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# Welcome

## to Comment Magazine 2019

### Welcome to Comment magazine 2018/19

I am delighted to endorse this latest edition of Comment magazine. This is the first magazine that reflects both our first full year in the new school building and our first year 14 post-16 students.

This current edition highlights clearly not only the tremendous academic successes of our pupils but also the vast range of opportunities that they are provided with throughout the year, both inside and outside the classroom.

In the past year, our pupils have been involved in a wide range of activities and events within subject areas, including a large number of subject trips, visits and speakers, and of course the school formal is always the highlight of the year. This year we had another first in that we had a school formal for both our year 12 students and our year 14 students.

The work of the senior and junior prefects, the junior mentors and the school council have contributed greatly to the life of the school and particularly assisted the junior members of the school. I would like to thank Jamie and Hannah, our first year 14 head boy and head girl and their deputies including Ebony, Johnnie, Kurtis and Victoria for the huge contribution they have made to school life this year. Details of these opportunities can be found on our website: [www.parkhallintegratedcollege.org](http://www.parkhallintegratedcollege.org).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils for their tremendous contribution to school life, the parents for their continued support, and the staff for the many hours of commitment that they devote to the pupils. Finally, we are again indebted to our business partners who sponsor our rewards programme and to the many local companies who annually support the college through sponsorship of this publication.

*G. Beattie*

**G. BEATTIE**  
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## PUPILS AT PARKHALL INTEGRATED COLLEGE CELEBRATED RECEIVING GCSE RESULTS YET AGAIN IN AUGUST AND WITH GOOD REASON!

For the sixth consecutive year, over 75% of pupils reached the target of five A\*-C grades with this year's figure a pleasing 78%, demonstrating the rising attainment levels within the school. A commendable 50% of the year group obtained seven or more A\*-C grades, while 96% of pupils gained five A\*-G grades. Results in both English and Maths have increased again this year, giving a 6% increase from last year's overall figure for five A\*-C grades.

### Principal George Beattie commented

"We are all delighted with the results this year; it has meant that our five-year average is currently sitting at 80% five A\*-C grades, which is above the Northern Ireland average for non-selective schools and displays an excellent level of consistency. We have also achieved our highest-ever figures for five A\*-C grades with English and Maths. We had forty-one children who obtained the standard that grammar school children are measured on: seven A\*-C grades including English and Maths, which is absolutely tremendous. They have been achieved through hard work from the pupils, quality teaching from the staff and a high level of pastoral support and guidance. The relationship and support of the parents also play a crucial role in this success.

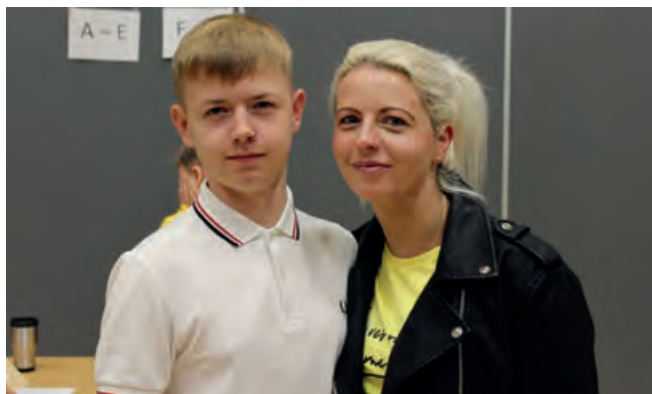
"Of particular note are pupils such as Bradley Close, who obtained twelve A\*-C grades and Katie Harper and Aine Simanaviciute, both of whom achieved eleven A\*-C grades. Those who obtained ten A\*-C grades include Mark Davis, Rachel Ferguson, Matthew Graham, Madison Grayson, Deja Greer, Ben Hennessy and Tyler Rushe Givens. Those pupils who obtained nine A\*-C grades are Amy Adams, Nathan Addley, Louis Black, Katie Freeburn, Amy Galloway, Patrick Grant, Luke Haswell, Brooklyn Herron, Hollie Kane, Katelin Kirkpatrick, Ellie McFadden and James McGirr.

"The curriculum that we offer is suited to the needs and aspirations of the wide range of abilities of our pupils and allows them to achieve appropriate progression routes for the future. As with many non-selective schools we will continue to focus on raising standards of Literacy and Numeracy and aim to continue to raise our performance in these areas in the future."

Mr Beattie reflected on his pleasure at being able to offer post-16 courses again for pupils.

"We are delighted to see a large number of our pupils returning to us for post-16 studies and following in the footsteps of our first cohort of year 14 pupils who have left us to move on to University, further education and employment.

"The college would like to extend a word of congratulations to all pupils who received their results and wish them every success for the future."









## FIRST-EVER COHORT OF A-LEVEL PUPILS ARE A SUCCESS STORY

The first-ever cohort of pupils at Parkhall Integrated College celebrated receiving their A-level results in August and with good reason.

At the last confirmation of results, 95% of pupils gained three A-level passes at grades A\*-E, with 51% of pupils reaching the target of three A\*-C grades, and 97% of pupils gaining at least two A\*-E grades.

### Principal George Beattie commented:

"We are all absolutely delighted with the results this year for our first cohort of pupils at post-16 level. It was our vision a few years back that our pupils would be able to continue their education right through to A-level standard and then to move on to university, higher education or employment. Our successful development proposal was strongly supported by our parents, and I am very grateful today for that support. It is hard to believe that only two years ago we didn't have a post-16 option for the pupils, and a lot has been achieved in a very short time.

"I would like to pay tribute to the staff here at Parkhall who have invested a huge amount of time in developing the post-16 curriculum, organising courses and preparing children for examinations. Without this level of dedication and commitment across all subject areas, these results would not have been achievable.

"It has been great to see the opportunities for our young people to move on to the next stage of their careers: Ebony Kerr achieved AB grades in Double Award Life and Health Science and a distinction in Health and Social Care and is off to study Neuroscience at the University of Central Lancashire. Victoria Stewart achieved a distinction\* in ICT, an A in Performing Arts and a B in Life and Health Science and will study Communication Management and Public Relations at Ulster University. Rebecca Rowney achieved a distinction\* in both Travel and Tourism and ICT and will study Film and TV Production at Edgehill University. Georgie Houston obtained a distinction\* in ICT and Travel and Tourism with a merit in BTEC Sport and will study Computing Science at Ulster University. Abbie Price and Racheal Lowry are both heading for Belfast School of Art, having achieved a distinction\* grades in their Art courses. Chantel Gill will travel to Liverpool John Moores University, and Alex Grant will study Nursing at Napier University while Chloe Leach will travel to Cumbria University to study Biomedical Science. A large number of students will also enter the further education route here in Northern Ireland or go into employment.

"The college would like to extend a word of congratulations to all pupils who received their results yesterday and wish them every success for the future."





## FIRST DAYS





## PARKHALL INTEGRATED COLLEGE NEW SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING



a school year was a monumental task," the principal said. "But they certainly made the grade, ensuring a smooth transition and delivering on their promise to launch an A-level syllabus for the first time. That's dedication for you."

Mervyn Alexander, chair of the board of governors, addressed the room as the applause finally died down. "It's my pleasure to be here today for the historic milestone in the life of Parkhall Integrated College," he said. "This day was a long time coming, and there were some who thought it would never come at all. Yet here we are in this beautiful new building."

Friday 16th November marked a historic milestone for Parkhall Integrated College, as we celebrated the official opening of our new, multi-million-pound school. It has been a long time coming, but that only made the launch all the sweeter. After almost half a century at the Steeple, Parkhall Integrated College is now looking into the next fifty years with renewed confidence and with justifiable pride. It has not always been an easy journey but it was certainly worthwhile.

Parkhall Integrated College has leapt from the drawing board to become a living and breathing school. The pupils' passion for their school was there for all to see. Showing VIPs around the new building was clearly not a chore. Oh no, they were proud and displayed great delight showing it off.

However, perhaps inevitability, no one was prouder than our principal, Mr Beattie. He has been hands-on from the early days, patiently guiding the project, even when it looked like the long journey was doomed to failure as irritating months of delays turned into frustrating years of uncertainty. When the cheque was finally written, he remained a constant presence on the site. How many principals do you know with their own hard hat? He looked a happy man on that Friday afternoon as he addressed a large crowd in the cavernous assembly hall. There were fellow principals from several local schools, along with many familiar faces who had worked at the college down the years.

Local politicians were also out in force. South Antrim MP Paul Girvan was there, along with MLAs Pam Cameron and Trevor Clarke, but it was not just the DUP toasting the success of Northern Ireland's newest integrated school; SDLP councillor Roisin Lynch was present too, as were Ulster Unionists Drew Ritchie, who sat on the board of governors for a quarter of a century, and Alliance representative Neil Kelly.

Mr Beattie welcomed them all to the building 'many thought would never happen', and personally thanked all the political representatives who helped make sure it did. "The cross-community support this project enjoyed was unique," he said. "I must offer special thanks to Dr McCrea, who is here today. His standard line throughout was 'we need to get this over the line', and eventually we did." There was also 'huge thanks' for the staff who had endured a split campus for over a decade.

"Closing two old schools and moving into a new one in the middle of

It all began, he added, when former principal Roy Dickson, who was in the audience, began lobbying for a new sports hall, and from that small seed, a new college has grown. He also paid tribute to the political leaders who had played their role, including the three MPs who had been involved during the lengthy gestation, as well as the team of MLAs and councillors. The results, he said, speak for themselves. "For forty-seven years, this college has been a major part of the community. With this magnificent new building, we believe it will continue for the next fifty years and beyond.

"This building, combined with the dedication of the staff will lead to young people in this area being provided with an excellent education and continue to raise the education standards in the Antrim area."

This was echoed by Alderman John Smyth, the deputy mayor of Antrim. He said the new building was fantastic, and praised Parkhall for continuing to run a youth club three nights a week, as well as hosting several clubs and community groups.

The DUP man paid warm tribute to the people who had pursued the vision for the school and helped make the dream a reality.

Next on stage was the former chief executive of Derry City Council, Sharon O'Connor, who is now chair of the Education Authority. The last time she visited the Parkhall site, a good pair of Wellington boots were a necessity, and she was clearly impressed by what had been achieved in the intervening months.

It had been a long journey, but ultimately a worthwhile one. "It is not easy to get a school delivered, and it's wonderful to see it here today. It really is a joyful experience," Ms O'Connor said. "It gives me great hope for the future of education."

She paid tribute to some who had played an integral role, adding that it was a reflection of how long it had taken that many of them had since retired, but the focus now, she said, was very much on the future. "I'm sure this will be a place of dreams – a place of ambition," she added to thunderous applause before unveiling a plaque commemorating the day.

Speaking afterwards, Drew Ritchie said he was immensely proud of what the team at Parkhall had achieved for future generations. "There's no doubt that the building is very impressive, and I'm delighted this day has finally arrived. I've no doubt that it will continue to serve Antrim for many years to come," he said.



Councillor Neil Kelly, welcomed the multi-million-pound investment in integrated education and urged local families to take advantage of the cutting-edge facility on their doorsteps. As the crowd began to clear, one man held back, examining the building in a quiet moment of contemplation. It was William McCrea, who had been credited by multiple speakers as one of the key drivers behind the project. "This is the result of a lot of work carried out by a lot of people over a long period of time," he told the Guardian. "I brought all the elected representatives together with the board of governors and the education board to make a joint presentation to the Department of Education. We were finally able to get it over the line, even though it seemed to have fallen on a number of occasions. This is a wonderful day after years of lobbying. It really is. I must pay tribute to George Beattie himself. He was a real driving force. His perseverance has created a centre of excellence for this community. It is certainly a very different school than before, and no one knows that better than Mr Beattie's three predecessors. Roy Dickson was at Parkhall for thirty-two years, including twenty-two in the top job. What they have achieved is simply magnificent. Parkhall was always a great school, and now it has been given the building that it deserves."

Mr Dickson was followed by Tom Skelton, and he said the new school was remarkable and a testament to years of teamwork. Mavis Knox took early retirement a decade ago, but she admitted that she had many fond memories of her time at Parkhall. "The new school is terrific, and you can tell the pupils and staff are very proud of it. I would like to congratulate everyone involved," she said.







## Parkhall Eco Club



In January 2019, two of our post-16 students, Reese Chan and Shay Neeson, delivered assemblies to the younger pupils in school to encourage them to become part of our new Eco Club.

Students from year 9 through to year 14 were invited to join up and make a difference in three main areas: waste, litter and biodiversity.

The Eco Club started running after school the following week with 45 members.

As part of Parkhall Integrated College's pursuit of an Eco School green flag, all pupils in year 8 were treated to a Bin It! roadshow in January 2019. The roadshow providers delivered an interesting, funny and interactive presentation, during which students learned about the importance of keeping their school and community tidy and litter-free. They also learned about both the long- and short-term consequences of throwing their litter on the ground instead of in a bin.



L-R: Calum Lyness, Eve Kirkpatrick, Sophia Dundee and Stephen Dawson

As part of our Eco action plan, we are aiming to recycle as much paper, plastic and aluminium as possible whilst reducing the volume of waste we send, as a school, to landfill. We have been working closely with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Eco Schools in order to make the biggest impact on our waste management as possible.

At our first meeting, students collected and carried out the first audit of the general office, staffroom and classroom waste in school. This waste was separated into mixed dry recyclables, organic food waste and non-recyclable waste before being weighed and recorded.

Eco Club then introduced the blue wheelie bin system to our daily school life. With the help and support of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, we have been able to place fifty-six blue wheelie bins in every classroom in school as well as many other areas such as the school office and all practical subject preparation rooms. Each bin allows pupils and staff to recycle materials and waste that would previously have ended up in a landfill site.

Eco Club students used word of mouth, assemblies, LLW presentations, blue bin signs and TV screen presentations to educate the staff and pupils in school about what waste should and should not be put in the blue wheelie bins. Eco Club pupils have also taken on the responsibility of ensuring that all blue bins are left outside once per fortnight to be emptied and then returning them to the room they came from. To make this a more efficient task, Derek Connor from the Technology department handcrafted little plaques for the lid of each bin which colour co-ordinate with all the different areas of our new building.

A month later, a second audit of the general waste bins was carried out. Our second audit showed that just over 54% of our general office, staffroom, preparation rooms and classroom waste was now being recycled.

We entered the Wheelie Big Challenge competition which ran from January until May 2019. This gave schools the opportunity to help protect the environment, reduce their school's waste disposal costs and win some great prizes.

To enter the competition, we had to show evidence of any changes to how we managed our waste, in keeping with the reduce, reuse, recycle approach. The results of both our waste audits were submitted to Eco Schools, along with details of all our Eco Club activities in the form of a display board and summary statement as the final competition entry. We would not have been able to provide such a great display without the help and dedication of Hannah Weir from the Science Department, Derek Connor from the Technology Department and Mervyn Campbell from the Art Department.

Over fifteen schools engaged with the challenge, with five schools, of which we were one, progressing to the final event. Linda Patterson, Karolis Lagunis, Rachel Shiels, Ruby Davis and Katie Shannon all spoke to the judges very confidently and made an excellent impression on them.

The judges for the final event were Lynsey Daly, Sue Christie, KNIB Chairperson and Billy Conway from Cookstown Textile Recycling. Pupils from each school told the judges about the actions they had taken to reduce the waste going to landfill and inspired them with their innovation and enthusiasm.

The children were also treated to a creature-filled nature talk from Mantella and interactive activities with the waste education officer and Habitat for Humanity.

Our team effort did not go unnoticed when we were awarded fourth place in the Wheelie Big Competition, showing significant progress and actions in helping reduce waste to landfill and become more environmentally friendly both in school and in the home.





Pupils in Eco Club will continue to monitor and assess the management of waste in Parkhall Integrated College as we look forward to recycling both batteries and food waste in school from September 2019.

In March this year, Eco Club began to tackle the unused, raised planting beds beside the greenhouse on our new school site. After hours of hard physical work by students and staff alike to remove all the weeds, students were delighted to work some real manure into the soil to enrich it in readiness for our next venture: planting rhubarb. Ben Vista Nursery very kindly provided us with forty-five rhubarb crowns, at a very much reduced price, one for each member of the Eco Club team. The plants have been growing very well, with both manure and free compost from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council helping it on its way. We have had a few mollusc problems, but the hot weather in mid-May seemed to put a stop to any slugs grazing on our rhubarb.

It is our hope that we can make and sell rhubarb jam later this year to help raise funds for other projects that Eco Club are hoping to work on, whilst students get the opportunity to work with the Home Economics department and learn about the homemade jam-making process.

A group of four key stage 4 students, Emma Wilson, Leah McAdorey, Tyler Rushe-Givens and Alfred Likuceva all took part in a Tidy Randalstown event in April 2019. We went along for the day to assist with planting and tidying around the Neillsbrook Fold area of the town. The students were working alongside other pupils from St Benedict's College and Antrim Grammar School in the shared Education event run by Helen Boyd and the rest of the Tidy Randalstown team.

We worked really hard all morning before joining the residents in Neillsbrook Fold for a delicious break and some great company. The students and residents really seemed to enjoy talking about all the



work we were doing. The Kandy Shop in Randalstown were sponsoring the community service efforts of all the students and staff on the day, and so we were treated to a lovely ice cream just before we returned to school.

In April this year, we were also very privileged to be awarded 850 re-usable water bottles from NI Water. Students in Eco Club attended the very informative presentation delivered by NI Water and were also given some free goodies to enjoy.

The Art department, in conjunction with Eco Club, will be running a competition for all key stage 3 students to personalise their NI Water re-usable bottles in June. Eco Club are optimistic that students will use these personalised bottles instead of the one-use water bottles that are so harmful to our environment.

In May, we purchased some bird feeders to hang around the new school site. Students have been trained to refill these bird feeders under the very competent supervision of Miss Nutt and Rodney Nutter. Eco Club intends, in the near future, to install bird houses around the site to complement the feeders.

Finally, to end off a pretty busy and successful year in Eco Club, the key stage 3 students are going, along with St Benedict's College and Antrim Grammar School Eco Club students, on a Shared Education trip to Portrush in June. Students will have an educational beach session with Maggie Finlay from Beaches NI to get hands-on experience of the problems caused by litter pollution in our oceans. They will also enjoy working with the sand and drift wood to leave some beach art for other visitors as well as learning how to build safe shelters and beach fires.

The key stage 4 and 5 students from Eco Club will be enjoying a similar trip during a different week in June. Watch this space to read all about Eco Club's exciting new plans for next year.





## Integration at Parkhall Integrated College

In March, our year 8 pupils took part in African drumming sessions to celebrate Integration Week during Integrated Education Month. They were learning a new skill whilst delving into a new culture, discovering and celebrating differences. Their enthusiasm was fantastic, and there are clearly some budding musical stars amongst our pupils.





## Year 8 Shared Education

Year 8 explored the importance of listening and communicating to be an effective team member in their Shared Education session with Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College. We focused on exploring the skills of our teammates and combining them with our own to become the best team. It was fantastic to see such competitive teams working together to build stronger relationships.



In November, pupils in 8CK, 8ID and 8IW took part in their first Shared Education event today alongside Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College. They spent time getting to know year 8s from the other schools and learning about their identity and personal qualities. The pupils had fun sharing information about their own personalities and discussing different opinions with others. They also set goals to see how their identity will develop as they progress through their new schools.





## Year 9 Shared Education

Classes 9IB, 9IF and 9CM took part in a Shared Education event on 5th December, working with peers at our partner schools Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College. The pupils were enhancing their teamwork skills in their first shared session this year. They had the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with friends from last year and to develop their communication skills to become the best team they could be. With some very competitive teams and some excellent ideas being discussed, they have definitely worked hard to improve their skills.



Year 9 took part in their final Shared Education event of the year, where we looked at embracing diversity in our ever-changing society. We discussed all the varieties of diversity we experience within our communities and recognised that, despite these differences, we all have a lot in common. We also addressed the changes in society, with The Good Friday Agreement twenty years ago, and how this has opened up opportunities for various cultures and ethnicities to come to Northern Ireland to become part of our communities. The Shared Education team would like to thank the pupils for their participation in our project this year, and we look forward to next year.



Year 9 pupils took part in a Shared Education event in March where we looked at managing conflict, employing strategies to avoid confrontation, ways in which our reactions contribute to different scenarios and consequences. Pupils explored how to use a variety of methods to solve problems. They looked at how they personally react to situations and practised techniques they can use to calm themselves in difficult situations.





## Year 10 Shared Education

Some year 10 pupils had the opportunity to work with peers from Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College to build on the friendships they have been developing over the past three years. They took part in activities to get them thinking about self-esteem and self-confidence and what lies under their skin. We talked about the negative impact influencers on social media can have on how we view ourselves and worked to highlight the positives we all bring to our schools and teams and how we contribute to the happiness of ourselves and others.



Year 10 took part in their final SESP event on Wednesday 27th March. They have been building links with their peers from Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College over the past three years whilst developing a wide range of skill sets. Today we focused on collaboration and positivity with the aim of recognising the importance of working together to reach a common goal. We have explored our differences and our similarities across the three-year project and have discovered that, despite a different uniform, we actually have a lot in common. Great work, everyone.





# TRANSFER EVENING

## Full House at Parkhall Integrated College Transfer Evening



The annual Transfer Evening at Parkhall Integrated College on Thursday 10th January attracted a huge turnout of prospective pupils and their parents. The new school assembly hall was packed to capacity as visitors were given the opportunity to view the facilities and to meet teachers, support staff and pupils.

The evening began with a DVD outlining what life is like at Parkhall. The DVD is designed to give prospective pupils an insight into both the year 8 curriculum and wider school life, alongside a review of the primary liaison programmes that Parkhall offers.

In his introduction the principal, George Beattie, indicated that the past few years had been a huge transition for the college, with the two schools joining together after twelve years on a split site, the new school building being completed in January 2018 and a new school timetable being introduced. This had resulted in extensive preparation and re-organisation by the senior management team and the board of governors. Mr Beattie emphasised the school mission statement, the aims of the school and the strong pastoral care system and extensive induction programme, which is designed to ensure that the transition to post-primary education is as smooth as possible for year 8 pupils.

In highlighting how well the year 8 pupils had settled into school life, Mr Beattie emphasised how delighted he was with the school intake last year of 153 pupils, taking the school enrolment to 804 pupils. The provision of year 10 mentors for each year 8 class ensures that the newest additions to the school community have a familiar face to support them at all times. The college also uses the services of junior school prefects in year 10, and they too have an important role to play in helping the younger pupils within the school.

Mr Beattie commended the young people who completed GCSE study last June, many of whom gained excellent A\*-C grades in their GCSEs and have progressed to further study and/or employment. He gave a special mention to pupils who each had obtained nine, ten or eleven GCSE grades and outlined that the three-year average for five A\*-C grades, seven A\*-C grades, five A\*-E grades and five A\*-G grades were all above the NI average for schools of a similar type. He also spoke of the steps that the college was taking to increase the percentage of pupils who gained five A\*-C grades with both Maths and English, including resit classes, blitz sessions

and revision workshops, and stated that this was a major priority for the college at present.

The college has introduced banding into key stage 3, with pupils following an academic pathway, a more vocational pathway or a combined pathway, and continues to review the key stage 4 curriculum to ensure that pupils are provided with a breadth of choice suitable to their needs and aspirations. Mr Beattie went on to talk about the successful introduction of post-16 education, allowing the pupils to remain at Parkhall to complete their education and to move into further education, higher education or employment.

The importance of extra-curricular activities was highlighted, and the range of opportunities to experience educational visits was of particular interest to the young people. In the past few years, pupils had visited Alton Towers, Paris and London, had gone on football trips to Manchester, Barcelona, Madrid and Italy alongside trips to Dublin, Auschwitz and others. The need to develop mutual respect, tolerance and understanding of others amongst our young people was clearly identified as being a major focus as the college continues to build upon its controlled integrated status, welcoming children from a wide range of faiths, traditions and backgrounds.



Mr Beattie spoke of his delight at the new seventeen-million-pound building which had just opened for pupils in January 2018. This provides state-of-the-art classrooms with interactive teaching panels, Science labs, specialist workshops for Art, Technology and Home Economics and new canteen, youth and community facilities. All areas of the curriculum are well equipped with ICT facilities, with eleven computer rooms throughout the building alongside an extensive range of mobile equipment. The sporting provision includes 3G and AstroTurf pitches and five tennis courts, as well as a fitness suite, a gym and a four-court sports hall.

The impressions of the current head girl, Hannah Moxen, a year 10 mentor, Lucas Matchett and a year 8 pupil, Holly Geddis, were well received by the large audience.

Parents and prospective pupils were then given a comprehensive guided tour of the school, highlighting the type of activities being undertaken by year 8 pupils.

Anyone who missed the Open Evening or has any further questions about the college is invited to contact the principal on 028 9446 8556 or to make an appointment at the school office to arrange a tour.







# Parkhall Integrated College

## Junior Colours Awards 2019

### Academic

Katie Mitchell	Ben Cherrington	Courtney Ledamun
Hannah McGrath	Marcel Javorsky	

### Arts - Orchestra

Katie Mitchell	Maria Garvin	Hannah Carson
Katie Young	Laura Barancova	

### Arts - Choir

Amber Jo Woods	Jake Brady	Katie Sempey
Hannah McGrath	Dylan Allison	Neveah Buckley
Chloe Paul	Laura Barancova	Megan William-Yates
Sofia Bajusova	Hannah Carson	
Chloe Hanna	Rachel Shiels	

### Arts - Art

Cameron Sands	Taylor	Rachel Shiels
Lucas Matchett	Samara Surgenor	Katie Sempey
Francesca	Lauren Worsley	Neveah Buckley
Mezeiova	Nicole McCavana	Megan William-Yates
Makenzie-Rea	Alex Adair	

### Community - Charity

Katelyn Evans	Katie Mitchell	Chloe Rainey
Chloe Hanna	Chloe Paul	Hannah Carson

### Leadership - Prefects

Chloe Rainey	Hannah McGrath	Marcel Javorsky
Hannah Carson	Rachel Shiels	Laura Barancova
Danielle Olliver		

### Mentors

Amber-Jo Woods	Caitlyn Taylor	Ellie Johnston
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### Student Council

Ryan Baker	Cassidy Douglas	Marcel Javorsky
Adam Hall	Jason Glenn	Laura Barancova
Emanuel Preda	Deesel Chan	

### Sport - Hockey

Hannah McGrath	Katie Mitchell	Maria Garvin
Hannah Carson	Laura Barancova	Luke Aiken
Chloe Rainey		

### Sport - Netball

Jodi Melville Jones
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### Sport - Athletics

Jay Montgomery
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### Sport - Football

Ethan Sherwood	Adam Hall	Lewis Vance
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### Sport - Cricket

Jake Brady	Ed Moses
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### Sport - Multiple

Danielle Olliver	Chloe Hanna	Max McMeekin
Ellie Robinson	Rachel Shiels	Adam Melvin
Ellie Johnson	Ruby Davis	Owen Blair

Parkhall Integrated College continued to establish and cement its whole-school rewards programme with a special assembly presentation of awards to pupils throughout the school.

The structure has been rolled out over the past few years and is designed to focus attention and praise on the many excellent examples of pupils performing well in school.

The programme encompasses all aspects of school life, including sporting awards, the presentation of colours and honours badges and special achievement award glass plaques, as well as the announcement of the college's newly appointed head boy and girl for next year.

During this assembly, held in front of all the worthy winners and many of their parents there in support, Mr Martin, teacher in charge of the school's rewards programme, was delighted to introduce and invite onto the stage the school's business partners, which include:

- **Peter Stevenson** of **Wallace's**, High Street, Antrim
- **Martin Clarke**, owner of **M Clarke Mortgages Now**, Fountain Street, Antrim
- **Andrew Duncan**, owner of **IED Design & Print**, Dundonald
- **Paul Stephens**, personal banker at **Danske Bank**, Antrim
- **Naomi Carey**, co-owner of **Hutchinson Care Homes**, Antrim
- **Darren Clarke**, owner of **Moes Grill**, The Junction, Antrim
- **Paul and Roy Kirkpatrick**, owners of **Islandbawn Stores Building Supplies**, Muckamore, Antrim

## Business Partners Annual Awards Plaques

- **Careers Award** presented to Liveta Abelkyte by Paul Stevenson of Wallace's, High Street, Antrim
- **Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award** presented to Ian Irvine and Hannah McGrath by Martin Clarke of M Clarke Mortgages Now, Fountain Street, Antrim
- **Artist of the Year Award** presented to Cameron Sands by Andrew Duncan of IED Design & Print, Dundonald
- **Emerging Leaders Award** presented to Laura Barancova and Marcel Javorsky by Richard Lapsley, branch manager of Danske Bank, Antrim
- **Young Carer in the Community Award** presented to Jake McGarrigle by Naomi Carey of Hutchinson Care Homes, Antrim
- **Chef of the Year Award** presented to Nicole McCavana by Jackie Clarke and her daughter, Julieann, of Moes Grill, The Junction, Antrim
- **Charities Award** Presented to Charlie-Anna Ramsey, Ella Thompson & Abbie Wilgaus by Stefani Mearns, Northern Ireland fundraising manager for Macmillan

## Kukri Sporting Excellence tops presented by Paul and Roy Kirkpatrick of Islandbawn Stores Antrim

All of these award-winners were nominated by the PE department for showing outstanding levels of commitment, performance and resilience on the sports field both during matches when representing the school and during many years of extra-curricular practice. All winners received a Kukri sporting excellence hoody embroidered with the school crest presented by Paul Kirkpatrick, all courtesy of Islandbawn Stores.



# Parkhall Integrated College Senior Colours Awards 2019

## Leadership

Rachel Thompson  
Shawn McKee  
Sujith Sunil  
Calvin Boyd  
Reece Chan  
Abbie Brownlee  
Kirsty Spence

Brendan  
Fitzsimmons  
Ryan Bolton  
Jade Brownlee  
Hannah McCurry  
Matthew Finlay  
Emily Wilson

Rachel Douglas  
Shay Neeson  
Cameron Hogg  
Zoe Kilpatrick  
Jack Kirkpatrick

## Community

Rachel Douglas

## Sport

Rachel Douglas – school level commitment to sport  
Jack Kirkpatrick – school level commitment to cricket  
Emily Wilson (U17/U19/NI senior football)  
Zoe Kilpatrick (U17 NI football)

# AWARDS

## Junior Awards

**For outstanding effort and commitment,  
the award-winners were:**  
Ruby Davis and Max McMeekin

**For outstanding levels of performance,  
the best overall award-winners in junior school were:**  
Rachel Shiels and Adam Melvin

## Senior Awards

**For outstanding effort and commitment,  
the award-winners were:**  
Rachel Douglas and Ben Cunningham

**For outstanding levels of performance,  
the best overall award-winners in senior school were:**  
Charlie-Anna Ramsey and Matthew Patterson



**Parkhall College Business Partners**

L-R: Paul Kirkpatrick (Islandbawn Stores), Darren Clarke (Moes Grill), Stefani Mearns (Macmillan), Naomi Carey (Hutchinson Care Homes)  
Mr G Beattie (Principal), Martin Clarke (Mortgages Now), Paul Stephens (Danske Bank), Peter Stevenson (Wallace's), Andrew Duncan (IED Design & Print)





## Rewards Assembly Plaques & Sports Winners Words of Praise

### Sports Awards Presented by Messrs Paul & Roy Kirkpatrick, owners of Islandbawn Stores Building Supplies and New Plumbing Centre

#### Ruby Davis – Junior Girls' Contribution to PE & Sport

Ruby has been a very enthusiastic pupil who works hard in every PE/Games lesson and pushes herself to develop her talent in all sporting activities. As her confidence has grown, she has committed herself to many after-school clubs, including the new girls' cricket club, which is run by Mrs Davis in conjunction with Muckamore Cricket Club. Ruby attends cricket, football, athletics and the fitness club after school



**Charities Award Presented by Stefani Means to:**  
Charlie-Anna Ramsey, Ella Thompson and Abbie Wilgaus for



#### Rachel Shiels – Junior Girls' Best Overall

Rachel is a very competent sports performer, who has represented the school in many sports including hockey, football and athletics. She has also joined the new girls' cricket club and works very hard in every sporting club she attends, including the school fitness club. She has a great attitude to PE and is an excellent motivator amongst her peers.



#### Max McMeekin – Junior Boys' Commitment to PE & Sport

Three-year commitment to football and cricket. Technically one of the top five cricketers in the school's history, Max is always willing to help out and participate in all he is asked to do. He was captain in year 8, 9 and 10 teams and goes above and beyond, attempting to cajole and organise teams on our behalf. He plays for Antrim Rovers, is a true worker in all aspects of school life, not just on the sports field, and is a wee worrier to go with it.



#### Adam Melvin – Junior Boys' Best Overall

Three-year commitment to football, athletics and lately cricket. Adam is a regular performer at a high level for football and particularly athletics. He recently took up cricket for the first time, helping us out. Adam was overall athletics champion on Sports Day 2018.





**Rachel Douglas – Senior Girls' Contribution to PE & Sport**

Rachel has been a very enthusiastic pupil since starting Parkhall in year 8. She has represented the school in many sports including football. In junior school, she was a member of the winning Northern Ireland five-a-side team. This year, she has taken part in the new girls' cricket club and has started playing for Muckamore Cricket Club at senior level. Rachel also volunteers after school at many of the girls' sports clubs and is an invaluable assistant to the PE staff. She is a well organised and motivated pupil who leads by example and is a great role model for the younger pupils.



**Ben Cunningham – Senior Boys' Commitment to PE & Sport**

Four-year commitment to sports, including football, cricket and athletics. Ben is a high-level cricket performer with both bat and ball at both school and club level and has played outstandingly well for the last four years. He is an excellent athlete and footballer and also a former Sports Day champion. Ben has played for Muckamore Cricket Club thirds and seconds and was last year's winner of most improved school player of the year.



**Charlie-Anna Ramsey – Senior Girls' Best Overall**

Charlie-Anna has developed into a very competent sports performer since starting at Parkhall, representing the school in many sports including hockey, football and athletics. She has also committed to the after-school fitness club and worked hard on her fitness levels. Charlie-Anna has a great attitude to PE and is an excellent motivator and role model for the younger pupils.



**Matthew Patterson – Senior Boys' Best Overall**

Five-year commitment to all aspects of sport at Parkhall: football, cricket, athletics and cross-country. Matthew has been captain of football teams for five years with an outstanding contribution to sporting life at the college, particularly in the sport of football. He started the season with Ballymena U18s at 15 years of age and finished the season playing as a regular in Ballymena U20s. Matthew is definitely a star for the future and one to watch. He is an outstanding midfielder with a true eye for a pass and a good, old-fashioned tackle. And a true gentleman.





## Departmental Glass Plaque Awards

### **Young Entrepreneur of the Year presented by Martin Clarke, owner of M Clarke Mortgages Now, Fountain Street, Antrim**

The Business Studies department is pleased to announce that the Young Entrepreneurs of the Year are Ian Irvine and Hannah McGrath.

Both pupils are very deserving of this award as they produced excellent business plans for new business ventures in Antrim. Ian spotted a gap in the market for a game shop and developed an excellent brand image for his business called Gamez, including the tag line "Time to Power On!" Hannah showed great entrepreneurial flair by developing a business plan for Hannah's Beauty and Spa. The location chosen by Hannah was idyllic with relaxing views of the Lough shore. This was her business' greatest strength. Both Hannah and Ian have shown great interest and awareness of the business world and have worked with great purpose on their business plans. Without doubt, Ian and Hannah are entrepreneurs of the future.



### **Chef of the Year Award presented by Jackie & Darren Clarke (owners) of Moes Grill, The Junction, Antrim**

Nicole McCavana was nominated by the Home Economics Department.

Nicole has displayed excellent commitment to the Home Economics department throughout the last three years. She has displayed excellent practical skills and is always keen to learn and develop these skills. Nicole displays a positive attitude in the classroom and is always ready to help others. We hope she will be the next Mary Berry and won't forget her Home Economics teachers when she is rich and famous.



### **Young Carer in the Community Award presented by Naomi Carey, co-owner of Hutchinson Care Homes, Antrim**

Jake McGarrigle was nominated by Mrs Cunningham.

Jake McGarrigle has shown great caring qualities as a helper to staff and friends. He always welcomes everyone with a smile and friendly manner. Jake goes over and above to ensure all those around him are happy. He is eager to help and uses his initiative when he sees others struggling. Jake is a delightful young man and is very worthy of this award.





**Artist of the Year Award presented by Andrew Duncan (owner) of IED Design & Print, Dundonald**

Miss Maguire and the Art and Design department would like to award Cameron Sands our Artist of the Year award for his outstanding contribution to the subject.

Cameron continues to impress us in every lesson and always goes above and beyond. He is quick to offer help and assistance to his fellow pupils and the teaching staff. He volunteered on Open Night, completing an impressive design featuring his favourite genre: Manga. Cameron demonstrates great ability and interest in Art and Design. He recently shared his approach to digital imaging with his Art teacher in class and brought in his own drawing tablet to demonstrate how he is continually practising and developing his skills. We are very proud of Cameron and look forward to seeing him achieve great results at GCSE and potentially post-16.



**Emerging Leaders Award presented by Mr Paul Stephens of Danske Bank, Antrim**

Laura Barancova and Marcel Javorsky were nominated by Miss Spiers as joint winners.

These pupils go above and beyond the leadership roles expected of them, helping to organise events, represent the school at student council and shared education events, and have good organisational and teamwork skills. Both have been leaders of two large teams in our school: the student council for three years with full attendance, representing the voice of our pupils, and the junior perfect team. Laura and Marcel have a lovely way with other pupils, members of staff, parents and people in the community and are a credit to themselves and the school.



**Careers Award presented by Peter Stevenson, owner of Wallace's, High Street, Antrim**

Mrs Stubbs nominated Liveta Abelkyte.

Liveta is a newcomer pupil from Lithuania who sourced her own work placement in Gordon's Chemist in the Castle Mall. Her attendance and punctuality record were excellent. Liveta started with basic tasks, such as stocking shelves and unpacking deliveries. She then progressed to working on the till and dealing with individual customers and their requests – all of this in a language that is not her own. Liveta has chosen not to follow the retail route next year. She begins a level 2 barbering course at Belfast Met in September.





# CHARITY

## Action Cancer Easter Egg Raffle

In April 2019, pupils and staff had the opportunity to win a luxurious Easter basket and at the same time raise money for Action Cancer. The basket included a huge Easter egg, a bar of chocolate and a very cute bunny rabbit. We were asked to donate £1.

A thank-you must go to Kacey Balmer and Rachel Nicholl of 9CG, who were responsible for the collection every morning for nearly two weeks.

On 11th April, Ella Tomlinson from the local Antrim Action Cancer group came into school to make the draw. The winner was Harrison McKelvey of 9IB.

Well done to Harrison, and a huge thanks must go to everyone who donated to this very worthy charity.



## Autism N.I.

On 14th February, Sarah-Jayne Cassells from Autism NI was presented with a cheque from Parkhall pupils for £250. This money had been collected through our December non-uniform day. Sarah-Jayne was a guest in our year 9 assembly, where she explained what autism is and told us how many children and young people have a diagnosis of autism. Then told us how the money we raised would be used by the charity.





## Cancer Fund for Children



In January, Rebecca Oates received a cheque for £300 on behalf of the Cancer Fund for Children. The money was raised through our non-uniform/Christmas jumper day in December.

## Parkhall Pupils and Staff Go Pretty in Pink for Action Cancer

On Friday 26th October, our staff and pupils were encouraged to wear something pink and to donate £1 to show support for Action Cancer. Some pupils and staff made a great effort with their pink clothes: ties, socks and shoes. As well as having fun, we collected a wonderful £416 for Action Cancer.





## Parkhall Spreads Joy and Kindness to Eastern Europe

The pupils and staff at Parkhall Integrated College are once again to be congratulated on their efforts and involvement in the world's largest children's Christmas project, Operation Christmas Child. The school's junior prefects did an amazing job, overseeing the entire project from start to finish, and they were overwhelmed by the schools' response to it: ninety shoeboxes filled with thoughtful gifts and beautifully written messages, as well as monetary contributions, totalling £1000 in donations. The shoeboxes were distributed to children in Belarus in Eastern Europe.

This project once again highlighted the kind and generous nature of our pupils. We are extremely proud of them for coming together as a school community in aid of such a worthwhile project and helping to bring joy to the lives of less fortunate children around the world.



## Operation Christmas Child Project

As part of the role of junior prefects, our first project was to participate in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. To raise awareness of this charity, we firstly gave a presentation in assembly to years 8, 9 and 10 at the start of the school year. We were then allocated junior form classes, where we talked to them and encouraged pupils either to fill a shoebox of their own or bring in items for several class shoeboxes. Some also brought in money to support travel costs.

Some of us also helped with wrapping the shoeboxes and are now experts in Christmas-present wrapping. We were all delighted to be involved in this worthwhile project, bringing joy and happiness to children who may never have received a gift before. We feel it's a symbol of hope to them that someone, somewhere cares enough to pack a thoughtfully prepared gift-filled shoebox for them.

We would like to thank the whole school community, pupils, parents and staff for all their contributions. Altogether ninety shoeboxes left our school to travel to less fortunate children in Belarus in Eastern Europe, plus money towards transport costs. We enjoyed participating in this project and are looking forward to involving ourselves in many more school fundraisers.

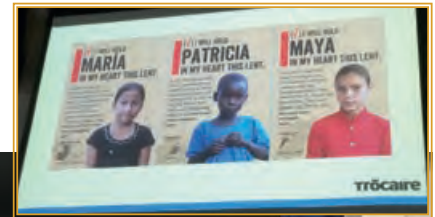
**Laura Barancova, Chloe Hanna, Katelyn Evans, Katie Mitchell, Chloe Rainey, Hannah Carson and Rachel Shiels**





# Trocaire Assembly

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March 2019, we were delighted to welcome representatives from Trócaire to speak to in our assemblies. Maria Kane spoke to our senior pupils and Hannah McKeown talked to our junior pupils. On both days, we were reminded of the poverty throughout the world and the ways in which we can help, even by giving just a little of our money.









# ANTRIM AUTOPARTS

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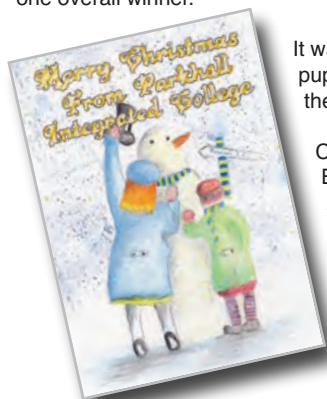



# SUBJECTS

## GCSE Art and Design

As part of their winter assessment, all year 11 GCSE pupils created artwork that was entered in a competition to design the school's official Christmas card for 2018.

The entries were of an excellent standard and it was difficult to pick one overall winner.



It was decided that the work of four pupils would be combined to create the final design.

Congratulations to Abbie Wilgaus, Eve Kennedy, Jodie Anderson and Alex McClelland for their contributions to the final product.



## Credit Union Competition

Photographed here are Amy Fullerton of 11K and Eve Kennedy of 11A, both winners in the local Antrim Association Credit Union competition for 2017. The theme was 'set your imagination free'. They were delighted to receive their cash rewards, and their work will be on display in the Art department. Well done to both girls.



## Visiting Artist

On Friday 15th March 2019, years 13 and 14 Art students were delighted to welcome local artist, Harry Boyd, who previously taught in the college. Harry answered our

questions and presented us with examples of his work. We enjoyed showing him our own artwork and hearing his observations and constructive feedback.





## Trip to the Ulster Museum

On our trip to Belfast, we visited the Ulster Museum. On arrival, we met a Belfast-based artist by the name of Nathan Crothers. Nathan is a graduate of the University of Ulster and a well-known contemporary conceptual artist. Nathan's work is currently focused on the film-making process and experiments with a range of techniques. He introduced us to different methods and techniques to use whilst drawing out objects he had displayed in front of us. These objects included fake geese, string and books, all of which feature in paintings from the current collection of artwork on display in the museum. In order for us to complete this object drawing, he provided us with a variety of pens, chalks and crayons. Repeating the same view each time, we created multiple pages in different styles and using different methods. Some of these included drawing with our eyes shut, not looking at the page, timing us and one-line drawing. I found that all these methods made me experience what it is like to be more open with different materials, and so it may come in handy for future pieces.

Nathan challenged us to work under time-bound limits and challenged us to think about how we view things. He then showed us his work – weird but unique. Nathan spoke to us about his influences and how he wants to challenge what people see as art. He shared a recent film he made with us. His influences are certainly very different to what we are used to researching. After this, we were left to venture by ourselves. I took this opportunity to photograph two of my friends for inspiration for work on portraiture. I took a variety with different moods and backgrounds; this provided me with a range to work with in different styles.

Although I found Nathan's work interesting and very different, I have decided to focus on the theme of portraiture and enjoyed looking at some artefacts from around the world that might inform my work.  
Rachael Lowry, year 14

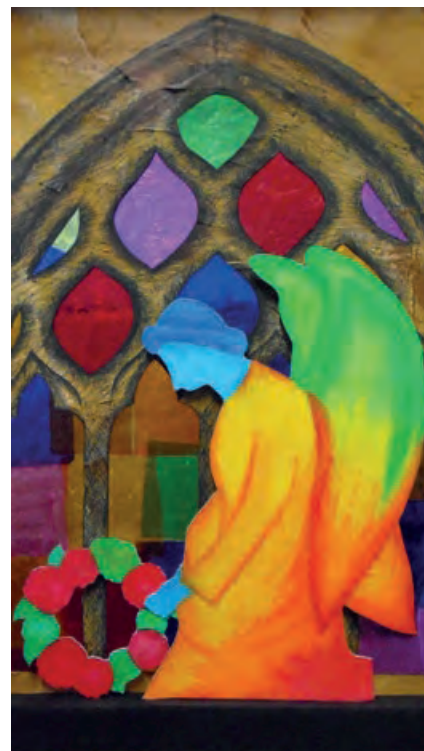




# Antrim - My Town



On Tuesday 12th February, our year 13 Art class, accompanied by Mrs Cochrane and Mr Campbell, spent the day exploring their town. We started our tour in the Castle Gardens and followed the route of the Antrim Town Heritage Trail. The pupils took photographs and were amazed at the beauty within their local environment. The trip generated much inspiration to help the class with their own personal artwork.



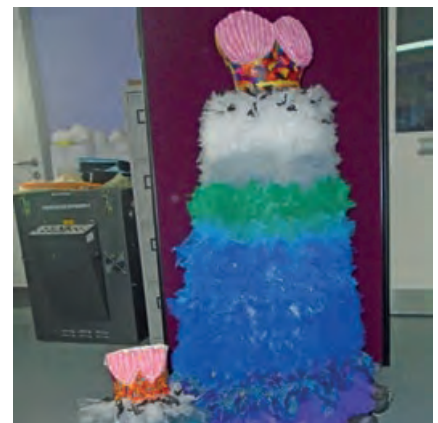
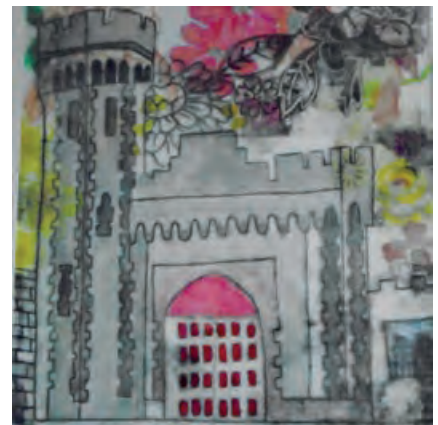
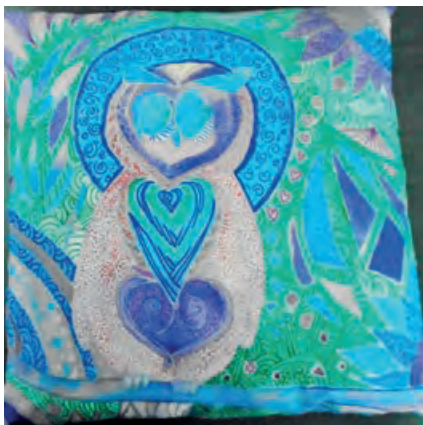
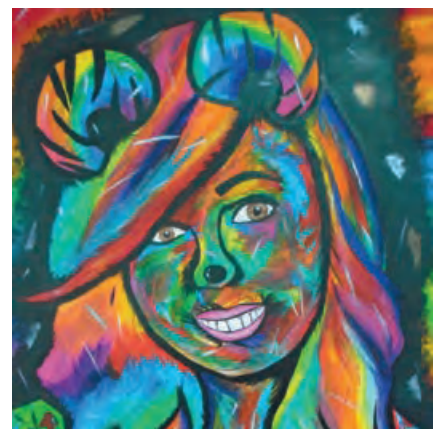


## Post-16 Artwork



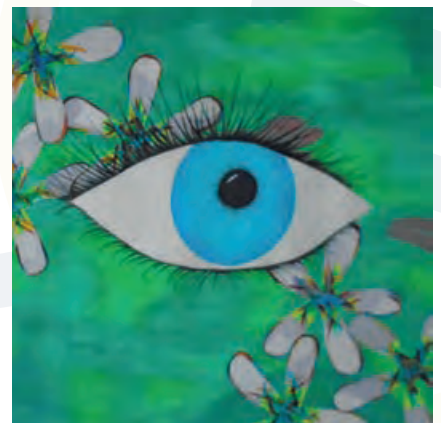
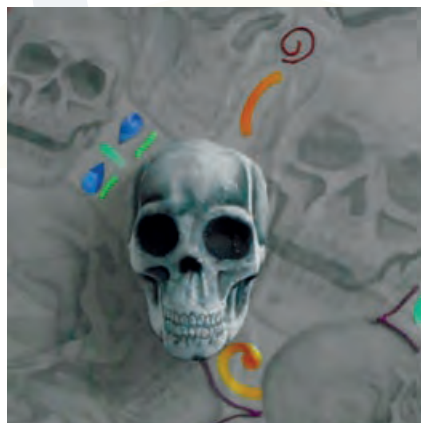
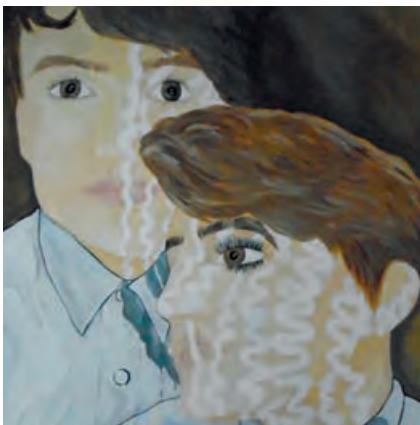


## GCSE Artwork



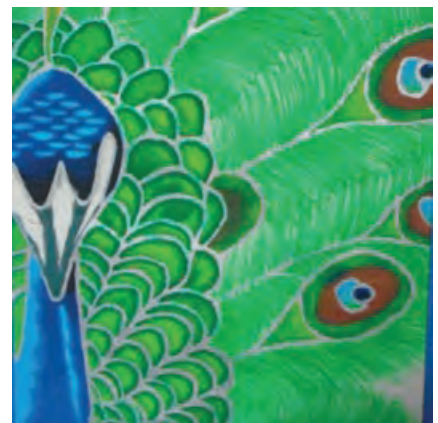
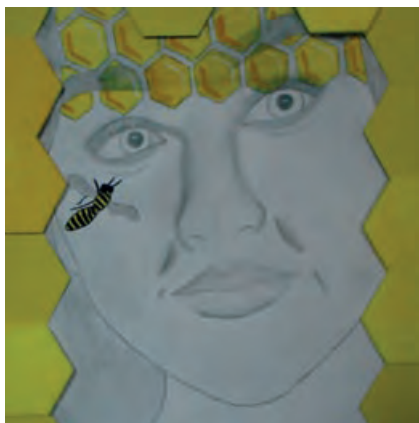
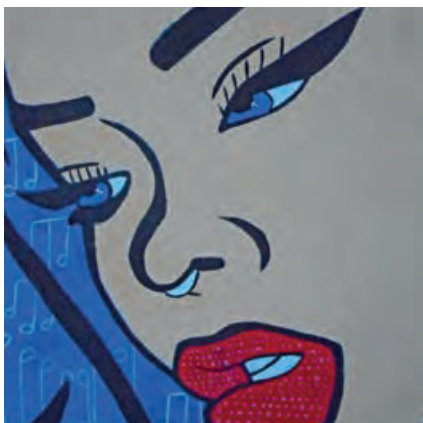
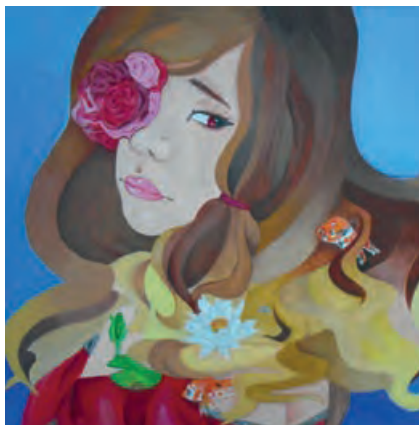
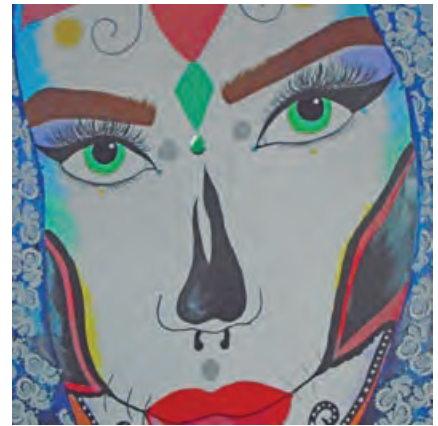


## GCSE Artwork





# GCSE Artwork







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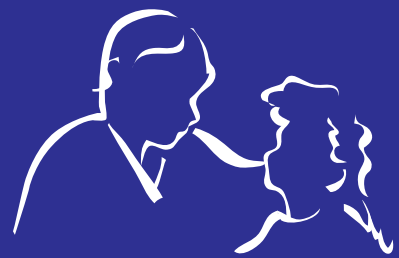
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## Business Studies - Devine Design

Charlene Devine from Devine Design in Antrim visited the GCSE Business and Communication Systems class in February 2019. As a web designer, she outlined her career path from being a graphic designer to now being an entrepreneur. Charlene shared her web design



## It's All About Me

Year 9 pupils were invited by Antrim Enterprise Agency to get involved in their It's All About Me Programme. This cross-community, intergenerational programme took them back to basics, and they learned new skills across the four areas of DIY, sewing, cooking and money management. On the day, facilitators such as Men's Shed Antrim, the Urban Community Chef and So Sew showed pupils how to sew on a button and turn up a hem, cook easy and healthy pizza and popcorn chicken, mend a bicycle puncture and rewire a plug. Antrim and Newtownabbey Enterprise Agencies taught pupils the importance of budgeting and living within their means. New friendships were forged and valuable life lessons learned.





## Young Enterprise Digital Masterclass

The year 12 Business and Communications Systems class attended a Young Enterprise digital masterclass at Mossley Mill in Newtownabbey on Wednesday 14th November. The pupils heard

from digital leaders from local businesses about the use of ICT in their businesses. They then had the opportunity to design a business plan for a new app.



## Year 10 Young Enterprise Project

Year 10 pupils participated in the Young Enterprise business project on Tuesday 12th February 2019. In this practical business session, pupils took part in a production and sales simulation, in which they had to produce beaded bracelets. Pupils also had the opportunity to develop a marketing plan for a new product. It was a very enterprising day.





## The Young Enterprise QuickStart Training Day

The Young Enterprise QuickStart training day was held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018. The session was led by Jane Hanna from Young Enterprise and David Goodrich, a business adviser from Deloitte.

The focus of the day was to ensure that all pupils in their company have a job that matches their skills and interests. To do this, pupils had to consider a number of scenarios and were then classified as the following types of people – organiser, analytical, supportive or creative. Each type of person relates to a range of jobs in a business.

Year 11 Creative Crafts pupils then had to assign job roles to all class members to get their business off the ground.



## St. George's Market Visit

A number of our Young Enterprise directors from Biz Wiz were lucky enough to attend their first trade fair at St. George's Market in Belfast on 5th December. Representatives from each mini company across Northern Ireland competed for Christmas sales. We were extremely fortunate to be able to attend this annual event and look forward to more in the near future. A huge well done to the team.



## Vistoria Square Visit

The years 11 and 12 Office and Retail class were lucky enough to get the chance to take part in a retail trip to Victoria Square in Belfast. The pupils were able to meet a number of employees in various retail outlets in the centre to see what a job in the retail industry might be like. There may even have been time for some shopping and lunch despite the weather.





## Careers - Exploring Enterprise Day

All year 9 students had the opportunity to work with Young Enterprise in their Exploring Enterprise Day. They looked at what it takes to be an entrepreneur and identified famous people and learned the secrets of their success. The most exciting part of the day was an activity in which students had to design a brand new board game in groups and come up with a prototype game, together with a business plan, a logo and a slogan – all against the clock. Hopefully, we will have inspired some young entrepreneurs of tomorrow to take a risk on running their own businesses. Parkhall would like to thank Stephanie Allen and Alex White for facilitating the day.



## Year 12 & 13 It's All About Me

Pupils from years 12 and 13 had the opportunity to take part in the It's All About Me, Life and Career Development programme funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and organised by Kerry McClintock from Antrim Enterprise Agency on 4th October 2018.

The students completed two workshops during the day, including

personal marketing and confidence building and personal development. They had the opportunity to meet and speak to local entrepreneurs Pearl Mitchell and Shirley Penney. The pupils gained an insight into each entrepreneur's journey through study, employment and self-employment. Ultimately, the students had the opportunity to learn a valuable lesson: how to ensure future personal success.



## Year 13 UCAS Visit

Year 13 students had the opportunity to visit the UCAS higher education exhibition held at the EIKON Centre in Lisburn. Over 140 universities were there to provide first-hand information and answer questions on courses. Students could attend seminars on topics such as student finance and moving away from home and also take part in the 360-degree dome, where they could delve deeper into

what universities and colleges have to offer. By scanning their unique barcode, students were then able to request further information from a particular exhibitor to be sent directly to their inbox. Year 13s began to plan their post-18 choices after Easter, so the day proved to be an excellent and thought-provoking starter activity.





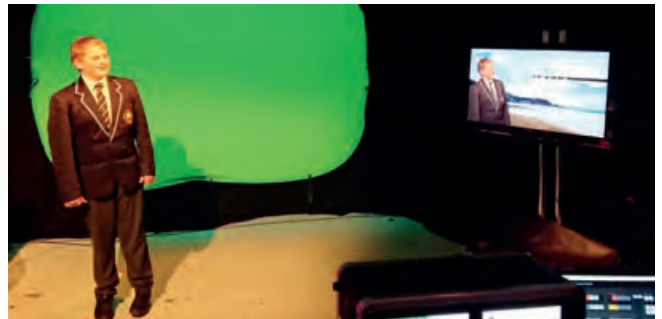
## Child Development Jolly Tots Visit

On 11th September, year 12 Occupational Studies Care pupils enjoyed a trip to local day nursery Jolly Tots. Pupils were studying what a risk assessment is and why it helps protect young children in care environments. The students had a fun morning on a guided tour around Jolly Tots, identifying all the safety measures put in place to keep children safe.



## English - BBC School News Report

The BBC School News Report team took over the BBC's Broadcasting House in Belfast for the day, participating in a range of elements of news broadcasting. These included presenting live sports commentary and weather forecasting, producing and presenting TV news, using the latest virtual-reality and 360-degree technology, being able to suit up in safety gear used by correspondents in conflict situations and developing camera and sound skills with the experienced technicians at the BBC.





# PRIZE NIGHT

## Principal's Report for the Year 2017//2018

Thank you, Mr Chairman. Before commencing my report, I would like to extend to all of you – parents, special guests, elected representatives and young people – a very warm and personal welcome to this, the 47th Annual Prize Distribution at Parkhall Integrated College, and thank you for your support this evening, particularly as it is our first in our new school building.

I am delighted to welcome back to Parkhall past staff, including Mr Roy Dickson, Mrs Mavis Knox, Mr Jackie Davis and Miss Edith Greenfield, alongside our elected representatives and to say thank you for your continued support. I must also say a special word of welcome to my wife Sonya, and children Andrew and Jenni.

Our chairperson made mention to our guest of honour, Rev Barry Paine, the first head boy of Parkhall High School. I am absolutely delighted, Barry, that you could find the time to join us this evening, and we look forward to hearing from you later in the programme.

In the past few years both HSBC and BMW have used the Dinah Washington song- "What a Difference a Day Makes" in their TV adverts. I thought I would change it to what a difference a year makes for this report on the academic year 2017/18.

In September of last year, we introduced our new school uniform, and in our recent pupil survey 90% of children felt that they had pride in their school uniform, which was a very pleasing response.

We also, after many years of trying, had the extreme pleasure of welcoming back our first-ever group of sixth-form pupils. Prior to this, our pupils simply had to leave and find somewhere else to study, and it was fantastic to be able to offer post-16 education here, in conjunction with our colleagues at Antrim Grammar school. Across our two year groups, we currently have 82 children in sixth form and we are currently assisting our first cohort in preparation for progression into further education, higher education or higher level apprenticeships.

In December of this year, we got the Christmas present that many of us thought would never happen: the keys of the new school building. We transformed from working in two old, cold buildings 1.2 miles apart with few resources to this new state-of-the-art 17-million-pound facility with resources that many schools are envious of. This was an extremely challenging time for everyone concerned, packing up and clearing out two old schools, moving into a new school, adjusting to a new, two-week, single-site timetable, all during the Christmas period. I would like to pay tribute to all the staff in undertaking this move. The local clergy provided much-needed support and sustenance during this time, and I would like to thank them publicly again for their contribution. Things haven't always been easy here on the campus for our neighbours, and I would like to particularly acknowledge Mrs Zelda Scarlet of Steeple Nursery and Mrs Jenni Lendrum of Antrim Grammar School for their support and consideration during this transition.

Irene Peter once said "just because everything is different doesn't mean anything has changed", and thankfully this was the case with the performance of our pupils in external exams. At GSCE level, 82

of our pupils gained at least five A\*-C grades in August. This equates to 79% of the year group – 5% above the Northern Ireland average – an outcome that means that the college is currently sitting at a three-year average of 83%, which is 9% above the Northern Ireland average for non-selective schools. Every pupil who left last year did so with at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, and 96% of our pupils left with at least five A\*-E grades.

In terms of one of the selective schools' benchmarks of seven A\*-C grades, we had 47% of our pupils meeting this standard and thirty-two of our pupils obtained the selective schools' benchmark of seven-plus A\*-C grades including Maths and English, demonstrating that although we do not use the phrase 'grammar stream' annually, we have children who achieve the grammar school standards.

This year, A\* or A grades were achieved across many subjects, including English, Maths, Double Award Science, Construction, ICT, Home Economics, Child Development, Art and Design, History, Geography, Sport, Polish, Horticulture, Equine Studies and English Literature, and I would like to pay tribute to the continued hard work of our heads of department, who have led this significant school improvement and to the two year heads, Mr Moore and Mrs Neeson for all their efforts.

Of particular mention are two pupils who obtained 11 A\*-C grades: Wiktor Olszowy and Sarah Thompson and those who obtained ten or more A\*-C grades: Katie Hunter, Caitlin Macrory, Charlotte Mitchell, Megan Mitchell, Ellie Murdock, Amy Wilson, Katie Wilson and Lois Woodage. High performances were also obtained by students who sat and passed eight or nine exams, including Barnabas Benko, Calvin Boyd, Reese Chan, Rachel Douglas, Cassandra Ferry, Owen McCleave, Lauren McGinley, Shay Neeson, Joshua Crooks, Sophie Faulkner, Morgan Hanna, Cameron Hogg, Zoe Kilpatrick, Taylor Lynn, Bronagh McBride, Daniel McCullough, Jamie Mitchell, Leah Reid, Reece Sloan, Kirsty Spence and Emily Wilson.

The curriculum that we offer is suited to the needs and aspirations of the wide range of abilities of our pupils and allows them to achieve appropriate progression routes for the future. Individually, both our Maths and English results have steadily increased. A major focus as we move forward will be on increasing the number of pupils who achieve these standards, ensuring that they have included both English and Maths.

These successes build upon the groundwork that is provided across key stage 3. Our breadth of curriculum enables all our young people to succeed, and it is very rewarding to be able to acknowledge our class prize-winners who represent all streams across all year groups, thereby recognising hard work at all levels within the school. These successes build upon the tremendous work that is carried out in our local primary schools, and I am delighted that Mr Gourley, principal of Antrim Primary School, Mr Cromie of Templepatrick Primary and Mrs Edwards from Ballycraig Primary have been able to join us this evening. These successes also reflect on the support and assistance provided by our parents, and I thank you on behalf of the pupils for all that you have contributed this year.

Alan Watts is accredited with the statement that "the only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it and join the dance", and despite this transition, the range of opportunities for our children has not changed.

Our Shared Education classes continued with our partner schools, Antrim Grammar and St Benedict's, including the creation of a shared education school council, which had the opportunity to visit the local council chamber at Mossley Mill and also Westminster in London.



The Colours awards for leadership, sport, academic, arts or community were presented to a large number of our junior pupils, and these are documented on pages 26 and 27 in tonight's programme.

Our under-13 girls were NEBBSA hockey league winners and our under-14s were league runners-up. At international level, Emily Wilson represented the Northern Ireland senior women's football team as well as the under-17 and under-19 international teams. Zoe Kirkpatrick represented the under-17 international team. Aimee Johnston represented the Northern Ireland under-15 girls' international development squad, and Morgan Hanna represented the Northern Ireland under-13 international football squad. Katie Woods was selected for the Great Britain world championship squad, finishing second in the UK championships, and Hannah Adams was selected for the Northern Ireland trampolining squad and finished ninth overall in the UK championships.

Ross McCausland represented the Northern Ireland under-16 schoolboy international squads throughout the international season, including the prestigious Victory Shield competition. Tyler Worsley represented the Ulster under-17 development squad at rugby, Nicole Clyde the under-14 national boxing championships, Sophie Clarke the under-15 Northern Ireland ice-skating team, and Daniel McCullough qualified for the Ulster finals in the javelin. Daniel also broke the school javelin record, and David Craig set a new school record in the shot putt.

Our pupils celebrated Integration Week, participating in the Amazing the Space programme. Pupils from year 8 visited the Eikon Exhibition Centre as part of a youth-led initiative for peace ambassadors. The pupils were delighted that Prince Harry and his wife Meghan were launching the programme whilst they were there.

The very kind support of our business partners has enabled an element of competition to come into our Rewards Programme work with Scott Rookes winning our Chef of the Year. Emma Sherritt won our Young Carer of the Year.

Nathan Turton was our Young Entrepreneur. Maria Stan was our Artist of the Year. Shelley Mackey won the Careers Enterprise Award and Sophie Brown and Ben Cunningham shared our Emerging Leaders Award. Each of these awards is sponsored by a business partner. These are listed on page 28.

We look forward to hearing from our choir later in the programme, and last year, Brooke Davis, Hannah Carson, Hannah McCaig, Hannah Moxen, Katie Mitchell, Laura Barancova, Lucy Connor, Maria Garvin, Ruby Davis and Rylee Shaw have all gained external qualifications through the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music. I would like to thank Miss Kennoway for all her work with both choir and orchestra.

Through our Youth Club, a number of pupils were able to gain OCN Youth qualifications whilst others obtained Millennium Volunteering Now Awards. Activities last year included the Disney villains, awesome science and The Greatest Showman events.

Our pupils have had extensive opportunities this year: to travel to Dublin, London, Millan, Geography field trips, St. George's market, to take part in LEGO competitions, Young Enterprise visits and workshops, ReadOn charity events, careers events, STEM Club, Scripture Union, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas tree festivals, to sample a wide range of sports, both competitively and for fun and to attend anti-bullying workshops, Ulster Scots and Irish language programmes, Action Mental Health programmes, Internet and social media guidance, Heartstart training, and, of course, the school formal. I would thank all the staff who give up their time to provide these additional opportunities for the pupils throughout the year.

Managing change is one of the major challenges in any part of our lives or organisation, and I would like to draw particular attention to:

- The continued vision of the board of governors, the vice principals, Mr Connolly and Mrs McKibbin, and the entire senior management team for their guidance and support.
- All the teaching staff, heads of departments, pastoral heads, heads of year and co-ordinators who manage change both in the classroom and outside to ensure that our young people reach their full potential.

Sheryl Crow released a song called "A Change Will Do You Good". Whilst it most certainly did not feel like it in December and January, the change to the new school environment can only enhance the quality of teaching and learning within the school in the long term. Changes to our staffing meant that in June Mrs Hagan, Mrs Falls and Miss McDonnell left the English department to move on to new pastures, and Mr Crothers left his post as youth tutor. I would like to acknowledge their contributions to the school and wish them every success in the future. Mr Jim McClurg also completed his time as assistant building supervisor, and I thank him sincerely for his contribution last year. Miss Nugent celebrated the birth of baby Caoimhe, Mr Cunningham baby Dalton, Mrs McIlvenney the birth of baby Deagan and congratulations to Mr O'Neill on his marriage to Nuala. As always, I would like to acknowledge our temporary and substitute teachers, who are a fabulous asset to the school.

The work carried out by the backroom staff was particularly noticeable in this transition year. This work often goes on behind the scenes, sometimes unnoticed, but I would like to commend the work of our technical, clerical, learning support, building supervisor, cleaning and canteen staff, who continue to make sure that the organisation of the school ticks along meticulously day to day and for their huge contribution to the school move. I would personally like to thank Mrs Pat McHenry for her enormous contribution to school life and for keeping me right.

The leadership opportunities for our pupils in the past year have been enhanced, through roles as school prefect, school mentor, junior prefect or school council representative. It is fantastic that sixty pupils have recently put themselves forward as year 8 representatives for school council elections. I would like to thank Daniel and Zoe for their excellent year in post as head boy and head girl and also thank Jamie, Rhys, Morgan and Kirstie as very capable deputies. I would now like to pause and invite Daniel and Zoe to come forward and receive a small token of our gratitude.

One significant change this year has been the appointment of our head boy and head girl moving to our year 14 pupils, and I would pass our very best wishes to Jamie and Hannah, alongside deputies Jonathan, Kurtis, Victoria and Ebony as they undertake their roles this year.

George Bernard Shaw said that "progress is impossible without change", and in embracing this year of significant change, we certainly have made progress, particularly in ensuring that our young people can succeed at GCSE level, remain with us throughout seven years of education and can be taught in first-class facilities. The progress of our young people can often be measured in terms of academic results but also in terms of the other achievements, experiences and opportunities that they receive here at Parkhall that will allow them to make a useful contribution to society. It is always about striving to improve. Walt Disney said that "times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly fixed on the future", and that of course is true, but tonight is one of those rare opportunities when we just want to stop, reflect, acknowledge and congratulate each and every one of our young people on everything that they have achieved this year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, that concludes my report.







**Year 8 junior class prize winners.**

Back Row: Alicia Scott, James Lundy, Ben Williams-Yates, Evan Bushe, Andrew Woods, Alexandar Woods, Ella Foreman  
Front Row: Lucy Hall, Anne McDowell, Naomi Leecocke, Arianna Drysdale



**Year 9 junior class prize winners.**

Back Row: Megan Williams-Yates, Kelsi Rushe-Givens, Sofia Bajusova, Ellie Johnston, Katie Mitchell.  
Lucas Matchett, Karolis Laginauskas, Alex McDowell, Ben Cherrington



**Year 10 junior class prize winners.**

Back row: Izzy Jedrzejak, Eve Kennedy, Sophie Brown, Julie Hutchinson  
Front row: Jake McGarrigle, Aaron Gill, Scott Rookes, Ben Cunningham, Kyle Austin



Emily Wilson with the Joanne Graham Shield for sporting achievement, the Abbey National Cup for Business Studies and the MacLaine Cup for Occupational Studies.



Rachel Douglas with the Craig cup for senior girls' PE, the Atkinson award for GCSE PE and the Graham Shield for after-school sport.



Jessica Davis with the Dougherty Shield for after-school sport.



Jack Kirkpatrick with the William Baird Memorial Cup



Zoe Kilpatrick with the Loyalty Cup.



Sophie McMahon with the Courtesy Cup.





Kurtis Hazlett with the Parkhall Silver Jubilee Cup and the Wilson Cup for overall achievement in Business Studies.



Reece Chan with the British Enkalon award for citizenship.



Cassandra Ferry with the Anne Lavery Memorial Cup



Ellie Johnston & Danielle Olliver joint winners of the Roberta Aiken Cup for Girls' Hockey.



**The platform party**

Back row (L-R): Jamie Kelly (Head Boy), Mrs S Mawhinney, Mr R McKee, Mr M Alexander (Chairman of Board of Governors), Mr S Hall, Mrs D Spence, Mrs S McCallion, Hannah Moxen (Head Girl)  
Front row (L-R): Mrs C Cairns, Mrs L McKibbin (Vice-principal), Mr G Beattie (Principal), Rev. Barry Paine (special guest), Mr P Connolly (Vice-principal), Mrs J Black.



Morgan Hanna with the Dunlop Design Cup for girls' football



**Musical achievements awards**

Back row (L-R): Laura Barancova, Katie Mitchell, Hannah Carson, Ruby Davis, Hannah Moxen.  
Front row (L-R): Rylee Shaw, Brooke Davis, Maria Garvin, Lucy Connor, Hannah McCaig



Reece Sloan, winner of the Allen Cup for boys' PE, with special guest Reverend Barry Paine



Pictured with special guest Reverend Barry Paine is Sophie Brown, winner of the Sporting Occasions Cup for key stage 3 academic achievement.



Pictured with special guest Reverend Barry Paine is Daniel McCullough, winner of the Athlete of the Year award



Pictured with special guest Reverend Barry Paine is Lois Woodage, winner of the Dickson Cup for excellence in GCSE





## Beam Creative Project

For eight weeks from February to April, five of our year 10 pupils collaborated with pupils from Riverside School, Antrim Grammar School, and St Benedict's College to write, produce and star in the film "Our Island". This was facilitated by the Beam Media Project. Cameron Lannigan, Ian Irvine, Rachel Shiels, Megan Williams-Yates and Katelyn Evans met every Wednesday with the group, organised by MFT, in a different venue, accompanied by Miss Bowden and Miss Beck. The pupils worked well together and have made some

lasting friendships. The film is based on the ideas of respect, community, identity and civic pride. Finally, a film crew arrived at the school on Thursday 14th March, when Parkhall and Antrim Grammar were turned into sets for the entire day to accommodate many costume changes and scenes in the hub, the drama room and the assembly hall. There was even a cameo role for some year 12 boys' legs on the stairs. The final fantastic result is available to view online at: <https://vimeo.com/326373712/5c0d93794e>



## Year 9 Poetry Competition

This year in the English Department, Year 9 entered a poetry competition that spanned the whole of the UK. Lots of pupils were successful in being selected for publication in the poetry book, Poetry Escape, with 38 Pupils from Clotworthy and Irvine being selected for this great honour. Pictured above is a selection of these pupils showing of their very own copies of their poetry anthologies. Well done Year 9!





## Equine - Laurelview Visit

In March, the year 11 Animal Care group took part in a yard visit at Laurelview Equestrian Centre in Templepatrick. As part of their course, the pupils are learning to handle animals such as dogs, rabbits and horses, so at Laurelview, they were able to get some hands-on experience with a range of animals, such as horses, goats and various fowl. They had the chance to practise some tasks they had been studying in class, like filling hay-nets, mucking out stables and identifying types of animal feed. They were introduced to Ireland's three native horse and pony breeds: the Irish Draught horse and the Connemara and the Kerry Bog ponies. Their luck was in when the farrier arrived, giving them the opportunity to watch a number of horses being reshod.

The highlight of the day had to be their interaction with the resident pigmy goats. It is an absolute miracle that a couple did not end up being smuggled back to school. The pupils could not believe that 'horses can actually be that big'.

A great day was had by all, and lots of theory was put into practice. Many thanks to Laurelview for providing the group with such a positive learning experience.



## French - Careers Year 10

In February, year 10 attended a languages and careers workshop run by the Northern Ireland Centre for Information on Language Teaching and Research in the run-up to the all-important GCSE options choices. They explored the skills to be gained from learning

a language and how these are applicable across a variety of career paths. This was an inspiring session as our pupils start to make decisions for their futures.





## Francofest



Four of our year 10 pupils took part in an exciting French competition at the Northern Ireland Centre for Information on Language Teaching and Research at Queen's University in February. They had to market a product that they had designed and created – all in French. They chose the theme of the environment as our school is taking steps to be awarded Eco status. The judges commended the pupils for their innovative products and fantastic French skills. They also had a tour of the iconic university buildings and an excellent careers talk. A great day out was had by all involved.



## Geography - BTEC / GCSE Travel and Tourism Visit

Marketing and advertising are key components of the leisure, travel and tourism industries, and so our year 14 and year 12 students embarked on a festive trip to Belfast in December to do some research and observation. This was perfect timing, as the Christmas marketing of seasonal products and tourist activities was at a peak in the city. We were made to feel very welcome by staff at Thomas Cook in Victoria Square, McCombe Travel, who specialise in Game of Thrones tours in Northern Ireland, and TUI as well as the many local/international stall staff at the Christmas markets. We enjoyed the wealth of expertise and literature, both virtual and to take home to read, provided by Belfast Welcome Centre, as many of our local examples and key components were covered in great detail. We will definitely return for another visit. I would have to commend our students personally on their attitudes on the day, as they were all positive, keen to learn and overall full of fun. We had a fantastic day and achieved our objectives to help us in our exams and assignments. Our next visit is planned for April to attend the new Game of Thrones exhibition at the Titanic Exhibition Centre in Belfast – a truly international event in our relatively little country.

Mrs Feeney





## Leisure and Tourism Business Event

On Thursday 14th March, Mrs McKee, Mrs Davison and year 11 and 13 Leisure and Tourism pupils took part in a "business familiarisation event" organised by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. The party visited Breckenhill to listen to a talk from the owners on how they started their business and who their target market is. The pupils and teachers were shown around the grounds and viewed the various activities that the organisation has to offer. This was followed by a visit to the Maldron Hotel at Belfast International Airport to hear talks from the general managers of the hotel and the airport as well as the mayor on the importance of tourism to Northern Ireland and future employment. The pupils were very kindly provided with a buffet lunch and a goody bag on departure. Our thanks go to the council for organising this very educational and enjoyable day out.



## Magilligan Visit

On Thursday 20th September, year 11 GCSE Geography students made their way to Magilligan Field Centre to investigate the changes in the Curly Burn river from the source to the mouth. Thankfully, storm Helena had passed by the previous day, leaving a warm and dry day for the field study. Natalie, the supervisor at the field centre, met the group and provided the pupils with an overview of the day's activities and demonstrated how the various pieces of equipment should be used. After some lunch, the pupils were kitted

out with wellies, hard hats and wet gear and made their way by bus to the first site. The students had to measure the depth, width, gradient, velocity, load size and shape over the course of various locations. They recorded this information and will use it to prepare for their CCEA GCSE exam. A great day was had by all, and thankfully, most of the party returned to Parkhall Integrated College without soggy socks.





## Geography - Mantella

Mantella environmental education service visited our year 10 students in May, and as always, their visit was a great success. Karl from Mantella spoke to those present about hot and cold desert animals and their amazing adaptations. This time, he brought along a fat-tailed gecko, a blonde constrictor, a fluorescent scorpion, a hawk and a stunning snowy owl. It was fascinating to learn about and come close to these amazing animals that exist and thrive in some of the harshest ecosystems on the planet. Year 10 will be tested on this topic in their Geography exam this summer, and so the information given to them by Karl and the hands-on experience with these animals will help them to do their best. This was a very enjoyable session as always.



## Health & Social Care - Healthy Entrepreneur Day

Year 14 Double Award Health and Social Care pupils attended Antrim Enterprise Agency's fourth annual Healthy Entrepreneur Day on Thursday 27th September. The pupils had the opportunity to take part in a number of interesting workshops, including how to grow your own vegetables and the power of positive thinking. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, which helped them with preparations for their nutritional health assignment.



## Health & Social Care - Rosedale Care Home

On Wednesday 12th September, year 13 Double Award Health and Social Care pupils were treated to a visit from Heather Allison, manager of Rosedale Care Home. As part of their unit 7 assignment, pupils are learning about duty of care and abuse in nursing homes. Heather shared a number of insightful stories about her time working in a number of care homes and informed the pupils on how best to ensure that the duty of care is met within this setting. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed listening to Heather and had the opportunity to ask her a number of questions throughout.





## Mums and Tots

Years 13 and 14 BTEC Health and Social Care were delighted to have some special visitors to school in September: Lucas, seven weeks, Logan, eleven months and Rory, sixteen months. The pupils were studying physical growth and development throughout the life stages.





## Home Economics Practicals





## Year 8 Cookery Club



A number of budding chefs in year 8 had the opportunity to take part in an after-school cookery club. The pupils made a range of exciting dishes, from scones to cookies and even some festive marshmallow snowmen. The students enjoyed learning a wide range of skills, but most importantly sampling their delicious treats.





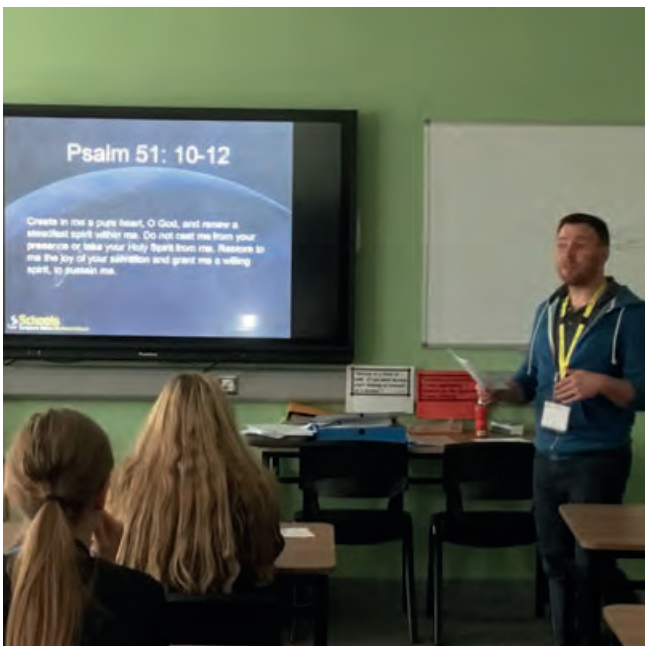
## Religious Education - Inter Schools Event



On Wednesday 27th March 2019, Parkhall Integrated College was host to our first Inter-Schools Scripture Union meeting. Pupils from Antrim Grammar School and Parkhall met to share food, fun and to have fellowship together. The event was co-ordinated by Joel Hutchinson, who is the SU schools' worker for the Antrim and Lisburn area. Other guests from local churches included Hayley Cullen from Muckamore Presbyterian, Mike Brubaker from Journey Community Church and Jason Sime from Greystone Road Presbyterian Church. After sharing in some lovely hot dogs and treats the pupils took part in games. Hayley then spoke, reminding us that even if we are from different schools, we are all share one belief in one God, and this is something which unites us. The pupils were then encouraged to write down any issues they wanted to be prayed for. It was a great afternoon, allowing pupils from years 8 to 14 from both schools to come together, to talk and to meet new friends.

## Year 11H & 11L Religious Education

Classes 11H and 11L were privileged to have a special guest taking their RE classes throughout October. Joel Hutchinson is the schools' worker from Scripture Union NI and he was delighted to have the opportunity to come into school to lead the RE classes. Joel delivered a series of lessons which encouraged the pupils to think about, first of all, their identity and self-image and to think about the concept of being created in the image of God. The second topic was relationships with family and peers and to consider how we as humans have been created to be in relationships. In the third and final lesson, he encouraged the pupils to think about intimacy within a relationship, how sex was created by God and how it was to be seen as a good thing. He also talked about biblical teaching on sex and pornography and how it compares to the world's view on these issues. Joel used a variety of methods when teaching the class, encouraging the pupils to volunteer and discuss their views and opinions. Some days, Joel was also joined by Sarah or Hannah, both of whom are following the internship programme with Scripture Union NI.

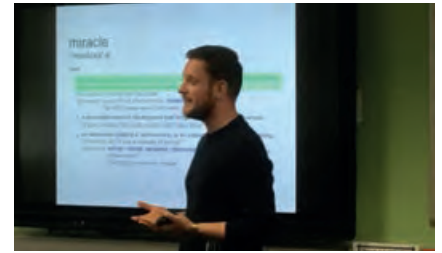




## LMI - 10OG

This year, we were delighted to welcome Danny and Alan of Logos Ministries International (LMI) back into Parkhall Integrated College for two weeks in February as guest speakers in our junior and senior Scripture Union. Furthermore, since our year 10s have been learning about the miracles of Jesus, 10OG were delighted to discover that the visitors were taking their RE class, continuing with the miracles series. The pupils engaged with Danny and Alan as they used multi-media presentations, group discussions and individual tasks to delve further into two miracles.

The work of LMI encompasses four main areas: a Bible teaching ministry, an overseas ministry programme, youth and schools outreach and a mission awareness programme.



## Science

### Life and Health Science Trip to the Pathology Laboratory

On the 14th November 2018, Miss McLoughlin's Life and Health Science class visited the pathology laboratory in Antrim Area Hospital. During the visit, pupils experienced the roles of a biochemist, microbiologist and a haematologist. Pupils examined

blood samples, observed the analysis procedure and received motivational talks from scientists who are extremely passionate about their jobs. Pupils left the visit well equipped to complete their histology and pathology report.





# Prefects 2018-2019

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with our head boy Jamie Kelly and head girl Hannah Moxen as they performed their duties this year. Our prefects have worked extremely hard throughout the year, representing the school at many events and working closely with our charity coordinator, raising money for a number of worthwhile causes. We wish each and every one of our prefects all the very best in their future.

**Mrs Gourley**  
(senior school prefect co-ordinator)



Miss Spiers, Jamie Kelly, Hannah Moxen, Melissa Kirkpatrick Year 14 year head and study supervisor with head boy and head girl

Name	Role	Name	Role
<b>Hannah Moxen</b>	<b>Head Girl</b>	Alex Grant	Senior Prefect
Victoria Stewart	Deputy Head Girl	Rachael Henderson	Prefect
Ebony Kerr	Deputy Head Girl	Amy Sherritt	Prefect
<b>Jamie Kelly</b>	<b>Head Boy</b>	Chloe Leach	Prefect
Kurtis Hazlett	Deputy Head Boy	Josh-McConnell	Prefect
Jonny Bell	Deputy Head Boy	Tracey	Prefect
Sophie McMahon	Senior Prefect	Corey Knox	Prefect
Taylor Nixon	Senior Prefect	Rebecca Rowney	Prefect
Georgie Houston	Senior Prefect	Lauren Neill	Prefect
Sophie Hagan	Senior Prefect	Sarah Stewart	Prefect
Lauren McFadden	Senior Prefect		
Emma-Louise Thompson	Senior Prefect		



Amy Sherritt, Corey Knox, Josh McConnell Tracey, Rebecca Rowney, Lauren Neill, Chloe Leach, Sarah Stewart, Rachael Henderson



Senior Prefects

Taylor Nixon, Georgie Houston, Sophie Hagan, Lauren McFadden, Sophie McMahon, Emma-Louise Thompson



Kurtis Hazlett, Jonathan Bell, Jamie Kelly, Hannah Moxen, Victoria Stewart, Ebony Kerr, Head boy and head girl with their deputies



Jamie Kelly, Hannah Moxen. Head boy and head girl



Jamie Kelly, Mrs Gourley and Hannah Moxen, Head boy and head girl with Mrs Gourley, prefect co-ordinator



## Year 8 Student Council Elections

Well done to all the year 8 pupils who put themselves forward for the student council elections this year. The process was very competitive, with nearly half of the year group putting themselves forward for nomination in September. The year 8 elections took place in October, with pupils voting for the person in their class 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.

Well done to all those involved and especially to those who were elected. They have lots of hard work ahead of them, including working on a health campaign and creating an action plan to focus on a whole-school survey, giving our pupils a voice.

The pupils in year 8 who were elected are:

Class	Pupil Representative
8IW	Alex McKee
8ID	Harrison Thomas, Hollie Geddis
8CK	Patrick Thompson
8CB	Calum Moreland
8OC	Oct – Jan: Aimee O'Neill, Katie McNicholl Feb – June: Sujal Bhattad, Kyle Johnston
8OM	Eve Kirkpatrick

Our joint student council pupils got together with their co-council members from Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College in November to develop their teamwork and communication skills through the use of engineering and technology. They worked together to programme robots and to build bridge structures, testing their perseverance and creativity. We are really looking forward to working together again soon as part of the Peace IV programme as the planning for the new shared 3G pitch develops.



## Shared Council Visit to Mossley Mill and Ulster University

In March, Miss Spiers and the Shared Council participated in a workshop with Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College at Mossley Mill and the University of Ulster, Jordanstown. Firstly, we visited Mossley Mill, where we heard a talk on future-proofing ourselves. We learned about the skills and qualities that we need for our future careers and then had a tour around the mill, which included a visit to the council chambers.

Our three schools then went on a bus together to Ulster University, where we received vouchers for lunch. We were able to experience university life and also sample some of the great food. We then split into groups with one half going on a tour of the campus and the other half engaging in sporting activities.

It was a brilliant day that we were able to share with our neighbouring schools. The next event will be in June with our shared council working together at the Belfast campus of the University of Ulster on an art project for our shared space. We are really looking forward to the experience and catching up with our peers at Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College.





## Year 14 Leavers

On Friday 17th May, we said goodbye to our first cohort of sixth-form pupils at Parkhall Integrated College. The pupils had breakfast together, ate cake and took lots of final pictures with staff and friends. The students then headed to We Are Vertigo for a leaving day of fun.

The staff at We Are Vertigo treated everyone very well, and the Inflata Park was excellent, with lots of games and activities for everyone — so much so that many of the pupils fell asleep on the way home. It was an emotional day with lots of sad goodbyes and speeches, but it was also a very exciting time for each and every one of our leavers and enjoyed by all in the year group.

Good luck to the year 14 leavers in the next chapter of their careers.







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Lee Sullivan, Danny Kendall, Joel Price





## Year 13 Study Skills

In November, year 13 pupils participated in a study skills session. This was aimed at helping our new sixth formers to understand their own individual method of learning and revising. It was a very enjoyable but informative session, where pupils had the opportunity to explore different learning techniques, strategies to help cope with

exam anxiety, and answer any questions regarding their studying styles. Pupils also had the opportunity to create a personalised study plan to help them organise the busy and exciting year ahead. Everyone left with a great deal of useful information to put into practice in the following months.

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Year 14 students from across the borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey received a hard-hitting lesson about road safety when they attended the Roadsafe Roadshow, organised by Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), in the Theatre at the Mill on Wednesday, March 6th.

The roadshow uses powerful personal accounts of those who have been caught up in the carnage of road traffic collisions and dramatic film footage to deliver the message. The event aims to have a positive influence on the driving behaviours of 17 and 18-year-olds as they begin to take to the roads. It also highlights the difficult and challenging job that our emergency services carry out as they assist at the scene of a collision and the personal impact a serious incident can leave with people who work to help us when we need them most.

Upon leaving the theatre, the young people experienced a re-enactment of a fatal car crash so that they could witness first-hand the devastating impact that dangerous or careless driving can have on them and others. Constable Jacky McDowell said, "In partnership with the Fire Service, NIAS and assistance from the PCSP, we are pleased to have brought the PSNI roadshow to Newtownabbey and the Theatre at the Mill. It provides a unique insight into how the emergency services deal with a fatal collision through the compelling personal account of members from each of the services. The hard-hitting road safety message was delivered to over three hundred new and upcoming young drivers from the local schools. It is designed to challenge them and reinforce the message of staying safe on our roads."

The Roadsafe Roadshow is a partnership between the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Northern Ireland Ambulance Services.



## Army Cadets

Pictured here is Abbie Hamilton of 11K attending the Seven Ages of Women event hosted by the 1st (Northern Ireland) Battalion Army Cadet Force. The event was hosted by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim, Mrs Joan Christie CVO OBE and featured special guests the Ice Maidens. The British Army's Ice Maiden team became the first all-female team to cross Antarctica using muscle power alone. Abbie was selected to attend this prestigious event, having recently passed her basic training cadre playing clarinet and flute. Abbie is a member of the pipes and drums band of the 1st (Northern Ireland) Battalion Army Cadet Force and attends cadets every week. Well done, Abbie.





## Work Experience



Aimee at Townparks car sales, Antrim



Lili at Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim



Daniel at Team Power Engineering, Antrim



Bailey at Intersport, Junction 1



Brandon at Subway, Antrim



Cody at KC autos, Antrim



Matthew and Ben at Kerrs Tyres, Antrim



Jake at Vent Tech, Antrim



## Work Experience



Emily at Townparks Service Station



Julie at Antrim and Newtonabbey Borough Council



Aaron at Corrigan Chartered Accountants



Nathan at Connon Merchants, Ballymena



Abbie at Lifestyle fitness, Ballymena



Aimee at Caddy Vets, Randalstown



Abbie at Dunamoy Cottages and Spa, Ballyclare



Jack at Dunadry Hotel, Antrim





## Year 13 BTEC Sport Class Put Through Their Paces by The Royal Marines

On Thursday 20th September, Mr Martin took thirteen of our year 13 pupils to Palace Barracks in Hollywood to have a day out with the Royal Marines.

This was no normal day out, as the group would agree, as they were put through their paces and given a small insight into what life may be like as a Royal Marine.

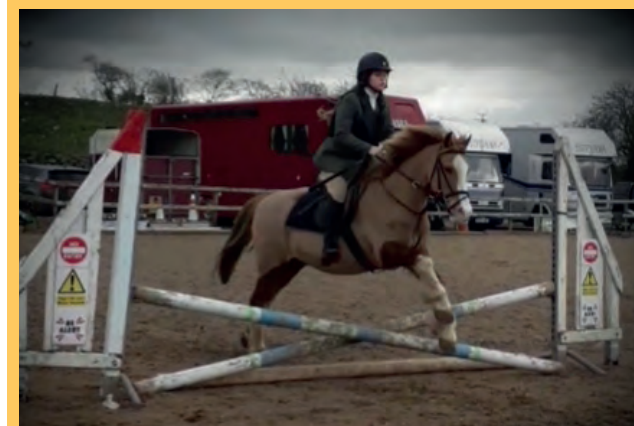
They took part in rifle shooting, zip lining, fitness training and team-building exercises.

At the end of the day's activities, all of the pupils agreed that they had really enjoyed their day and had had a great insight into what daily life may be like in the armed forces.



### Samara Surgenor

Samara Surgenor, our year 10 pupil competing at the Irish Pony Society championships. Samara won the 70cm performance event on her pony Bodwenath Fly Away.





## Super GAA

This year, a new initiative called Super Games GAA began in school in association with Sky Sports and Antrim GAA. This after-school programme enabled our boys to have coaching sessions in Gaelic football from Antrim GAA games promotion officer Paul Law.



## Personal Trainer Visit

Year 14 Sports students received a visit from local personal trainer George Elliott to hear first-hand how to design personal training programmes. We had a very insightful and relevant talk from George, who owns his own personal training business just outside Cullybackey. This excellent talk provided the pupils with real-life scenarios for the exam unit of their BTEC Sport course. Thanks to George for coming in and providing this talk for us.

## Year 8 NEBSSA Hockey Final

The final of the NEBSSA hockey tournament was played at Parkhall Integrated College on the new AstroTurf pitch. The year 8 girls played Ballymoney High School, who were the winners of the northern section of the NEBSSA League while Parkhall Integrated were the winners of the southern section.

This was a very competitive match played on a lovely warm morning. The first half was dominated by the home team with attack after attack; however, Parkhall could only manage one goal, scored by Ella Parker.

The second half was more end to end, and Ballymoney High managed to score a goal. The final score was 1-1, and the trophy was shared by the two teams. Well played to all the girls throughout the season.





# SPORTS DAY





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## Sports Day 2019 Results

### Girls' Record Breakers

- Olivia Taggart (Yr 8): shot putt – 8.20m
- Arianna Drysdale (Yr 9): 800m – 2 minutes 41 seconds

### Boys' Record Breakers

- Alekss Malenovskis (Yr 8): high jump – 1.37m
- Alekss Malenovskis (Yr 8): long jump – 4.64m
- Stanley McAuley (Yr 9): long jump – 4.73m
- Stanley McAuley (Yr 9): triple jump – 10.06m

### Champions

- Year 8:** Ella Parker / Alekss Malenovskis  
**Year 9:** Arianna Drysdale / Stanley McAuley  
**Year 10:** Tori Hamilton / Adam Melvin





# Football Trip 2019 – Barcelona and Salou

Parkhall Integrated College has twice travelled to Italy on its annual football trip to watch some of the best teams in Europe in Turin and Milan while staying on Lake Garda, and all along, the plan was to return there this year in the hope of seeing an AC and Inter Milan derby. However, a tournament had booked out the campsite we had called home for the past two years, so the search was on to find a new destination for the fifty-five boys and seven staff who would go on this year's trip, and Barcelona was the winner.

On Thursday 2nd May, the party met at Aldergrove after school – all wearing their polo shirts provided by Islandbawn Stores – to be seen off on the much-anticipated trip. While the plan was to spend the footballing part of the trip in Barcelona, our accommodation would be the brightly coloured Caribbean cabins of Cambrils Park Resort just outside Salou with a variety of pools, courts, pitches, trampolines and climbing activities on our doorstep.

Even the late arrival that night and the early start the next morning, combined with intermittent drizzle that was more reminiscent of home than the Mediterranean weather we all expected to find failed to dampen spirits on Friday morning as we headed to PortAventura, a short bus-ride away from the resort. With rides, entertainment and food outlets aplenty, everyone had enough to keep them busy for the day. The only thing that could have improved things might have been a little sunshine or sunbathing. Of course, as luck would have it, the rain stopped and the sun made an appearance once we were

safely back in Cambrils for hot dogs and burgers cooked and served by the staff.

Saturday was the big day: a tour of the Camp Nou followed by RCD Espanyol at home to Atlético Madrid. The morning provided a slightly more relaxed start than the first day, but excitement for the day ahead, as well as the spectacular breakfast buffet, guaranteed that everyone was up and ready to go well ahead of time. This time, the sun was out in force, and the hour's journey to Barcelona was in contrast to the conditions of the day before. This was the Spain we expected to see. In Barcelona, we were given an in-depth tour of the Camp Nou from top to bottom, with information about the history of the club, its players and its future with only one exception: only those who are fortunate enough to play for FC Barcelona get to see the inside of the home changing rooms. Some were disappointed; others resolved to get training. For some though, the shop, spread over three floors, was the highlight.

A short bus trip later, we were seated in probably the best seats yet on any of our school's football tours, giving us an excellent view of Espanyol trouncing Atlético 3-0. There were very few Madrid fans in the crowd – all of them huddled together in one tiny corner of the upper reaches of the stadium. It was almost as if the rest knew what was going to happen and had not bothered to come. Seated among the Espanyol fans as we were, we had a front-row seat to witness the reactions and excitement of the local fans.







To round out the day, dinner took the form of some rather large buckets of fried chicken, chips and unlimited drinks, followed by a twenty-minute walk back to the resort to burn it all off. Everyone agreed it had been a great day.

Sunday – and it was a very sunny day indeed – was our day at Ferrari Land, a slightly smaller Ferrari-themed park next door to PortAventura. The highlight of the park, both for those who were brave enough to go on it and for those who were not but were still in awe of the spectacle, was Red Force, the fastest and tallest rollercoaster in Europe. There were other rides for the slightly less daring, a Ferrari museum and gallery and recreations of the Coliseum, Saint Mark's Square in Venice and Michelangelo's David, but once again, the Ferrari shop proved almost as popular as any of the rides.

That evening's entertainment included another eagerly anticipated match that weekend: the now traditional face-off between the pupils and the staff. With six on each side for the first time this year, predictions of the final score were many and varied. Twenty minutes later in searing heat, and with both teams nearing exhaustion, the staff remained unbeaten champions. The pupils managed a surprise back-heel goal, but the old boys proved once again that age brings experience and, the following morning, considerable aches and pains.

Sadly, the next morning spelled the end of this year's trip. An early start meant we were on the road back to the airport by 6.30, and the staff agreed that the bus had never been quieter. The hot debate was whether everyone was excited to be going home to their families and their own beds or would like to stay longer. The question remains unresolved although the reminder that we would see everyone in school the next morning was not well received.

This was another successful and very enjoyable trip for everyone involved, and we would be happy to go back to Barcelona next year – perhaps to see FC Barcelona play at home – or we might venture to pastures new to see more of what European football has to offer. We might just toss a coin and see what fate decides.





# Barcelona 2019

On Thursday the 2nd of May 2019, I set off with 54 other pupils on our school trip to Barcelona.

It all started at 4:30pm, when an excited bunch of pupils met at Belfast International Airport. Once through security and passport control, we were on our way to Barcelona. We flew with Ryanair and the journey itself took 2 hours. We arrived in Girona at approximately 10:30pm – the weather was not so good – it was raining – just like Northern Ireland! We met our driver and travelled to the resort, arriving at approximately 1 am. We were all very tired, but not tired enough to miss out on Burger King! The teachers had arranged this for our arrival, and it was very tasty!

After a few hours' sleep, we met for a buffet breakfast and were soon off to PortAventura Theme Park. We spent a full day there, arriving back at the resort at 6pm. The teachers prepared a BBQ for our dinner that evening, and then we enjoyed some free time in the resort.

The following day, the highlight of my trip, was a stadium tour of Camp Nou, followed in the afternoon by the live football match Espanyol v Atletico de Madrid, at Espanyol's home stadium RCDE. It was an amazing experience. That evening we had a meal subsidised by our bag pack at Tesco.

Day 4 was a morning trip to Ferrari Land Theme Park, followed by a football match between pupils and teachers, which the teachers won!

The following morning, we set our alarms for 5am and got ready for our journey home.

This was my first trip with the school, it was an amazing experience and I made so many great memories. Thank you, Parkhall!

**Dylan Barnes**  
**Year 10**



## Thursday – 1st day of our trip

I have waited for this day for months, and it's finally here. I arrived at the airport at 4.30pm. A photographer was waiting for everyone to arrive to take a group photo before we left to fly to Barcelona. Seven teachers in total went with us on the trip. Two of our teachers flew out to Salou on an earlier flight to buy supplies and organise the rooms for us, as we weren't due to arrive until 12:30am. The five remaining teachers helped get all fifty-five of us through security at Belfast International Airport. We were then allowed one hour of free time to buy snacks for the plane and to get something to eat from Burger King. We had to meet the teachers at 6:00pm to get our flight, which took about three hours. When we landed, a bus was waiting to take us to Cambrils Park in Salou. We had a bungalow which had two rooms, so I got to share it with three of my friends. We were all tired but excited for the rest of the trip.

## Friday – PortAventura Theme Park

It rained a bit today, but I didn't let it ruin my day. I was buzzing with excitement. I love theme parks and the rides in them. We had to be up and ready for 8:00am to get our buffet breakfast. There was lots for us to choose from: eggs, sausages, bacon, crepes, cereal, croissants and orange juice. At 10:00am we got the bus to PortAventura. The park was huge, with plenty of rides in six different zones, China, Wild West, Polynesia, Mexico, Mediterranean and Sesamoventura. My favourite zone was China because it had a rollercoaster ride called Dragon Khan, which was my favourite as it had three loops in it. We had five hours to spend in the park and we went on all the rides we could. When our time was up, we had to run half the park to make it back to the meeting point in time to get the bus back to our apartments. After we got back, we had a few hours of free time while the teachers cooked sausages and burgers for everyone.



### Saturday - Barcelona's Camp Nou

The weather was much nicer when we went to Barcelona's football stadium: Camp Nou. We had a tour of the museum and got to see all the history behind Barcelona Football Club. We saw all of Messi's Balon D'or trophies, where the news reporters sit during the games and the players' changing rooms.

Our trip included getting to watch Espanyol play at home against Atlético Madrid. The football match was a great experience and to be able to see both teams and their famous players like Luis Lopez, Sergio Garcia from Espanyol and Phillipe Luis, Antoine Griezmann from Atlético Madrid was amazing. Espanyol beat Atlético Madrid 3-0.

After the match, we went back to our apartments and the teachers took us to KFC. They paid for everyone with the money we raised from a bag pack we did at Christmas to help raise funds for our trip. After dinner, I got to hang out with my friends and played football on the synthetic pitch at our apartments.

### Sunday - Ferrari Land

We went to Ferrari land, which is another theme park. Two of my friends and I went on the tallest and fastest ride in Europe called Red Force, which is 112m high and launches at 112mph, it was fast. This was the hottest day of our trip. The teachers had arranged for us to have a teachers-versus-pupils football match. The teachers beat us 6 - 1, as they were much better than us.

### Monday - Home Time

I had to be up extremely early as we had to leave at 6:00am to go to the airport to go home. Getting us all out and on the bus took longer than expected, and by the time we got to the airport we only had 20 minutes to buy snacks for the plane. Before I knew it, we were back on the plane. The trip I had waited months for was over. I was tired but I felt very lucky to be on this trip and I had a great time.

Alex McDowell  
Year 10

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## Yr 11 Cúchulainn Cup

The annual Ulster GAA Cúchulainn Cup Finals took place at the Meadowbank Sports Arena and saw teams from all over Northern Ireland compete against each other for the prestigious title of 2019 Champions!

The Cúchulainn initiative aims to give young people the opportunity to engage with people from different areas and backgrounds whilst learning more about GAA sports. With the assistance of Mr Fyfe and the Ulster GAA coaches, a group of year 11 boys took on the challenge of representing Parkhall and participated in six weeks of intense coaching sessions to teach them the skills of Hurling and Gaelic Football.

Parkhall joined forces with Crumlin Integrated to form the 'Antrim Cúchulainns' and entered into the tournament with high hopes. The boys really adapted well to these new games and enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools from similar backgrounds. The boys got to the final but were unfortunately beaten by a more experienced Ballymoney team.

The boys deserve great credit for reaching the final, having only taken up GAA this year, and we hope to go one step further next year!

In recognition of their efforts and their attitude to the initiative, the Antrim Cúchulainns were privileged to be selected to represent Ulster in the All British Championships held in July 2019 in London. As part of their preparations the boys committed to further training sessions and matches during their summer holidays with the coaches both locally and in Parnell Park, the training ground of Dublin GAA. They also visited Croke Park and met with the GAA president. Then it was off on a trip of a lifetime to London.

On arrival to hot and humid London, the team were kindly invited to a reception hosted by the Irish Embassy and given an exclusive tour of Clarence House, the private residence of HRH Prince Charles, before heading to their last training session before Saturdays championship.

Friday was a team bonding/rest day and the Antrim Cúchulainns alongside the girls' Ballymoney Cúchulainn team enjoyed a day on the rollercoasters and teacups of Thorpe Park before returning to the hotel for a team meal and relaxing in the hotel's swimming pool. The All Britain Championships (ABC) are held in Greenford over a four-day period and saw over 2500 players from schools and clubs of all ages from all over the U.K. compete against each other to be titled British Champions.

The Antrim Cúchulainns played well in the rising temperatures of July in their four group matches. Despite the majority of the team having little GAA experience before this year, they did not look out of place against more experienced teams. David Craig and Matthew Toms were able to transfer their football skills to score easily in the forward line, whilst the quick pace of Eric Lindsey, Calvin Ferguson and Ben McNeill made it hard for other teams to regain possession of the ball. Dylan Crooks took control of the nets and made it hard for the opposition to score; clearing the ball quickly and effectively. They were unlucky to miss out on a semi final spot but injured captain Ross Smillie was happy with the individual and team performances. The boys then stayed on to support the girls Cúchulainn team who had reached the semi final, a gesture which epitomises the ethos of the Cúchulainn initiative. Ulster GAA president, Oliver Galligan, thanked the boys for being involved this year, praised them and the school on their commitment to the programme and for making it a great experience for all.





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Davin further recently enhanced his services to local customers following successful completion of the Professional Certificate in Medical Retina from Ulster University and is NI PEARS qualified.

Supporting Davin as manager is Ita Armour, who has been with the store for seven years. As well as managing the staff, Ita is herself an HCA qualified hearing clinician and also holds a Cert. 3 dispensing qualification.

Helen Woodside graduated from Ulster University and has been an optometrist alongside Davin for two years. She is NI PEARS qualified and holds the WOPEC Glaucoma level 1 qualification, the WOPEC Minor Eye Conditions Services level 2 and the WOPEC Cataracts level 1.

When optometrists graduate from university, they are obliged to complete what is known as a "pre-reg." year in full-time work before they are regarded as fully qualified. As a pre-reg. optometrist, Roisin Magee is now only a couple of months away from reaching that final goal.

Whilst an optometrist is qualified to test and examine eyes, an optician fits, measures and dispenses eyewear. Mairead McCann is a pre-reg. dispensing optician with Cert. 3 and Cert. 4 dispensing qualifications.

Also on the Antrim team are three optical assistants: Aine Devlin, Adam Boyd and Joseph O'Hare, who is also a trainee lab technician.

The on-site lab is an important part of Antrim Specsavers' customer offer, as the one-hour service greatly reduces waiting times for both new single-vision glasses and repairs. Andrea Patterson, who also has Cert. 3 and Cert. 4 dispensing qualifications, manages the lab, supported by lab technician Dean Kelly.

Completing the team is supervisor Lynsey Murray, who is also a contact lens specialist and Samantha Crawford who, as a frame consultant, guides customers in their choice of spectacle styles and colours.

Davin Quinn says, "Our aim in Specsavers is to provide the most comprehensive eye-care service possible. It is therefore very important that we employ the best of staff, demonstrating a wide range of skills, and that we continually update and enhance those skills with ongoing professional training. Customers in our store can expect the optimum service from a team of which I am very proud."

## Antrim Specsavers – Meet the Team



Store director Davin Quinn (centre), surrounded by his team (from left), Samantha, Helen, Andrea, Courtney, Ita, Aine, Adam, Lynsey, Roisin, Dean and Mairead.

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