



# 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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**25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Staff Development Day  
- School Closed to Pupils.



## Bradley Art Prize

Congratulations to GCSE art student Erin McDaid who achieved 100% in CCEA GCSE Art & Design, placing her as the joint top art candidate in Northern Ireland.

Her success continued as she won the 'Bradley Art Prize' in the 14-18 age category. She was presented with a trophy, cash prize and art supplies gift voucher. The Art Department also benefited by receiving a substantial gift voucher for art supplies.

Erin's winning artwork has now gone on tour. It was initially displayed at the Titanic Exhibition Centre, followed by the Bradley Gallery, Victoria Square Belfast and is currently exhibited at the NI Executive Offices in Brussels.

## Updates

### Irish Language

Irish language has been spoken in Glenlola for the first time this week as our new Irish Language afterschool class kicked off.

It was challenging at first, but everyone stepped out of their comfort zones by speaking Irish in front of each other.



### Trampolining

Well done to Molly who competed in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in a UK wide competition and securing silver and bronze medals.



### 'Mission Catastrophe'

Congratulations to Alisha Farnan, Anya Birkett, Cara Allsop and Isla Corbridge on having their winning short stories published in 'Mission Catastrophe' as part of the Young Writers competition.

### Dance

Glenlola Collegiate has been shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Post Primary School of the Year' dance award. Nominations for this prestigious award is a lovely recognition of our School and our students, staff and parents who make it possible. Thank you to everyone who nominated us.



## Show Jumping

Well done to Katie Cochrane, Caitlyn Wells and Charlotte Muir who participated in the Interschools Show Jumping competition. The team will be heading back this weekend for the next round of the Interschools SJ League - good luck!



## Craft Fair

The annual Craft Fair will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 3pm. We hope to make it an even bigger, better fundraising day than before and as such, new stalls will be available.

The application form can be found on our website.

## Swimming

Well done to Chloe Stewart who participated in the National Age Group Championships in Limerick during the summer.

Chloe secured three gold, two silver and two bronze medals.



## Visit to Bangor Castle



Six Senior School pupils from Glenlola had the opportunity to meet the US Consul General and the Mayor of our Borough at Bangor Castle yesterday. Accompanied by Mr Thompson and Mr Dorman, they were there to give a presentation on their experiences of the Tallwood Exchange programme with our partner school in Virginia Beach, USA. Council leaders spoke of how eloquent and confident our Y14 pupils were and US Consul General, James Applegate, enjoyed the chance to discuss the similarities and differences between Northern Irish and American culture. Our pupils have been invited back to give their presentation to a council working group in the future as we at GCS and the Council continue to strengthen our International Links.

## Updates

### Eco Council

As part of Eco-Unesco Eco Week, members of the GCS Eco council took part in an interactive webinar called "Clean Coasts". This was delivered by An Taisce, the National Trust in The Republic of Ireland. Using the Glenlola Conference Suite, we learned about Coastal Biodiversity and pollution and were encouraged to educate others and get involved with maintaining the health of our own coastlines in Bangor. Later in the year we hope to organise a beach clean; watch this space!



### Deloitte Visit

Accounting professionals from Deloitte in Belfast visited Glenlola today and ran an interactive session for a group of Year 13 pupils to give them a flavour of what accounting looks like in industry. The workshop involved auditing a fictional company, where our students calculated materiality and performed testing to detect fraud and errors. Thank you to the fantastic team at Deloitte and to our Year 13 participants!

### Peer Supporter Training

Our Peer Supporters receive training in Pastoral Care and Child Protection every year. However, as part of the Shared Education partnership, we were fortunate this year to have Bangor Grammar and St Columbanus students join us.

Special Thanks go to Mrs Wilson, Mr Barr and Mr Haylett for preparing resources and delivering the training.



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### European Day of Languages 2024

To celebrate the European Day of Languages 2024 we ran a 'Languages for Peace' poster competition for all year groups. It was lovely to see the colourful and original ideas produced by our pupils.

We also had a 'Ukrainian Language and Culture' taster session at lunchtime led by Mrs Sliusar to celebrate the wide diversity of languages across Europe. We all enjoyed learning some phrases and tasting some Ukrainian cuisine!



### AS Geography

At the end of September, our AS Geographers battled the elements of the North Coast Umbra sand dune system along Benone beach, to collect data for their Unit 3 exam in 2025. All of our students showed great teamwork, resilience, and expertise as they took soil samples, identified plant species and measured the microclimate along a 40m transect of the dune system.

When back in the Fieldwork Centre, they carried on with some 'lab work' into the evening to ensure their samples were appropriately prepared for further investigations on Day 2.

Well done to all students involved - a great trip, as always!

