

Cookstown High School

# MAGAZINE

2021/22



## GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

### MOTORCYCLE RACING

Jack progresses onto  
the short circuit  
scene

### EUROPEAN CHAMPION

Nick conquers  
Europe on the track

### BALMORAL AND TV

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BBC 'Home Ground'  
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# PRINCIPAL'S FOREWORD

**OUR PUPILS DESERVE THE VERY BEST**

I am very pleased to present to you our school magazine for 2021 – 2022 providing a record of the activities, highlights, and achievements of our school community. It has been wonderful to see the recommencement of clubs and societies and whilst it is impossible to capture everything, I hope that you will have a glimpse of the talents and capabilities of our pupils as well as the richness of pupil experiences and opportunities at Cookstown High School. I am amazed at how much we seem to pack into a single year - from Royal visits to the celebration of Her Majesty's 70th Jubilee, sports events, music and multiple visits.

The professionalism and generosity of our team of teachers and support staff have once again gone to exceptional lengths for the benefit of every pupil in their care. We continue to be blessed and heartened by the unwavering support and kindness of our school community during this academic year. Our pupils deserve the very best that we can provide so that they can thrive and realise their potential. It is a joy to see the fruit of those efforts in the development of character and academic success as well as in the development of our school resources and environment.

My thanks and congratulations to everyone for their contribution to this magazine and I hope that you will enjoy the snapshot of the year, the sporting successes, artistic and creative accomplishments, and camaraderie of our school family.

**G. J. EVANS**  
*principal*

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**OPPORTUNITIES ARE PLENTIFUL, VARIED & ENJOYABLE**

As Chair of Cookstown High School Board of Governors, I welcome you to this year's edition of our magazine.

This has been the academic year when we have all done our best to navigate our way through 'living with Covid' & it has not been easy for pupils, staff & families. I just want to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to continue to provide an exemplary school experience for all the young people. This magazine attempts to capture the essence of Cookstown High School in 2021/22 & I'm sure you'll all agree, after looking through this, that opportunities are plentiful, varied & enjoyable. We celebrate success academically, in personal achievement, in sport, in other extracurricular interests & once again, with our Aberdeen Angus competition winners! This year also saw 2 trees planted by the Lord Lieutenant for Tyrone to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee & the Centenary of N Ireland.

The Queen has provided a continuity of service to the country for 70 years & I think we can be proud of the continuity in high quality education that Cookstown High School & the other schools that have existed on Coolnafranky Demesne, have provided to the local community.

Thank you to all those who have compiled this magazine & well done everybody on an excellent year of achievement.



**L. DRIPPS**  
*chair of the  
board of governors*

# STAFF 2021/22

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Mrs K Fields BA PGCE

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Mr G Cuddy BEng PGCE

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M Ed PGCE

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Mr N Hastings BSc PGCE

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Mrs R Harpur BSc PGCE

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Mr G Hamilton

### **HEADS OF YEAR**

#### **Year 8**

Dr H Kane BSc PhD PGCE

#### **Year 9**

Mrs C Porte BSc PGCE

#### **Year 10**

Mr J Henderson BA PGCE

#### **Year 11**

Mrs J Freeburn BA PGCE Cert RE

#### **Year 12**

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#### **Year 13 & 14**

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Mrs M Speirs

*Names in Bold –Head of Department,  
Italics –Temporary Staff*





## MISS MEGAN KERR ART

I grew up just outside Dungannon, attending Drumglass High School until Year 12 and the Royal School Dungannon for Year 13 and 14. Here I studied Art and Design, Geography and ICT. I went to Ulster University in Belfast to study Fine Art, specialising in painting. I completed my degree in 2017 and went on to work as a freelance Artist for two years. This was a very rewarding time in my life where I exhibited some of my work in galleries, including QSS Gallery and Goose Lane Gallery Belfast. I was commissioned to complete various art pieces, one by the ABC council and another by the company FoodCo. I also took private art workshops in my local town. It was here that I realised my strong desire was to teach the subject I love to young people. In 2019 I was accepted in Ulster University in Coleraine, where I completed my PGCE in Art and Design.

My first teaching post was in the Royal School Dungannon. This is my second year teaching and I am enjoying the Art Department in Cookstown High School.

Outside of the classroom I keep my small art business going, taking commissions when I can. I am also passionate about fitness and enjoy running and paddleboarding in my spare time. I enjoy singing and have been involved in my church worship team for several years.

# STAFF NEWS STAFF NEWS

## MISS JENNY CRUZIER MATHS

I grew up in the countryside just outside Cookstown and attended Cookstown High School as a pupil where I studied Mathematics, Biology and Home Economics at A-Level and kept Chemistry on to AS Level. As a pupil I was heavily involved in the life of the school by being part of various sports teams like netball, hockey, athletics and football and also taking part in choir, school productions, creative needlework club and Scripture Union. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at CHS and eventually went on to become head girl. Once I left school, I went to Stranmillis University College and studied to become a Mathematics and Science teacher, completing placements in a number of schools. My final year placement was in CHS and I was delighted when I secured a job teaching Mathematics and Physics here this year.

I may have started the year as Miss Crozier but I finished it as Mrs McMullan because I got married during the Easter holidays. When I am not in school I enjoy going to the cinema and getting involved in Youth Club and CEF camps during the Summer holidays.







## MRS REBEKAH HARPUR TECHNOLOGY

Having gone here as a pupil myself it was an honour to come back and teach alongside my teachers. During my time here as a pupil I studied Technology, ICT and Biology at A-Level. I was also involved with extra-curricular activities such as the school productions, badminton, Scripture Union and Duke of Edinburgh. Having always enjoyed going to school and getting involved in school life it only felt right that I pursued a job teaching.

After completing my A-Levels I then studied in Stranmillis University College Belfast. My four-year course consisted of modules in Education, Technology and Design and Computer Science. As part of my course I completed placements in a number of schools, with my final one being here in Cookstown High School.

Outside of school I enjoy playing badminton and going for walks. I am also a leader in my Church's Youth Fellowship and enjoy leading at summer camps.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year teaching here at Cookstown High School. The High School is so welcoming and has a great community spirit between staff and pupils. I look forward to coming back next year, to get involved with more exciting opportunities.

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## MISS RACHEL MANEELY ENGLISH

Having attended Cookstown High School as a pupil from 2009-2016, it only felt natural to begin my teaching career here.

Studying English Literature, History and Spanish at A-Level, I not only enjoyed the academic aspect of school life, but thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into extra-curricular activities such as playing netball, participating in the school production, and attending Scripture Union throughout my time as a pupil. Loving the community spirit, routine and rewards of school life, the call to teaching was a natural one! I completed my BA Joint Honours Degree in English and Linguistics in Queen's University Belfast, and – unable to stay away from CHS – I returned to complete a year as a class-

room assistant to gain invaluable classroom experience. I then went on to complete my PGCE in English at Queen's University and secured a job in CHS during that time.

Outside of school I spend most of my time staying active through running, coaching and playing sport, baking cakes, volunteering within my local church organisations and of course, walking along the North Coast and testing every coffee shop when I can!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at CHS and hope that now, as a permanent member of staff, I will have many more enjoyable years here. I cannot imagine a more ideal, welcoming, and supportive school community to begin my teaching career, and I look forward to many new exciting opportunities, challenges, and friendships in the years to come.



# MRS RUTH MONTGOMERY

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES



I grew up in a town called Lurgan and attended Lurgan Junior High School from Years 8 to 10 and Lurgan College for Years 11 to 14. I studied Geography, Mathematics and Religious Studies for A Level and it was here that my desire to become a RS teacher began!

Throughout my journey through school, I enjoyed the academic side of school life and the positive community spirit. From helping with the Community Service group, to being a member of the Scripture Union Committee, and participating in the extremely competitive House Competitions, such as House Music and Drama, having the opportunity to help others and make a difference in the lives of those around me helped to fuel my desire to become a teacher.

Outside of school, I spend time exploring the North Coast, playing the guitar, going for walks with my husband and Poppy, his family's dog, baking (and eating) cake, leading the Youth Fellowship at our Church and volunteering with CEF and SUNI.

After completing my A Levels, I began my Post Primary Religious Studies degree at Stranmillis University College and had the opportunity to study Mathematics as a subsidiary subject. Following my graduation, I have taught Religious Studies at Ballyclare High School, Down High School and now Cookstown High School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Cookstown High School and I look forward to many more enjoyable years here as a permanent member of staff.

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## MISS SARAH SINCLAIR

### MATHS / SCIENCE

I live just outside Stewartstown so not too far away at all. I attended Cookstown High School and for my A levels I studied Maths, Further Maths, Biology and Chemistry (not necessarily written in order, although maths is definitely best!)

I went to university in Belfast and got my degree, which allowed me to teach both maths and science. I then returned straight to Cookstown High School to teach here. During university I got the opportunity to study abroad for a few months in The Netherlands- this was the highlight of my university experience. I got to meet people from all over the world and I developed a short-lived pas-

sion for cycling while I was there.

I am a leader at Stewartstown Girls Brigade, I like playing the piano and I enjoy going to the North Coast to go rock jumping and paddle boarding. I also love going for walks and in terms of sport, I particularly enjoy playing badminton, spike ball and volleyball with friends. I have always enjoyed my time at Cookstown High School, both as a pupil and now as a teacher. It is the best school in my opinion, with its range of sporting, musical and academic opportunities.



# MRS RUTH SLOAN HISTORY

tory in particular. The High School was also where I was given many opportunities in sporting, musical and other endeavours such as completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. I thoroughly enjoyed my school days and they were the basis of lifelong friendships that I still have today. I am hopeful that many of our pupils are also developing a desire for knowledge, seizing all the opportunities they are offered and creating lasting friendships here too- just as I did.

Once I had completed my A Levels I went on to study at Queens' University Belfast. I completed a BA Honours Degree in Modern History and decided I wanted to share my enthusiasm and passion for the subject with others by becoming a teacher. This led me to complete my post-primary PGCE at Liverpool Hope University.

I am delighted to be back teaching in Cookstown High School and

getting to contribute to, what continues to be, an excellent learning environment with so much to offer. To date, I have enjoyed running the History Club, enthusiastically attended by budding historians who are particularly excited about our Time Capsule Project which is part of Northern Ireland centenary celebrations. Additionally, I have enjoyed my participation in Scripture Union (Junior and Senior) as well as involvement in a staff choir. I can only hope for involvement in more positive experiences both inside and outside of the classroom in the coming years.

I still live in the Cookstown area with my husband and children. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with family, doing exercise such as walking and Pilates, as well as helping out with many activities and groups within my church.

I have lived in the Cookstown area for most of my life. I grew up in the village of Newmills and attended Cookstown High School. It was my time spent at CHS which helped me develop my love for learning and the subject of His-

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## MR MARTIN LYNCH

### ICT

This year the ICT department bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr Martin Lynch who joined the Department in a temporary capacity in September 2020 and was made permanent in June 2021.

Mr Lynch added immense value to the ICT Department and the school community during his period of employment. His knowledge and passion for the subject of Computing provided pupils with the opportunity to reach the very highest levels of success in BTEC examinations and coursework and I know that many GCSE and A Level pupils will be forever grateful.

Through his work and dedication, 28 pupils completed advanced modules in Micro-bit Coding and were awarded Queen University Belfast certification.

Mr Lynch brought a wealth of coaching experience to the school and used his talents to bring the best out of every boy he coached in both rugby and football. The 2021 football marathon, comprising multiple matches for over 250 players in mixed teams during a single day, was a memorable success for all involved and raised a significant amount of money for school development funds.

Mr Lynch has been a very well-liked and respected member of our school community. The warmth and community spirit within his classes is a testament to his care for pupils and dedication to his profession.

We wish Mr Lynch every success in his new ICT position in St. Patrick's College Maghera.



## STAFF NEWS - LEAVERS



## MRS CATHERINE RUSHE

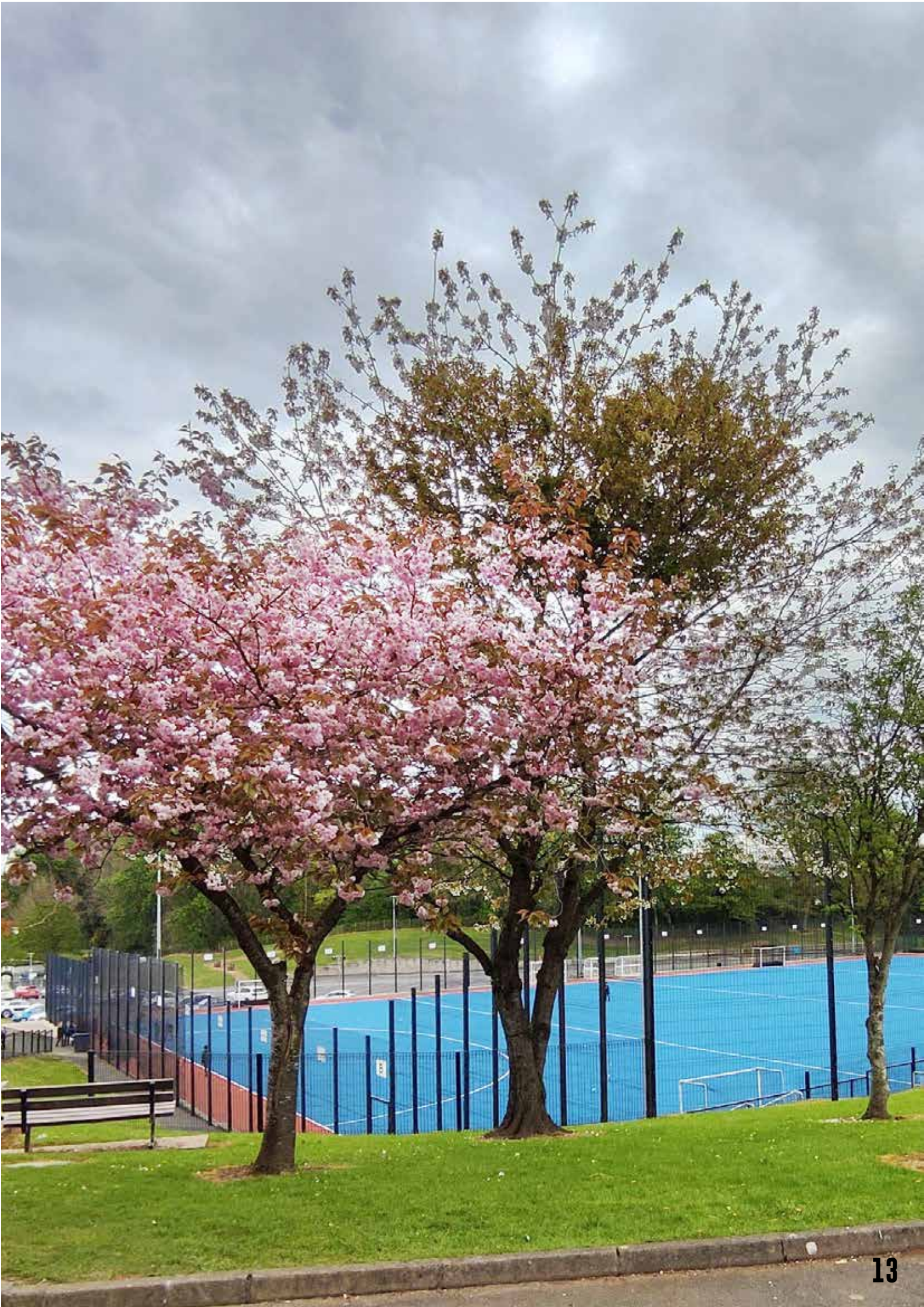
### ENGLISH

It is with regret that the English Department say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Catherine Rushe! Catherine has been a great asset to the Department. Her warm personality and cheery disposition will be missed by both pupils and staff.

Catherine first joined us at the High School in 2019/2020 as a student from Queen's University as she worked towards her PGCE in English. We were delighted to welcome Catherine back to the Department the following year in the role of English and Health and Social Care Teacher (2020/2021).

Then in the June of 2021, we were thrilled to welcome Catherine as a permanent member of the English Department as a teacher of English and Drama. Catherine has been a great member of our team, working tirelessly to build good

relationships with her pupils and her Department. Her extra-curricular work has been concentrated on the Drama Club – Catherine has evolved the Drama Club into something that students look forward to attending, from all year groups in the school! Furthermore, she has worked hard towards building resources, teams and resources to ensure that the first school production in many years goes ahead next year. "Annie" will be the musical that the drama teacher will lead next year! Catherine has worked conscientiously in her years here as both a temporary and permanent member of staff. We wish her luck as she continues her teaching career in Belfast.



Pupils at CHS have once again achieved an outstanding set of A level results with 25% of the year group achieving 3A\* or A grades. As a combined grammar and secondary school, we are an inclusive community, where talents are nurtured and pupils are challenged to achieve their best grade possible.

Governors and staff are delighted that 53.6% of all grades achieved by pupils in

school were A\* or A while across Northern Ireland 44% of all grades were in that category. This kept Cookstown High pupils significantly above the Northern Ireland average for top grades. We are delighted that the vast majority of pupils have secured their first choice of university place.

The percentage of A\*-B grades is exceptional at 75%, demonstrating that the very strong work ethic of pupils and an application of very high

Pupil who received 1 A and above



standards by staff, has ensured that CHS has a strong reputation for academic excellence. The number of pupils attaining A\*-C grades has increased again this year to 95%, while the overall A Level pass rate was 100%.

The success across subject areas is testament to the hard work and dedication of pupils and staff with over 50% of grades in Chemistry, Engineering, Health and Social care, Home Economics, ICT, Physics, Religious Studies,

Sport and Spanish being an A\* or A grade. In the vast majority of other subjects every grade was a B or better.

16 pupils achieved a sweep of A\* and A grades

# EXAMS A LEVEL



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Pupils who received 4 A's and above

# EXAMS A LEVEL

Pupils who received 3 A's and above







Pupils who received 1 A and above

# EXAMS AS LEVEL

Pupils who received 3 A's and above



Pupils who received 4 A's and above



Pupils at Cookstown High School have once again achieved an outstanding set of GCSE results, 35% of all grades achieved were A\* or A grades, 13% of pupils achieved 9 straight A\* or A grades. We pride ourselves in providing our pupils with high quality teaching and learning coupled with high challenge and powerful support. 88.5% of pupils achieved % A\*-C grades, these results mean that the dreams and aspirations of our pupils have been realised. Eight Departments achieved 100% A\*-C grades including Art and

Design, Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Home Economics, Digital Technology, Further Maths and Physics.

These results are testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff.

# EXAMS GCSE



# 35% OF ALL GRADES ACHIEVED WERE A\* OR A GRADES





Pupils who received 7 A's and above

# EXAMS GCSE

Pupils who received 9 A's and above







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**ART OPENS UP THOSE  
POSSIBILITIES TO THINK BEYOND  
WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW.’  
CATHERINE OPIE, ARTIST**

Artwork by: **Jodie O'Neill**

**Art**

The Art department has had a busy year and abundant of skilful Artwork has been produced from year 8 right through to year 14 pupils. It has been lovely getting back to some form of reality and having key stage pupils back in the Art rooms. There have been many highlights to the year and the following is just a glimpse into the type of experiences and successes that the pupils have had.

This year we have a new member of staff joining the Art department, Miss Kerr. She has been a wonderful addition to the department and is skilled in Fine Art painting.

As key stage pupils could only use graphite media in their bubble rooms it was important for them to experience other art media. We started the year doing clay work with year 9 and 10 pupils. We are lucky at Cookstown High School to have two working kilns. The pupils loved working with clay, and it is a media that pupils of all abilities can enjoy and produce creative work. Year 8 focused on learning how to do watercolour painting and it this was a new experience for many of them.



As year 12 and A-Level pupils missed out last school year in participating in workshops we organised a Fine Art

Print artist Fionnuala O'Neill to

come into the Art department to do an Intaglio

print workshop with the pupils. This gave

the pupils the opportunity to learn

a new skill from a professional

artist and produce skilful

prints for their coursework. This was an

all-day session and there was a productive

buzz in the Art room. Being creative and

experimenting in different disciplines is

a focus of the GCSE and A-Level Art examination

and from experience we have

realised that the pupils gain greatly from working with professional artists and designers.

We encourage pupils to participate in any Art related extra-curricular

activities be it in school or out of school. Mrs fields continued with her

Photography Club every Friday at breaktime and there was a keen interest

in this with the boys as digital art is becoming more popular, and it is an

area that is developing fast within the Creative industries. Key stage pupils

took part in two Art competitions the NI100 that was organised by the Department

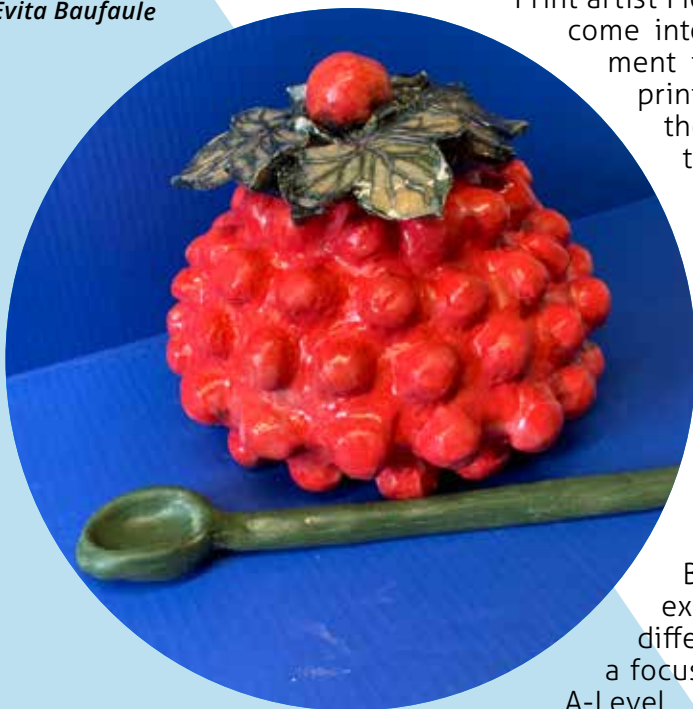
of Education and the Texaco Children's Art Competition. There was a great turnout

of entries and fantastic Artwork was created. In the Art department we encourage

pupils to participate in any local Art competitions as it develops the pupil's

confidence in themselves and their work.

*Evita Baufaule*



As Covid restrictions eased the Shared Education Programme was able to commence again with Holy Trinity College. Year 11 GCSE pupils took part in a Photography workshop where they learnt how to take a professional photograph and how to use new technologies such as 'Snapseed' to manipulate photographic images. Pupils had a field trip to Killymoon Castle where Mrs Coulter kindly let them take photographs inside and outside the castle in preparation for their workshop. In May the year 11 GCSE Art pupils also had a textile workshop in Holy Trinity College where they were taught contemporary textile techniques by local textile designer Andrea Hayes. Pupils developed new friendships and completed creative work that they will be using for their coursework.

Our annual A-Level Art trip had to be cancelled before Christmas due to Covid; however, this did not stop the pupils getting the chance to visit a local gallery and experience live artwork. We visited Gallery one in Cookstown where Jan Hagan gave the pupils a talk about the work in the gallery and the artists that they exhibited. History of Art is a part of the A-Level course and developing and appreciation of artwork is important in helping pupils develop their own work. The A-Level also completed a University of Ulster Outreach Academy online course on the famous Northern Ireland artist Gerard Dillon and when they completed the course, they received a certificate from the University.

No matter the ability of the pupil, it's the Art department focus to provide all key stage pupils the opportunity to experience and develop their skills in all areas of art, design, and craft in preparation for future employment within the creative industries. Risk taking, thinking outside the box, working collaboratively are all important skills for the pupils to learn as well as developing their technical skills and knowledge.

We ended the school year with a Creative Curriculum Week where we completed Adobe Photoshop, sculpture, and clay workshops with KS3 pupils.

'Creativity is critical thinking and without it how are you going to open up and ask harder questions? Art opens up those possibilities to think beyond what we already know.' Catherine Opie, artist'.



PUPILS  
NEW 3  
AND  
CREA



# SHARED EDUCATION PROGRAMME *ART*



STUDENTS DEVELOPED  
FRIENDSHIPS  
COMPLETED  
CREATIVE WORK



# Media

Cara  
Gordon

# STUDENT ARTWORK

Cara Gordon is a local Northern Irish artist from Belfast who studied Fine Art at Newcastle University. She has created some of her work using mixed media which are made out of various materials, acrylic paint and collage. She likes to do portraits of people and objects but has also done drawings of...

I chose to do a self-portrait for my mixed media drawing because my appearance is a fragment of my character. The paper is layered on top of other different types of paper like postcard, cardstock, layers of paper and so on. I contribute to a piece of character.

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Louise Martin



Aowyn Girdwood



Jodi O'Neill



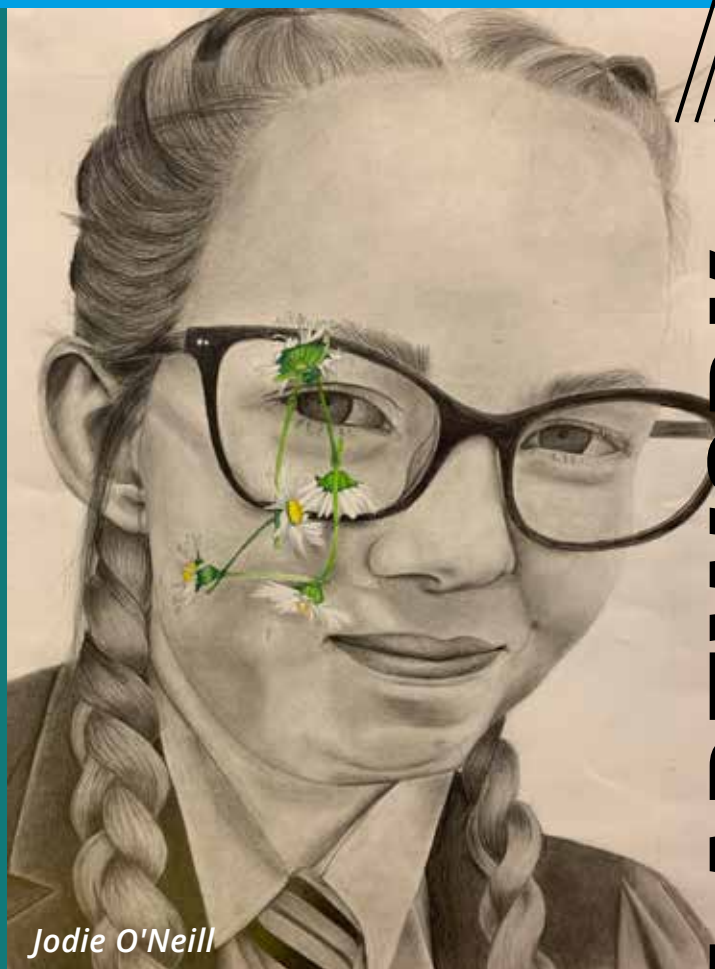
Aowyn Girdwood



Arianna Brown



Nicole Hamchevici



*Jodie O'Neill*



*Andrea Cotton*

# STUDENT ARTWORK



*Nicole Hamchevici*



*Alex McCrea*



*Benjamin Neville  
Year 8*



*Emma Patrick  
Year 8*

*Lauren Harkness  
Year 8*





# BUSINESS STUDIES

**MI\$S\$ION**  
2021/2022

**W**hen Studying AS Level Business Studies, my class had the fantastic opportunity to run our own Class Business. Through much deliberation we branded ourselves "Mi\$Sion". This put our classroom learning into action through the consideration of various departments within the business. These included Finance, Marketing, Sales and Purchasing, Secretaries and the Managing Directors. Each department lead was first a candidate for the desired role where a letter of application was created and short Q&A was delivered. This allowed the most suitable candidates to be allocated the most appropriate roles for them to utilise their skills and experience. We were able to develop our knowledge by using strategies and theories that we learned in class with our own real life business.

Our very first customers of the year were Year 8, who left us completely out of stock when we set up a tuck shop for them during break and lunch time. However, from this we learned what our customers wanted - which was very important. Eventually we came up with a new approach, which was taking guesses for how many sweets were in a jar, which was also somewhat successful. Our finest hour was however, was capitalising on the harsh winter weather by selling hand warmers. These sold out within days and we were left with substantial profits. It was an amazing learning experience for all of us involved.

*Jay Singh Basra*  
*Mi\$Sion - Managing Director (2022)*

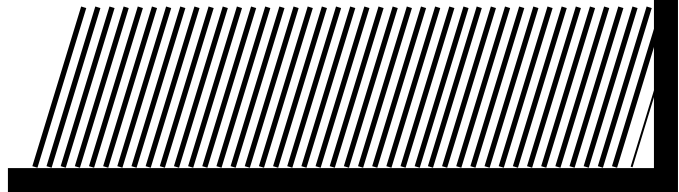
## 9S Global Theatre

As part of the Year 9's introduction to the study of Shakespeare, the pupils had the opportunity to show off their creative skills when building their Globe Theatre models.

This activity required some tricky, creative manoeuvring but was thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils, who also brought in quite a competitive element to the task.

Thank you to the 9S pupils photographed, with their finished products. Evie Mackenzie, Kyle Lennox, Rebecca Stewart and Ashley Larmour.

# English



### Letter from the trenches

Dear Mum and Dad,

8TH September, 1916

Life is unbearable! I'm writing to you from the trenches, they are so cramped you can't even sleep. The rats are so big that you would think they were cats! This is hell on earth. Why am I even here? Why does this have to happen? Why, just, why?

The trenches are awful. The mud is everywhere and you feel as if

it is going to suck you in! The Germans are not our only enemy – the mud is too! That's not the only thing you have to put up with. The sounds of war are frightening. The gun shots sound like a man blowing a whistle. We are bombarded with gun fire from every angle. The gas attacks are so bad. We fumble to get our masks on, just hoping that they will protect us from the snaking green gas. I watched a man dying from a gas attack. I felt so helpless. There was foam coming out of his mouth and he couldn't breathe. I couldn't help him. I was too late...

Going 'over the top' into No Man's Land is horrendous. It is like a

graveyard as bodies are lying everywhere. The battered trees are like skeletons. You have no idea what it is like here. I feel as if God has forgotten us. The battles are so awful. Gun shots ring out around you. The explosions are like storms. There is blood everywhere. My heart is constantly swirling as I feel so frightened all of the time. People are dying everywhere around me. Why? Why are we doing this? Why does no one listen to us? War is pointless. I wish I was at home in my bed! I wish I could be with you both. I miss you so much.

Love Adam.

*Adam Ferguson 10S*

# English

## Letter from the trenches ...2

Dear Mum and Dad,

28TH October, 1918.

I have missed you greatly, I have no words to describe how much I wish I was there with you, happy under your protection, under your safe wings. Life in war is not what I imagined, it's hard here.

We live in these trenches where we suffer every day! They feel like a prison that I was sentenced to be in for what feels like an eternity. I feel trapped in here. I can't escape the horrors of war and even if I could, it would bring back memories that would haunt me forever.

There are rats everywhere! I go to sleep and wake up with one doing a dance routine on top of my body! I hate

them. I hate this place. I hate what war does to people. The living conditions are grim, but worse than that is the food! The food is rotten! I've never tasted prison food before but I imagine that this is worse.

I have a confession to make.... This pains me to tell you. I killed a man ..... Let me explain: I was in the middle of battle, all I could hear were piercing screams and the acute cries of soldiers dying around me. Every step had to be taken carefully as my life depended on it. I heard a noise and stopped. Death was everywhere around me. I felt numb. Suddenly I could see a gun pointing at me. It was either him or me. I was jolted out of my numbness and I fired a shot. Just one shot.

It could have been me..... I could have died. Please don't think badly of me, it takes my every effort just to survive.

I don't think I can take any more of this. I watched my best friend die. Can you imagine that? One minute he was standing beside me and the next he had fallen like a sack of potatoes to the ground. I held him in my arms and watched his life leave him. I felt helpless. Frightened. Angry.

I think of you both every day and miss you so much. I hope my letters don't upset you too much, but I need you to know what this horrible war does to people.

Love Andreia.

*Andreia Co. Fernandes, 105*

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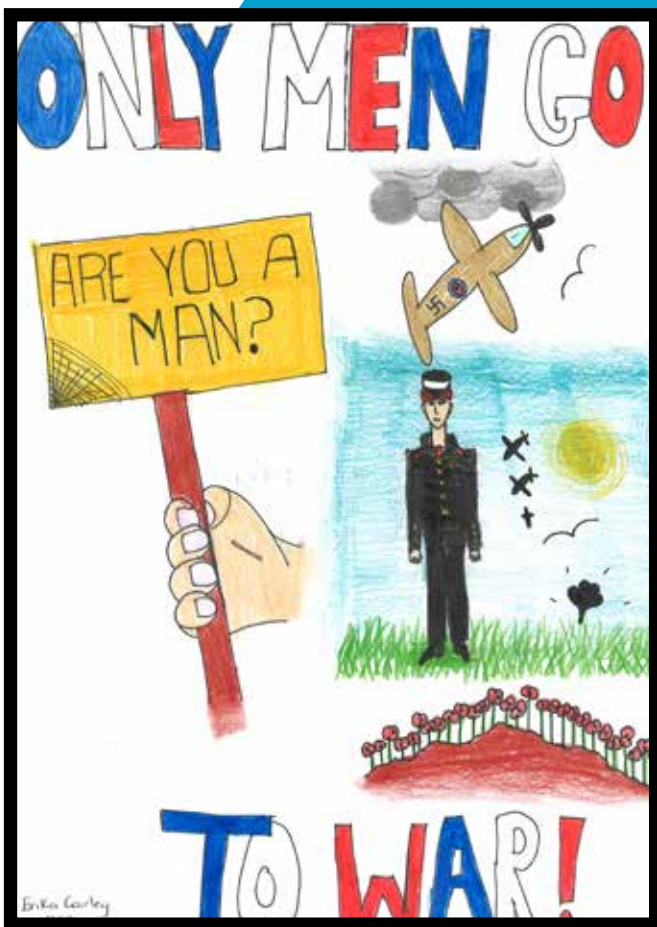
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## YEAR 9 - Private Peaceful, War Propaganda Posters

This year, the Year 9's were studying the novel, Private Peaceful. Pupils were given the opportunity to look at War Propaganda posters that would have been used to encourage men to enlist during World War I and World War II. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed creating their own War Propaganda Posters.

These are a few examples of the wonderful work produced.



# Shakespearean Letters!

9CB have been enjoying learning about Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre. After taking a tour by video, around the Globe Theatre and creating their own class quiz to test their Globe Theatre knowledge, the pupils were tasked with writing a letter to a friend to describe their 'experience' while attending a performance of one of Shakespeare's classic plays. 9CB valiantly rose to the task with some very creative and detailed experiences relayed.

“ describe your 'experience' while attending a performance ”

## Letter to a Shakespearean Friend

23 Cotswold Avenue,  
ED45 6Y4  
London,  
England

14/05/1643

Dear, Margaret Maybell

I have just been to the Globe Theatre to watch a performance! It was really quite delightful, watching the show during the day. It added a strange atmosphere, but none the less it was still great.

Although it was good, there was an awful stench of human waste outside because, there was no toilet! Not one in the whole place, so I don't suggest swimming in the River Thames because that's where they throw it all. But in the theatre, oh my, the smell of fresh vegetables and meat sizzling softly

on open fires was ever so comforting. It felt like a Christmas market day!

I sat in the upper gentry to watch the show, I saw the little so-called 'stinkards' out on the open ground and although I felt sorry for them, I had to remember my place in society. Anyways, from the top gentry I get to see all the hustle and bustle down below. When the show started everyone loved it, so I picked a rose from my fresh bouquet of flowers and threw it down at the elegantly designed stage.

There was a break at one point, so I decided to look around me, I felt the banister in front of me, such fine wood, carved to perfection, the curves and swirls made it so mesmerizing.

I took a walk outside after the show, only to find a group of gambling crooks fighting. I have to admit though, it was quite entertaining. And that concludes my day at the globe theatre. You really must go and experience it for yourself.

Yours Sincerely:

Erika

By: Erika Gourley 9CB

“ Although it was good, there was an awful stench of human waste outside ”

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## A trip to the Globe Theatre

Alice Burns  
16 Greyrock Rd  
London  
ST80 IBM

Dear Elliot,

I went to the Globe Theatre today. Outside it was extremely noisy, between people trying to sell things and fights breaking out. Lots of people were gambling which explains why some people were fighting. It was as loud as thunder!

The building is made of timber and it has a thatched roof. It is quite extensive and the outside is white. Inside, there is a massive stage and there are trapdoors. The actors can come flying in from the heavens which is amazing! There are rows and rows of seats and I got to sit in the middle and lower gallery. There is also a balcony close to the stage. Imagine being as rich as the upper class Nobles, they had to pay 5d for their seats! I'd die to be as rich as them!

I went to see Macbeth and it was the greatest play I have ever seen in my life. The scenes were absolutely fantastic! A lot of the scenes

were in a dull, ghostly castle. The play was about a man called Macbeth. He was chief of the Northern Scots and was also the King's cousin. Some witches came and prophesized to Macbeth that he would be the next king. After hearing this, Macbeth's wife was delighted he would be the next king, but she didn't want to wait. Following this, Macbeth sneaked into King Duncan's room and stabbed him to death.

Macbeth was then made the king. Macbeth and his wife both went insane because of their guilt from killing King Duncan. In the end, Macbeth and his wife both died. I loved hearing the sound of the dagger stabbing the flesh of King Duncan. It was the best part of the play! It was very realistic and their costumes helped as well. Most of the actors playing women wore fancy dresses and the men wore dark clothing like tunics and pants with a cape.

The crowd and I all boomed when we saw the witches manipulate Macbeth because he was a lonely man and he didn't need to be a victim of the witches. The witches were evil, cruel and horrible. Macbeth was not a bad man, he just surrounded himself with bad company.

When I first heard one of the women in the play, I thought her voice was too low, almost like a man's voice. It turned out it was a man. One of the other people in the middle class seats told me that apparently all the actors have to be men. For the female roles, men had to dress up as women. I wonder how I didn't know that. Did you?

The play, Macbeth was fascinating to watch. I loved it! I'm sure you would too because it was dark and it had a lot of violence and craziness in it. You should go and see it. Sorry I spoiled it for you but you could just forget what I said and go and see it anyway. I hope to see you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Alice

By: Zara Booth 9CB

” The actors can come flying in from the heavens which is amazing! “

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## Shakespearean Insults!

9 CC enjoyed having some 'fun' with Shakespearean language. After producing a script in pairs having a conversation with a friend, using Shakespearean phrases such as "Good morrow to thee" and "Whence come ye?"

They moved on to swapping insults. Phrases like, "you simpering frosty-spirited candle-maker"

and "You slovenly lily-livered double-dealer" caused much laughter within the classroom.

Several students volunteered to "Act out" their insults in a mini play to the class.

Big thanks to Benjamin, Isaac, Ethan, Kody, PJ, Scott, Matthew and Sarah. They all most definitely should be on the stage!!



**YOU SIMPERING  
FROSTY-SPIRITED  
CANDLE-MAKER**

# GEOGRAPHY

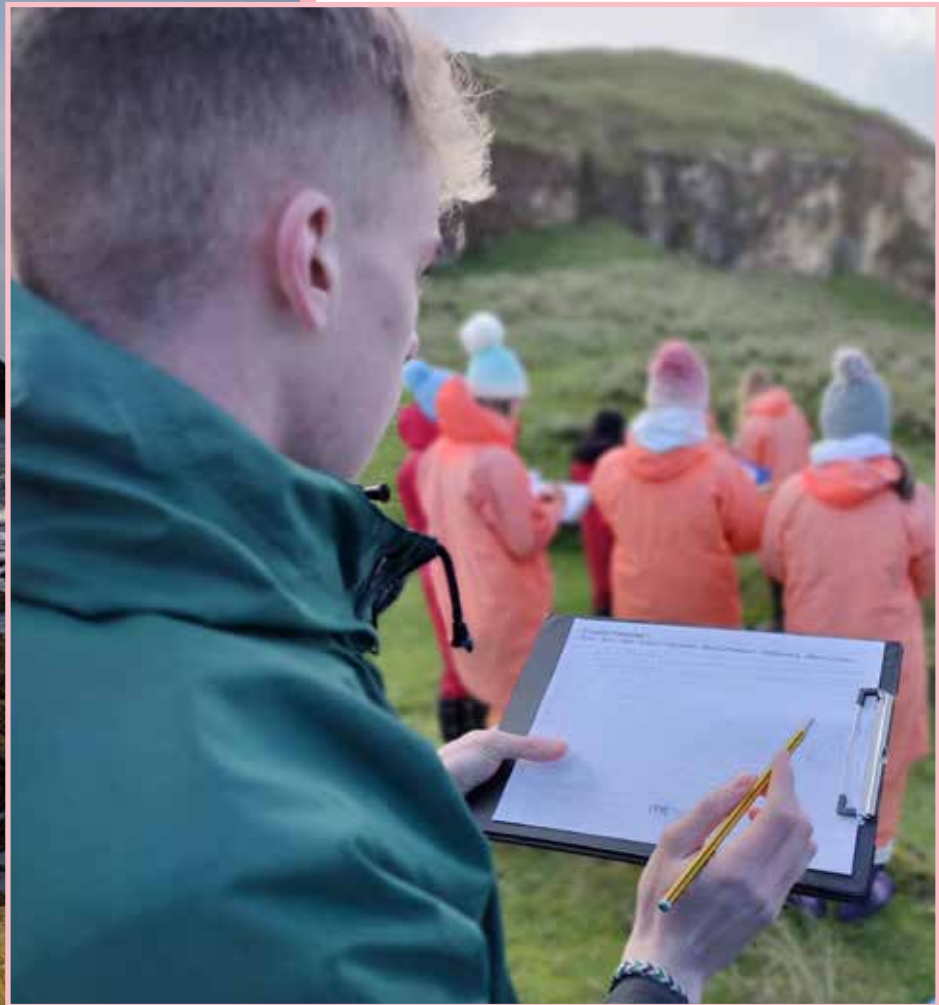
## A2 FIELDWORK





## Year 14

We are very lucky each year to have a fantastic group of pupils studying A Level Geography. This year was no exception! These are a few images from our fieldwork to the north coast to study coastal landforms. The day Joel scooted down the geography corridor on his tractor for bring your books in anything but your school bag day. The day Ben decided that they all needed to do their bit to keep CHS litter free.



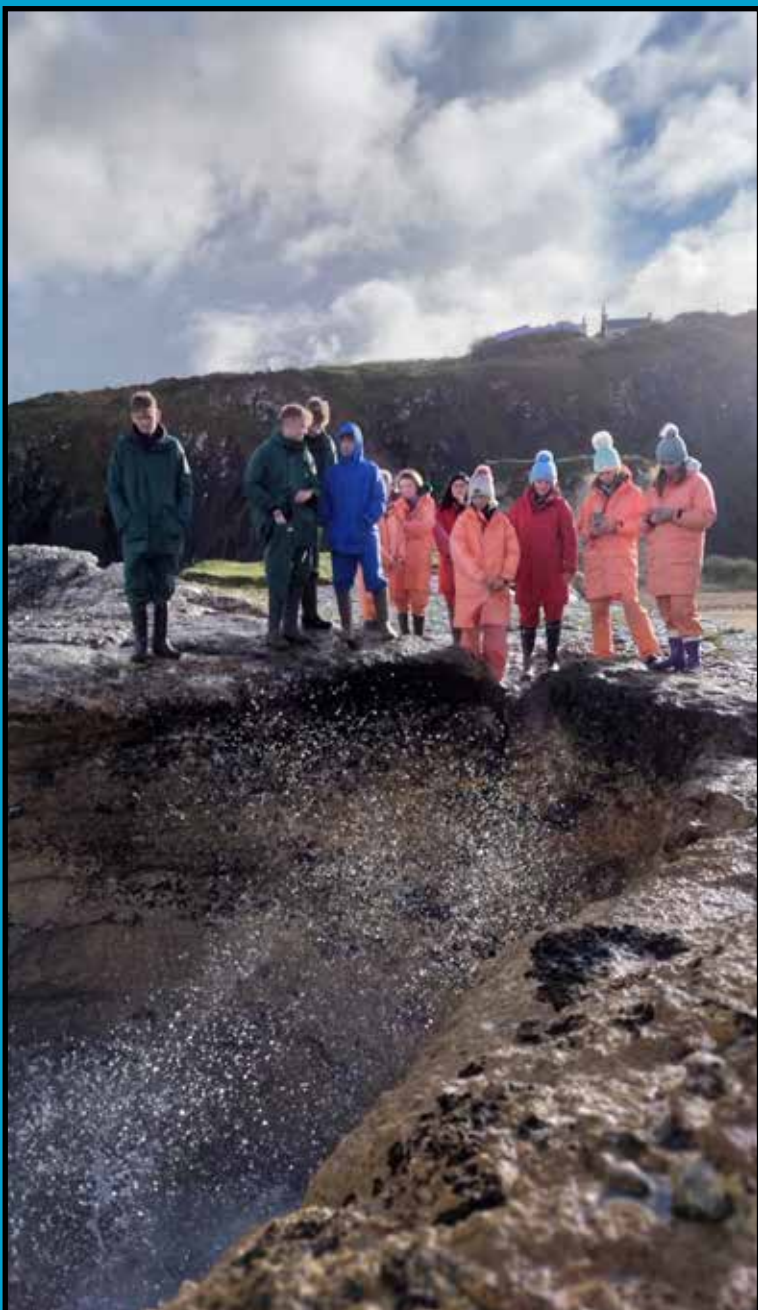


” THE DAY JOEL SCOOTED DOWN THE CORRIDOR ON HIS TRACTOR “



GEOGRAPHY A2 FIELDWORK







# GEOGRAPHY

## AS LEVEL

Everyone was delighted to be able to get back to completing our fieldwork up at Magilligan. Hugo is doing a brilliant job demonstrating the use of equipment!





# GEOGRAPHY

## GCSE

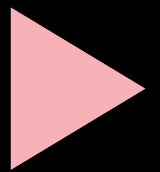
**Y**ear 12 look at how Fairtrade can narrow the development gap between MEDCs and LEDCs. We try highlight the issues and encourage pupils to buy Fairtrade products during Fairtrade Fort-night. Our Year 12 pupils enjoyed a Fairtrade lesson sampling the many products that are available in our local shops.



# PHOTOGRAPHY HOUSE COMPETITION



Our theme this year was 'Finding my place in the world'. Where is your most favourite place in the world? It was a simple theme to take a photograph of your favourite place in the world. We had some beautiful entries this year and it was really inspirational to read about all the favourite places. These are just a few of the submitted photographs.

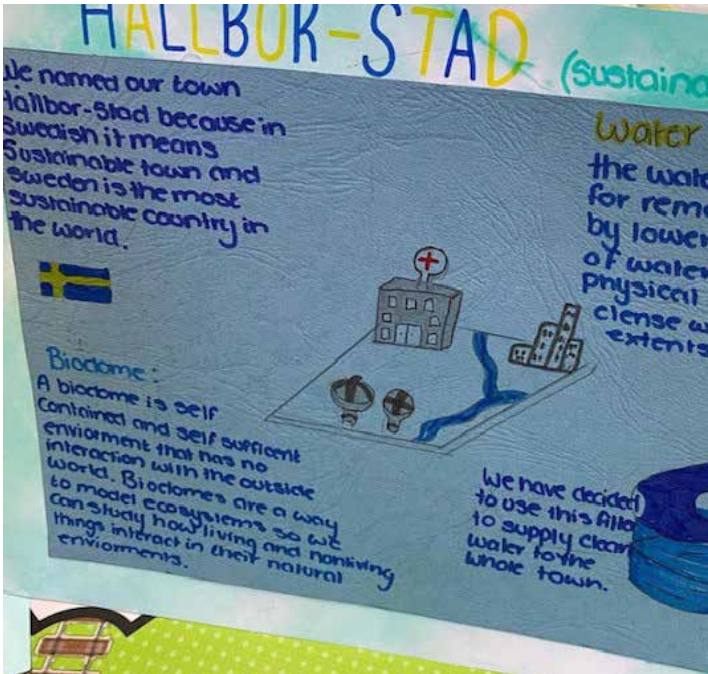
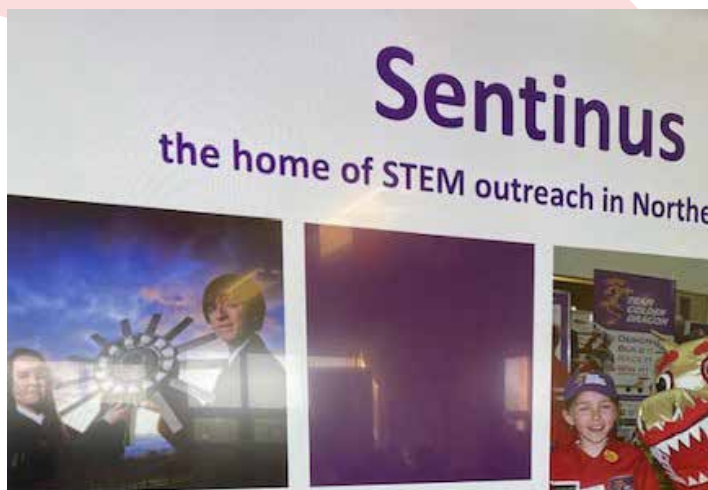
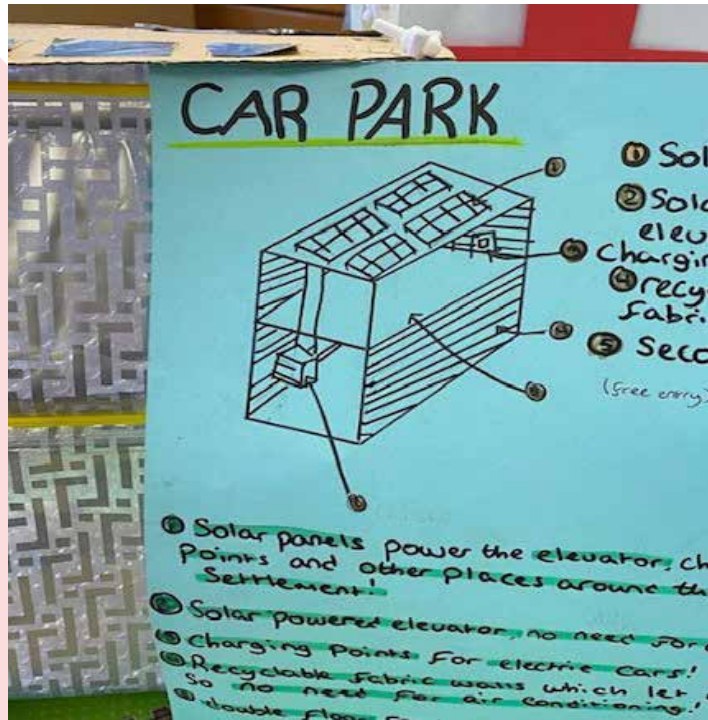


## GEOGRAPHY





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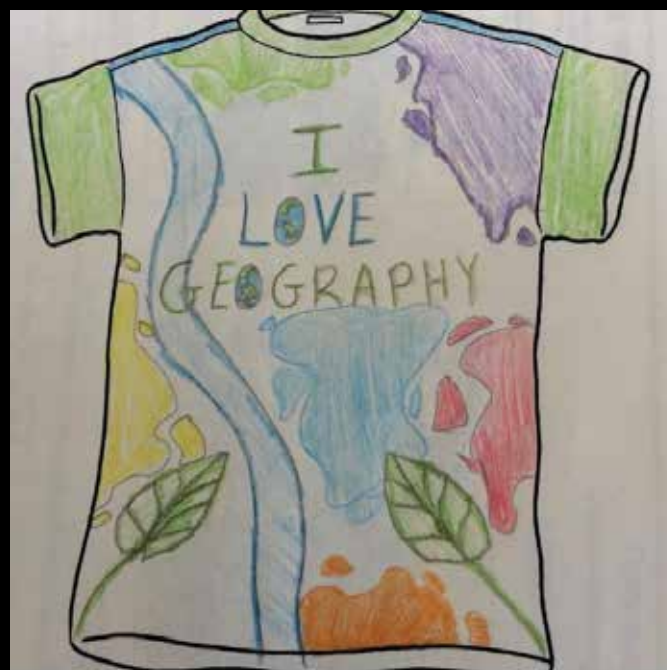
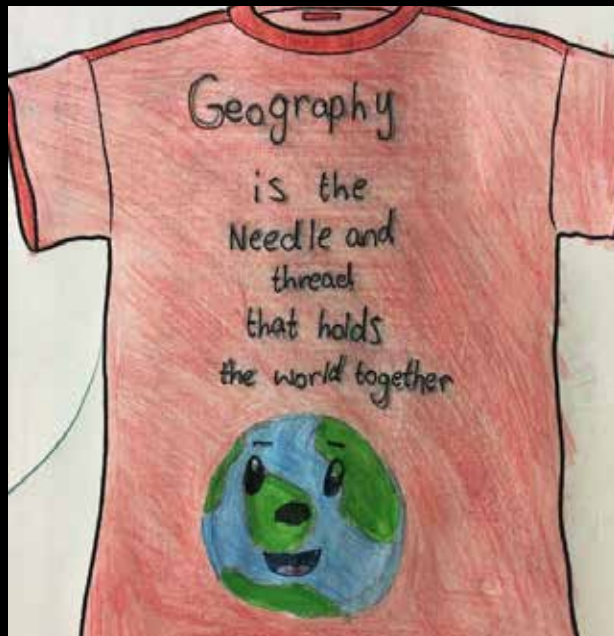
# COMMUNITY

## QUB - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE

As the central theme of the initiative is 'Sustainability', each class was supplied with resources to develop their ideas around concepts like 'Renewable Technologies'. The class had to design and build a sustainable community, incorporating residential, industry, water, food production and energy production within their design. Year 10CA took on this challenge and designed eco-homes, waste water filtration system, recycling plant, waste to energy power plant and amazing bio domes to grow food for the town. They named the town Hallbor-Stad, taking inspiration from

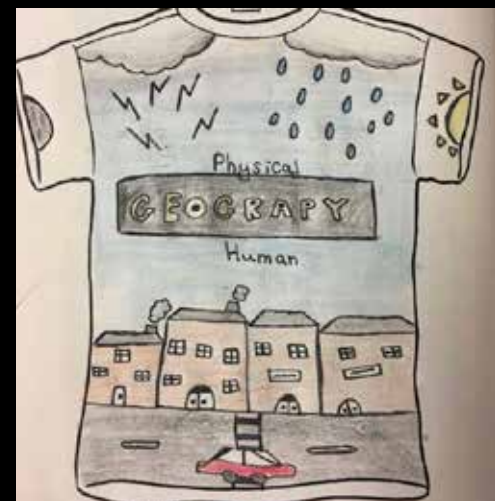
Sweden's use of sustainable designs in many of their cities. Thanks to Beatriz Mayoral Lahuerta from QUB for all her help with this project.





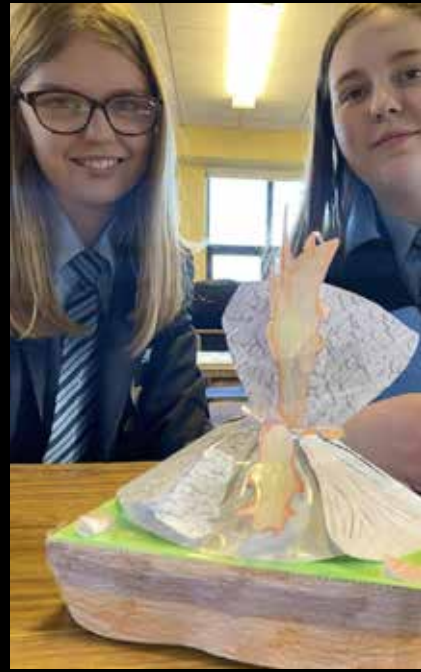
As part of Year 8 introduction to Geography the pupils design a t-shirt to illustrate what Geography is all about. These are a few of the amazing designs that they came up with.

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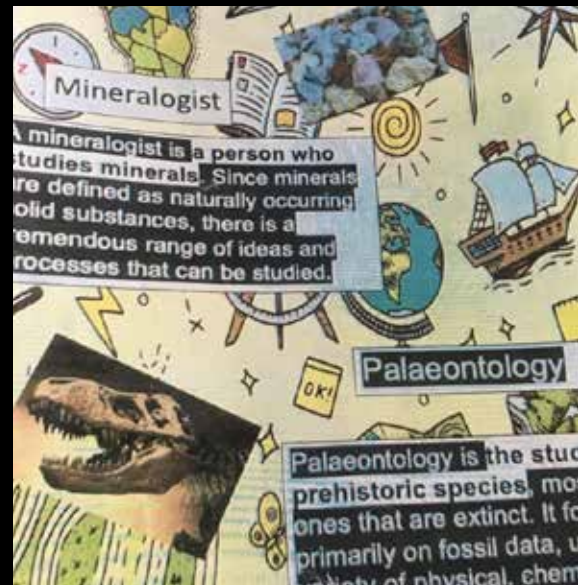
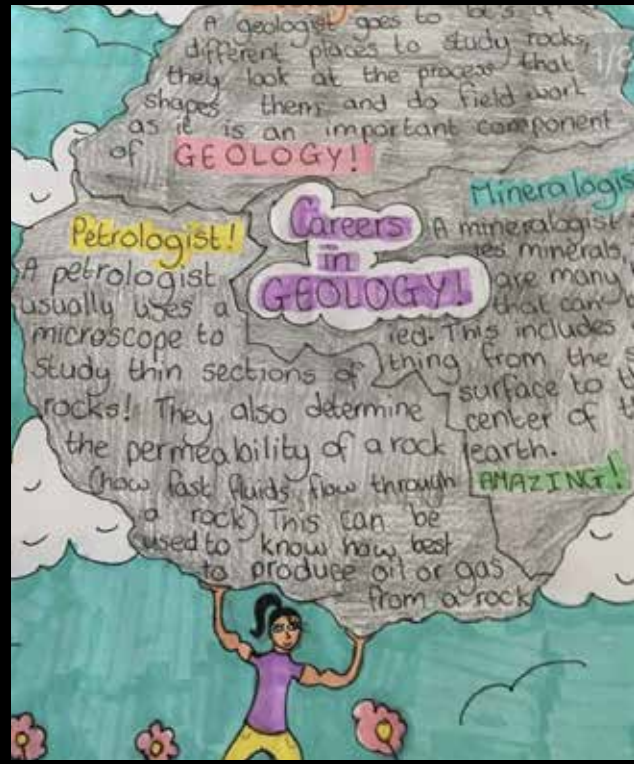




# VOLCANOES & GEOLOGY

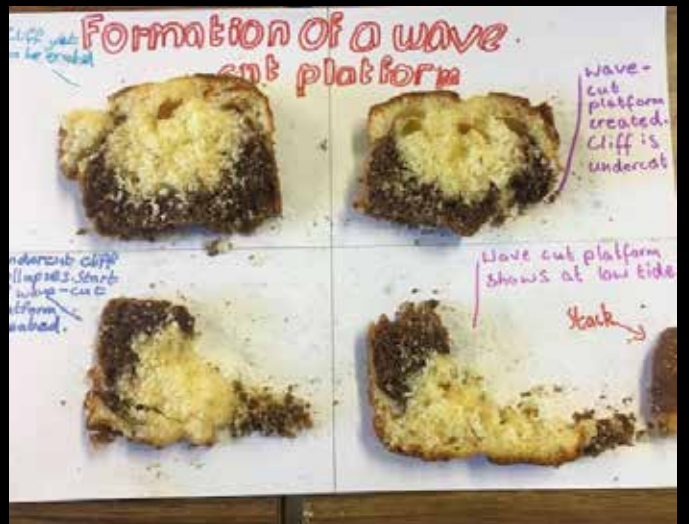


Year 9 have been busy being very creative around our topic of volcanoes and geology. They started with creating posters on careers in geology, then moved on to creating model volcanoes and ended up baking the most amazing volcano cakes.



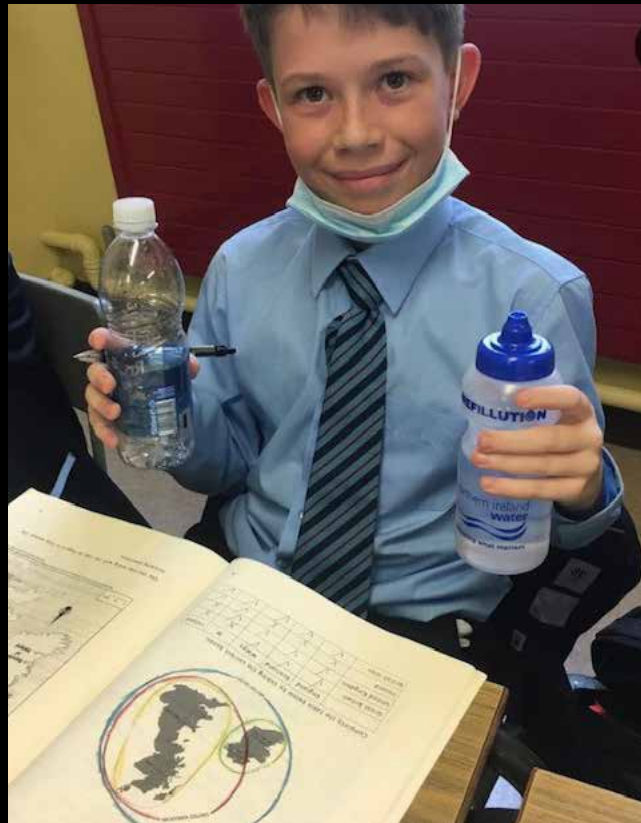


As part of Year 10 Coastal processes and landforms unit in Term 1 we looked at how a wave cut platform is created by processes of coastal erosion. To illustrate the processes at work we used layered sponge cake to create the sequence of the formation. Lots of fun and crumbs were created along with some fantastic models.





Anna from NI Water came in to speak with our Year 14 class about the issues of water management. We received enough refillable water bottles for each pupil in school to try and encourage pupils to ditch the single use plastic bottle and use a refillable bottle instead



# HISTORY



*a study of World War One including use of 'the trenches' set up in Room 30*



The History Department has been a hive of activity this academic year 2021/2022. There have been many events inside and outside of the classroom which have been enjoyable for pupils while also extending their understanding of, and interest in, the subject of History. Pupils across all year groups have had opportunities to take part in activities which developed their creativity, team work and critical thinking skills, as well as deepening their subject knowledge. Here you will get just a taste of what has been taking place within the History Department this year.

## History Club

The History Club has been running on Monday break-time and is enthusiastically attended by budding historians from across all KS3 year groups. The activities taken part in this year include; History Guess Who?, Which One Doesn't Belong?, One This Day in History and a study of World War One including use of 'the trenches' set up in Room 30. In addition to this, pupils have been gathering evidence to include in a Time Capsule to celebrate the Northern Ireland Centenary. This Time Capsule will illustrate life for Cookstown High School pupils 100 years on since Northern Ireland's creation and will be placed into the ground beside a commemorative tree at a special event in June.



We were delighted to take part in a very exciting activity as part of our History Club meetings during this academic year 2021/2022. As part of the Northern Ireland Centenary celebrations the school requested a time capsule through the Department of Education. The time capsule project was part of the Department's NI100 Education Programme to mark the centenary of the establishment of Northern Ireland in 1921 and was developed by the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment (CCEA) and Education Authority. In preparation for creating our own time capsule we used a number of our meetings to learn more about time capsules generally; time capsules from the past, different types of historical evidence, how to create a time capsule, what evidence to include and how to preserve the items included.

We wanted our time capsule to show what life is like in Cookstown High School in 2021/2022, 100 years on from the establishment of Northern Ireland. Therefore, the evidence we included gives a flavour of the clubs/ organisations in school as well as events and competitions which have taken place this year. Therefore, we included posters of the different clubs and fliers for key events, e.g. Spring Concert and Jubilee Celebrations, and competitions, e.g. ABP Angus Youth Challenge, STEM competitions and Super Curriculum Challenges. In addition, there is evidence included to show the academic life of school too.

In our school we have many different activities which take place and we wanted those who open the time capsule in years to come to be aware of how much we have on offer e.g. ICT Club, Photography Club, Science Club, choirs and music groups, and our very own History Club as well as many others. Sport is also a big part of life in Cookstown High School in this year as it has been over the many years of the school's history. We have hockey, netball, football, table tennis, athletics and cross country to name a few. We included posters for some of these sports as well as pictures of pupils who have had sporting success this year in a range of sports from athletics and hockey to judo etc.

We are also a school which allows pupils to develop in many different areas such as academically, emotionally, socially and physically, and that enables our pupils to become positive contributors and citizens to the community around us. We therefore wanted evidence in

# NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY TIME CAPSULE



our time capsule to demonstrate the involvement we have in charity work and working to benefit the local community. Our school is a place where all are respected and valued even though we are all individuals with our own different personalities and interests. It is a fantastic environment in which to learn and grow and we wanted to reflect that in our time capsule.

We also wanted our time capsule to show what life was like in Northern Ireland, the UK and wider afield across the rest of the world in 2021/2022.

This year has seen the continuation of the worldwide pandemic COVID 19 which started in 2019 and led to isolations, face coverings and sanitiser becoming common place. Our academic year 2020/2021 consisted of learning from home/ online learning from January- April 2021. Thankfully our current academic year has been less severely impacted by COVID however some were still off school with COVID or due to begin 'close contacts'. We again wanted our time capsule to capture this significant event and so we included a face mask, bottle of hand sanitiser, correspondence re. COVID and a rainbow drawing supporting the NHS.

Another major event in the UK in 2022 has been the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We included details on how this was celebrated within our own school referencing the Afternoon Tea organised by the PTFA to mark the event as well as ceremonial tree plantings to mark the Jubilee and the Northern Ireland Centenary.

We also included evidence such as newspaper reports which reference some of the other major events of 2021/2022 in our time capsule e.g. COP26 Climate Change Conference and the Russian invasion of the Ukraine etc.

We hope whoever opens the time capsule in years to come will be able to learn about life in 2021/2022, 100 years on from the creation of Northern Ireland. It should give an insight into our school, issues that are important to us and details on major local, national and global events from this year of the Northern Ireland Centenary.

Members of Cookstown High School History Club 2021/2022



# LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE

During this academic year, the pupils in the Learning Support Centre have progressed across a wide variety of subjects in the Curriculum. They have continued to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Geography, Home Economics, Horticulture, Art, History, Languages, RE, Music, ICT and Technology. Across the curriculum they have had the opportunity to develop skills in practical subjects while gaining valuable life skills. Year 12 students have had the opportunity to develop qualifications and work with outside educational agencies to enhance skills that are transferable to study at Further Education. The

pupils in the Learning Support Centre are provided with a rich, diverse education with support and opportunities to help them excel in a caring educational environment.

They have also taken part in various trips and events outside of school. Seniors have visited South West College Cookstown and Northern Regional College Magherafelt to learn about what courses they can do after school. Seniors and Juniors classes explored the Henry Brother's Nature Reserve. Pupils have enjoyed the annual sporting events like Bocca, Hurling and the Special Olympics with some fantastic efforts and achievements. LSC pupils are also looking forward to the residential trip to Gortatole





# ICT

## QUB EEECS Coding Club

2022

Congratulations to 28 pupils from Years 9 and 10 who recently gained certification for completion of Modules in our QUB EEECS Coding Club. Over nine after school workshops pupils gained skills and experience in:

- coding using MicroPython
- Microbit game development
- Cybersecurity and
- Wireless device communications

The club delivered by Queen Tutor Christopher Smith and supported by Mr M. Lynch (ICT) and Mrs R Harpur (T&D) had a committed body of 28 students eager to develop their skills and knowledge.

Pupils who attended the club said:  
LM: It was amazing! This opportunity has encouraged me even more to go on and pursue a job in IT.



ES: I started off with the basics and at the end of the 9 weeks I was able to type all of my own code to make games and animations.

CC: Absolutely loved it! Can't wait to use all of these new skills I have learnt in the future. Thank-you for giving us this amazing opportunity.

EW/PM: It was great fun and was very beneficial, it has let us see what a future career in IT might look like. It should definitely be made part of the curriculum - everyone should give it a go!

Cookstown High School was one of only three Northern Ireland centres to have the opportunity to host this QUB outreach project and our pupils and staff have been highly commended in their commitment and contribution. Queen Tutor Christopher Smith commented, "Computing is a fundamental part of the world today and opening the doors to this way of thinking and problem solving

is important. The younger we engage with pupils the more we can increase interest and engagement and open the door to Queen's and the more benefits it will provide to the local economy in the long run. I was delighted to be able to engage with this great bunch of students over the last few months."



Miss G Evans (Principal) said "I am delighted that Queen's University have provided this fantastic opportunity for our pupils at Cookstown High School over the last term. Pupils key skills in computational thinking and problem solving have been an integral part of this experience and undoubtedly skills that will be further developed in school and outside school."

Mr Johnston (Head of ICT), who secured the project for Cookstown High school expressed thanks to pupils, staff and parents for their



commitment to the project along with thanks to Sentinus and Queens for their organisation and support. He said, "The development and understanding shown by our young coders has been fantastic and highlights the talent we have in Cookstown High School". Pupils who earned certification from the project:

Luke McGeown  
 Lucas Podymack  
 Sophie McIvor  
 Caitlin Kelly  
 Daniel Kelly  
 Evelina Soldatenkova  
 Sarah Caughey  
 Jake Hamilton  
 Ella Shannon  
 Martins Baufals  
 Kyle Neville  
 Harvey Neville  
 Justas Juknelis  
 George Turkington  
 Ewan Brown  
 Caleb Caskey  
 Justin Otterson

Keith Otterson  
 Peter Mitchell  
 Ella Black  
 Conni-Mei McGarvey  
 Leah Thom  
 Aaron Wylie  
 Freya Walker  
 Ruby McCormick  
 Justainas Smotavicius  
 Harry McQueen  
 Matthew Johnston



## British Computer Council Representation

Congratulations to Teagan Carson on selection to the BCS-NICEC YPAG.

Teagan is one of only 11 Northern Ireland students on the BCS panel. The group will meet over 2022 – 2023 the next twelve months to plan for improved integration and uptake of Computing and related subjects in Northern Ireland Schools. Her first meeting took place online in May 2022.

Teagan has been studying Digital Technology for GCSE and has a passion for the use of computing and technology in whatever career path she may follow. Today she took time out of her busy GCSE revision schedule to attend her first meeting with BCS representatives and team members.



# Mathematics

## SENIOR UKMT CHALLENGE

Year 13 and year 14 pupils studying A level Maths took the Senior Maths Challenge on Thursday 11th November 2021, just after our Halloween break. Over 80,000 pupils from across the UK returned scripts with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

Best in the year 14 was Neil McKay who achieved a Bronze Award. It was nice for Neil to get back to some Maths as he has already completed his A level in year 13 and was missing the challenge of some mathematical problem solving. Bronze certificates in year 14 were also awarded to David Boyd, Joshua Carson and Caleb Weir.

Year 13 outperformed the Upper Sixth class with Kate Brown achieving a Silver Award along with not only Best in Year 13 but Best Overall in the School. The other members of the year 13 fast-track class also achieved Bronze awards – Alan Brooks, Rhys Greaves and Charlie Whitten.

Well done to these pupils on what was quite a tricky challenge this year and hopefully the year 13 will have another go in year 14!



The Junior Maths Challenge was on Thursday 28th April and everyone in 9CA, CB and CC had a go at the questions during their Maths lesson. They even stayed on for an extra 10 minutes into their own breaktime to get as many answers done as possible. The results this year are extremely encouraging.

Special mention must go firstly to Jack Suitor in 9Ca who achieved a GOLD and has also qualified for the next round of the competition – Junior Kangaroo Challenge on 14th June. We want to wish him well for this next stage. Silver awards also went to Zara Booth, Nathan Ferson, Erika Gourley and Emma Reed.

Bronze awards were achieved by Aaron Abernethy, Leah Allen, Chloe Blair, Lee Brisbane, Cameron Cahoon, Pippa Coulter, JakeHall, Caitlin Kelly, Isaac Kelso, Yo-Yo Lee, Daniels, Levsins, Ryan Loughlin, Lydia McFarland, Leah Whinnery and Yuen Chan King.

Here are examples of some of the Junior Maths Challenge Questions for you to have a try :

1. Which of these has the greatest value?  
 A  $20 + 22$     B  $202 + 2$   
 C  $202 \times 2$     D  $2 \times 0 \times 2 \times 2$   
 E  $20 \times 22$

2. Half of a quarter of an eighth of a number is equal to  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$ ?  
 A 14    B 28    C 42  
 D 56    E 64

3. Nine of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 are to be put in two groups so that the sum of the numbers in each group is a multiple of four.  
 What is the largest number that could be left out?  
 A 3    B 4    C 5  
 D 6    E 7





# MODERN LANGUAGES

## European day of Languages

September saw the celebration of the European Day of Languages.



Our dynamic team of expert linguists in Year 9 shared their passion for languages in Spanish.

All thoroughly enjoyed "el parlanchín" challenge, a hands-on activity where they are creating their own chatter boxes in their classroom.



## El día de los Muertos.

The discovery of a well-known Mexican tradition for Spanish learners October brought to us the opportunity to embed knowledge of the countries and cultures of the languages we teach. Pupils discovered a well-known Mexican tradition know made famous by James Bond, El día de los Muertos.



Our preparation for the December assessments were supported by our new online Active Learn homework tasks. Our pupils worked very hard and by December they had every opportunity available to experience languages in their authentic environment, using supportive learning resource booklets, helping everyone practice a whole range of thinking skills, personal capabilities while using videos and interactive activities online and within the classroom.

## *2022 Best linguists' awards in Modern Languages*

<b>Year 8</b> French	<b>1st</b> Ella W. (8CA)	<b>2nd</b> Sophie McN. (8CA)	<b>3rd</b> Lewis F. (8CB)
<b>Year 9</b> French Spanish	<b>1st</b> Zara B. (9CB) Nikola T. (9CA)	<b>2nd</b> Emma C. (9CC) Zara B. (9CA)	<b>3rd</b> Caleb C. (9CB) Jack S. (9CA)
<b>Year 10</b> French  Spanish	<b>1st</b> Matt B. (10CA)  Katie F. (10CA) Madisson C. (10CB)	<b>2nd</b> Timothy J. (10CB) Alex H. (10CA) Matt B., (10CA)	<b>3rd</b> Tristan H. Katie F. (10CA) Timothy J. (10CB)
<b>Year 11</b> French  Spanish	<b>1st</b> Leah C.  Louis D.	<b>2nd</b> Jamie K. Anna M. Jamie K Katie A.	<b>3rd</b> Ines M. Rowan H. Sarah B Leah C.
<b>Year 12</b> Spanish	<b>1st</b> Nicole B.	<b>2nd</b> Leah K. Hannah K.	<b>3rd</b> Emma McA. Matthew C.

## *The Mardi GRAS competition for Young linguists*

Mrs McFlynn would like to thank all the Year 9 pupils who entered the House Competition to design a Mardi Gras Mask. There were many fantastic entries and it was very difficult to choose winners as the masks were so colourful and eye-catching. Thanks to Mrs McCabe for casting her artistic eye over the entries and she decided that the following pupils are very worthy winners:



Highly Commended:

Ryan Stewart 9HB, Pippa Coulter 9CB, Calum Creighton 9HA, Jamie Cooper 9HB, Alex McKenna 9CC and Zoe McAdoo 9HA.

3rd place:

Aaron Wylie 9HB, Kellie Harkness 9CA and Rachel McQueen 9CA.

2nd place:

Lisandro Sousa 9HB, Caitlin Forsythe 9CA and Jack Anderson 9CA

1st place:

Evie MacKenzie 9S, Freya Walker 9HA and Evelina Soldatenkova 9S.

Well done to the winners.

Every entry received a House point. The prizewinners were delighted to receive Easter eggs and goodies as well as achievement points for their hard work. Here are some of our prizewinning entries.



## *The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators*

Well done to all year 11, 12 and 14 pupils who took part in the Translation exchange competition organised by Queen's College Oxford.



Following our internal review, we are delighted to award 1st prizes to Bruna R. (Y14 Spanish), Leah K, and Nicole B. (Y12 Spanish), Sarah B., Leah C., Sarah F. (Y11 Spanish), Rowan H.(Y11 French) and a number of commendations are awarded for the high-quality work submitted by Hannah K and Leandra F. (Y12 Spanish), Chloe K., Emily P., Bethany G.(Y11 Spanish) and Anna M. (Y11 French).

### **"Winner: Northern Ireland, Spanish, Level 3: 1 (Cookstown)**

We are delighted to confirm that both Nicole B. and Leah K. have been selected as area winner by Queen's College, Oxford for the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators - Spanish. Congratulations from all of us!

While learning languages you are also developing your personal and social skills, communication, team work, flexibility, resourcefulness, perseverance, personality and memory; life-long qualities which are much appreciated by future employers.

Well done to all!  
Dr Ranchoux

## *Chatterbox competition in Year 8 to celebrate European Day of Languages*

European Day of Languages falls on 26th September each year and Year 8 pupils in Mrs McFlynn's and Mr Stewart's French classes participated in a Chatterbox competition to mark the event. Pupils enjoyed practising their French conversation skills with other pupils in their class. Some pupils relished the opportunity to showcase the information that they had been learning since commencing French only a couple of weeks ago and they were awarded with the Chatterbox title and received achievement points as well as goodies.



8HA Chatterbox winners:  
Dianna Pastare  
Abbie Nelson  
Matthew Buchanan

8HB Chatterbox winners:  
Ethan Bell  
Payton Magil  
Ella Reid

8CA Chatterbox winners:  
Abbie Simpson  
Sophie McNickle  
Ella Watters

8CB Chatterbox winners:  
Matthew Compton  
Lucas Carvalho  
Sophie Murray

8CC Chatterbox winners:  
Sasha Brodison  
Lily Frank  
Libby-Mae Gillies



### Year 12 Spanish Linguist awards





## Music Department: RE-PLUGGED!!

This year in Music, we have thoroughly enjoyed being back in the Music Department. After a year of no rehearsals, no jamming sessions at break or lunch, no creative work in lessons and no Spring Concert, it has been wonderful to hear the musical sounds emanating from the practice rooms every day and to be



rehearsing with groups, soloists and ensembles again.

In classes, pupils have had the chance to learn new skills. Year 8 pupils were set the task on their first day of creating a short piece of music at the keyboards. They also



had to devise a method of writing it down, using shapes or notation. After some practice each was performed to the class and they all did very well indeed.

In Year 9 Music, classes were introduced to the ukulele, with each pupil learning how to play a series of tunes and chord patterns during the year. We have been able to expand the amount of instruments we have in the department thanks to a kind gift of £200 from outside of school. We have certainly enjoyed the experience of learning this fantastic instrument in class and lots of Year 9 pupils now are the proud owners of their own ukulele.



In Year 10 Music, 10C2 and 10H2 learned how to create their own music using iPads. Niall Totten from AMMA visited their classes for a series of week in Term 1 and Term 2 and guided the pupils as they learned how to create their own drum track, their own loops and how to record and then manipulate sounds. These are all skills that will very useful in GCSE Music when pupils take their skills



on to the iMacs for composition. I am delighted to also add that AMMA have provided Cookstown High School with 10 iPads for use in classes for the foreseeable future.

It is definitely much more fun being creative in Music and Key Stage 3 pupils have enjoyed the different opportunities that have come their way this year.



# MUSIC

## Senior Choir

Senior Choir has had a busy year in school, preparing for several events through the academic calendar.

It has been great to be able to resume rehearsals and as regulations eased to be able to consider presenting songs live before an audience again. Prize Day is usually the first event for Senior Choir, but this year we were still too restricted to be able to perform. So the first opportunity we had was the Carol Service in December. This event was recorded and streamed to classes in school. It was unusual for us to be performing to an empty venue with a video camera, microphone and Mr Brown recording us. But we enjoyed the experience and performed two choir pieces, lead the carols, and two members of choir sang solos including the new Christmas song for the school by Mrs Gormley. This is a long lasting tradition that has been maintained even through lock-down as Alice Boden sang the lock-down



carol last year. This year Louise Boden sang 'What does it mean?', a song that investigates the true meaning of Christmas, and the full Senior Choir sang 'God is with us'. The other solo was 'O Holy Night', sung by Eloise Ruddell, accompanied by Emily Millar on violin and Mrs Gormley on piano. We rounded off the Carol Service with 'An Irish Christmas Blessing'.

Before we could focus entirely on the Spring Concert, we had the Easter Service. This was recorded and then streamed, like the Carol Service had been. Senior Choir learned a new arrangement in three parts of 'When I Survey'. New members had joined since Christmas and this improved

our overall sound, and the choir sounded great! Louise sang a new version of 'There is a green hill far away' that Mrs Gormley had written especially for the event.

Preparations for the Spring Concert began in Term 2, but as yet we were unsure if we could even have a concert! However, the regulations eased enough at Easter time, and at the beginning of Term 3 we had the night of music we had all been missing... the Spring Concert took place on Tuesday 3rd May. Senior Choir sang two songs: 'The Sound of Silence' and 'California Dreamin''. The first of these was chosen by Mrs Gormley as it reflected how the previous year had felt, a year of no music and no choir! 'California Dreamin'' was performed along with the house band, with Theo Thompson on drums. It was really good and as a final song for the Year 14 girls in choir, it was a fitting farewell as they look forward to the summer after their exams.

It has been brilliant having choir back this year...and there is room in choir for more singers. So if you want to come along and sing with others, come along!



## Junior Choir

Emilie Kelso 10CB

It has been so good to have Junior Choir back this year as I have missed singing so much..... although we did have to stay spaced out in our practices, this helped us learn to sing out as a group.

This year we have learned some new warm-ups which are quite funny, but they

mean that our voices are well exercised. We were very disappointed that we missed out on singing at the Carol Service this year due to some of us having Covid, but it was exciting to be part of some new ventures including making some videos of Jimmy Kennedy songs for Rev Bell. We did a version of Teddy Bears' Picnic and had great fun doing the Hokey Cokey. We also sang at the Easter Service. The

highlight of the year though was our Spring Concert and it has been super to see our friends from the LSC join in with choir this year.

We may be small in number, but Junior Choir is one of the best clubs and we hope to see some new faces next year with Mrs B on Tuesdays at break time.

## Pipe Band

Sophie Ferson 10CB

The hills may have been alive with the sound of music, but the High School comes alive with the sound of bagpipes on Thursday afternoons.

This year, Pipe Band has been a little different to usual as we have not had external tuition; however, our own Mrs Blackwood and Mr Hamilton



have taken on the roles of piping and drumming tutors.

Our main focus so far has been the Spring Concert, where we played a range of tunes including Rab's Wedding (which was a new one for most of us) - and the tenor drummers did a fantastic display to a rock version of Steam Train to Mallaig (choreographed by Megan Bell). Thanks to

Ewan and Adam, the pipers have grown in confidence and it is good to know that there are younger players waiting to join the twelve of us who were involved in the concert.

Hopefully as our pipe band grows, we can add more drummers and that will mean we can tackle bigger performances.



## Concert Band ....end of an era

More years ago than I care to remember, I arrived at Cookstown High School as a newly qualified teacher and was keen to play a full part in the Music Department.

I quickly became involved in the various choirs, the recorder club and the samba band. It was within the Concert Band though that I felt most confident and I eagerly took up the baton on the departure of my previous CL, Mrs Church. Whilst due to the replacement of classroom recorder tuition with more hearing-friendly keyboards the recorder group met its demise and we have not had a samba band running for several years, the Concert Band remained as a constant and many young players have passed through the ranks.

When the Music Service withdrew from brass tuition in CHS, the local Silver Bands stepped into the gap and alongside their thriving learner classes at the time we sustained a secure brass section along with our woodwind players and percussionists. For a variety of reasons (including the rise in popularity of 'solo' instruments such as guitar and ukulele and also perhaps due to the additional restrictions placed on musicians due to the Covid-19 Pandemic), we have seen the number of pupils having tuition on wind and brass instruments dwindle.



The dedication shown by the players we have had over the years has been second to none and it has been a privilege to watch them grow and develop both as musicians and as young adults. Many of them have continued their musical



endeavours as hobbies, with a considerable proportion taking music education to third level and beyond. Often we have had multiple members of the same family (and yes I have been here long enough for that to have spanned more than one generation). I am grateful for the influence these talented young instrumentalists have had on my teaching career and musical repertoire – who can forget performances which ranged as wide as 'The Magic Flute' to 'Gangnam Style' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody.....'

Several of our players will depart Year 14 this year, having completed seven years

of unstinting service to the band (as even during restrictions, they were practising at home to learn parts for future performance). This dedication has enabled performances at the Carol Service and the Easter Service. We have always had support from staff who play instruments, and Mr Blackwood has been 'roped in' regularly to play the tuba; however, the current small numbers of woodwind players and absence of brass alongside an increase in the number of string players mean that the switch to a more sustainable Orchestra, under the baton of Mrs Gormley is the sensible thing to do.

I have been tremendously proud of our Concert Band during the period of my involvement and wish all the players well, wherever they may be (and I know that many of them continue to play). There was more than a touch of irony that our final piece, for the Spring Concert was an arrangement of Francesco Sartori's 'Time to Say Goodbye'.

Mrs B

# Spring Concert

At last, the return of the CHS Spring Concert!!

This has been an important part of the life of CHS for over a decade now and 2022 was to be our first live concert again since 2019. Planning and preparations began some time ago...during the last school year to be honest...and as regulations gradually began to ease during 2021-22, it seemed that we would at last be able to welcome an audience into the Mil-lar Hall to enjoy an evening of music and dance from the pupils of Cookstown High School.

Mrs Gormley was inundated with requests from pupils, wanting to take part or perform as a soloist. This certainly made putting the programme together much easier, although there was still much hard work to be done. Rehearsals for Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Concert Band, String Group and Orchestra had taken place through the school year, and each ensemble had taken part in different events such as the Carol Service, the Easter Service and the school promotional video. But the Spring Concert is always special and extra rehearsals took place, even on the last day of term before the Easter holidays.

Of course, for some of the musicians and singers it was to be their last concert as they were leaving school, and they did not want the concert to be anything other than brilliant. All pupils pulled out the stops on the night and performed brilliantly.

The evening began with a solo performance from Casey Burns in Year 9. Casey had taken part in the talent show last year and she has been eager to show her talents again this year. Her rendition of 'I'm still standing' by Elton John was the perfect, energetic opening to the evening. Andrew and Rebecca guided us through a programme of various styles including music theatre (Naomi singing 'Burn' from 'Hamilton', Danielle singing 'In His Eyes' from 'Jekyll and Hyde' and Louise singing 'Still Hurting' from 'The Last Five Years'). There were piano performances from Teagan, Faye, Lydia, Leandra, Joshua and Katie, and solo instrumental performances from Kate and Emily, and a duet from two girls in Year 8, Hannah and Lucy who played piano and violin. Playing or singing in front of such a large crowd takes guts and the nerves were well controlled by everyone.

David and Ewan in Year 14 have been performing at school events for years now, but as they are now in Year 14 and this was to be their last concert, they wanted to do something special.



So they teamed up with fellow Year 14, Matthew and gave a great performance of 'You're just too good to be true'...perfect just before the interval and of course, the ice-cream!

Junior Choir, Senior Choir, String Group and Orchestra performed music as diverse as 'California Dreamin'', 'Ashokan Farewell', 'Time to say goodbye', 'The Sound of Silence' and 'Stand up and praise him'. The most poignant of these was 'Time to say goodbye' which was presented by Concert Band; a number of the pupils in this ensemble are Year 14 and have been in Concert Band since Year 8.

The evening was rounded off with a tribute to Meatloaf who died earlier this year. One of his most famous songs 'I'd do anything for love' was played by David Boyd in Year 14 on piano. It was an amazing performance, full of energy and fitting for the end of a brilliant night that showcased talent from all over the school.

While Mrs Gormley and Mrs Blackwood rehearse the ensembles and soloists throughout the year, the Spring Concert could not go on without the help of many other members of staff...thank you to all who played a part, either musically or helpful in another way. By the way, Mrs Gormley has already started planning for 2023, so watch this space!!



## String Group

Annabelle Davidson 9CA

In Cookstown High School we have many opportunities, one of them being the chance to play with a group of fellow musicians.

In String Group, we have six violins, a viola, and a cello. We meet every Thursday before school at nine o'clock.

Being in String Group has helped me learn what it is like to play with others. It has helped me to improve my sight-reading and timing. I could enjoy learning new skills as well as having fun along the way. I loved going up to the Music Department every Thursday morning. Playing in a group was daunting and scary at the start but over time my confidence built up and I really started to open up to different things. It made me face challenges which turned out to be good for me.

Playing with older students definitely was my biggest worry. What if I mess up in front of them all and make a fool of myself? I soon found out I was



completely wrong. They are all so friendly and supportive, unlike what I had anticipated. They always say hello if I meet them in the corridor. They made me feel welcome even though I am a good few years younger than them. Playing with them helped me learn to overcome my fears and just play for the joy of music.

String group gave me the opportunities to play for the school at the Carol Service and Spring Concert, as well as in the school promotional video.

It was a thrill to be able to play with a live audience at the Spring Concert, especially after Covid. The Spring Concert was a

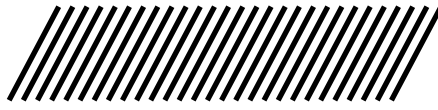
very special night and others who were also there would agree. We played two pieces "Ashokan Farewell" with just String group and "Intermezzo" with our full school orchestra. There was a time a few weeks ago where we were wondering if we would be even able to play the pieces, but our teacher Mrs Gormley saved the day and after many practices we pulled through and the show went on. The Spring Concert really showed us the talent and potential we have. Every individual played with all their heart, and it sounded beautiful.

My definite favourite part of String Group is the fun and banter we have, all of us at different ages being able to socialise and enjoy music together. It really makes you feel like you belong and are special.





# EASTER CELEBRATIONS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Easter celebrations in RE  
Before Easter, the Religious Education Department ran a class competition to design an Easter Egg. Some really creative designs were made and congratulations go to Sophie and Darcy in 8CA, who were the winners, earning achievement points.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## SYNAGOGUE DESIGNS

Our Year 9 Religious Education, pupils were given an opportunity to design a Jewish synagogue, using any medium of their choice. Some very creative designs were produced, ranging from a synagogue cake, to a Lego synagogue to Minecraft designs. We were so impressed by the creativity and imagination shown by the pupils





## DEVELOPING SKILLS IN GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

An important part of the GCSE course is developing an understanding of why some people support a particular view. This is key to success in the examination, but it's also a really important skill for life as it helps students relate to the world around them.



Explain why a Christian may be opposed to active euthanasia.

A Christian may be opposed to euthanasia because they believe that humans are made in the image of God. This means that life is sacred as it was created by God. As God is the creator, he should be the only one who decides when a life ends. Another reason is that when Jesus was praying on the night of his arrest, he accepted that it was God's plan for him to die. This suggests that Christians should recognise and accept God's plan for them, even if it is not what they want. Furthermore, when he was on earth, Jesus went through the streets healing the sick, which suggests care should be given to those who are ill, instead of considering euthanasia. A Christian may believe this if they are part of a church which promotes care of the terminally ill, such as the Methodist denomination. This type of care can be provided in hospices and a Christian may see this as a better alternative than euthanasia.

Katie Abernethy, Year 11 GCSE student

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## → LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM

As part of their study into Islam our Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to learn about the mosque, the Muslim place of worship.

To conclude this, they built some fantastic 3D models of mosques, complete with a domed roof and a minaret. We were very impressed by their creativity and construction skills!

Well done Year 10.



## DEBATING SKILLS, IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Developing good critical thinking skills is a huge part of the GCSE and A Level course in R.S. Students learn how to express their views,

and justify them, whilst also being open to the view of others. This is key to success at examination level, but is also such an important skill for life

in general. Many of the issues that the students discuss are topical and current in the world today.

### **"An infertile Christian couple should accept that they cannot have children."**

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have considered different points of view.

No, I personally disagree with the statement, "An infertile Christian couple should accept that they cannot have children" as God intended a husband and wife to have a family. In Genesis, God told Adam and Eve to have children so therefore an infertile Christian couple should be allowed to seek other ways to have a family, for example IVF. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that having children is a basic human right and no one should have to accept childlessness, even Christians. Paul told Christians to 'abide by the laws of the land', so as fertility treatment is legal, infertile Christians should not have to accept childlessness. There are also other ways for

a Christian couple struggling with infertility to have a child, for example prayer. Hannah was a woman in the bible who desperately wanted a child and her response to the situation was prayer. God heard her and gave her a child, Samuel. An infertile Christian couple should not have to accept their childlessness, but should keep praying until God grants their request.

However, everything in our life happens as part of God's plan for us. God has a plan for everyone and it should be treated with respect. An infertile Christian couple should not take infertility matters into their own hands with IVF and surrogacy, but accept that infertility may be God's plan for them. A Christian couple

will also take into consideration their church's view on the matter. For example, if the couple are Catholic, the Catholic Church views IVF using donor egg or sperm, as bringing a third party into the relationship and is therefore mechanical adultery. A Christian couple should accept infertility as IVF goes against the sanctity of life. If they believe that life begins at conception, then they will disagree with IVF as many embryos are destroyed or tested upon. This will make it easier to accept that they can't have children.

Overall, I believe a Christian couple should not have to accept infertility, as it is not what God intended in marriage.

Leah Caskey, Year 11 GCSE student

### **"Embryo research and experimentation should be allowed to help cure diseases."**

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have considered different points of view.

I disagree with this statement because as I Christian, I believe that life begins at conception and an embryo is not just a cluster of cells. An embryo has all the genetic information needed to form a human life, therefore I believe an embryo is entitled to the same rights as all other human life. Some may argue that embryos do not have the ability to feel pain, but this does not make them less human. Furthermore, the sanctity of life principle teaches that all life is precious and sacred. An embryo is a life

and is sacred too, so it should not be experimented upon as the process of experimentation kills the embryo. This may be seen as a violation of Commandment 6. In addition, God has a plan for every human life as it teaches that 'man is made in the image of God.' The life of an embryo should not be experimented upon or disposed of. The Hippocratic Oath sworn by doctors in the past, was a declaration to preserve life, but surely experimenting on embryos is destroying human life.

On the other hand, some people

may argue that God has given doctors their skills and that all means possible should be used to help extend and preserve life. If new medical treatments can be discovered through the use of experimentation, then surely this is a good thing. This could be seen as a way of following Jesus' command to 'love your neighbour', as these treatments could ease suffering and save many lives. Furthermore, some of the embryos that are experimented upon are left over from IVF – they are no longer wanted or needed and will be destroyed

anyway. Surely it is better to put them to a good use. Finally, they may believe that the life doesn't begin until the foetus can successfully live outside of the womb and therefore an embryo is not a life with any human right, but

is just a cluster of cells. If this view is taken, then there is no ethical dilemma with testing on embryos.

To conclude, those living with illness and in pain should be helped and if trialling treatments on embryos can

help, then they may believe it is morally right and acceptable to do so.

Anna Millar, Year 11 GCSE student

## INVESTIGATION INTO FAITH IN ACTION

As part of their RE course in Year 9, students investigate the concept of faith and what 'Faith in Action' looks like. They were given the task of researching a person who displayed faith. This could be faith in God, faith in science, faith in themselves, etc. The pupils produced some fantastic pieces of research.

### MAUD KELLS



Someone who I chose to do research on, and who I believe showed great faith was the missionary, Maud Kells. Maud Kells is now 83 years of age and in her lifetime as a midwife and missionary, she has delivered babies in the jungle, been threatened and forced to evacuate by rebel forces and survived a gun attack which left her fighting for her life.

Maud first began her training as a midwife in Edinburgh before joining the WEC Missionary Training collage in Glasgow, known as MTC. One day, while she was reading about C.T. Studd and some other missionary pioneers, she was inspired to make

God her single focus in life. As she prayed about this, a great longing developed in her heart and she felt God was calling her to work in a place called The Democratic Republic of Congo. This was the beginning of her journey for God and she spent over 50 years dedicated to helping the people of Congo as a midwife and missionary. Since her retirement she has continued to return to the Congo and her latest trip was in 2022.

Maud's faith was displayed by her work in the Congo and how she trusted in God to help her through the many challenges she faced. She had the encourage to leave her home and go to a foreign, hostile

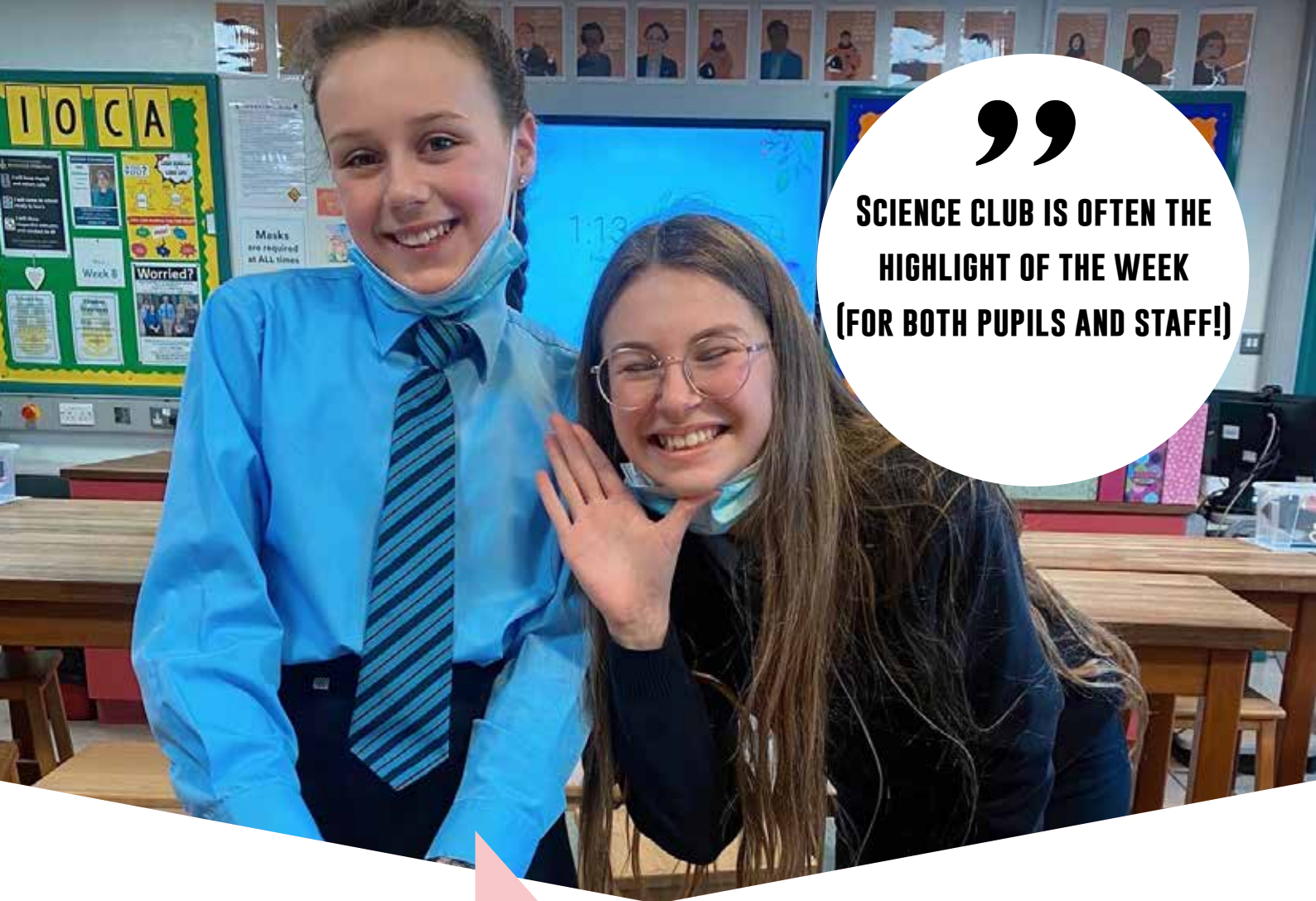
country where there was much sickness, poverty and war and dedicated her life to helping the people of Congo and telling them of God's love for them.

Maud's passion and dedication towards helping others was acknowledged when she was presented with an OBE on 21st May 2015 for her exceptional work in the Congo. Maud has brought many antibiotics and medicines to the people of Congo and shared the Good News about God all through her years as a midwife and missionary. However, the most amazing thing she did was that she always kept God in her heart and dedicated her life to sharing his word.

By Alex McKenna, Year 9



Maud Kells has written a book about her journey and experiences in the Congo called 'An Open Door'



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**SCIENCE CLUB IS OFTEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK (FOR BOTH PUPILS AND STAFF!)**

# Science

## Science Club 2021-2022

This year saw the return of Science Club in person for both Year 8 and Year 9 and we were delighted about it! Experiments included flame tests, making recycled paper, dissections, slime and so much more! There was a highly prestigious 'Stomp Rocket Competition' and a 'Chemis-tree' made at Christmas time. Science Club brings so much fun and excitement and is often the highlight of the week (for both pupils and staff).





# ANGUS YOUTH CHALLENGE 2021 – 2022

This year continued the schools success in the Angus Youth Challenge.

Year 12 pupils John-Mark, Ben and William continued through the competition and an incredibly high standard and consistently producing work at a high standard. A particular highlight was a visit from their calves in school and also a 'Name the Calf' competition.

Following in their footsteps were three Year 11 boys: Jonathan, Luke and Nathan. The Year 11 pupils entered the competition in September and were also successful in making it to the final. The boys were awarded their calves by ABP and have also been working hard this year in the competition.

Both teams are in contact with mentors from CAFRE and you can follow their journeys on their successful Instagram accounts. Never in the history of the competition has the same school made it to the final in two consecutive years and this is an accolade to the boys, how hard they worked and how well they represented the school!



# BIOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE

The Biology and Agriculture department continues to be incredibly busy with lots of activities, practical work and competitions. You can always have a sneak peek behind the scenes of what is going on in Bio and Agri on our Instagram account: @chsbiologydept.



# THE GREAT BIOLOGY BAKE OFF

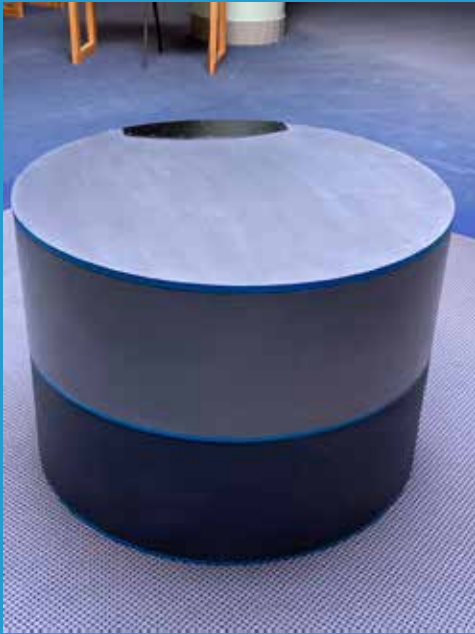


This year the Biology Department hosted The Great Biology Bake Off to celebrate Biology Week 2021. Over 25 Biology themed bakes were entered and the standard was incredibly high. It was a wonderful morning of Biology and cake, what more could you ask for?









# TECHNOLOGY



We were delighted to welcome our pupils back into the department and start to do practical again with them. We have missed so much practical the last two years and were determined to make up for it.

We developed and introduced the new practical in year 8 a fantastic Christmas decoration incorporating the laser cutter and electronics, that was a nice introduction into the school for our new pupils.

Year 9 continued with the steady hand game and the mobile phone holder incorporating a range of materials including wood, metal & plastic.

Year 10 continued to enjoy the mechanical toy design and the electronics night light project, this is the building blocks to our specification we offer for GCSE.

GCSE Technology & Design unfortunately continued this year on a reduced specification where pupils had to design their products but didn't get the opportunity to make them just a model. This will have changed next year when we continue to return to normal. GCE AS & A2 regrettably was the same where pupils didn't get the opportunity to realise their designs.

Btec Engineering is still very popular with our level 2 pupils had good experiences with practical and pupils studying level 3 double award had the opportunity to manufacture their designs. Some fabulous outcomes were developed as shown in the pictures.

As the department continues to expand we can enjoy the 3 planning rooms equipped with computers and this year we have added 3 new clever touch boards.

We say a sad Farwell to students who have come to the end of their time with us and wish them all the best for the future as it has been a strange journey for us all the last two years but they have made the best of it.

I HEAR &  
I FORGET  
I SEE AND I  
REMEMBER  
I DO AND I  
UNDERSTAND

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**6 PUPILS  
QUALIFIED FOR THE  
ULSTER ATHLETICS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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# ATHLETICS SEASON 2022

**It was great to see Athletics take place again at CHS after a 2-year absence due to Covid restrictions.**

Competitions kicked off straight after our Easter break once again. With not a second to wait, the two Mr Donnelly's accompanied Mrs Cheevers to training in their bid to produce some finely tuned Athletes.

Due to time constraints and only having a grass track this season, we had to limit the number activities we could offer. But this didn't deter us and we had almost 30 eager pupils who all wanted to try out for various events.

We cleaned up the shot puts, got the track lined out and dug up the long jump pits. Thankfully for our first two weeks of training, the weather was kind to us and we managed to be able to fit in 3 days of training each week. This was all the time we had to prepare for the 'E' District Athletics Championship on Friday 6th May in Antrim Forum. 26 pupils from CHS headed off to compete at the Districts and unfortunately



for us, the weather wasn't proving to be as favourable to us as it had at training. But despite the weather and only having a few weeks to prepare, all our pupils did us proud. Everyone competed well and not only did we bring home a number of medals, we also had 6 pupils who qualified for the Ulster Athletics Championships. The pupils who qualified are listed below.

### ULSTER QUALIFIERS

#### Mini Girls & Boys (Year 8)

Long Jump: Charlie Costello (1st) & Sophie McNickle (2nd)  
 100m: Sophie McNickle (3rd)

#### Minor Girls (Year 9)

Long Jump: Erika Gourley (2nd)  
 800m: Erika Gourley (3rd)  
 Shot: Leah Allen (3rd)

### JUNIOR GIRLS

Long Jump: Lois Cunningham (1st)

Shot: Lois Cunningham (1st)

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

100m: Lucy McClenaghan (2nd)  
 Long Jump: Lucy McClenaghan (2nd)





**WHEN LUCY SETS HER MIND TO SOMETHING SHE DOESN'T STOP UNTIL SHE ACHIEVES IT.**

On Saturday 21st May, six of our Athletes took part in the Ulster Schools Track and Field Championships held in Antrim Forum. Our Athletes competed in a range of activities and all performed to their best, with a number of them achieving PB's. They all did CHS proud in the way they performed and supported each other through their events.

Pupils competed in the following events:

Year 8

Sophie McNickle - Mini Girls 100m & Long Jump

Charlie Costello - Mini Boys Long Jump

Year 9

Erika Gourley - Minor Girls 800m & Long Jump

Leah Allen - Shot Put

Year 10

Lois Cunningham - Junior Girls Long Jump & Shot

Year 12

Lucy McClenaghan - Intermediate Girls 100m



# ..... ULSTER TRACK AND FIELD SUCCESS .....



While all of our pupils performed extremely well, particular mention must go to Year 12 pupil Lucy, who won a Silver Medal in the Intermediate Girls 100m. She ran superbly in both her heat and in the final and had set herself a goal to defeat the competitor who had previously beaten her to Gold in the District Championships a couple of weeks previous. When Lucy sets her mind to something, she doesn't stop until she achieves it so she not only defeated her rival, but also earned a Silver medal with a time of 13.22. It was such a closely contested race that it had to go to photo finish to determine 1st and 2nd place. Because of Lucy's success, she has secured a place in the All Ireland Finals in June. We wish Lucy every success in the All Irelands and are extremely proud of her.

Well done to all these Athletes competing in various events against the top Athletes from across the province.





*Perem mante acrimium fatuam nos clertie*

## County Sports

The last of our Athletics event was the County Sports competition held in Campsie, Omagh.

The weather was beautiful which made the experience even more enjoyable for our 33 pupils. As well as bring home a tan, we returned with a total of 11 Gold, 16 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals, an overall total of 33 medals. And..... one of our pupils set a new County Record. Skye McNicholl, in the Year 8 Girls High Jump, set a new record of 1m 33cm. Special mention also goes to Erika Gourley and Lois Cunningham who both won 3 gold medals, and Skye McNicholl who won 2 gold medals.

*"One of our pupils set a new County Record. Skye McNicholl, in the Year 8 Girls High Jump"*

# COUNTY SPORTS AND IRISH SCHOOLS

## → Irish Schools Athletic Championships

On Saturday 4th June amidst the Jubilee celebrations, Lucy headed off to compete in the All Ireland Athletics Championships in Tullamore. Here, she took part alongside all of Ireland's top athletes. All we were hoping for was that Lucy would put in a great performance and we certainly didn't end up disappointed.

Lucy was also competing for her first time in the Intermediate girls 100m. Competing against the top 8 sprinters across Ireland in her age group, Lucy has been training hard all season and has produced some amazing times in training. The 100m final proved to have extremely tough opposition and it was a very quick race. Lucy finished in a very respectable 7th position which was fantastic in itself. But Lucy's greatest achievement was producing a new Personal Best time of 12 sec 98. Lucy will certainly be one to watch again next season.



# European Champion

Although Year 13 pupil Nicolas Griggs hasn't had the opportunity to participate in School's Athletics this season due to his heavy international training schedule, it would be remiss of us not to mention his successes at International level. The list of honours just kept rolling for Nick since last July. Below are a few of his main successes but there are many, many more.

Irish & European U20 mile indoor Record set (3:56:40)

Irish U20 1500m Indoor Record 3:43:71

Irish U20 3000m Indoor Record 7:57:38

3000m Gold Medal for Ireland at the European U20 Championships

Well done to Nick on another impressive season.

Congratulations to all the athletes who have represented Cookstown High School so well throughout the season and especially to Lucy McClenaghan and Nicholas Griggs for keeping Cookstown High School's name very much alive in Ulster and Irish Athletics.



*Irish & European  
U20 mile indoor  
Record set  
3:56:40*





# BADMINTON

The Badminton Club had a wonderful year. We were joined by three new staff members, Mr Lowe, Miss Sinclair and Mr Gourley.

Each week pupils challenged each other in the 'ladder'. The competition was fierce!

At Christmas we had our Christmas Tournament where all names were put into a hat, two were selected at a time to form double partnerships.

In Division 2, the runners up were Lewis Ferguson and Ben Barbour. The Division 2 winners were Kyle Lennox and Teagan Carson.

In Division 1, the runners up were Gareth Lennox and Thomas Crooks. The Division 1 winners were Daniel Kelso and Benjamin Murray.

We had a special 'Beat the Teacher' event which was such good fun. Hilarious in fact if you were standing listening to the bargaining going on by Mr Lynch! We had Mr Gourley, Mr Hastings, Miss Sinclair all taking part to name but a few. Next year we will run this again as it really was one of the highlights of the year.

The Easter Tournament was a great wee tournament. The players voted to play singles rather than doubles, after playing doubles in the Christmas Tournament.

Pupils were split into groups, after which semi-finals were played.

In the Senior Section, Tom Irwin played Thomas Crooks with Tom winning 21/17. And Benjamin Murray played Andrew Montgomery with Andrew winning 21/17.

The final was hard fought between

Andrew and Tom with Andrew winning 15/7 and 15/14. It was really tight! To the boys delight their prize was an Easter Egg!

In the Junior section the semi-finals were; Gareth Lennox v Ellie Purvis with Gareth winning 21/8 and Kyle Lennox v James Gourley with Kyle winning 21/15. This created an all Lennox final with Kyle beating Gareth in a very very tight match. 15/14 15/14.

Our end of season dinner was held in the McClay Hall as a 'social'. Miss Sinclair organised games, then there was delicious pizza from the Fair Hill and prizes to end off a brilliant season of fun. The prizes were as follows:

- The Most fashionable award went to Mark Glendinning. This member broke the mould this

year by doing his own thing, playing in his own clothes - mostly jeans!

- The Most prepared award went to James Gourley. This member come to club ready for anything he brings his own shuttles!

- The 3 Amigos went to Teagan Carson, Faye Anderson and Ellie Purvis. Where one goes the other goes, always seen with each other.

- Eager beaver award went to Kyle Lennox. Kyle is always ready to play and asking to play.

- Our steady Eddie award for the person who is always calm and level headed and doesn't let anything phase him went to Andrew Montgomery.

- The 'On the bench' award



went to Jenny Hessin, Goda Juknelyte, Kate Brown and Harriet Reid (not so much Kate and Harriet!) These girls hardly play when they come to badminton as they're always sitting in the bench!

- The "Mr Graham's Biology revision class award" went Daniel Kelso as his attendance at biology afterschool was outstanding! Hence, he hasn't been at badminton for about a month!

- The Houdini award went to 3 members who 'did a Houdini' on us. Houdini was a magician that was famous for making himself disappear. So who disappeared? Ellie Simpson, Harry Irwin and most of all Mrs Allen... Their

prize did a Houdini too! The serious awards were given to: The "Endeavour Award" went to Jake Drummond for always turning up to badminton and giving his best week after week. Well done Jake, you are a great reliable and dedicated member of our club.

The "Most Improved Boy" and "Most Improved Girl" awards went to the two players who moved furthest up the ladder this year.

Most improved girl was Teagan Carson.

Most improved boy was Isaac Kelso.

The penultimate awards were for Miss Sinclair, Mr Lowe and Mr Gourley. We've been a real team this year covering for each other when one of us couldn't make it. When Mrs Allen moved on to VP after nearly 20 years of the two of us 'sitting on the bench' I did wonder how I'd do it. I feel truly thankful and blessed. Thank you for turning up, playing and being encouraging to all our members. The last award of the year went to "My helper", Emily Jeffers. When Jordan Carson left school, I honestly wondered what I'd do without her as every week she put the racquets in the bag while everyone else headed out

the door. Emily, you upped the game! You tidied up the racquets with a little help from your friends. You take the roll, you sort challenges, when I can't be at badminton, you call to my room to get the folder and also some weeks you have redone the ladder ready for the next week. Thank you very very much.

Finally, thank you all for making club so enjoyable this year. All the best with exams etc and we'll be seeing most of you back next year Thursday afterschool in the Leisure Centre!!!

Mrs Hall



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by Richard Johnes

U13 football started in Term 2 this year and with a large panel of eager and skilful players training was both enjoyable and worthwhile. All players trained with a focus and desire to improve both as individuals and to develop as a team and over the months ahead this proved to be the case where many players developed both in confidence and ability.

Our first game was an away fixture to Limavady High School. Picking a panel of just 15 players to travel to the game from a squad of 24 which trained week in week out was a difficult challenge. On the day CHS ran out strong winner with the game finishing 7-0. Goal scorers on the day were Ethan Redford (2) Daniels Levsins (2) Finaly Ross (2) and Maverick Riches (1)

Our second group game was a home fixture against Dalriada, this was a much more difficult game where in the first half although dominating the ball through excellent work in midfield from the likes of Jake Donnelly and Finaly Ross we found it difficult to break the opponents down. However, right at the end of the first half a long range effort from Finaly Ross proved to hot to handle for the goalie and we went in at halftime 1 up. This gave our boys the lift needed to go out in the second half and push on and after a spectacular

# U13 FOOTBALL

**FOR THE FINAL WE AGAIN FACED A FAMILIAR FOE IN DALRIADA IN A SUN SOAKED COLERAINE SHOW GROUNDS.....**





Finally Ross (vice-Captain) Jenny Redford from PR Racking Inspections LTD, Ethan Redford (Team Captain), Edward Irwin (vice-Captain)

volley from a corner again by the excellent Finally the reserve of our opponents was broken, and we ran out worthy 4-0 winners with Finally completing his hat-trick and Isaac Kelso also grabbing a goal.

Our third and final group game was against Ballymoney High School. A special mention to Jake Donnelly, who was instrumental in centre midfield, picked up a serious injury before this game which ended his school football for the year. All the best in your recovery Jake and we hope to see you back in the school colours next year. In this game CHS once again had their shooting boots on and eventually ran out 7-1 winners with an excellent squad display where we managed to give all outfield players game time. Goal scorers on the day were Isaac Kelso (3), Ethan Redford, Oliver McCann and Finally Ross all grabbing one goal and an own goal from Ballymoney. A late consolation goal for the opponents was the only negative on an excellent team display. After winning all three group games

and finishing top of our section we gained home advantage for the Semi-final where we played Cross and Passion College from Ballycastle. All the recent hard work on the training field showed through with well executed set-pieces and structured build-up play, CHS took a foothold in the game which they never let go of, finishing the game 5-0 winners with some fine displays from Jack Price, Kody Taylor and Nathan Ferson. Goal scorers on the day were, Isaac Kelso (2), Ethan Redford (2), and Oliver McCann (1).

For the final we again faced a familiar foe in Dalriada in a sun soaked Coleraine Show Grounds, a wonderful venue which made the occasion all the more special and memorable.

From the first whistle our boys played on the front foot and only for some great saves from the Dalriada goalkeeper, CHS could have taken an early lead. As the game settled it was clear this was going to be a very tightly contested affair. After an opening spell of pressure from CHS, we finally made it pay after 25 minutes with some great work out wide from Daniels Levsins to beat his man and put in a pin point cross, met by Isaac Kelso with a bullet header which gave the keeper no chance. In the second half Dalriada came out all guns blazing and could easily have scored only for some excellent goal keeping from Benjamin Patterson, who came on for Matthew Hayman- having also had an excellent first half in goal.

Thankfully CHS sustained the pressure and we were able to once again put our opponents on the back foot through great football from the likes of Finally Ross, Oliver McCann and Maverick Riches in the middle of the field. We had the luxury of being able to bring on fresh legs which gave us renewed energy through Macauley Harkness, Toby Dallas, Dionisio Mota and Aaron Armstrong. With only 7 minutes remaining CHS finally breathed a sigh of relief when after some great build up play in the middle of the field, Ethan Redford raced through the middle where he showed his strength and skill to break free of a dogged defence to then coolly slot the ball past the keeper. Dalriada weren't done yet and did not give up but thanks some resolute defending from Jack Johnston, Edward Irwin, Harry McKenzie and Goncalo Russo CHS pushed for home and once again finished the game on the front foot hitting the upright of the goal and were desperately unlucky not to extend the lead further.

Thanks to the coaches Mr McKenna, Mr Lynch and Year 13 student Kevin Taylor who invested a lot of time and effort into this great group of tight knit players. The improvement of the players and squad as a whole throughout the season has been phenomenal.

A Special word of thanks to PR Racking Inspections LTD who sponsored the match day kit. Also thanks to JK coaches for taking the team to and from the game and for the goodie bags provided to all the players on the way home- an excellent service.

# RUGBY

This year has seen rugby really kick off at Cookstown High School! In September 2021, rugby training began for Year 8 Boys after school every Wednesday, and we consistently had around 25 players turning out. Of these, many of the boys had never played rugby before. We started by learning the basics, catching and passing the rugby ball, but as our skills progressed we built in more skills such as tackling. It was this contact aspect of rugby that many of the players enjoyed and created a love for the game! The players continued training hard all throughout the winter and they learnt how to scrum, ruck, maul and complete a line out. It was at this stage that they were ready for their first match.

On Wednesday 9th February every Year 8 rugby player had their first taste of representing the High School in rugby as we made our way down the dual carriageway to play Sperrin Integrated College. Our Year 8 'A' and 'B' team were both involved in fiercely contested battles but it was the High School which came out on top winning 4 tries to 3 and 5 tries to 4 respectively. It was a great experience for all the players and we look forward to more matches next season.

In January 2022, rugby training started for Year 11 boys. We have had 15 players out training hard every Wednesday. Amongst this crowd, special recognition

must be given to Matthew Pitts who is involved in the Under-17 Ulster Rugby Regional Development Squad and also to Conor Kennedy and Oran Kennedy who are both involved with the Under-16 Ulster Rugby Regional Development Squad.

A huge thank you must be given to Mr Cahir McCann (Rainey Old Boys RFC) and to Mr Martin Lynch for all their help in everything we have achieved this season. We are looking forward to another exciting year of CHS rugby next year!

Mr N Hastings (Coach)



The season started with the team trying to qualify for the Irish Schools tournament. They played against Grosvenor and Campbell College and had two wins ensuring their qualification.

The tournament was played in a slightly different format this year due to the Covid regulations. The group stages were played between December and February. CHS were drawn in a group with Bandon from Munster, Newpark from Leinster and Friends from Ulster.

The first match was against the eventual winners of the whole tournament – Bandon who proved to be too strong – running out 6-3 winners. Match two was against Newpark and was a game that CHS should have won. A complacent start saw the Leinster team rush out to a 2-nil lead which we couldn't overcome, running out 4-2 losers. The final match of the group was at home against Friends which the team had to

win by 5 clear goals due to their poor performance against Newpark. The team played well, winning 4-1 but unfortunately that wasn't enough for them to progress into the knockout stages of the competition.

Next up for the 1st XI was the McCullough Cup competition which was played from September to December. We were in a group of six and the results were: 6-2 defeat against Wallace, wins against Friends (3-0), Campbell (4-1) and Bangor (5-0) and a draw against Methody (3-3). These results meant that CHS finished 2nd in the group and qualified for the semi final stages. Here they played against a very strong Banbridge side and we lost 3-0 but importantly this meant that they qualified for the Irish Schools competition next year.

After Christmas the team then played in the Burney Cup. They received a bye in the first round before playing Wallace in the ¼ finals. This gave the team the opportunity to improve upon their previous result against Wallace when they lost 6-2 in the McCullough



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by Richard Johnes

Cup. The boys put in their best performance of the season in what was a pulsating match before running out 4-3 winners and setting up another semi-final meeting against Banbridge again. Again, the boys showed how much they had progressed by pushing the McCullough Cup winner close before eventually losing 4-2.

Overall, this was a very positive season for the team and they showed good progression throughout with a very young team which gained valuable experience.

# HOCKEY BOYS 1ST XI



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THE BOYS SHOWED  
HOW MUCH THEY HAD  
PROGRESSED BY PUSHING  
THE MCCULLOUGH CUP  
WINNER CLOSE

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**HUGO CLEARY MCGUFFIN** 

leading from the back Hugo was a critical player for the 1st XI this year...when he showed up that was.



 **EWAN CRUICKSHANK**

Ewan flattened most, if not all forwards who came his way this year and I couldn't be sure he was going to try... flattening an umpire too.



**EUAN ANDERSON** 

Euan is seemingly a junior player on the squad in only year 12 but I don't believe it.



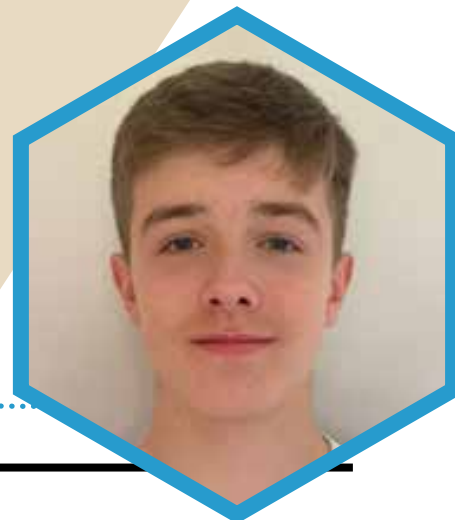
 **GARY SIMPSON**

Gary has joined the squad this year and is the team's enforcer who doesn't shy away from a tackle.



**MARK CUDDY** 

Mark excelled massively in his hockey this year apart from that one spontaneously missed session.



 **LUKE HAYCOCK**

Luke was seen sharing a lift or two with the coach after training. No wonder he never missed out on the starting 11.



**BEN SMYTON**

Ben still plays with a kids 32 inch stick but that doesn't hold him back from roasting boys.



**MATTHEW MCMENEMY**

We haven't heard from Matty since the Wallace game at home. I think he is still chasing that ball round their defence.



**ETHAN ROBINSON**

Zesty scored a goal this season...we think...couldn't be sure...I'll double check with him...he doesn't know himself...either way SIUUU!



**JOHN MARK MCCREA**

If there was ever someone to beat 3 men in training out of nowhere it would be John Mark.



**MAX WYLIE**

Max has a beautiful name and an even more beautiful left to right drag, just ask the Wallace boys!





**LEWIS FARQUHAR**

Lewis is the guy you're glad he is on your team and not pressing against you. The man is a machine



**JOEL ROBERTS**

Joel had his most successful sporting season as a hockey player with no injuries. Stat of the year.



**CALEB MILLS**

Millsy lead our junior players this year and showed them how to drill one off the sideboard backboard..



**MAX ANDERSON**

On the pitch Max has some serious hockey ability, shame you can't say the same about his ability to pronounce the letter S.

**IAIN CRUICKSHANK**

Iain is one of the youngest players on the squad this year but fit in comfortably with his big brother on the team and personal friend as coach

**CALLUM BLACK**

Cal was thrown into the deep end at the Burney cup semi final in our final match this year but he found his footing early and saved us from a much bigger loss!

# HOCKEY BOYS U15

The U15's played a number of friendly matches before Christmas which set them up well for their Richardson Cup run which started in January. They received a bye in the first round before having a good win

against Campbell in the second round, setting up a ¼ meeting against Sullivan. Sullivan proved to be too strong at home and this ended CHS's run in the Cup.

# HOCKEY BOYS U14

The U14's had a positive season with some good wins before Christmas which allowed them to progress well and hopefully set up a good run in the Ferris Cup. They started with a bye in round 1 before playing Campbell College in the ¼ final at home. Here they played their best game of the season so far with a dominant 2-0 win – Charlie Smyton and Henry Fulton scoring the goals. This set up a home semi-final meeting against another strong Banbridge Academy team. This was a very

exciting match with Cookstown taking an early lead and putting pressure on the travelling Banbridge team. The visitors grabbed a late equaliser and forced the match into penalty shuttles. Banbridge showed their dominance and managed to score all their run ins and allow them to progress into the final. The team would like to thank coach Paul Barrett for all of his hard work and dedication throughout the season.



# HOCKEY BOYS U13

The U13's proved to be the most successful boys team this season by winning all of their matches before Christmas apart from two matches against their nemesis – RBAI.

They also travelled to Dublin in September to play a friendly match against Newpark School where they won 3-2. The boys showed excellent commitment throughout the year in attending the training sessions from September to April which were

well planned and run by coaches Julian Costello and Godfrey Irwin.

After Christmas the boys approached the Banister Bowl competition full of excitement. They received a walk over in the first round when Raphoe couldn't field a team. The ¼ final match was away to Banbridge Academy where the boys had a good 1-0 win with Ethan Redford scoring the Cookstown goal. This set up semi final match at home against RBAI. This was an exciting match which finished 3-3 after normal time and like the U14's this set up penalty shuttle runs. In the lottery of penalty runs RBAI were just slightly better and progressed through to the final.

The boys would like to thank Julian and Godfrey for all of their hard work and effort throughout the season.





The numbers for senior girl's hockey increased this year, due to a large number of Year 11's having a passion for the sport. This large group met in the summer for preseason under the leadership of 1stXI captain Rebecca Hamilton. The girls gelled really well with the camaraderie shining through and the older ones really making the young additions feel very welcome across both senior squads.

This year due to the pandemic the 1st XI super league was cancelled which was disappointing as it is a great opportunity to play people of similar ability to ourselves. However, we did manage to have a fixture with Cambridge

House and Bloomfield, which was an excellent starting point for us. The teams were very evenly matched and it was a really positive experience for both schools as it allowed the girls to learn how to play with each other. We suffered a narrow defeat to Cambridge House and picked up a win against Bloomfield. After this really positive start the girls began their league campaign, unfortunately the girls have some tough competition in Omagh, Sligo, Raphoe and Foyle. CHS fought bravely and competed well with Raphoe and Foyle but unfortunately Sligo and Omagh proved to be very strong. We were to go on to play Omagh a further two times in the season as we met them in the plate; despite them being very strong our girls improved



everytime we played them, rising to the occasion. Finishing with a 1-0 defeat against them. This team was an absolute pleasure to work with, they have been dedicated and committed right from the very beginning of the year and

were unlucky in several matches. I want to wish all the leavers the best in their future, the girls have given so much to Hockey and have been excellent role models.

# HOCKEY GIRLS 1ST XI



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THE GIRLS GELLED REALLY WELL WITH THE CAMARADERIE SHINING THROUGH ... MAKING THE YOUNG ADDITIONS FEEL VERY WELCOME

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### REBECCA HAMILTON

Or stripes as we have affectionately known her as, has been a committed member of CHS hockey for 7 years, making her debut on the 1st XI as a young 13-year-old. Rebecca is skilful, fast, enthusiastic and spirited. Her love for hockey is infectious and she has been a role model for the all younger players in the squad. We will miss Rebecca's bubbly personality on the pitch.



### OLIVIA DONNELLY

One of the most skilful players on the 1st XI. She has so much talent and will be very hard to replace on the left hand side of the pitch. What she lacks in fitness, by her own admission, she makes up in flair and distribution. Olivia is brilliant ambassador for hockey and an inspiration to the younger members of the team. We will not only miss her for her hockey ability we will miss her kind nature and her sense of humour.



### KATIE ANDERSON

A vital part of our defence. She has been playing right back for the 1st XI for a number of years, with this season being her final one. Katie will certainly be missed as she brings so much energy onto the pitch and always gives her all (even the occasional dirty tackle when required)! Katie is one of the biggest battlers on a hockey pitch and her determination and commitment puts the midfield at ease.



### CLAUDIA HILL

Claudia is a key asset to the squad. She is never afraid to go in for the tackle and always makes life incredibly difficult for any attacking player who comes her way. Cool, calm and collected would be Claudia's main attributes, she is a real team player who encourages everyone. Claudia has developed immensely this season and I look forward to hearing of her successes, both on and off the hockey pitch.



### ALEX DAVIDSON

Alex is a very talented hockey player who has really come into her own this year. Her skills up front have been a great boost to our team and I'm sure Alex will continue to develop her performance in the coming years and continue to progress into an outstanding hockey player.





### **EMILY DAVIDSON**

Emily is an incredibly dependable player who always gives her all, whether it be on the hockey pitch or off. Emily's abilities on the hockey pitch have developed greatly over the past few years and she quickly became a very vital player! Emily is such an encouraging player, full of positivity and praise.



### **EVITA BAUFALE**

Although Evita is one of the younger members of the team, she is not to be underestimated! She has gained a lot of confidence in her ability over the past year and has really come into her own. Evita works hard in every match, this girl covers some distance and I am sure she will continue to develop into a fantastic hockey player.



### **ELLE MCKAY**

Having played with Elle all the way through primary school, right up to our 1st XI squad, I have gotten to know her play quite well. Elle is incredibly fast up our right-hand side and I have enjoyed watching her develop her skills and become an important asset to our team. She is a feisty player that gives defenders a real challenge. !



### **CHELSEA GREER**

Chelsea is an incredibly versatile player. No matter where you put her, she works hard and quickly adapts to do her very best for the team. Defence or attack Chelsea is a real whippet that has the strongest wrists on the planet. She has developed a lot over the years as a player (even with the missed training sessions!!) and will be a big loss to the team.



### **JUDY HAMILTON**

Judy has been a vital player in our 1st XI hockey team. Her speed and skills up front have always been impressive but even more so this season! Judy works hard at every training session and match to be the best she can for the team and will always have a smile on her face, lifting our moods (regardless of the score line). This was Judy's final season as she has begun her career with Swissport (we will gratefully accept any free flights coming our way Judy!!)





### **LOIS CUNNINGHAM**

This was Lois' first year of stepping up to the 1stXI team, and despite being the youngest she has proven herself to be a very able player. She is a great all-rounder who is able to take the ball up the pitch at a serious pace! Lois is a player the team can depend upon to pick up the ball and use her skills to overcome any oncoming players from the other team! We are sure we will see exciting things from her throughout the next few years she has on the XI squad.



### **SOPHIE DORNAN**

Sophie has been a fantastic asset to our 1stXI squad. Her determination, fighting spirit and hard work on the pitch inspire the rest of the team to keep going. Sophie never gives up, and even when she suffers an injury, it's hard to get her off the pitch! Playing midfield is never an easy role to take on, but Sophie has taken on the challenge with a smile and positive attitude. The fact that she gives 100% throughout every game makes her a very valuable player to have. Keep up the great work Sophie, you're doing amazing!



### **HOLLY BROWN**

Holly has taken on one of the toughest positions in the 1stXI squad. As goalkeeper, she has the challenge of being the last person in the line of defence. But as a team, we can say we are so proud of Holly for stepping up to the plate and taking on this scary task! Holly's role involves keeping a sharp eye on unmarked players and ensuring that every area is covered. Holly has demonstrated a great ability to read the game and react accordingly. Holly, you have a difficult job, but you do it very well. Keep up the great work!



### **RACHEL BROWN**

Rachel has been a fantastic addition to our forward line this year. She is probably our fastest player on the team, so when you see Rachel with the ball, you know there's no chance anyone will catch her! Rachel can bring the ball into the D from the right-hand side at lightning speed, weaving in between the defenders and then taking a big hit for the goal! She is an impressive player, who works hard in every match to improve her skills. We are all looking forward to see what you've got in store for next season Rachel!



### **LEAH KENNY**

Leah is our sweeper, and there truly is no one better for the job. She has been a key part of our defence this year, not only saving the odd goal, but also directing the team from behind. When I picture Leah, I see her slamming a ball up the pitch with amazing power and pin-point precision! There's no stopping that ball when Leah sends it flying, and this is a tremendous skill to have as a sweeper. We can always rely on Leah to give an accurate pass and get the ball up the pitch to the forward line. Leah has been a dedicated and competitive player, and sometimes gives us all a few laughs when she gets frustrated with the game! Leah is a very promising player and we wish her all the best for next year!

### **HANNAH KENNY**

Hannah also plays in defence alongside her sister Leah. She has played brilliantly this year; she never shies away from a tackle and almost always is the one to win the ball. Hannah is a reliable player, who can get the ball out of the D calmly; nothing seems to rattle her! The Kenny twins are a fearsome pair, who no opposing team would want to face in our line of defence! Hannah is kind and approachable, and her determination to win is second to none. It has been great to see Hannah developing as a player and becoming stronger throughout the year. It will be exciting to see what next year has in store for Hannah.



# HOCKEY GIRLS 2ND XI

The 2ndXI had a roller-coaster year with some excellent wins and a few defeats. They are a very young side who have definitely taken the opportunity to build upon their skills and develop their team play. They had some great play against Cambridge House and Castlederg with some lovely goals being scored. The flexibility in this team is excellent as they are happy to play in a variety of positions and get involved. They have some promising matches ahead in the future



# HOCKEY GIRLS U14

The U14 hockey team had a season of mixed fortunes with some highs and a few tough matches along the way. The team showed great commitment to weekly training where we had opportunities to practice, develop new skills, promote communication and enjoy being together.

Throughout the year it has been great to see the team gel together and in every match there was energy and determination even when the going was tough. There were some brilliant performances from so many players and moments of real joy especially when short corners were won, goals were saved, passes were spot on and goals scored. We made great progress in the cup beating Wellington College and Hunterhouse but were narrowly beaten by the Rainey.

As a team we are so thankful for the time, commitment, guidance and encouragement given to us from Mrs Johnston, Mr Hamilton and Gemma. We are looking forward to next season and hope that with renewed energy and more determination than ever we will be rewarded with a few more wins.

Lois Cunningham (Captain)



# HOCKEY GIRLS U13

This year in the under 13's hockey was an amazing season! We had an outstanding squad!

We also learnt many new tricks and skills to use in next year's matches which will hopefully secure us a place in a final. There were many tough and difficult matches, but there was no doubt that we always left with a smile and blasting music on the bus ride home. We were successful in six matches, but unlucky in three challenging matches.

We could not have played as well as we did without the help of Gemma Stewart! She dedicated many freezing, cold Saturday mornings coaching us through our games,

providing us with all the support and encouragement to try our best and give maximum effort in what we done. Most of all we couldn't have done any of it without Mrs Johnston! Coaching us every Tuesday from 15:50 to 5pm without fail, no matter if it was lashing with rain, we were always out training! Every single week! Mrs Johnston always pushes us to do better and gives constructive criticism to help us get better and stronger as a team.

Although we trained very hard it was also still very enjoyable and entertaining. Overall, the girls all agree we had a great season and we'll all be back next year. Bigger and better than ever!

By: Nicole Thom - Captain



# HOCKEY & NETBALL AWARDS DINNER

The awards dinner this year took place at the golf club. This was attended by over 100 pupils who have committed their time to Cookstown High School in Hockey, Netball or indeed both. This is a lovely way to finish the year as we celebrate the successes of all these young ladies. It takes a lot of commitment and dedication to be part of a school team and within hockey it also takes up a Saturday, so it is wonderful to get an opportunity to say thank you to them for their hard work. Much as we would have loved to have given everyone a prize unfortunately we could not. The night started with the funny awards and then we moved onto the silverware. I would like to say a big thank you to all the players across both sports for their continued hard work and effort in their sports throughout the year and I encourage each and every one to continue to play these.

Team	Most Improved	Players Player	Most Enthusiastic
1st XI	Hannah Kenny	Katie Anderson	Rachel Brown
2ndXI	Sarah Cuddy	Leah Caskey	Olivia Thompson
U15	Sophie Dornan	Anna Millar	Grace Harkness
U14	Anna McKeown	Faye Hunter/ Rebecca Bell	Maddie Jordan
U13	Kaitlyn Hood	Laura Louise McCreagh	Annabelle Davidson
Yr 8	Naomi Carson	Lauren Harkness	Sarah Biggar
Senior	Elisha Hunter	Amy Harkness	Christine Dallas
Intermediate	Rachel Farr	Leah Kenny	Emma Harkness
Junior	Rebecca Bell	Anna McKeown	Leah Glendinning
B Netballers	Kellie Harkness	Taylor Hessin	Zoe McAdoo
Minor	Freya Mills	Annabelle Davidson	Emma Cahoon
Yr 8	Jessica Sousa	Milana Mociute	Abbie Nelson

The Johnston Cup Senior Club Player of the Year 21-22 - Katie Anderson

Junior Club Player of the Year 21-22 - Kym Moore

The Cheevers Cup Netball – Senior Club Player of the Year 21-22 - Chelsea Greer

Netball – Junior Club School Player of the Year 21-22 - Katie Ferguson

Cup Name	Award	Name
NFU Mutual Cookstown	1st XI Player of the Year	Rebecca Hamilton
	2nd XI Player of the Year	Naomi McLean
	U15 XI	Leah Caskey
The Donnelly Cup	U14 XI Player of the Year	Lois Cunningham
	U13 XI Player of the Year	Nicole Thom
The Charles Cup	Yr8 XI Player of the Year	Ellie Costelloe
The Bowman Cup	Senior Player of the Year	Rebecca Patterson
Primacy Farm Butchers Cup	Intermediate Player of the Year	Kim Hunter
	Junior Player of the Year	Faye Hunter
	Minor Player of the Year	Emma Reed
	Year 8 Player of the Year	Mia Donnelly
	Netball B Squad Player of the Year	Alex McKenna
The Hughes Cup	Goalkeeper of the Year	Claudia Hill

## Representative Honours

Kym Moore has been working hard this year within the U15 Talent development programme. She was selected for a hockey festival representing the Mid Ulster, Ulster squad which took place in Three Rock Rovers. She has a strong future ahead of her. Well done.





Netball season for 2021-2022 has allowed us the opportunity to get back to a bit of normality after 2 years of limited opportunities to train or compete. All the squads have been able to resume training since September which has been great and has allowed us the opportunity to work on our skill base.

Due to Covid restrictions still in place at the start of the season, the NI leagues did not get started until after Christmas. These leagues had a simplified format this year, with the aim to get girls back playing Netball rather than for competition.

The Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors were all entered into mini leagues where they played a round robin format. The girls had an opportunity to play against a range of schools from across the province such as Lumen Christi, Sacret Heart, Newry, Enniskillen Royal Grammar, Mount Lourdes, Antrim Grammar and Thornhill College. It was

fantastic to get all girls back on the court again and although we didn't win all our matches, it was just a great opportunity to get the girls to showcase the skills they had developed during training. It also gave the Juniors their first taster of the NI League.

The Seniors also enjoyed a couple of well contested matches against our Year 13 & 14's boys this season. The boys donned the Netball dresses and eagerly took to the court to try and show of their Netball skills. Despite very valiant attempts with some players showing some fantastic skills, the boys couldn't defeat the girls on either occasion. This was a really enjoyable way for the girls to finish the season and they left the court with their pride intact.

The Year 8's and 9's were both just starting out on their Netball journey. Both squads have trained tirelessly since September and got the opportunity to put their skills into action in a mini tournament against Drumglass High School. The girls were delighted to attend this tournament and it was great that they were able to accommodate all of our players

We are delighted that it also gave the Year 14's a final opportunity to play for CHS. Chelsea Greer, Rebecca Patterson, Amy Harkness and Elisha Hunter are all leaving us this year for pastures new and it has brilliant having them representing CHS for one final year. They have been an extremely dedicated bunch and I was delighted to work with them once again. These 4 girls have been involved in CHS netball since they started in Year 8 and have been very enthusiastic members of various squads since then. Despite always facing very tough opposition in our area league, the girls never gave up and showed great determination and teamwork every time they stepped on court. Chelsea Greer and Rebecca Patterson were awarded the role of Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. This was a very difficult decision this year as I feel any of these 4

girls were very deserving of the role. They have all been highly committed to training and matches, as well as showing their excellent leadership qualities over the years. I just want to take this opportunity to wish the girls all the best and hope that they continue their netball journey when they leave us. Good luck girls – you will be missed.

I just want to finish with a few words of thanks. A massive thanks to Miss Maneely, Miss Crozier, Miss Lee as well as Chelsea and Rebecca for their assistance with coaching this year. With many of the Covid restrictions still in place in school, training this year would not have been possible without all their dedication and support in taking training sessions. The girls have really excelled this year, and have really enjoyed their training sessions with you all.

Finally, a massive thanks to all girls for being so dedicated and committed to their training this season. It has been fantastic to see so many of you take to the court this year and I hope you will continue this next season. Well done to you all.

# NETBALL





### **CHELSEA GREER - (CAPTAIN) GOAL DEFENCE**

Chelsea has been the back bone of the Senior squad this year, and the girls have thrived under her leadership. She has ensured that there has been great team cohesion between the older girls and the younger girls, who have just moved up to the squad. Chelsea has led by example and been extremely versatile throughout her netball years, playing in any position that she was required for and always had a smile on her face. Chelsea will be very difficult to replace next season, both in terms of her playing ability, as well as her infectious spirit. We'll even miss the eyelashes we find lying around court!! Hopefully wherever you go next year, you will continue to excel on the Netball court

### **REBECCA PATTERSON - (VICE-CAPTAIN) GOAL ATTACK**

Rebecca has been an excellent Vice Captain, providing Chelsea with all the support she needed to help motivate and lead the Senior Squad. Rebecca has played with great determination this year and has been very dedicated to netball for the past 7 years. Her shooting stats have been very impressive and she has helped the girls to secure many wins over the years. You'll definitely be missed next year Rebecca. We hope that 'wee' toe of yours remains injury free and you get to continue playing netball wherever your path takes you.



### **ELISHA HUNTER - CENTRE**

Elisha has been a great asset to the team as she is always available across the court. She does not tire and often her feisty side can come out to play! Her quick interceptions across the court were so beneficial in many matches and her offers along the circle edge were very effective. She is always there when you need her and never missed a photo opportunity with her famous head tilt! Her dedication to netball has been brilliant as she was always at training and never missed a match. I wish her all the best next year and hope she continues to play.

### **AMY HARKNESS - WING ATTACK**

Amy is a very competitive player and will always be there when you need her. Her tactical passes into the shooting circle were brilliant and her love for netball shone through during matches. Amy is a diverse player as she sometimes had to step into the shooting circle and she never disappointed! Her quick movements made her a threat to any opposing team and she was always on her toes ready to snatch an interception. We wish her all the best next year and hope she continues to play netball.



### **DANIELLE FERGUSON - GOAL SHOOTER**

Danielle often appears a timid player on court but once she got comfortable in the game her skills and ability shone through. This was her first year playing for the senior team and she didn't disappoint! Her circle rotation was great and her quick movements along the baseline were very effective. Her shooting skills have improved over the year as did her play on court. She was always there when you needed her and never missed a match. I hope Danielle continues her netball journey and I wish her all the best!



### **CLAUDIA HILL - GOAL DEFENCE / KEEPER**

It was Claudia's first year on the squad, however; this did not faze how she performed in any match. Claudia is a very effective, determined player whose strength on and off the ball makes it hard for the opposition to get free. She comes across as a quiet girl but get her on a netball court and she will soon change your mind!! The work and dedication Claudia has towards the senior netball squad is top class. She never misses a game or match and is always willing to help in positions that need filled due to sickness or injury. I really hope she continues her netball journey as I have high hope she will go far.



### **CHRISTINE DALLAS - WING DEFENCE**

This is also Christine's first year on the squad where she has come on leaps and bounds from the start of the season. Christine is a girl who underestimates her own ability. Christine is constantly helping the squad out and will take to the court in any position that needs filled. Every time she takes to court, she proves that she can do things better than she imagines. She is always there to back the girls up when they need it.



### **HOLLY PURVIS - WING DEFENCE**

Again, it is Holly's first year playing on the Senior squad. This has not affected how her ability to come out strong and always give her all in every match. Her strong drives out of defence help to move the ball up the court as well as her back up play helping the girls when they need it. I hope she continues to play netball and wish her all the best for next year.





### **ALEX DAVIDSON - GOAL SHOOTER**

As a Year 12, it's a big step up for Alex to join the Seniors. It has allowed her to show her talent at a different level of the game. Alex is a very strong communicator and supportive player, both on and off the court. She has great potential and I hope she continues her netball career next year.



### **LEAH KENNY - GOAL SHOOTER / ATTACK**

Leah is a phenomenal shooter considering she is only in Year 12. She has never been afraid of stepping on court to help the Senior squad out. Leah has a very good potential to go far in Netball and I hope to see her in future years still on the court.



### **KIM HUNTER - GOAL DEFENCE**

For Kim being such a young member of the squad, she has never let the team down when she takes to court. She is always up for helping the squad and works hard to never let a ball pass her. She is a player always on her feet which makes it difficult for her player to find the ball. I hope that Kim stays with netball as she leaves school as there is great potential there. She will make a very good senior player for the future.



# SENIOR SQUAD

It has been a tough year for the Senior squad as we have not played as squad in 2 years because of Covid restrictions.

We also struggled with having a low number of Year 13 and 14 pupils and had to rely on some of our Inters to take to court when needed. We had a very late start to our matches this year as they happened all at the start of 2022 and we only had 3 matches in total because of the new league structure. The NI Cup didn't run this year because of Covid restrictions still in place.

Within the league, the 3 teams we played were Mt Lourdes Enniskillen, Thornhill College and Lumen Christi. These are three very well renowned Netball schools so it was a hard fought battle in all matches. Although we didn't produce the results we wanted to this year, we still proved that we are a very strong squad who can compete with the best squads across the province.

Throughout the year we also had 2 matches that we played against the sixth form boys. This was to take the stress from schoolwork and have some fun. As much as the boys wanted to win, unfortunately for them we had better skills and techniques and were able to keep our pride intact, winning both matches.

Chelsea Greer (Senior Captain)



# NETBALL

# INTERS NETBALL

The Inters have had a challenging season this year, being back on the court for the first time in over a year.

I'm proud to say we all came into this season with a fighting spirit after such an amazing season before Covid.

The Inters team was comprised of a mix of 11 and 12, but I was glad to see all the girls get on so well, both on and off the court. We trained every Tuesday after school along with the Seniors, which gave us good experiences and skills to help improve our gain play at our own level.

We played our first match against Antrim Grammar, where we didn't disappoint by taking away the win. Our second match was against Thornhill College where we had a few sick players and just couldn't pull out the score we needed to win. Finally, we

played Lumen Christi where we were also down players due to sickness and just couldn't get into our usual rhythm, with Lumen coming out on top. Despite all this, the girls put in a great effort this season and gave their all in every match. I think we are all just glad to be back on court and happy to be playing Netball again after such a long time off court. I am happy to say I am very proud of my team and can't wait to see what challenges next year brings!

Kim Hunter  
(Intermediate Captain)



The Junior netball team met together again in September after a very long break during Covid.

We practiced together every Monday after school up until Easter. It has been great to get together again after such a long time and gave us a greater opportunity to build on our skills.

Mrs Cheevers has coached the team and helped up through our matches. I want to say a big thankyou to her, and the whole team for all their commitment and hard work over the past year.

Although our results weren't what we had hoped for sometimes, we have all learned a lot along the way and look forward to what next season brings.

Anna McKeown (Captain)

# JUNIOR NETBALL



'A' team



'B' team



# MINOR NETBALL

Everyone on the netball team thoroughly enjoyed this year's netball training.

We trained every Monday over at Cookstown Leisure Centre. We all learnt a lot and had lots of fun.

We got to attend a mini tournament with Drumglass High School along with our Year 8's. It gave us a chance to experience a proper game with players we didn't know. We also had a selection of short matches between year 8 and 9. These allowed us to show what skills we have developed during training and put them into practice.

We would all like to thank our coaches Miss Maneely and Miss Crozier who taught us everything we know.

Emma Reed (Captain)

# YEAR 8 NETBALL

The Year 8's had a very successful year at training. We learned new skills and had lots of fun along the way.

It was enjoyable to go to every Wednesday to Cookstown Leisure Centre for our training sessions. We were coached by Miss Maneely and Mrs Lee as

well as Year 14 pupils Chelsea Greer and Rebecca Patterson. They were all amazing, teaching us many skills and playing mini matches with us to get us ready for the tournament. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have got as far as we did

The Year 8 Netball team

had a mini tournament against Drumglass High School before Easter. All the teams from CHS played really well. We all were happy with the way we played and look forward to playing again next season.

Abbie Nelson (Captain)

'A' team



'B' team



'C' team





# MOTORCYCLE RACING

Year 9 student, Jack Burrows, has enjoyed a very successful season of motorcycle racing.

Jack, son of former successful road racer, John Burrows, has been building on his debut season success in 2021 which he just missed out on the Irish Minibike Championship at the final round by a single point to a much more experienced rider. 2022 has seen Jack again compete in the Irish Minibike Championship as well as progressing onto the short circuit scene aboard a Moto 3, 250 Honda. A much larger and more powerful machine for the 12 year old. Jack has taken to the bigger machine like the proverbial duck to water and lies 3rd in the championship with two wins under his belt and a string of podiums with one round remaining at the end of October.

In the Irish Minibike Championship, Burrows has all but done the job as he heads into the final round on the 15th October 25 points ahead of second place, needing just a single point to wrap up the title in only his second year of competition.

Due to age limit restrictions changing, the mainland UK dream is off limits until the Dungannon schoolboy is 14, however he will continue to master his craft at home at the likes of Bishopscourt and Kirkistown aboard his Moto 3 Honda with the eventual goal of competing in the British Talent Cup championship across the UK in 2024 with the fastest group of kids in the country.



# Energe Project

ENERGE Project aims to promote Energy-Awareness amongst Staff and Students at Cookstown High School.

Cookstown High school is privileged to have been chosen as one of only two schools in Northern Ireland, and one of only thirteen across North-West Europe, to be part of the ENERGE Project. The other School selected to participate from Northern Ireland is St. Mark's, Warrenpoint.

The ENERGE Project is an interdisciplinary project involving academics from NUI Galway, Dublin City University and TU Delft in the Netherlands. The project has 4 main strands, namely: ascertaining students' attitudes and behaviours surrounding energy-usage at both home and school, developing educational activities and resources to improve energy literacy amongst students, monitoring and recording energy usage in schools and reducing energy consumption whilst improving student comfort.

The three-year project commenced in March 2020 just as the Covid-19 pandemic started to have a dramatic impact on almost every aspect of life, not least education. Using Microsoft Teams, Dr A. Morgan and the ENERGE Project students were able to complete the first task set for them by the researchers. This involved a lot of work on the part of the students who had



to monitor their home energy usage (electricity and home heating oil) over the course of a year.

In March 2021 staff and students were invited to a co-design session held over two-nights via Zoom with researchers in the Netherlands. This enabled students to build a model of their classroom and have their input into how the interface on the tablets would look and function. Dr Morgan wishes to thank both Miss R. Stewart and Mr N. Hastings who developed and trialled a number of ENERGE Project Activities with their Single Award Science Classes. Topics addressed including energy and electricity generation, and heat transfer.

Dr Edelle Doherty, of NUI Galway, visited the High School in person on 9th June 2021 to install four sensors in various locations used by students, including two classrooms, a Science laboratory and a communal area. These sensors constantly monitor the temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide level and ambient lighting level, with the sensor in the

communal area also monitoring the sound level. In conjunction with feedback from students via the tablets, it is hoped that the data from these sensors will eventually enable changes to be made to improve student comfort, for example, avoiding classrooms becoming too hot or the carbon dioxide level becoming too high which can lead to tiredness and decreased student engagement



during lessons.

The ENERGE Project students, accompanied by Dr Morgan and Miss Stewart, were invited to travel to the Cavan Crystal Hotel on 16th November 2021, where they participated in a variety of activities in person with students from St. Mark's, Warrenpoint, and the two ENERGE Project Schools from the Republic of Ireland. Other Schools from across North-West Europe joined via video-link. On 1st February 2022, Dr Nadine Roudil and Dr Antonella di Trani

(Sociologists with CNRS France) visited the High School to conduct research into how perceptions and attitudes surrounding energy usage varied between students via a number of one-to-one interviews. The researchers thanked the students for their participation and commented to staff how articulate our students' responses were in comparison to their peers previously interviewed in other ENERGE Project Schools in France and Germany.

Most recently, Dr Edelle Doherty visited the High School

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on 17th June 2022 to install four tablets which will enable students and staff to interact on a daily basis with the data from the four ENERGE Project sensors. A television monitor was also presented to the School on which the live data will be displayed.

It is envisaged that the Project will enter into the final phase from September 2022 and it is expected to conclude in May 2023. This final phase will see Dr Doherty return to the High School to promote energy-awareness beyond the ENERGE Project student committee to all staff and students at the School. This will involve a whole School assembly and new signage reminding staff and students to switch off lights and other appliances when not in use.

Students involved throughout the project to date include: Ella-Jane McCullough, Joseph Davidson, Louis Donnelly,

Grace Harkness, Sarah Brown, Theo Thompson, Harry McQueen and Aaron Armstrong.

Dr Morgan wishes to thank and commend all of the above students, and their parents/carers, for their hard work throughout the project and to thank all members of staff who have helped in any way, including Miss G. Evans, Mr K. Rollins, Mrs C. Johnston, Miss R. Stewart and Mr. N. Hastings.





# COLOUR RUN 2022

Cookstown High School hosted another 'Colour Run' on Wednesday 22nd June. This is only the second time we have hosted this event and it proved just as enjoyable the second time round. The Colour run saw over 300 pupils and staff walk, run, jog and dance their way around the football pitches while being showered with an array of vibrant colours.

The event started with a dance warm up before the participants set off in their beautifully white colour run t-shirts. But due to the efforts of some overly zealous staff, the t-shirts did not remain like this for long. The staff took no time in dousing the pupils with paint as well as spraying them with some water to ensure it stuck!!

All pupils and staff had a fantastic time. It's not every day the staff are allowed to throw paint at pupils!!! And as well as having fun, an amazing amount was raised for our school funds and our chosen local charity – Charis Cancer Care. This amount will go a long way to help support both the School and Charis, who provide a valuable service within the Mid-Ulster area.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Colour and to all parents and friends for sponsoring our pupils. We would also like to say a huge thanks to some of our local businesses for providing donations as well. They are Philip Barbour Associates, OHIO International and Turco Engineering Ltd. Your support is very much appreciated.



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# THE ULTIMATE COLOUR RUN





# Children *in* Need

There was a wide array of Pudsey treats for sale on Friday 19th November 2021 to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

Mrs Cathy Johnston and Mrs McFlynn put together treat bags and sold these during the week of the appeal to pupils in Key Stage 3. Pupils were very eager to support this worthy cause during their break time. Mrs Cathy Johnston offered a huge menu of delicious bakes including Carrot Cake, Guinness Cake, Traybakes as well as Vanilla and Malteser Cupcakes for staff to choose from and these proved to be very popular indeed.

We would like to thank staff and pupils for their support and helping us to raise a grand total of £791.11, which we are thrilled with, given the challenging times. You may wonder why the total seems strange, this is down to donations from one of our Cleaners (Kyra Kelly) and a pupil (Max Millar in 8CA) who had gathered together money they had found lying around the school. This money resulted in a total of £18.11.

Well done to all involved!

Mrs C. Johnston and Mrs McFlynn.



# JUNIOR SU



The theme for this report must be **THANKFULNESS**.

Firstly, we give thanks for the fact that SU has resumed in school, as the Covid pandemic had forced us to take a break last year. We have been so excited to meet together with the pupils who faithfully attend Junior SU, and we give thanks for each of them and for their commitment to Scripture Union.

We are also so encouraged and give thanks to God, for the number of devoted staff who come along to SU each week, to help with this work. We also appreciate the support of speakers like Jonathan Patterson, a former pupil of CHS who now works for the Christian Institute and



Phil Howe from SU. The input of these people has been a blessing this year.

Finally, we give thanks for the friends and parents who pray for the work of Scripture Union. This work belongs to the Lord and we need His guidance and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, if we are going to see it bear fruit in the lives

of our young folk. So please, continue to pray for the work of SU.

**"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."  
1Timothy 4:12.**







It has been a busy year, but a different year for the Senior Scripture Union with a variety of events happening throughout an unusual year with COVID restrictions in place.

SSU has been meeting on a Friday after school from 4-5pm in the Drama room, which has been a real encouraging and positive way to end what can sometimes be a busy hectic week in general school life. At SSU we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as explained in the Bible and present a fantastic opportunity for pupils to have fellowship, fun and food together.

Up until Christmas time this year, our committee has consisted of Jolie Kane, Neil McKay, James Taylor, Cerys Cahoon, Andrew Greer, Matthew Chambers, Ellie Simpson and led by our SSU president Emily Davidson. And what an amazing team they were!

A new committee was elected in October with Louise Boden nominated as president, alongside Emily Millar, Claudia Hill, Christine Dallas and Lauren Brimage. Last year's committee

were absolutely super and this year's committee were equally as splendid as they continue to follow the example set before them and be dedicated, resourceful and organised.

Both committees have worked diligently and conscientiously to ensure each meeting was thoroughly prepared and beneficial for the pupils coming along faithfully each week. The committee organised a wide array of speakers such as local ministers, teachers and often the pupils spoke themselves which showcased their talents and maturity and they spoke on topics relevant to the young people in front of them!



Even a few teachers shared how the Lord worked in their lives through our "Greatest Influencer" Mission week, where different year groups were invited for tea, toast and testimonies over a week and to hear about who the greatest influence was on some of their teachers! It was a very encouraging time for all present. Praise is also part of our Friday afternoons and we are so thankful for all those talented people who are able to organise this weekly. Anyone walking through the upper building on

a Friday afternoon would have been treated to a tuneful delight flowing from the Drama room!

Our SSU committees have not only a heart for their peers in school, but also for their community, and both local and wider missions. This year, SSU have been involved in leading and organising a whole school Shoe Box Appeal for Blytheswood Care. A gargantuan number of shoeboxes were collected and Blytheswood were able to come and collect these on site. This will have made a huge difference to children and families in Eastern Europe at Christmas time!

Further to this, the SSU played a pivotal role in organising and collecting for the Ukraine Appeal in school and the local community to gather essential items needed for children and adults fleeing the war-torn Ukraine. A whole school effort saw an amazing array of items flood in and these were able to be distributed to local charities who were taking these to the Ukrainian border.

In the second term the committee organised a bake sale to raise money for SU funds. We were all delighted by the support given in the form of baking or buying. This is definitely a tasty way to raise funds – the buns and cakes were delicious!

SSU is a valuable part of school life at CHS where all pupils and staff are made most welcome. Staff involved throughout the year have been Miss L Hanna, Mr L Stewart, Miss R Maneely, Miss S Sinclair, Mrs R Sloan, Mrs R Montgomery, Dr A Morgan, Miss M Kerr.

# SENIOR SU

# Ukraine Appeal



On the 24th February 2022 Russian forces invaded Ukraine in protest to Ukraine's growing independence and proposed threat to Russia's supremacy. Within minutes of the "special military operation" being declared by President Putin of Russia, missiles and air strikes hit across Ukraine, including the capital Kyiv and large ground invasions from multiple directions. All this made headlines around the world, not only highlighting the tyranny of the Russian government but the thousands of innocent Ukrainian civilians who became collateral damage in President Putin's advance. In the weeks and months that followed, 6.5 million people are believed to have become homeless and displaced, fleeing to the bordering nations for safety, with a further 5.5 million also making the journey in fear of being Russia's next target.

In response to the atrocity that was unfolding the world rallied in support of Ukraine providing much needed aid relief for those affected. In such a time of need the staff and pupils of Cookstown High School and the surrounding community came together to show their support for the victims of the conflict. We, the Senior Scripture Union issued an

appeal which went out on the 1st March to the CHS community asking for donations to be made for various in-demand items for those crossing the borders to safety with little more than what they could carry in their arms. In the following days Cookstown High School's pupils and staff displayed immense support and solidarity for the refugees of the war as an overwhelming stream of towels, bedding, sleeping bags, clothes, shoes, toiletries, foods, medicines, bandages and many more items were brought into school and to the collection points. Within a matter of days, a once modest collection of toilet rolls and baby food turned into a carpet of critical and life saving supplies.

With a local collection point deadline at Cookstown Asda Carpark on the 5th March, all the donations were organised and sorted by the members of the Senior SU committee, along with some Year 12 and 14 subject classes, and many pupils gave up their break and lunch time to assist. Outstandingly, a cattle trailer was arranged to collect the aid on Friday afternoon and deliver the donations to the collection point on the Saturday Morning. The first donation was made in conjunction with Hope For Youth Ministries, a Northern Irish Christian organisation that

was taking a convoy of HGVs to the Polish border of Ukraine. A second donation was also provided to Cookstown Furniture Centre who had also put preparations in place to transport aid relief to the across the continent to the war struck region.

The immediate response of the CHS community was humbling and overwhelming as we all took to heart and into action, our strong Christian ethos to love and care for those less fortunate than ourselves, those who were and are experiencing immense hardship and cruelty.

As the Cookstown High School Senior Scripture Union, we would like to extend gratitude to all those who helped and supported the aid appeal. At the time of writing the war continues and the innocent people caught up in the conflict both in Ukraine, Russia and around the world remain in our thoughts and prayers.



# BALMORAL AND TV SUCCESS FOR ANNA MILLAR



This is Anna's story.....

I'd never owned any sheep until Christmas 2019 when I got a Valais Blacknose ewe and a ewe lamb. I saw them on TV and from that point on was totally obsessed! Consequently, I bought two more Valais Blacknose ewes in July 2020 and two further ewe lambs in August. My flock was expanded through embryo transfer work. Twenty-two embryos were retrieved and in March 2021, fourteen Valais Blacknose lambs were born. From never owning sheep before, to having my first lambing season eighteen months later with eighty-five lambs born, I was so proud of what I had achieved. The NI Valais Blacknose Club was formed in

August 2021 and I was asked to become part of the committee where I manage all the social media and advertising for the club. I thoroughly enjoy working in the committee, with other dedicated breeders, to try and promote this rare breed.

We approached Balmoral to showcase Valais Blacknose sheep where they were more than happy for us to showcase this rare breed. So, I jumped at this opportunity and entered a homebred ewe and ram lamb. The classes were very competitive but I came home with a first prize in the ewe lamb category and a third prize in the ram lamb category. Furthermore, my ewe lamb was selected to be one of the

group of three for the Interbreed Championships, where three sheep of the same breed compete as a trio against the other breeds at the Balmoral Show. We were placed in the top four out of twenty-two breeds, an achievement shared by all Valais Blacknose breeders!

I was approached by the BBC to be filmed for the Home Ground TV programme which was broadcast on Monday 16th May. The BBC filmed our journey with the Valais Blacknose and their debut at the Balmoral Show. This opportunity was too good to miss and proved to be such a valuable experience. I hope that the River Valais Flock continues to expand for many years to come!



*"I was approached by the BBC to be filmed for the Home Ground TV programme"*

# SUPER CURRICULUM

The Super-Curriculum is a range of activities and experiences to extend the academic ability of pupils beyond the scope of their classwork. It is particularly important for pupils in Years 13 and 14, as a broad range of super-curricular experiences is key in securing access to the top universities in the country.

This was underlined when we welcomed James Davies-Warner, the Schools Liaison Officer from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge visited CHS in November 2021. He spoke with two groups of pupils: a group of Year 12 pupils and a group of Year 13 pupils. He outlined for them the entry process and criteria for application to Cambridge or Oxford and he answered questions the pupils had. He was delighted to hear about our super-curriculum activities in school and encouraged the pupils to get involved in their subjects at a deeper level beyond the classroom.



## Super Curriculum Challenges

In Term 1, three challenges were given to pupils in Junior School (Years 8-10), Middle School (Years 11 and 12) and Senior School (Years 13 and 14):

- Junior School Challenge: to write an essay on a current topic
- Middle School Challenge: to record a podcast no longer than 4 minutes on a current topic
- Senior School Challenge: to present a TED talk on a topic related on one of their A level subjects

The TED talk topics ranged from 'Should we fear AI?' to 'Should we ban animal testing for cosmetics and medicine?', with 'All sound is Music' and 'Modern art is not real art', 'Energy reduction is more important than green energy production' and 'We should stop using fossil fuels by this time next year', as well as 'If the Great War had not happened women would not have got the vote' and 'Should we legalise assisted suicide?'. The TED talks were presented to

Miss Evans and Mrs Gormley who were thoroughly impressed with the depth of research, knowledge shown and clear presentational skills.

All participants of the challenges have received a certificate and House points, as well as achievement points for their fine efforts.

The essay writing winners were Year 8:

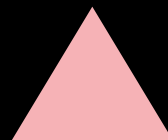
First prize:	Sarah Biggar
Second prize:	Leah Parks
Highly commended:	Jake Carson

In Year 9:

Joint First prize:  
Joshua Bell and Annabelle Davidson

The TED talk winners were:

First place:	Nicole Hamchevici and Rachel Reed
Highly commended:	Lydia Badger and Ellen Harkness



## Cambridge Subject Masterclasses

In April 2022, eight Year 13 pupils participated in subject masterclasses with Cambridge University. This was done online again this year, but in future years it may be possible to participate on campus.

The experience has been useful in experiencing the rigours of third level thinking in a specific subject area and also having the chance to extend thinking beyond the curriculum.

Those who took part were:

Jay Singh Basra (History)  
Matthew Bloomer (Geography)  
Kate Brown (Engineering)  
Katie Bowman (Mathematics)  
Hanna Gillis (Psychology)  
Ellen Harkness (English)  
Emily Millar (Geography)

### Who is responsible for what happens with climate change?

*Sarah Biggar – Year 8CA*

Climate change is a big problem at the moment. It has always been, but now it's just getting worse and worse each day. I think everybody should be taking the time to stop and think about what is happening to our world as we live our lives. All you hear on the internet, the news and the radio, "if we start doing 'this' and stop doing 'that' then the world will start to get back to normal". All these words that we hear sound amazing and great and all, but they aren't happening by the looks of it any time soon.

As you probably have heard, COP26 going on at the moment in Scotland. As we look further into it, Joe Biden travelled from America to Glasgow. How did he travel you may be thinking? He travelled by private jet. That private jet has probably polluted more emissions than a farmer with two hundred dairy cattle in a year. Let's look further into it. Private jet flights produced around 33.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in the whole year of 2016. I would hate to think about how much carbon dioxide private jets produce in times like this. So much for 'saving the planet!!'

You are probably thinking, how does Joe Biden come into this whole climate change? I am not blaming Joe Biden nor his friends and his family. I am trying to point out that all these words we hear from these famous people all sound amazing, but half of them aren't even sticking to their words. It is a more of a "do as I say and not as I do" scenario. All these people, we should be looking up towards them, not listening to their words and doing the exact opposite of what they are doing.

Getting more to my point, who is responsible for what happens with climate change? I think everyone is responsible for what happens with climate change. If everyone does not include themselves in this world problem, then it will not change that quickly. You may look at that plastic bottle sitting on the side of the road when travelling to school and think, "Oh it is only 'one' piece of plastic in the whole world. How can that make a difference?" The thing is, it can make a difference. Let's break it down. Around the world, one million plastic drinking bottles are purchased each minute. Imagine one million plastic drinking bottles sitting outside your doorstep? ! Half of these plastic bottles are designed to only be used once and then thrown away. Plastic takes approximately 450 years to decompose. It actually doesn't even fully decompose. Most of the time it nearly always,

makes its way to the sea which harm animals such as turtles! Fun fact, today we roughly produce 300 million tonnes of plastic waste each year! That's nearly the weight of the entire human population! Crazy isn't it?!

There really is some really good people out there as we can see in these times. Mr Beast is a very generous man. He is a very generous man. He has even started his own fundraiser 'Team Sea.' It is a very good fundraiser. He is working on taking a lot of plastic from the sea and beaches all around the world. Mark Rober is also helping him with his fundraiser. The biggest problems with climate change are more frequent and intense droughts, heat waves, water quality could suffer, more allergies and other health problems, higher electric bills and more blackouts and the rising of the sea level. With the sea level rising, it is harming the animals which live in the sea. It's really not fair on them.

More problems with climate change that effects the farmers is that changes in weather events, changes in the rainfall pattern, disrupt food availability, reduce access to certain foods, crops are exposed to higher temperatures where they may not survive and much, much more.

I am just trying to get my word out that if we don't start now, I don't think we ever will.

**In 10 years' time,  
the world will be ...**

**...Even smarter!**

*Joshua Bell – 9CA*

People are continuously finding new ways to improve daily life. You only have to cast your mind back over the past decade and see how the world has changed significantly, mainly due to the advancement of technology.

The 2010s considered as a "Decade of Disruption" saw the upgrading of normal land lines and mobile phones to smart phones. Not only does our smart phone make calls, it's our professional camera, Sat Nav, games console, fitness instructor, watch, music system, wallet, bank account, shopping basket and encyclopaedia, all in our back pocket. Losing it for anything longer than a few minutes is like losing a limb!

There was also the upgrading from 3G to 5G, data storage moving to the cloud, and the rapid growth of social media. Where would we be if we couldn't stroll through Facebook, send someone a WhatsApp, try the latest filter on Snap Chat or watch the latest video on TikTok?

With the advancement in technology, there also came about a whole new meaning to everyday words. The dictionary has had to be amended to include new definitions for words, such as cloud, tablet, swipe and troll. Thinking about everything that has happened, by 2031 we will witness "even smarter" technology.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become more and more advanced. I mean think about it, if Siri can easily access all your apps, calls and messages, then in the next decade he might even be a hologram. Programmed to think and look more like a human and not be programmed to say a certain thing when asked a question. He or she will be our personal AI who will speak freely like a friend, more so than a computer.

Progress is continually being made in the development of electric vehicles such as, cars, lorries, buses and motorbikes. Moving from Hybrids to fully electric cars that can cover longer distances before having to be recharged will be the norm. Even sports cars and supercars are becoming electric, for example the BMW i8, Porsche Taycan and Tesla Roadster. I can imagine when I am 23 years old, I could be driving an electric car with an integrated AI system that drives the car by itself, letting me enjoy my morning coffee or tea in my car on my way to work. Hopefully though, I will have my driver's licence and get to drive my very own car before then – even if it's not electric!

By 2031, I would hope that there will be a definite cure for all cancer. A cure for cancer would save many, many lives and stop people worrying about getting it. Cancer is a disease that normally results in more than 166,000 deaths in the UK every year. A cure for cancer would be an amazing, ground-breaking and lifesaving discovery.

We will witness "even smarter" advancements in the world of science. NASA was successful in sending the Perseverance

Rover to land on planet Mars. By 2031, scientists may have sent a man to Mars. A man on Mars would be out of this world, literally! Gone would be the days of looking for the man on the moon!

Sending a person to Mars would plunge this world into a flowing ocean of knowledge. Maybe we could find a cure for cancer on Mars. Maybe we might meet some friendly aliens!

You never really know what could happen within this next decade, do you? Imagine there was another global pandemic. How awful would that be! COVID paved the way for virtual classrooms and remote teaching. Maybe in the future teachers will be AI holograms! Not sure I like that idea.

That is essentially what this essay is about. Nobody knows what will happen to us in future. Well, not unless they have a time machine. But that could take longer than 10 years to discover!

We all have hopes, dreams and aspirations. Some ideas are more realistic than others, obviously. Like fully electric cars or more advanced AI, instead of other ideas such as time travel or finding aliens on Mars.

In 2031, I will be coming 23 and hope to be "even smarter!" I will have finished school and university and hopefully by then I will have figured out what I want to do when I grow up!

**SUPER CURRICULUM**

## Should Children be protected from the internet?

Annabelle Davidson – 9CA

In the modern day world we have many new inventions and advanced technology. We no longer have to search up information in books it is all there just at the click of a button. This makes life so simple and easy, but have you ever thought of the risks and dangers of the internet? You might be thinking you are smart enough to know what to do and what not to do, however do children know?

Perhaps you have children; you would then understand the need for their safety and protection. Every child must need to be protected from the internet. Why you might ask? Did you know that 37% of young people within the age of 12 – 17 get cyber bullied? Bullying is simply repeated behaviour that is intended to harm or hurt someone else. Children use social media a lot and are continuously posting pictures. You may not even know that your child is being bullied because only 1 in 10 teen victims will report to an adult. Maybe you know what it is like then you would want to do your part to prevent this from happening to anyone else. Not only are there bullies, but there is the threat of online predators too. These people are experts in luring children into conversations that seem innocent to begin with but ultimately can lead your child into extremely dangerous situations.

Another risk of the internet is cyber animals. These people roam the internet trying to

find out your bank details and personal data.

There are fake emails and updates which ultimately endeavour to steal thousands of pounds out of your bank account at the click of a button. Do your children always read the lengthy paragraphs that come up on the screen or do they just click accept immediately? You may think by just clicking accept couldn't do much but did you know that there are over one hundred thousand viruses and that figure, is only the known ones. Imagine you are the I.T. technician of a big company and your computer is connected to all the company's computers, if you accidentally hit a button that could send a virus through all the computers. That means, you have just put the company in colossal debt. Do you still think that it is okay just to click accept?

How long do you spend on the internet? Would you say one or two hours per day? Did you know that the average teenager spends around nine hours a day on social media? That's insane because that means most teenagers spend more time on their phone than in school! (School is around 5-6 hours a day). We have to do something about this! Albert Einstein said, "I fear the day when technology will suppress human interaction". He knew that a day would come when people are so addicted to technology that they would no longer spend time with each other. By children spending a huge amount of time online they are not learning essential communication, skills which generations before have taken for granted. We must not let today in our time and generation be that time when the basic skill of human interaction is lost!

There are of course benefits to the internet. Nowadays it is easier to access information by searching things up. We can talk with people so much easier by sending emails and face time with family and friends. The world has become so much smaller now we can communicate so simply with people who live many, many miles away. The internet enables us to do so much and if we did not have it our world would turn upside down. Some of us may not be able to live without it! A positive example of internet use was during lockdown when we were all able to communicate with our friends and we could do our school work from home. Our teachers were able to send us work through Microsoft teams and it meant that we could continue with our education despite the restrictions that were put on us.

In conclusion I think that the internet is a fantastic resource and can be very useful in life. However, we must be very cautious when using it. We need to have control measures in place to reduce the risk of danger to children. My point is that we should have 'internet rules' such as keeping computers and phones in a shared space in the home, set time limits on the use of them, apply filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content. If we achieve this then we can help the next generation to enjoy the benefits of the internet yet see that life is more than just a screen.

After a covid-19 enforced hiatus, it was both a relief and a delight to gather together some dedicated and enthusiastic parents and staff for the AGM of the PTFA on Thursday 3rd March.

Positions were allocated and roles in the committee filled as follows:

Chairman	Mrs C Allen
Treasurer	unallocated
Secretary	Miss R Stewart
Committee	Mrs D Kelso
	Mrs P Moore
	Mrs J Currie
	Mrs K Anderson
	Mrs N Cheevers

# PARENT TEACHER & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION





# JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA

As the central theme of the initiative is 'Sustainability', each PTFA Jubilee Afternoon Tea

With fundraising uppermost in our minds the group set about deciding on the most suitable events which could both engage the local community as well as generate some much needed money to assist with the replacement of the school mini-bus.

Always conscious to avoid asking the same people for money the group decided to embrace the Jubilee spirit and organise a Jubilee Afternoon Tea. Precision planning on the part of the ladies ensured that the fine china, finger sandwiches and an abundance of beautiful buns were at the ready for our distinguished friends and family who came to join us for the event. It was a delightful occasion and all those who attended were treated to delicious afternoon tea, served in a wonderful ambience and décor of the period surroundings of Coolnafranky House. We were grateful to those pupils who provided background music for the event; from pipers and highland dance to gentle strings or soothing piano backdrop.

In addition to the afternoon tea the PTFA have been overwhelmed by local businesses in their generosity in supplying items for our end of year raffle. Lists of those supporting are on display around school and via social media. At the time of going to print the amount raised is currently unknown but we look forward to the update soon and thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA efforts in any way. Please continue to contribute your time or talents to our school.



# ROYAL VISIT



On 22nd March pupils were given the rare opportunity to meet members of the Royal family as Prince Charles and Camilla visited Cookstown.





The Former Pupils Association is an organisation which is open to any former pupil of the school. The aim of the association is to encourage and enable all those connected with Cookstown High School to remain in touch with the school and their colleagues. A way in which this is facilitated is through school reunions and functions. In addition, the Former Pupils Association aims to

support the aims and ethos of the school.

The officers of the Former Pupils Association are as follows;

- President: Wilfred Young
- Vice President: Norman Devlin and Ian Thom
- Chair: Andrew McGeown
- Secretary: Amanda Weir
- Treasurer: Randall McKinney
- Archivist: David Lennox

## *Tree Planting Ceremony*

On Friday 10th June, Cookstown High School welcomed the Lord Lieutenant for County Tyrone, along with the Deputy Lord Lieutenants, to a tree planting ceremony held in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. It was a lovely summer's day and fitting that parts of the ceremony were to take place outdoors. Mrs L. Dripps, Chair of the Board of Governors, opened proceedings and welcomed the special guests to the school. Miss G. Evans, Principal, provided some background to the event, with information regarding the Queen's Canopy project.

Several gifted Cookstown High School musicians and singers participated, all from Junior School. Lois Cunningham performed the arrival music for the Lord Lieutenant, presenting a section of the National Anthem on flute, as befits his role. Later in the programme, the Junior String trio (Rafael Vinkesteyn, Annabelle Davidson, and Lucy Martin)

performed 'Land of Hope and Glory' by Elgar, an appropriately stately piece of music. The Year 9 girls' choir sang a special anthem that had been written to celebrate the Jubilee; their rendition of Graham Kendrick's song 'Rise up and serve' perfectly reflected the life of service of the Queen and Casey Burns in Year 9 took a solo part in the group. Eloise Ruddell in Year 11 brought a musical tribute to Jimmy Kennedy, a famous songwriter and past pupil of Cookstown High School. Her performance of 'Red Sails in the Sunset' took us all back in time to the start of the Queen's reign. In addition to the musical contributions from the pupils, Matt Barrett from Year 10 recited a poem he had written specially for the commemorations.

The Lord Lieutenant brought the greetings of Her Majesty and extended thanks to all involved in the special afternoon. He then led the party outdoors to plant the tree at the front of Coolnafranky House. This was followed by a presentation to the Lord Lieutenant, the singing of the National Anthem and refreshments for all.

It has been said frequently that celebrating a platinum jubilee for any monarch is a special and rare experience, and among the many national tributes and even those more local within Northern Ireland and Tyrone, it was very special to have a particular event here at the school, one that everyone involved will never forget.



THE  
QUEEN'S GREEN  
CANOPY

—  
THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022





Your Majesty, Ma'am, thank-you for 70 years  
 For your dedicated service we offer you three cheers,  
 From prime ministers to presidents, you've met them all  
 Shaken countless hands and hosted many a ball,  
 Always humble, with dignity and grace  
 In carriage or on balcony, smile upon your face,  
 Representing Britain in every corner of the earth  
 From India to Australia, from Canada to Perth.

Horses have been your passion, the Epsom Derby your favourite  
 Aureole stormed home second but just couldn't claim it,  
 Of course, the corgis have always been by your side  
 Susan was the first and the one you were forced to hide,  
 In 1947 you married your Prince from Greece  
 Your regal wave and colourful clothes, lavender to cerise,  
 The pledges you made to be loyal wise and strong  
 Acting with nobility even when your life, was no song.

The tragedy and strife, the turmoil and the tears,  
 But still you wave, you smile and all the nation cheers,  
 Surrounded by love and joy, even today  
 With jets and fireworks and Brian May,  
 Is the one feeling that you must hide  
 The wish to have Phillip by your side.

**MATT BARRETT**



# FORMER PUPILS' ASSOCIATION



## *Sports Night - Spring 2023*

The Former Pupils Association are organising a Sports Night, which will be held in the Spring 2023. The aim of this evening is to invite several of our former pupils from a range of sports to come and speak at the school and to outline their experiences. The event will be held at Cookstown High School and tickets will be available in the Spring and will include a buffet lunch. This will be a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with former pupils and to share in their sporting successes.

## *70th Anniversary of Cookstown High School 2025*

Cookstown High School will celebrate 70 years on our current site at Coolnafranky Demesne, the Former Pupils Association and planning a series of events to commemorate this occasion and a key part of this will be to celebrate the past pupils, who attended the school during this period.

## *CHS Archive*

With a school with almost 200 years of history, there are several artefacts and memorabilia that need to be preserved for future generations. The Former Pupils Association are assisting with the development of the archive, the archive consists of many old pictures of the site, staff and pupils, old record books from previous principals and also items from a bygone era. Some of these items will be on display during our 70th anniversary celebrations.

## *'Heart of Mid Ulster' Highland Dancing Competition*

The Former Pupils Association in conjunction Sollus School of Highland Dance-Cookstown, held the Hearty of Ulster Highland Dance Completion on Saturday 8th October 2022. This is the first Highland Dance Competition within the Mid Ulster Area and it was a great success. The event was attended by dancers from across Ireland.

If you would like to join the Former Pupils association, please email [amcgeown200@c2ken.net](mailto:amcgeown200@c2ken.net) or join our next meeting on Monday 28th November at 7.00pm in the Careers Suite.

## Letter from the Archive

The letter below was translated by the previous Principal of Cookstown High School Mr McNeill and Miss Acheson and documents the experience of a German Prisoner of War who was based in Cookstown.

"I Remember Especially Cookstown"

SO WRITES FORMER GERMAN P.O.W.

A letter addressed "To The Mayor, Cookstown, near Belfast, Ireland. Gt. Britain," was delivered to Mr. Joseph Allen, O.B.E., on Tuesday. On examination, Mr. Allen found it to be from one of the former German P.O.W.'s—Ernest Voss. Mr. Allen brought the letter to our office. Through arrangement with Mr. W. McNeill, BA., Head Master of Cookstown High School, and Miss M. Acheson, B.A., also of the High School, we have had the letter translated into English, which reads as follows: -

Saturday 19th June 1948

I was amongst those prisoners of war, who in January, 1945, came into the P.W. Camp at Cookstown. The people of the place behaved favourably towards us and gave us a fair reception. By the summer of 1945 I left Cookstown, to go to Scotland to work. Then in Oct., 1946, I returned to Germany.

When I think back to the time when I was a P.W. in Gt. Britain, I remember especially Cookstown. I got to know the place through travelling to work at other camps and on marches. The then Commandant allowed us these as the evil war had not yet ended. For this we were especially thankful. I wish Cookstown and all her inhabitants a peaceful and prosperous development in the future.

I hope that other means than war and imprisonment will be used, so that people can get to know one another. Only an understanding between the peoples of Europe will be conducive to well-being and peace, for which we long so much. Please be good enough to send a post-card of Cookstown, so that I can show a picture to my family when I am telling them about Cookstown.

With kindest regards, etc., Yours sincerely

*Ernest Voss*



# Collaboration with Netherlands School

On Thursday 16th June 2022, 15 Year 9 pupils met virtually with 15 bilingual students from Apeldoorn School in The Netherlands. The aim of the collaboration was to learn about another culture and develop relationships with other pupils, not only from a different school but from a different country! This meeting was to start building friendships with a view to possible school exchanges in the future.

We were not sure what to expect or even if we would be able to understand each other and what we would have in common to talk about? However, we soon realised that the students from The Netherlands were feeling exactly the same way. We were given certain topics to discuss to encourage discussion such as hobbies, favourite subjects and questions about their school. After initial introductions, the next part of the session was much easier.

We worked in groups and as the morning progressed, it became clear that we shared

a lot of different interests, such as, playing and watching sport, especially football. Another thing we had in common was that we both enjoy studying Science, in particular Biology and Languages. During the second session, we had to work on a specific project with our partner group. Although there were a few issues with connectivity, we were able to present to the wider group about our locality, N Ireland and culture.

It was an interesting and enjoyable experience and even though I was sitting in Northern Ireland, and the other pupils were from the Netherlands we had so much to talk about and had a lot in common. We were surprised the level of their English, and we have the opportunity to worked together again, we might just need to learn a few Dutch words and expressions!

Caleb Caskey 9CB





# STEM Outreach Project 2022

## The Sky's the Limit

in association with  
Cookstown Enterprise  
Centre.

Cookstown Enterprise kindly sponsored our 2022 STEM outreach project providing project kits, prizes and funding for staffing. The project developed by Rebekah Harpur entitled "The Sky's the Limit" was based around the thematic unit of Flight and provided pupils with activity-based learning.

Throughout the Summer term each school involved in the project received two guided lessons to design and manufacture a flight model. Pupils were taught the theoretical elements of flight such as lift, thrust, drag and weight. After learning about the theory and design associated with flight the pupils got a chance of their own to build advanced British Model Flying Association (BMFA) models. Throughout this project the Primary 6 pupils developed a range

of skills in: design; following technical drawings and instructions; accurate measuring; testing and refinement; problem solving and working as part of a team.

Pupils from the primary schools were delighted with the flight-based models created and took pride in the opportunities provided to test their models on flight day. When testing the models some managed the length of the sports field and even over the school building!

Photo of Mr Joyce's P6 day showcasing their work to Mr Jim Eastwood (General Manager of Cookstown Enterprise Centre).

Thanks go to Pupils and Staff in Moneymore, Donaghey, Churchtown and Pheonix Primary Schools for their support and involvement in the 2022 project. Special thanks go to Cookstown Enterprise Centre and their General manager Jim Eastwood for support of the project both financially and though some school visits.

Mr Johnston, project organiser, would like to thank Mrs Harpur for her design of all 2022 project materials and delivery of the project within Primary Schools.



# HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL REPORT

After two unusual, unpredictable years we finally bounced back into full Cookstown High mode! This year we were blessed with a jam packed academic year, incorporating all the goodness that Cookstown High School is renowned for and celebrates: bursting with limitless opportunities and activities bringing our beloved school life back to life

My amazing time at Cookstown High School; where do I begin? These past seven years have sculpted and evolved my character in a host of different ways, developing me into the strong and confident person I am today. I will undoubtedly take forward and utilise these prized assets in my future life.

It has been an incredible privilege to be given the role as Head Girl of Cookstown High School. Since I was a wide-eyed first-year, I looked up to and aspired to be one of the Senior Prefects who spoke in assembly and wore the shiny red badge of honour. Cookstown High School afforded me countless opportunities over the years to boost my skills, whether that be in public speaking, working with others or leadership roles in class activities. It was by enhancing these attributes that helped me attain this amazing role.

With an incredible Prefect Team by my side, I knew this year was going to be



unbelievable! I was incredibly fortunate to have Max Anderson as Head Boy, with Deputies Emily Davidson, Andrew Greer, Rebecca Hamilton and Joel Roberts. We commenced our term as Senior Prefects by introducing ourselves in an online assembly, which incorporated a scripture message. This was not only a great opportunity for us all to learn to work together but also to showcase our news roles to the rest of the school. We also went to all Year 8 classes, getting to know them and creating an essential rapport so that they knew we were easily approachable and ready to help if they ever needed anything.

Sixth Form community is a



massive part of upper school life and we made it our mission to make the transition for new Lower Sixths easy and natural, ensuring they felt extremely welcome in this new school era. I feel we succeeded. We did this by hosting a welcome reception introducing the new Sixth Formers to their new communal space - the common room! It was a perfect time for Upper and Lower Sixth to connect and chat, offer advice for A Levels and get to know each other. Of course the addition of donuts, cake and buns made the whole process a little sweeter!

The roles of Head Boy and Head Girl include numerous rota making and assigning each Prefect a Form Class for Peer



Mentoring; a brilliant chance to talk and help younger students. We also initiated a kitchen rota to ensure our precious common room kitchen was always stocked up with toast, butter, tea and biscuits. The kitchen was a sacred privilege we got to enjoy as a Sixth Form and was utilised every day. Another perk of being Head Girl was being seated on stage at Assembly where I got to read out Bible Verses or say a prayer in Assembly, a contribution that I highly enjoyed!

The teachers at Cookstown High School are the true element that makes this school work efficiently. With their hard work and dedication we had a successful first term filled with incredible teaching, extra curricular activities and events to bring school life back after the long break.

Around November time we had the opportunity to participate in the Student Council as Senior Prefects. This was an initiative led by Mrs Allen where we discussed how to encourage good ideas to the school such as good behaviour and conversed on ways to improve the school and student morale. I thoroughly loved this time as we got to chat with younger students, listening to their ideas and vision for the future of the school.

I deemed it a great honour to be a part of the Remembrance Service held at the School. I had the opportunity to say a poem and Max did a reading as well. It was a lovely service filled with music, a message and a moment of silence. It was also a huge honour to be able to lay the wreath during the town service at the Cenotaph in Cookstown, accompanied by Deputy Head Boy, Joel Roberts, wherein we also attended the Remembrance Church Service with Miss Evans. I know Joel and I were proud to represent Cookstown High School in this profound way and it is a memory I will always cherish.

The Senior Prefect team had the chance to meet with Minister of Education, Miss Michelle McIlveen, who was visiting the school and we thoroughly enjoyed discussing future plans and expectations for Cookstown High School.

Another element of our roles as Senior Prefects was our weekly Coffee Mornings with Miss Evans and the SLT in Coolnafranky. I looked forward to these meetings where we discussed current and upcoming duties, the life of the school and developed a bond between our team and



theirs.

As Christmas time loomed, Max and I were chosen to read Bible passages for the Christmas Carol Service. Again I thoroughly loved another opportunity to be a part of a festive programme overflowing with mind-blowing talent. I also remember being tasked with the fun challenge of putting up the Christmas tree in the office. This allowed me to put my creative side to work. We also enjoyed decorating the common room with Christmas lights and a tree to bring the Christmas Spirit to life!

Open Day came around in January which consisted of two Saturdays filled with many



tours of the School for future Year 8 pupils and their families. I really liked helping out during these days, giving the tours and talking to the families about the amazing facilities that Cookstown High School offer. These days allowed me to answer questions and give advice to potential first years on how to deal with the massive change of starting a new school. I was honoured to advertise this unbelievable school and had no problem sharing the positives it offers.

I have to say one of my standout memories of the past year was of the multiple road trips to many Primary Schools around the local area accompanied by Max and Miss Evans. We ventured to each school and spoke to the Primary 7 classes about the High School and what changes they would expect during this transition. I loved telling my experience of moving to the 'Big School' and Max and I tried our best to calm their worries, explaining how great this new change would be at Cookstown High School.

As our final year ebbed to a close, our duties still continued. I had the opportunity to assist with the refreshments for the visit of the Lord Lieutenant and loved talking with him and serving tea to all the visitors who came to the event.

With the wonderful help of Luke Forest, we created a yearbook for our year group, filled with individual memories, advice and photographs. This was a celebration of all that was special about Year 2022, and will be an immortalised reminder of our fantastic time together - and one to show the kids! We also arranged Leavers' Hoodies, which everyone wore on our Leavers' Day. This day





was filled with bouncy castles, a barbecue and many tears.

However, Leaver's Day was not the last Goodbye! We still had the Formal! A long awaited Formal! This took place on Wednesday 29th June and was an unbelievable night with a magnificent 290 in attendance. I'd like to thank the Senior Prefects for their hard work on organising this event, the

large number of staff who came along, the students who attended and the Galgorm for all their expert help. The night was very successful and ended a brilliant year with a breathtaking night!

Words can't properly describe how much I've enjoyed my experience as Head Girl! To be an ambassador for an institution that already occupied a big part of my heart gave me great joy

and satisfaction. To serve alongside people who thrived in their duties and whose hearts conjoined mine in ensuring Cookstown High School was elevated to its rightful place, made it a true pleasure. To unite daily with the best bunch of friends and peers ever, was certainly no hardship - it was a God given blessing! My next chapter has a lot to live up to as I have already seen what the view from the mountain top looks like! Cookstown High School to me you have been formative, unforgettable and precious. My character has been hugely hydrated with the vast knowledge you have filled me with and I trust hereafter I will continue to bloom and grow when I am transplanted elsewhere. Thank you so much.

*Jolie Kane*



As I sit at home with the sun shining and no more revision to do, I can't believe my time at Cookstown High School and Head Boy is done. Coming off the back of a couple of difficult years for the world, our school bounced back brilliantly to normal life to ensure pupil's and staff mental health was a priority. As a year group the way our GCSE and AS Levels year panned out could never have been predicted but, thanks to lots of hard work from our teachers we got the grades most reflective of our work through the years. Not only for this but for the 7 years of dedication to helping us become the young adults we are today, I thank the teachers on this year groups behalf.



my leadership role with. Nor could I ask for better deputies in Joel, Andrew, Emily and Rebecca...it turns out we make quite the team!

Given that sport is such a big part of my personality, I have to mention my participation in a variety of sports at school. Any activity that was placed on the PE office notice board I signed my name too and I can't encourage younger students

next year as Head Boy and Girl for 2022/23, a great duo to pass our role on to and we know they will hit the ground running with great success. After welcoming the Year 13 group to the common room with our tea and cake party at the start of the year we enjoyed our time sharing the sixth form centre with them but if I had to give them one piece of advice for next year...make a kitchen rota ASAP!!

*Max Anderson*



At Cookstown High School I was provided with many opportunities and experiences that I will never forget and will cherish my whole life. From the friends I have made, to the lessons I learnt; I wouldn't change my time at school for the world. My biggest honour during my school career was being appointed as head boy alongside Head Girl, Jolie Kane. I couldn't have asked for a more caring and kind partner to share



enough to do the same, whether it's the music notice board or the languages. Whatever it is, give it a go! I partook in athletics, DoFE, Cross Country, football, rugby and even a netball match...maybe we shouldn't talk too much about that!! My main sport was hockey, having my most successful season with the school this year reaching both the McCullough Cup and Burney Cup semi-finals, only to fall short in both to a very strong Banbridge Academy team.

Jolie and I want to wish Claudia Hill and Nick Griggs all the best



# UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Anderson, Ellie	Queen's University Belfast - Biochemistry
Anderson, Jake	University of Nottingham - Veterinary Medicine
Anderson, Katie	Queen's University Belfast - Professional Nursing Adult
Anderson, Max	University of Nottingham - Finance, Accounting and Management
Bell, Bryony	Ulster University - Occupational Therapy
Black, Mia	Ulster University - Sociology with Criminology
Black, Rachel	Queen's University Belfast - Mechanical Engineering
Booth, Danielle	Ulster University - Law with Criminology
Boyce, Jessica	Ulster University - Criminology and Criminal Justice
Boyd, David	Queen's University Belfast - Pharmacy
Brisbane, Rachel	Ulster University - Nursing Adult
Brown, Arianna	University of South Wales - Game Art
Brown, Ewan	Queen's University Belfast - Computer Science including Professional Experience
Leah, Buchanan	Edge Hill University - Nurse Paramedic
Cahoon, Cerys	Ulster University - Environmental Health with DPP
Campbell, Lee	Accepted Apprenticeship 4 years in Mechanical Engineering at Copelands
Carson, Joshua	Ulster University - Architectural Engineering
Chambers, Matthew	Ulster University - Criminology and Criminal Justice
Crooks, Lauren	Ulster University - Real Estate
Cuddy, Caleb	Queen's University Belfast - Mechanical Engineering (with a year in Industry)
Davidson, Emily	University of Dundee - Medicine
Donnelly, Olivia	Queen's University Belfast - Biomedical Science
Farley, Jamie	Open University [South West College] - Sports & Exercise
Forsythe, Jake	Queen's University Belfast - Civil Engineering
Graham, Heather	Ulster University - Health Physiology
Greer, Andrew	Queen's University Belfast - Mathematics
Hamilton, Rebecca	Ulster University - Law
Harkness, Amy	Ulster University - Biomedical Science with placement year
Hessin, Jenny	Queen's University Belfast - Archaeology and History
Hunter, Elisha	HNC [Fast Track] in Health Care Practice followed by University
Jeffers, Emily	Ulster University - Criminology and Criminal Justice
Juknelyte, Goda	University of Brighton - Business Management with placement year
Kane, Jolie	Ulster University - Law
Kocsis, Adam	Queen's University Belfast - Biomedical Science
Lennox, Lee	Queen's University Belfast - Computer Science including Professional Experience
Maneely, Leah	Ulster University - Environmental Health with DPP
McAlister, Ben	Belfast Metropolitan College - Construction Project Management & Quantity Surveying
McGeown, Gemma	Ulster University - Geography with optional placement
McKay, Elle	Ulster University - Criminology
McKay, Neil	Queen's University Belfast - Mechanical Engineering
McKernan, Chloe	Queen's University Belfast - Professional Nursing (Adult)
McLean, Kyle	PWC & Ulster University - Higher Level apprenticeship at PWC & 1 day Business Management at Ulster Uni
McMenemy, Matthew	Ulster University - Sport, Physical Activity and Health
Mullan, Ashley	Ulster University - Mechanical Engineering
Patterson, Rebecca	Ulster University - Language and Linguistics
Purvis, Katie	Queen's University Belfast - Mathematics with Finance
Reid, Harriet	Ulster University - Software Engineering
Reid, Nicola	College of Agriculture, Food and Rural - Food Manufacture and Nutrition
Roberts, Joel	Ulster University - Sports and Exercise Sciences with optional placement year
Robinson, Ethan	Queen's University Belfast - Computer Science including Professional Experience
Russo, Bruna	Ulster University - Law
Shields, Gemma	Ulster University - Speech and Language Therapy
Shepard, Matthew	Ulster University - Law
Simpson, Ellie	Year out - Voluntary work for one year within various nursery and primary schools
Smyth, Adele	Omagh Technical College Early Childhood Studies - Diploma
Taylor, James	Ulster University - Civil Engineering
Thom, Faith	Edge Hill University - Primary Education with QTS
Thom, Naomi	Queen's University Belfast - Drama Studies
Wilkinson, Jan	Ulster University - Business Studies
Wilson, Carolyn	Edge Hill University - Primary Education with QTS UI
Young, Ella	Queen's University Belfast - Biological Sciences



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