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# GLENLOLA NEWSLETTER

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

*As we reach the end of the longest term in the School year, I would like to thank all of our parents and guardians for helping their daughters in their educational journeys and for their continuing support to the School. The happy news shared in our Glenlola Newsletters is a direct consequence of your input and influence.*

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

*WE Thompson*

*Headmaster*



## 3XI Hockey Through to Next Round of Cup

The 3rd XI hockey team travelled to Larne to play in the second round of their cup on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

What an intense match! Holding out for a 1-1 draw (goal scored by Lucy Y) and then dominating the penalty run ins with a 3-0 win.

Emily (GK) kept calm under pressure and kept a clean sheet, saving all of the opposition's run ins and was voted player of the match. Well done to Sofia, Katie, Lucy Y, Sophie and Lucy M who stepped up to take the run-ins, showing incredible skill and composure under pressure.

The team were delighted after their performance and are looking forward to the next round after Christmas.

## Young Citizen's Bar Mock Trial

On Saturday 30th November, sixteen Year 13 pupils competed in the Belfast Heat of the Young Citizen's Bar Mock Trial competition. This competition immersed the team in all aspects of a criminal trial, as they filled the roles of barristers, witnesses, ushers, clerks and jurors. The performance of the pupils across three hard-fought rounds was exemplary, and a great day was had by all.



## COP29 Climate Change Summit

On November 19<sup>th</sup> four Year 14 Geographers Hannah, Faith, Sara and Sophie took part in the COP29 Climate Change Summit simulation event at Belfast City Hall, organised by the British Council.

Pupils adopted roles as country representatives and lobby groups affected by the growing issue of global climate change, identifying strategies to tackle the problem and considering the implications of their decisions. Our pupils embraced the challenge, addressing a room of over 120 delegates from 47 schools to feedback their findings. Well done girls.





# Christmas Craft Fair 2024

We are thrilled to announce the success of our Charity Craft Fair and Fun Day, which raised an impressive £3600 in support of Charlene's Project. The funds will contribute to the organisation's ongoing efforts to honour the legacy of Charlene Barr, by transforming lives through education and fostering hope in poor communities.

The funds will support several initiatives, including a 'Bunk Bed Appeal', which will provide beds to children boarding at Charlene's Secondary and Kahara Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event! Your generosity is helping build a brighter future for countless children and families.



## Charity Christmas Prize Draw

Fantastic prizes to be won in our 'Charity Christmas Prize Draw'. All proceeds go to Charlene's Project. ([www.charlenesproject.org](http://www.charlenesproject.org)). To be entered into the Prize Draw, 5 tickets for £4 can be purchased via **School Gateway** until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### WIN BIG AND SUPPORT CHARLENE'S PROJECT!



A festive poster for a Christmas Charity Raffle. At the top, a large golden bell hangs from a string of colorful Christmas lights. To the left of the bell is a cartoon Santa Claus. The word "CHRISTMAS" is written in large, white, distressed capital letters. Below it, "Charity Raffle" is written in yellow on a dark green rectangular background. Underneath, it says "In aid of" followed by the Charlene's Project logo, which features a stick figure and the text "Charlene's project.org" and "Creating better futures". Below this, it says "Lots of prizes to be won!". A grid of ten logos for various businesses is displayed, including Copeland Distillery, Soap & Glory, Boots, Redberry Coffee House, Streamvale, Nugelato Icecream Boutique, Beauty Boudoir, Harrison's of Greyabbey, Kitchen Cafe, Creative Gardens, Historic Royal Palaces, and Roamer Beauty. At the bottom, it says "And many more prizes!" and "Tickets £1 each or five for £4". The background is a deep red with some holly leaves at the bottom corners.

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**Charity Raffle**

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## Rotary Youth Leadership Zone Finals

Erin was one of only two young people selected to take part in a prestigious five-day visit to the parliaments in Dublin, Belfast, and Strasbourg next year.

As part of the selection process, Erin was interviewed on her ideas regarding significant EU issues, including the challenges of conflict and finding resolutions between EU countries in disagreement. This was no easy task, but Erin approached it *"with insight and maturity, showcasing her exceptional critical thinking and leadership skills"*.

Ahead of this exciting opportunity, Erin will also be presented with the Alf Buchanan Trophy, awarded to Donaghadee Rotary Club's winner of the Youth Leadership Development competition. This is a significant achievement and well-deserved recognition of Erin's hard work and potential.



## U14 Hockey Success

Well done to the Under 14 Hockey Team who beat Wellington College on Monday in the second round of the Junior Cup. Both goals scored by Emily M.



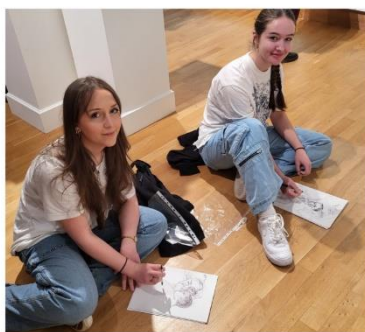
## Big Market

A group of pupils achieved 2nd Runner-Up in the Company Programme today at the Big Market in St. George's. They received excellent feedback from the judges and had a wonderful time selling their products and engaging with everyone at the event. Well done!



Royal  
Ulster  
Academy  
of Arts

### Annual RUA Exhibition at Ulster Museum, Belfast



## RUA Exhibition Trip

On Wednesday, 11th December, Year 13 Art students visited the RUA Annual Exhibition at the Ulster Museum, Belfast. The trip offered a chance to explore diverse artworks by local artists and gain inspiration for their own projects.

Students enjoyed sketching on location, improving their observational skills while engaging with thought-provoking pieces. The visit was a valuable experience, sparking creativity and deepening their appreciation for contemporary art.



## Tayto Factory Visit

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Year 14 and Year 12 Business Studies classes visited the Tayto Factory at Tayto Castle, Tandragee. The day began with a warm welcome from our guides, an introduction to Tayto's history, and an explanation of strict hygiene protocols before entering the factory floor. We saw the full manufacturing process, from potato storage and cleaning to crisp production, including sampling freshly fried crisps and learning about packaging.

The tour provided valuable insights into manufacturing, workplace organisation, and the importance of employee well-being. The visit concluded with a stop at McDonald's, making it both an educational and enjoyable experience for all.

