involved. The purpose of this competition is to gain an understanding and insight into the type of questions asked at Oxbridge interviews.

Every 3 weeks a new question is released, and the students have 2 weeks to discuss and the freedom to respond in any format they choose. The questions have been challenging in their abstract nature and have required the students to stretch their minds, apply their scientific understanding and think 'outside the box'.

Both our teams are performing well, with Alex and Hetty in 12th place whilst Maisie, Jenna, Sanji and Sarah are in 5th position. The later team are one of 15 teams in the top 5 places in the competition with 463 teams below them. The girls should be commended for their commitment and dedication, continuing to meet and take part in this challenge whilst continuing to study for their AS levels.



Accelerated Reader

Pupils received rewards in form class this week for completing the bonus target period in Accelerated Reader. After a final Star Test, we have now concluded the AR programme for this school year, and we are delighted to report that it has been another very successful year! Although this programme is delivered via English classes, it is important to remember that improved levels of literacy gained through reading practice, benefits pupil attainment cross *all* subjects. We set three main target periods across the school year. We recently rewarded those pupils who managed to meet all 3 targets set, across all 3 target periods, with an ice cream. This achievement requires impressive consistency and dedication from the pupils concerned and we were hugely impressed that around 80 pupils across junior school accomplished this feat. Our top 3 readers were also rewarded with book tokens in acknowledgment of their deep love of reading. Between them, these 3 pupils read an astonishing 13 million words!

Final Totals for the year are as follows;

Number of quizzes passed - 3290

Number of pupils reading 1 million words or more - 22

Number of pupils reading more than 2 million words - 4

Words read by our top reader - 5,106,443!

Total number of words read by all pupils - 198,390,453!

Congratulations to all on another very successful year's reading.



Eco Schools

At the 30th Anniversary of Eco Schools celebration event, Glenlola Collegiate not only received their Green Flag award and "Eco school" status but our very own Autumn Hawthorne won Eco-pupil of the year for Ards and North Down! This prestigious award is well deserved and recognises the long term dedication and passion for sustainability which Autumn has shown throughout her whole school career. Our Sustainability Prefect has left a solid legacy and we wish her further success as she moves on from Glenlola. Well done, Autumn!

QUB Girls in Mathematics and Physics Event

On Wednesday 19th June, nineteen pupils attended the QUB Physics event. The day began with a question panel of female Mathematic and Physics undergraduates and graduates, and this gave the girls an insight into the advantages of a Mathematics or Physics Degree and the varied careers that it could lead to. This was followed by a hands-on event of practical applications and research currently taking place at QUB and the afternoon involved analysing real-life data to determine the speed at which distance galaxies are moving and estimating the age of the Universe

