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# GLENLOLA NEWSLETTER

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



## A Tale of Two Cities: Dublin meets Bangor and Belfast

At the beginning of December, our Year 11 History pupils had the absolute pleasure of welcoming students from our partner school, Loreto College Dublin, for an exciting exchange programme. Their adventure began when they arrived in Bangor, where they had some refreshments and a whistlestop tour of our school. But the fun didn't stop there, next on the itinerary was Belfast, where history and festive cheer collided in the best possible way. Our guests were treated to a guided tour and exhibition of the iconic City Hall, marvelling at its grandeur and snapping plenty of photos as they went. We had an expert guide who explained the history of the building and some of its characters over the years. We also had the opportunity to sit in the Council chambers where she described work of the City Hall. And what better way to round off the visit than a trip to the Christmas Market? Between the twinkling lights, delicious treats, and the occasional hunt for the perfect souvenir, it was a memorable experience for everyone.

As the pupils waved goodbye to their new friends, one thing was clear: this is just the beginning! We're already looking forward to March, when we will head to Dublin for the return visit. If their trip was anything to go by, we're in for a great adventure filled with culture, laughter and fun.

## Soroptimist Competitors

Congratulations to our fantastic Soroptimist Competitors.

On Wednesday evening, three of our Year 12 pupils – Cara, Isla, and Alisha – took part in the Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition at Bangor Golf Club, delivering powerful and thoughtful speeches on issues affecting women and girls in Northern Ireland.

We are incredibly proud to share that Cara placed 2nd and Isla placed 3rd! All three spoke with confidence, maturity, and passion. They represented our school brilliantly and should be immensely #GCSProud of their achievements.

Well done, Cara, Isla, and Alisha!



## Barr Mock Trial - Belfast Heat

Huge Congratulations to our amazing Year 13 & 14 Bar Mock Trial team! Our pupils secured 2nd place in the Northern Ireland heat of the Bar Mock Trial competition! Their hard work, sharp thinking, and outstanding courtroom skills shone through in every round. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and teamwork – a fantastic achievement against very strong competition. Well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Graham





## Young Enterprise

With Young Enterprise we learned about the history of the phone and how it has developed over time. After that, we worked on creating a product or app that could solve a problem for pet owners, elderly people or for people in sports. We enjoyed working in groups and coming up with our own ideas. It was also nice to mix with other classes and hear what they had created.

Victoria H and Lottie P



## Year 12 Business Studies

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, our Year 12 Business Studies pupils had a fantastic experience during their visit to Tayto Castle in Tandragee. They were able to observe the crisp production process first-hand, gaining valuable insight into real-world manufacturing and operations. The festive Christmas flavours were a particular highlight and certainly added to the excitement of the day!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Tayto Tours – especially tour guides Jemma, Josh and Shannon – for their warm welcome and for making the visit so informative and enjoyable.

Mr Haylett and Miss Wilgar





# Netball - Round Up

Below is a summary our progress in netball cup tournaments so far this year. We are now through to the third round of each of these competitions.

## Minor Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Glenlola beat Belfast High 15-8

## Junior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Glenlola beat Loreto College Omagh 22-12

## Inter Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Glenlola beat Our Lady's Grammar Newry 20-17

## Inter Plate 3rd round - bye

## Senior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Glenlola beat Aquinas 36-14

## Senior Plate 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Glenlola beat Belfast High 19-18





## Hockey

The 1XI faced Lurgan College in the Semi final of the Stevenson bowl, they sadly lost 1-0. The U14 made it to the quarter finals of the Stevenson bowl but unfortunately lost 3-1. Both teams played brilliantly and should be proud of their achievements.

