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# Welcome

## to Comment magazine 2021/22!

I am delighted to endorse this latest edition of our long-standing annual summary of school life here in Parkhall Integrated College.

This school year began with a lot more optimism following a decrease in the impact of Covid-19 in the community, and many were looking forward to a more normal school year, albeit with bubbles and many of the restrictions still in place. This year, we welcomed 178 pupils into year 8 and 69 pupils into year 13, giving an overall school population of 1006 pupils.

After Christmas, however, a new strain of the virus led to a further long period of disruption to learning with many staff and pupils being absent from school during this time.

Pupils undertaking GCSE and A-level courses have been able to sit public examinations in person for the first time since 2019, and our best wishes go to all of these pupils. Slowly we have seen a return towards normality in school with the year 14 formal, the year 12 and 14 leavers' events and a range of other sports activities and visits re-commencing.

This year is a very significant year for the school as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening and the first school year in 1971-72. In what has been a very turbulent time for education in Antrim with a range of school closures, it is a significant achievement that Parkhall remains as the provider for all-ability pupils within the town. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the tremendous efforts of both past and previous governors, principals, teaching staff, pupils and parents who have all contributed to providing fifty years of education for the community within Antrim and beyond.

On a personal note, having decided to retire from my role as principal at the end of this year, I would like to say a huge thank-you to all within the Parkhall Integrated College community who have supported me during my fourteen years in this role. I have immensely enjoyed the opportunity to consolidate the integrated status, move from the split site into a new state-of-the-art facility, introduce post-16 education and see the growth of the school, both in terms of numbers and in terms of educational achievement and extra-curricular opportunities. Watching pupils arrive as young eleven-year-olds and leave as mature eighteen-year-olds ready to enter university, further education or employment remains my greatest pleasure.

I wish everyone in the school community every success in the future!



G. Beattie  
Principal



# YEAR 8 CLASS PHOTOS





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# **PARKHALL**

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## **INTEGRATED COLLEGE**

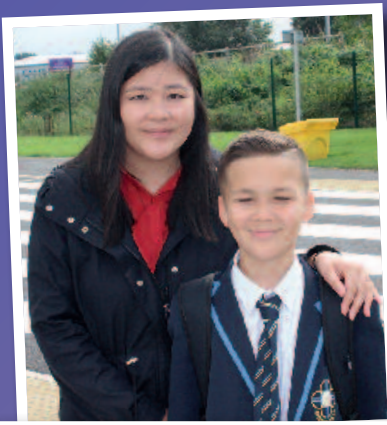


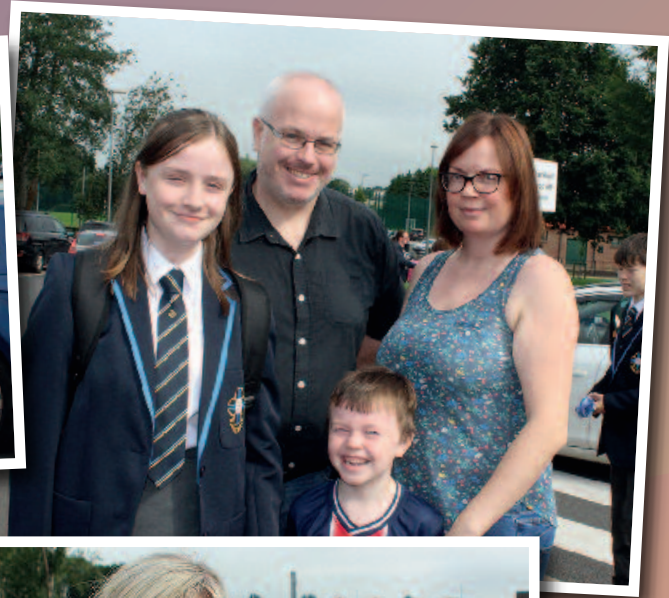
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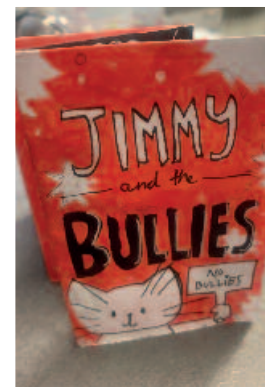
Anti-Bullying Week:  
15-19 November 2021



This year, Parkhall Integrated College joined thousands of schools, organisations and individuals in Anti-Bullying Week, 15-19 November 2021, by getting involved in our One Kind Word campaign.

The anti-bullying week's theme was co-designed with young people before being adopted by the UK's leading anti-bullying organisations including **respectme**.

Kindness is perhaps more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This year, we reminded ourselves of the power of kindness and how it can halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks. Check out the pictures of some of the activities that took place at Parkhall Integrated College.



# Year 8

# STUDENT COUNCIL

The Parkhall Integrated College student council is getting bigger each year. We had our year 8 election results on 12th November to add to our already established year 9-14 council. This group of pupils will work together this year to speak on behalf of the student body. It promises to be an exciting year ahead.

Well done to all the year 8 pupils who stood for the student council elections this year. It was very competitive, with many pupils putting themselves forward for nomination in September. Year 8 pupils were involved in elections in October by voting for the person in their class who they wanted to represent them and who they thought would do a great job of putting forward the opinions of their class. Usually, one pupil from each class is elected, but this year there were a few ties, including 8IK and 8OM, resulting in two members of each class being voted onto the council.

Well done to all those involved and to those elected. They have lots of hard work ahead in creating an action plan to focus on a whole-school project, giving our pupils a voice.

Elected members were awarded their student council badges by Ms Spiers in a special assembly. The pupils elected in year 8 are listed below:

<b>8IC</b>	Grace Johnston
<b>8IK</b>	Alex McCausland / Cameron Minto
<b>8MW</b>	Jack Boardman
<b>8CK</b>	Armimas Ruzgaitis
<b>8MB</b>	Reuben Johnston
<b>8OB</b>	Nikolas Pietruszczak
<b>8OM</b>	Aimee Bowden / Jensen Cullen



# Full Attendance Awards



Well done to Kyle Kirk 8OM and Erin Paterson 8MW who won the prize draw for full attendance in January.



Well done to Yazmin Maxwell 9CD and Jack Moses 9OR who won the prize draw for full attendance in January.





Well done to Ryan Rutherford 11CN  
who won the prize draw for full attendance in January.



Well done to Sarah Johnston 11IA  
who won the prize draw for full attendance in January.



# Parkhall Integrated College

## Senior Prefects 2021/22

Despite all the constraints with COVID, we were able to follow our usual selection process for prefects with application forms and interviews. This year, we were blown away by the quality of the pupils' interviews. As there were so many applicants with very high scores and and a large number of votes, we created a different structure from before: we now have four deputies below our head boy and head girl, along with eight senior prefects and sixteen prefects.

It will be an absolute pleasure to work with our head boy, Ben Cunningham, and Jorja Battishill in the role of head girl. Our prefects will work closely with the charity coordinator and the Eco Club and represent the school at up-and-coming events.

**Mrs Gourley**

(Senior School Prefect Co-ordinator)





# PARKHALL COLLEGE & OUR CHARITIES



## Barnardo's

Grace Connolly and Angel Armstrong presented a £200 cheque to Aoibheann Doherty from Barnardos NI



## Focus Presentation

Jodie Anderson presenting a cheque for £200 raised by the school through activities such as Christmas Jumper Day to William Smith of Focus (Focusing on Community & Understanding Suicide). Also present are Ben Cunningham, Sam Elliott and Makenzie-Ray Taylor. The pupils nominated the charity for its excellent work in the local area.



## Christmas Hampers

Following the success of our Christmas Hamper donations last year, we were delighted to take donations again this year. Thanks to the generosity of pupils and staff we were able to make 45 hampers. These hampers included non-perishable food, essential items and a £10 voucher for local butchers, Yewtree.

Hampers were distributed to families within the local school community, Antrim Women's Aid and Antrim Adult Centre.

# UKRAINE APPEAL



In April pupils and staff donated to the Ukraine appeal. In total we raised £750. Well done to everyone involved. Also check out the ties that Luci and Ellie McArdle made in support of Ukraine.



Well done to Reuben Johnston (8MB), who was the winner of our Action Cancer Easter egg in April. Well done, Reuben. We hope you enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who entered.



Our year 8 pupils took part in a ReadOn event in an effort to raise money for the local Cancer Fund for Children Charity, Northern Ireland. We were pleased to present a cheque to Rebecca Oates from the charity for £882.70. A massive well done to our wonderful year 8 pupils who went above and beyond to raise this money. A special mention goes to our top fundraisers: Chloe McAuley, who raised £129, Cruz Sloan, who raised £110 and Lara Melly, who raised £90.

Thank you to all our parents, friends and family for supporting the pupils in this event.



# Year 14 **FORMAL**





# Christmas Jumpers







# Departments: Agriculture

## Farm Visit

The year 11 Agriculture class went on a farm visit to Stephen and Joy Park's beef and sheep farm outside Parkgate on Tuesday 23rd November. Whilst on the visit, the class had the opportunity to help with the feeding tasks required on the farm. This visit was a practical requirement of their Agriculture course to understand animal feeding and husbandry. The students fed a range of animals, including goats, sheep, calves and cows. The visit was very much enjoyed by everyone.





## Departments: Business Studies **Enrichment Programme**

Our year 13 and 14 Enrichment group were delighted to be given the opportunity to take part in a face-to-face selling opportunity at Castle Mall on 8th December. The Young Enterprise group Keep It Lit had been working over a number of weeks handcrafting candles in a range of festive fragrances. Everyone had a great day meeting and greeting customers in the mall buying Christmas gifts.



# Departments: Business Studies

# **Young Enterprise**

# **Enrichment Group**

In February, our year 13 and 14 Enrichment group and represented the school as part of Young Enterprise at their first trade fair. The Young Enterprise group Keep It Lit tried their hand at selling Valentine gift sets and competing against other local schools.



## **Young Enterprise**

## **WINNER**

Well done to Hannah Dunbar, who attended the Young Enterprise black-tie event on 8th April 2022 at Belfast City Hall. Hannah picked up her award for her performance in the Young Enterprise assessment. Hannah was one of the top three students across Northern Ireland, and we are immensely proud of her.



## Departments: Careers

# Interview Skills

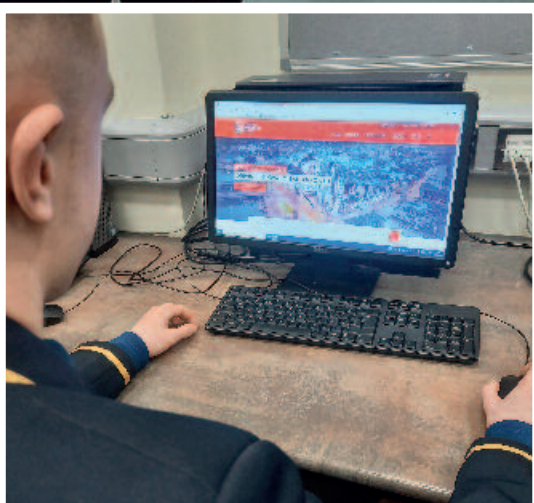
Year 12 pupils took part in a CV and interview skills workshop with Young Enterprise, where they focused on developing their employability skills. The students learned about the importance of communication skills in all forms, including non-verbal cues. They worked

in teams to complete career-based activities and even acted as HR managers selecting candidates for interview. All in all, it was a very informative and worthwhile workshop.



Departments: Careers

# Queen's University Talk



Post-16 pupils attended a talk from Queen's University Belfast in preparation for making their UCAS university applications. The students learned all about the fantastic facilities at the university, including clubs ranging from football to Quidditch. The pupils were working hard on their applications and had already received offers for prestigious universities across the UK. All pupils at Parkhall Integrated College are supported as they make their decisions surrounding the next steps of their career pathway.

# Departments: English

## Carson Awards Showcase

Schools and integrated education supporters accompanied the Integrated Education Fund at Lagan Integrated College in Belfast on the 14th October to celebrate the winners of the annual Carson Awards. The founder and sponsor of the awards, Tony Carson and Baroness May Blood, presented Parkhall Integrated College with two awards for excellence in poetry and art reflecting the theme of integration. The Carson Awards, funded by Tony, are also a tribute to his father, the late comedian Frank Carson.

Drama, dance, and poetry were performed to a large audience, celebrating the inclusivity of integrated education. Creative pupils from integrated schools were presented with their Carson Prizes, and guests enjoyed a showcase of talent that had benefited from the Carson Bursary scheme.

Winners of the Carson Award for Poetry were Clarke Dalton, Emma Dixon and Oliver Johnston. Representatives from year 14, Leah McAdorey, Nyasha Zhangazha and Beth Whiteside, received the awards on their behalf and recited the winning poems at the event.

### 1st Place: Clarke Dalton Year 8

*There are many different characters, who go to school each day,  
Everyone is equal, all should be treated the same way!*

*Don't judge by personality, or by colour of their skin,  
Everyone is special, many talents hide within!*

*Shape, size, intelligence, or colour or length of hair  
Everyone is equal, so treatment should be fair!*

*Some people work like lightning, others at a slower pace,  
Everyone is equal, and life is not a race!*

*You should show each other respect, always try to be kind  
Everyone is equal, nobody should feel undermined!*

*As long as you know, that you always try your best  
Everyone is equal and life is not a test!*

*Wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same?  
Everyone is equal and we're all in the same game!*

*One world we all share, so we should work TOGETHER  
Try to make it a better place, now and forever!*



# Departments: Home Economics

## **Bushes Bakery Visit**

Year 12 Occupational Studies Food Preparation pupils visited Bushes Bakery in Antrim. During their visit, they looked at the presentation and the variety of baked goods on offer at the bakery. They also asked staff members a number of questions for research to support their learning of the Patisserie and Baking unit. The visit helped enhance the pupils' learning by finding out the expectations of working at the bakery and the techniques used in baking and presentation of foods and working in the food industry. We would like to thank Bushes for their continued support in delivering the curriculum outside the classroom.





# Departments: Home Economics

## Integrated Bake Off

Pupils were encouraged to enter The Great Integrated Bake Off to showcase their talent and produce a bake which symbolises what integrated education means to them. We were so impressed with all entries and want to proudly announce our winner and runners up in this competition.

**In first place is Katie Lyttle 10IM**

**Runners-up are  
Bethany Park 10IR and Maddison Lanigan 8MW.**

A huge well done to our winners and all entries!



# Parkhall Integrated College

## Competitions

A huge well done to our Integrated Education 40th anniversary photography competition winner, Sophie McCleary, with her beautiful entry of "a pink flower which symbolises love and kindness and hands which symbolise bringing people together, making friends and spending time together."

Also, congratulations to our prize winners for the poetry competition: Emma Dixon, Alana Shields and Kara McCrea and to our Bake-off winner and runners-up: Katie Lyttle, Bethany Park and Maddison Lannigan, who all received their prizes.



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Sport

# Boys' Football





### Competitive Football Comes Home for the Boys at Parkhall Integrated College

After a long break from competitive action, the boys at Parkhall Integrated College were raring to go on the brand-new grass football pitches in October.

October saw competitive action return to the school's own pitches for the first time in years, not only due to Covid regulations, but also the new build process. The boys had to wait a long time due to the removal of the old pitches to allow for the building of the new school and the further delay of their new pitches being laid and prepared for use.

In that time, the school teams have had to play many away games and use the Antrim Forum pitches as a home venue. The school would particularly like give their thanks to the Forum and, in particular, duty manager Ian Cameron, for their hospitality and patience with the school through this difficult period.

The boys at all age groups attended after-school practice in great numbers with the staff at the college over the previous number of weeks in preparation for the games and could not wait to start.

The year eleven team narrowly lost their hard-fought competitive opening fixture to a very strong Cullybackey High School team.



# Sport

## Football - Emily Wilson

Parkhall Integrated College's former deputy head girl, Emily Wilson, presenting Mr Beattie with her signed Northern Ireland women's international football shirt. Emily is included in the Northern Ireland women's

international panel, who have been training full-time since January for the upcoming European Championships in July, which will take place in England. Northern Ireland have been drawn in the same group as



# Sport

## GAA Cup

Parkhall Integrated College year 10 girls' GAA Games group are pictured with the Antrim Gymco Junior Football Championship trophy along with St. Comgall's coach Connor as well as two of the winning team's players: team captains Paddy O'Connor and James McCabe. This title was won by St Comgall's Antrim senior men on Sunday 31st October on penalties after extra time. This senior side now go on to represent Antrim in Ulster against the Cavan champions Denn on the 28th November in Breffni Park. This is the Ulster quarter-final. Some girls took the opportunity to have their pictures taken individually.



Sport

# Ulster Colleges

## U14.5 GAA Football

We entered the U14.5 Ulster Colleges Corn Mac Neasa Cup and were drawn in a strong section with St. Colmcille's (Down), St. Louise's Belfast, Shimna Integrated College (Down), and Newbridge Integrated College (Down). Considering these teams have strong catchment areas at underage level, we played very well and were competitive in all the matches. The boys won their first Ulster Colleges game at this level against St. Louise's with a resounding 1-5 to 0-0 score line. We pushed hard against a very good Newbridge team but

just fell short. They went on to win the group. The lads gave Shimna a close game and were leading for most of second half, but we just couldn't hold out as injuries reduced us to 14 players. In the last game, we had opportunities to win it and the lads gave everything, but things just didn't go our way. Our boys were a credit to the school, and I was proud of the way they played. We look forward to the challenge matches organised for next term.





# Sport

## Jorja Battshill

### Ulster U-18 Rugby

Before June 2021, I had been playing U18 club rugby for Malone in Belfast, but at the end of the rugby season, I was selected by the head coach, Joe McAllister, to attend trials for Ulster. During the three weeks of initial trials, we were put through various skills challenges and fitness tests. Fortunately, I was selected and then went on to several weeks of Ulster training in preparation for the interprovincial games. Having trained three times a week, the team was beginning to come together, and the girls whom I had been playing against for most of the season from other clubs were now my friends and teammates.

The first game was supposed to be against Munster, but Covid19 had caused the match to be drawn, and it was postponed to a later date as a friendly and not as an Interpro match. Therefore, our first game was against Leinster at St Mary's College RFC in Dublin. Unfortunately, we were beaten by the better team on this occasion, but for most of the girls, including myself, this was our first 15-a-side match. As a team, we had learnt so much from this game. The coaches then worked on the skills we needed to improve for the next match against Connaught. During this game, I made some big tackles, carried and scrummaged well. I was also good in the lineouts.

The second game was against Connaught at MU Barnhall in Dublin. The hard work, determination and effort put in during training paid off, with a thrilling 12-5 win. My fellow club teammate and friend scored a try after I stole a ball at the lineout. It was a brilliant performance by the team, and again I made big tackles, carried well and won lineouts. As a team, we scrummaged and were dominant in the rucks. The win lifted the team's spirits for the end of the Interpro series. Ulster U18 came second in the series. The coaches did an absolutely amazing job, getting us to this point.

The third game was a friendly but was still contested fiercely against Munster. The hard work and effort put in paid off once again with a 19-15 win. At half time, it was 10-0 to Munster, but we came back strongly in the second half. The girls showed so much passion and determination, and we definitely displayed the skills and fitness that had been taught through the second half. I scored a try by showing a dummy and ran a good length of the pitch.

At the end of the season, we were asked to attend the Nevin Spence Theatre at the Kingspan Stadium to receive our playing shirts. This was a great night, and we were even given free tickets to watch Ulster play Northampton in the European Cup. It was a great night all round as Ulster won 27-22.



# Sport

## Jorja Battshill

### Ireland's U-18 Women's 6 Nations

Having been selected to represent Ulster in the interprovincial series last year, I was then selected to attend trials for Ireland at the High-Performance Sports Centre in Dublin over three successive weekends in March, staying over at the Carlton Hotel each weekend. The initial cohort of players on trial included six individuals from Ulster. The other thirty came from across Ireland. The thirty-six individuals would be cut to twenty-six on the last weekend, which made things very tense.

Since I had only recently passed my driving test, the drive down for the first weekend's training was quite daunting but at the same time quite fulfilling. The training itself was complicated, physical and more demanding than anything I had previously experienced. Training twice a day both days was very tiring. However, there was a lot of down time for socialising and recovery. Sarah Delaney, who plays for Leinster, was my roommate for the first two weekends. As fellow forwards, we got on really well. On reflection, after the first weekend, I was unsure if I would make the cut due to my performance not meeting my usual high expectations. Perhaps nerves were at play.

The second weekend went well. Pops, the coach, reinforced that I was most definitely capable and able to operate at this level and helped me with my confidence. During that weekend, we got to see the full Ireland ladies' team play against Wales. It was a good game, but we lost 17-27. We also played our own training match where I scored a try, which helped my confidence and gave me belief in my ability. I also got a black eye, which looked pretty cool, I thought...

The third weekend consisted mainly of training, selection and kit issue, so it was a nervous weekend for all. Thankfully, I made it, along with three others from Ulster, and was selected to play for Ireland in the Under-18 Six Nations in Edinburgh. I was so delighted that I phoned my parents as soon as I could. They were so proud. The U18 Six Nations commenced mid-week with a flight from Dublin to Edinburgh on Thursday 7th April. The team met at the airport, all wearing their newly issued rugby kit. It was quite a moment to behold. The flight out was bumpy and uncomfortable, but we landed safely and were ferried to our accommodation for the next seven days at the Holiday Inn near Edinburgh Zoo.



The first two games were scheduled for Saturday, so the focus of activity over the first few days was drills, pitch sessions and recovery sessions, all in preparation for game day. It gave me a good understanding of the life of a professional sports person. The first game against England was a very closely fought match. Our structured play was very effective, and our defence was good. It's a game we should have won, but unfortunately, England scored in the last few minutes, with the final score 17-12. The second game that day was against France. They were a very powerful and well-rehearsed team who unfortunately put us to the sword; we lost 26-0. My nan, grandad and brother were there to watch and most definitely made themselves heard.

The final game against Wales was to be played in the DAM Health Stadium in the shadow of Murrayfield. The game was highly contested. Our forwards dominated, but their backs were the difference. I played very well and won thirteen out of thirteen lineouts. I also dummied their players in our own 22 and made significant yardage. My defence was good, and my scrummaging was excellent, but unfortunately, the final result was 17-10 to Wales. My mum and dad were there for this match. They too made themselves heard. This match was also televised, which was great. I got to watch the game back multiple times to my parents' annoyance – analysis, analysis!

In all, I was very proud to play for my country. I enjoyed the experience immensely and sincerely hope that more young girls take up the sport. The future for me, I hope, is to continue my rugby journey, get stronger and fitter, improve my athletic performance and maybe even play for Ireland's women's full team. Who knows what the future will bring? Provided that my A-level results go to plan, I will be going to Hartpury University in Gloucestershire, where I hope to be playing lots of rugby and maybe even in the Premiership with Gloucester women's rugby team.



# Sport

## NEBSSA Fun

# Year 8 Blitz Hockey

Parkhall Integrated College year 8 hockey team had a fun blitz on 9th December. A total of twelve teams entered the blitz: Parkhall Integrated College, Slemish Integrated College, Carrickfergus Academy, Sperrin Integrated College, Antrim Grammar, Ballyclare Secondary School, Dunclug College and Larne, Magherafelt, Ballymoney, Cullybackey and Glengormley High Schools. On the day, Sperrin Integrated College and Magherafelt High School couldn't make it.

The blitz was played in two groups, and then winning teams from the two groups played a final cross-over game. The morning was beautiful, lovely and bright and fresh. Everyone seemed to have a great day. No injuries were sustained, and for some schools, it was a chance to play their first competitive fixtures.

During the blitz, Parkhall played four group games and won all four. They had strong attacking play during their first game against Dunclug College. The game ended





with Parkhall winning 2-0, with goals from Nagham Awdeh and Claudia Drysdale. The second match was against Ulidia and was a tight match, but Parkhall came out on top with a 1-0 win, with Claudia scoring her second goal of the competition. Game number three was against Larne High. Both teams had good tactics and played very well with the final score of 1-0 to Parkhall with Rebecca Adams scoring. The last game we played in the group stage was against Ballymoney High. The Parkhall side had strong attacking play with a

goal scored by Claudia putting Parkhall 1-0 up, and this is how the game was won. All teams played well throughout the course of the day with Parkhall and Antrim Grammar facing off in the final. The final was a tight game with Antrim Grammar scoring early on in the match, making it 1-0, and the game ended with Antrim Grammar winning, with Parkhall as runners-up.



# Sport

## Years 9 & 10 Girls' Football

On Thursday 5th May, Miss Langton took our year 9 and 10 girls' football team to the Raceview Schools Cup. We played a round robin against all the schools participating and finished third overall after some great goals scored by Jessica Bell, Sarah Johnston, Grace Murray and Jessica McQuillan.

We progressed through to the semi-final of the trophy and met Larne High School, who were the only team to

have beaten us already that day. The game ended 0-0 and went to penalties, where we unfortunately missed out on a place in the final. Huge congratulations must go to Jessica Bell, Grace and Sienna, who all volunteered to take penalties, and to Jessica McQuillan, who stepped into nets and was unlucky not to save one.

Thanks go to Jamie from Raceview for a well organised and enjoyable day.



# Sport

## Northern Ireland Football



Congratulations to Morgan Hanna (year 12) and Kascie Weir (year 11), who both played football for Northern Ireland under-16 girls in Israel in the European qualifiers, where they faced Poland, Israel and Greece. This was a very intense set of matches, and the results were as follows: a 3-0 defeat to Poland, a 4-0 loss to Israel and a 2-0 win over Greece. Kascie played centre-forward for two out of the three games. In the first, she played against Poland and in the second she faced Israel. Unfortunately, she picked up an injury early in this second match and had to come off after ten minutes and was unable to play the third and final game against Greece. Morgan played defence in all three games, starting two against Israel and Greece and coming on in one against Poland.



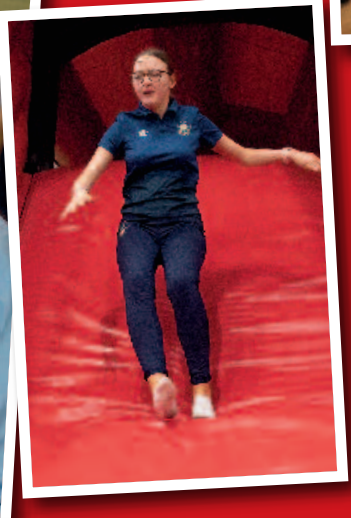
Well done to our year 10 pupil Ethan Winters for his performance at the British Trampoline and Tumbling Championships in England, where he was competing for Antrim Phoenix DMT and Trampoline Club. Ethan won a bronze medal in the age 13/14 DMT (double mini trampoline).

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Gymnastics

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# YEAR 12 LEAVERS







# YEAR 14 LEAVERS











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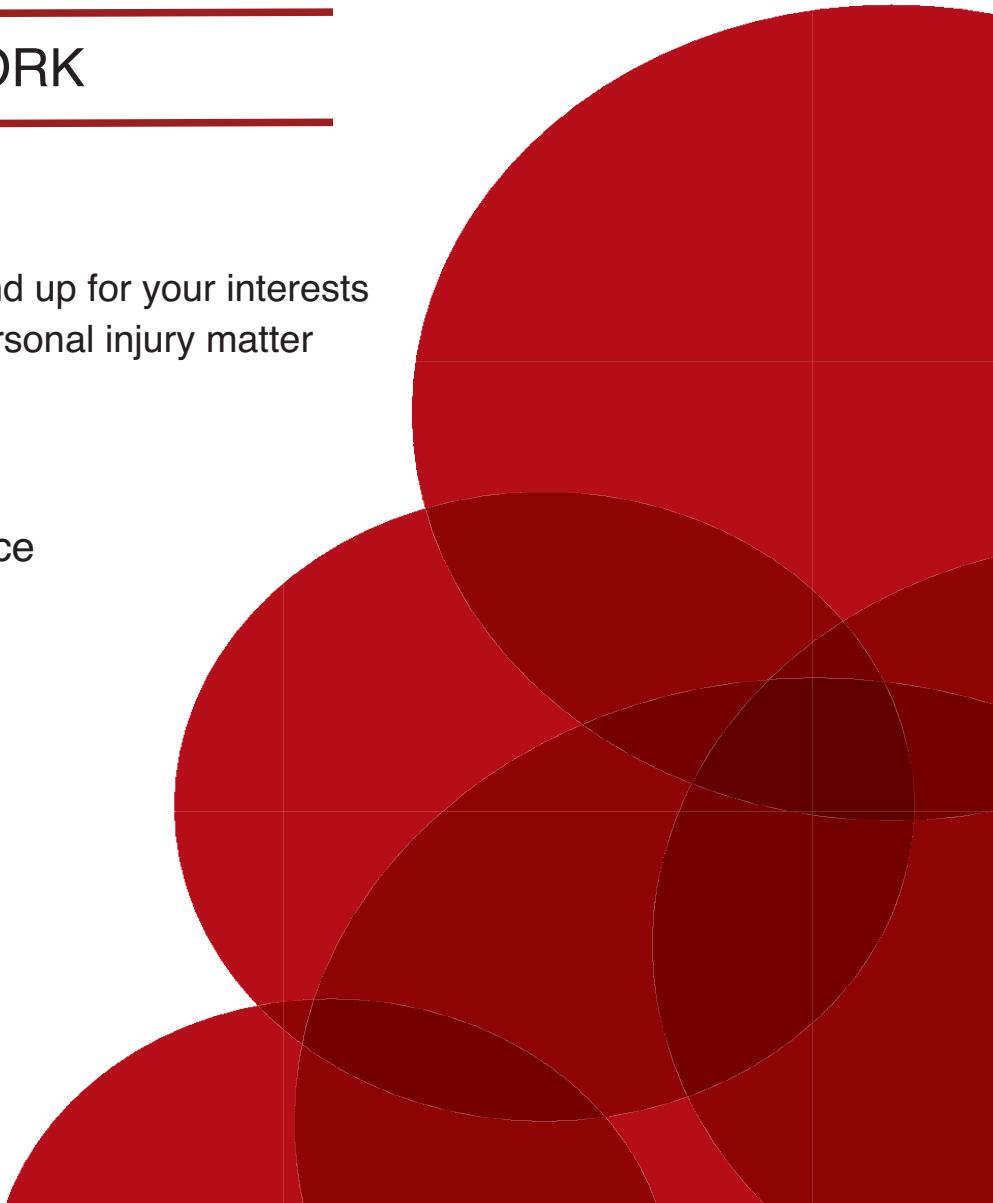
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# Parkhall Integrated College Celebrates FIFTY YEARS



This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the town's longest-standing post-primary school, and the college would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to all the current and former pupils and staff who have played a role in that journey.

As a school, we would like to mark this occasion by taking a trip down memory lane with a series of photos from the 1970s through to the present day.

We remember the school opening in September 1971 with an initial enrolment of 320 pupils in first, second and third years only, growing year on year after that. Some may remember the first-ever principal, Mr John Graham, assisted by vice-principal Mr Morris Jackson and 'Senior Mistress' Mrs Roberta Hughes.

When Parkhall opened, there was only one other post-primary school: Antrim Secondary. By the end of the decade, this had risen to five with the addition of Antrim Grammar, St. Malachy's, and Ardnaveigh.

The inaugural head boy and head girl, first appointed in 1973, were Barry Paine and Shirley Forsythe. How many of us could remember the names of the staff captured in the adjoining photograph? Would this list of characters ring any bells with the readers? They include names such as Mr Headley (English), Mr Black (Maths), Mr Davis (Science, later to become the school's famous youth tutor), Mr McQuillan (PE), Mrs Arrell (Social Studies) and



In the first year, the school operated in the teaching block and the 'D' block. The offices, staffroom, assembly hall, gym, and music rooms were still under construction and not fully operational until September 1972.

We hope you will enjoy this moment reminiscing about times gone by. There are many more photos to delve into at your leisure on the school's website at [www.parkhallintegratedcollege.org](http://www.parkhallintegratedcollege.org)



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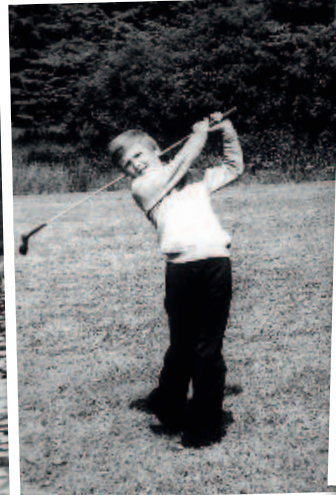
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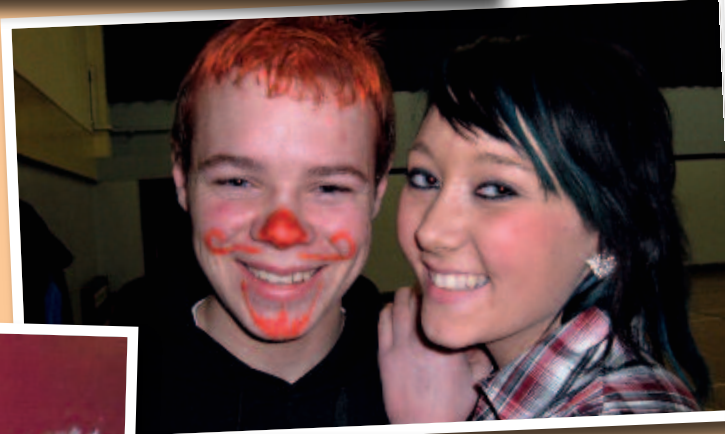


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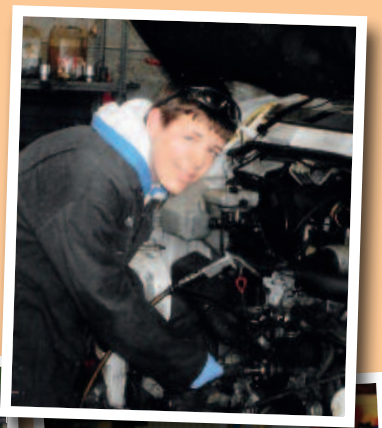






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# Welcome to Comment magazine 2020/21!

I am delighted to endorse this latest edition of our long-standing annual summary of school life here in Parkhall Integrated College. This current edition reflects the very surreal circumstances that we have all encountered through the impact of the global pandemic Covid-19.

The academic year 2020/21 began with all pupils returning to school gradually through a staggered return and to a very different school environment. Covid restrictions had led to the creation of a one-way system within school, pupils were placed into 'bubbles' throughout the day and many of our normal activities were restricted.

A longer Halloween holiday was introduced as a 'circuit-breaker' and, unfortunately, matters in the community turned a lot worse during the Christmas period. As a result, pupils did not return to school until March. This resulted in both a second period of remote learning and 'hub' provision.

When pupils returned gradually around the Easter holidays, pupils in examination classes were again unable to sit examinations in the summer months and were awarded GCSE and A-level grades based on centre-determined grades.

In a unique situation, schools were mostly closed for normal teaching and learning for three months of the year, obviously affecting both the academic progress of pupils and extra-curricular opportunities.

Planned school trips were unfortunately cancelled, and much of our school calendar including sports days, school formal and leaving events were unable to take place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils for their tremendous resilience throughout this period and their parents for their continued support. Our staff adapted to these circumstances by providing on-line lessons and continued pastoral support for our pupils and for each other.

This edition gives just a little insight into a very restricted school year in an entirely unprecedented situation.

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