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



The National Association for Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE)

On Friday 10th October, the Pastoral Care team attended a NAPCE Awards, and Mrs Law was honoured with the Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care Award.

This prestigious award recognises Heather's exceptional dedication, compassion, and lasting impact on the wellbeing and development of students throughout her career. Her commitment to nurturing a supportive and inclusive environment has left an enduring legacy in our community.

Tallwood Exchange

Tallwood High School welcomed our Glenlola delegation with open arms, helping us create unforgettable memories and lifelong friendships. After an eleven-hour flight, we were greeted at Norfolk Airport by our Tallwood hosts, who cheered and waved homemade posters. We were all thrilled to climb aboard the iconic yellow school bus that took us to a tailgate party at Tallwood High School. There, we socialised with our hosts and other delegations, enjoyed hot dogs and burgers, made s'mores, played games, line danced, and received thoughtful gift bags. We made our way to the bleachers to watch an exhilarating football game, complete with energetic cheerleading and an incredible halftime show featuring the school band and dancers. We joined in the chants, took plenty of photos, and socialised with the welcoming Tallwood students. Over the weekend we got to spend time with our hosts as they showed us around Virginia Beach and taught us more about American culture.

On Monday we received a tour of the school and gave a presentation on Northern Irish culture. We took part in the culture cafe where we played a variety of games based on Northern Irish trivia, shared some local slang, and enjoyed delicious traditional Irish food that made us feel right at home. On Tuesday our Glenlola delegation spoke on the morning announcements. Then we shadowed out hosts in their classrooms and got to learn more about the American education system. Sadly there was a flash flood so we were unable to visit the aviation museum and the town hall however this meant we were able to spend more time with our hosts in the evening.

On Wednesday, we visited the Aquarium and saw some amazing sights, including turtles and sharks, we even got to touch jellyfish! Tallwood treated us to lunch at TASTE, and afterwards we explored the boardwalk and browsed the gift shops.

On Thursday, we visited classrooms to give a presentation on Northern Irish history and culture. The students were respectful and engaged throughout, asking thoughtful questions at the end. Later, we designed our own custom GCS + THS parking spot. Friday was full of excitement, we tried on Tallwood cheerleading outfits and met the school's mascot, Leo the Lion. We were then given our own THS t-shirts before heading to the NAS Oceana Air Show. There, we explored stalls, tried out flight simulators, and viewed impressive military planes and boats. We also helped set up the Tallwood STEM booth, where we interacted with 5th graders and shared what life is like in Northern Ireland. The day ended with an incredible airshow display. Saturday morning was filled with emotion as we gathered for our farewell breakfast at Cracker Barrel and received our certificates. Tears were shed as we said our final goodbyes at the airport and just like that, the trip was over. Time had truly flown by.

This was the most incredible experience and has truly opened our eyes. The trip has allowed us to gain valuable life skills and grow in independence. All of us in the Glenlola Delegation are extremely grateful for Tallwood's warm hospitality and the tremendous effort put into planning this trip. We cannot wait to be reunited with our hosts in March and look forward to returning the favour by giving you an equally memorable visit.

Thank you, Tallwood High School!
With love,
The Glenlola Delegation





CCF Camp

The CCF Navy Section enjoyed their annual summer camp at the start of August. As a storm hit on our first day all the cadets travelled to HMS Hibernia to learn some Naval skills and hear more about what it is like to live onboard Naval vessels. The next few days were spent in Carrickfergus sailing, powerboating and paddleboarding. The instructors were so impressed by the enthusiasm and positive attitude displayed by our cadets.



Hockey

Both our U14XI and 1stXI hockey teams reached the quarter final of Stevenson Bowl. The U14XI played their match on Tuesday away against Limavady Grammar. Unfortunately, in an exciting match they lost 3-1. Our goal was scored by Katie T. The girls represented their school well, working tirelessly throughout and playing in the right spirit.

Our 1STXI also play Limavady Grammar but enjoy the luxury of a home fixture. The game will take place on Saturday 25th October, 10am at Bangor Grammar.

The 1STXI have enjoyed 5 victories in their opening 6 fixtures and are hoping to continue that success on Saturday. If you are free on Saturday to support the team, you will be most welcome.



Tenor Drumming

Lucy Semple has been crowned World Champion in Tenor Drumming (Section A) at the World Solo Drumming Championships held in Glasgow. This remarkable accomplishment adds to her growing list of titles in 2025, as she is also the current Ulster Champion and All-Ireland Champion.

