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FOREWORD

I am most grateful to all of the pupils and members of staff who wrote articles for this magazine. Thank you to Miss Johnston for her excellent work on advertising and to Mrs Stevenson for typing. We are very fortunate in that many of our pupils are skilled photographers: they have made a massive contribution, as you'll see in the following pages. I really enjoyed working with our relatively inexperienced but extremely vocal and inventive Magazine Committee.

I Warwick

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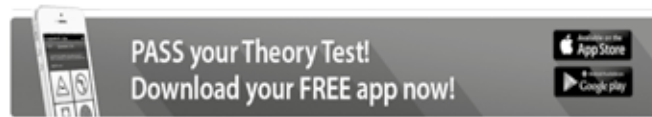
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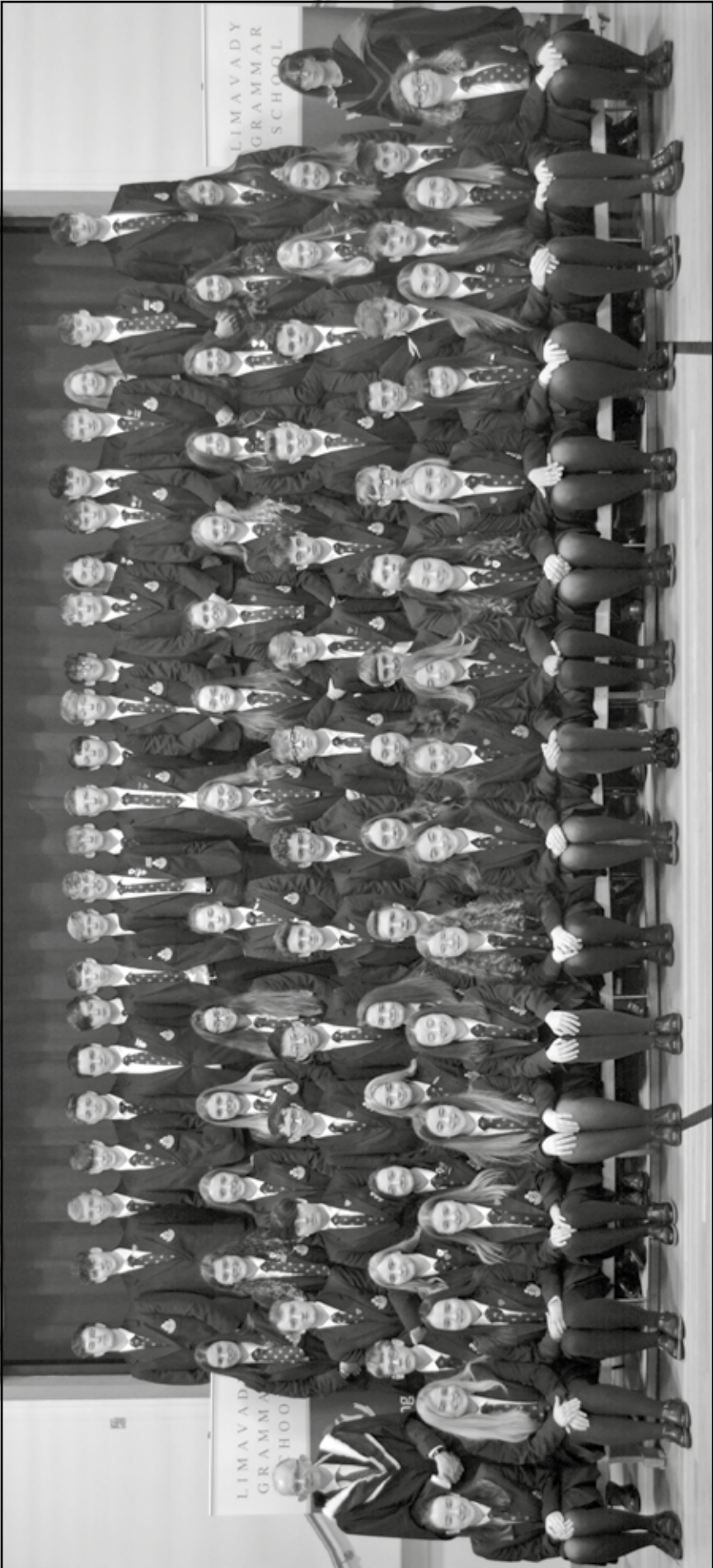
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NEW STAFF

MRS GORDON



Any phobias?

I really don't like flying, I only do it under duress.

Would you tell us an interesting fact about yourself?

My children tell me there is nothing interesting about me!

Favourite shop?

Amazon, it's just too handy!

What is your favourite mythical creature?

I don't have one, apart from Aslan: is he mythical??

I'm really bad at...

Art or anything creative.

Favourite food/meal?

I love Italian and Spanish food!

Which film have you most enjoyed watching?

Skyfall.



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RETIREMENT



STEPHEN ROBB

Having been educated at Lurgan College and UUC, Stephen began working in the Geography department at LGS in 1987. He quickly learned the ropes under the tutelage of John Armstrong, rapidly establishing himself as a most conscientious and popular member of staff.

It was obvious, even during those early days, that Stephen was someone who was willing to give his time very willingly to any number of extra-curricular pursuits. He assisted with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for many years, playing an invaluable role in helping pupils to achieve success. Stephen coached various school rugby teams and undertook his refereeing duties on many cold, wet Saturday mornings with unflinching good humour. If a teacher was unavailable for any trip or activity, Stephen could always be counted on to help: for instance, he stepped in to facilitate the famous Rock School trip to Bradford in the late '80s when others quailed in the face of such a demanding responsibility, and, of course, he managed this venture with his usual panache. As Head of Athletics, in addition to coaching and organising events, Stephen displayed the ability to identify pupils' athletic potential. Most obviously, he was instrumental in encouraging Paralympics Gold Medallist and World Champion Jason Smyth to focus on sprinting, thus helping to lay the foundation for a glorious career.

Stephen revelled in the camaraderie of the staffroom, where his conviviality, sense of humour and quick wit enlivened many a break or lunchtime.

He possessed the highly unusual ability of being able to quote, verbatim, huge chunks of Shakespeare's "Othello" at apposite moments during conversation. He was greatly respected, liked and trusted by his colleagues for his integrity and unflinching modesty. In the barren decades before their recent triumphs, Stephen flew the flag unflinchingly and proudly as the solitary Manchester City supporter among the staff, testament indeed to his strength of character. A most talented sportsman, Stephen enthusiastically attended every staff golf outing, relishing the crack and contributing mightily to it, alongside his friends such as Ken Mawhinney, the late Geoff Clarke and Alan Bogle. You'll have the opportunity to lower that handicap now, Stephen! He was by some distance the best footballer among his colleagues, having played for several years at Irish League standard as an elegant, skilled midfielder. In the days when LGS fielded a staff team to play against teachers from other schools and hosted five-a-side football every Friday after school in the Sports Hall, Stephen's talent shone brightly for all to see and admire.

Both of his children, Gillian and David, attended LGS and were an absolute credit to Stephen and his wife, Joan. They achieved great academic success and were heavily involved in the extra-curricular life of the school, but also left a lasting impression on the staff and their peers due to their excellent behaviour and lively, engaging personalities.

In the classroom, Stephen's professional approach and total dedication to helping his pupils to fulfil their ability earned him the respect and affection of his students. They were inspired by Stephen's love of Geography, by his innovative approaches to learning and by his hunger to refresh and enhance his knowledge of his subject: after more than three decades of teaching, Stephen still undertook online courses to ensure that his material

for teaching was at the cutting edge. After Alan Bogle's retirement, Stephen proved himself to be a most efficient and capable Head of Geography, to no-one's surprise. Despite the pressures of the job, he always made time to chat with, advise and assist his colleagues.

As Head of Careers, Stephen's commitment to helping his students to prepare and make careful, informed choices for the next stage in their lives seemed to be limitless. He was instrumental in introducing Career Days for Junior pupils to encourage them to develop their awareness of the multiplicity of career opportunities awaiting them in later years. As an interviewer, he exhibited the ability to listen sensitively to Senior students, giving them the benefit of his vast knowledge and helping them to make the subject and course choices which would best facilitate them in fulfilling their aspirations. It speaks volumes for Stephen's unwavering devotion to the pupils that every August he would be in school when the A level results were announced: then, day after day, he would make himself available to talk to pupils and make countless phone calls to ensure that every single person would be able to pursue their career aspirations whether in tertiary education or employment come September. Furthermore, in the event of a pupil needing to sit a test or exam to secure an interview or offer from a university or college, Stephen would make the arrangements and come in to invigilate the exam himself during his Halloween holiday. He expected no acclaim for this from anyone -indeed, almost no-one was aware of it: and that is typical of his selfless, unassuming approach to his work.

In short, Stephen Robb embodies the very best qualities of our profession. He will be sorely missed at LGS. Stephen, we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement.

N Madden & I Warwick



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PRIZE WINNERS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 8

- Joint 1st Joel Osbourne
Kacper Szubski
- Joint 2nd Emma Alcorn
Callum Smith

General Excellence

- Ruby Armstrong
- Izzy Blair
- Aimee Colgan
- Arabelle Conn
- Josh Connolly
- Sophie Hogg
- Adam Irons
- Natalia Mariblanca
- Ethan McKinney
- Olivia Mornin
- Annie Robinson
- Maura Smart

The Anthony Florida-James Cup and Prize for Overall Excellence in Academic and Extra-curricular Activities in Year 8
Jointly Awarded to Emma Alcorn and Kacper Szubski

YEAR 9

- Joint 1st Charli Burnside
Annabelle Hunter
Aislinn McDermott
Olivia McLernon

General Excellence

- Rosaleen Blair
- Yna Cisnero
- Charlotte Conn
- Michael Devlin
- Emma Gill
- Chloe Henderson
- Brooke McCurry
- Shona McElhinney
- Amy McFarland
- Aoibhinn Nicholl
- Bethan Proctor
- Azura Rice
- Megan Robinson
- Carrie Wilson
- Ryan Wilson

The Corr Cup for Outstanding Achievement in Extra-curricular Activity Awarded to Finn O'Neill

YEAR 10

- 1st Joan Moore
- Joint 2nd Rachael Connell
Ellie Cowan
Emma Kershaw

General Excellence

- Matthew Armstrong
- Erin Christie
- Aoife Colhoun
- Cain Hamilton
- Malachy Kitson
- Odhran Lagan
- Lucy McAleese
- Pearse McCauley
- Tiana O'Kane
- Lily Rogers
- Lucy Somerville

The Key Stage 3 School Ambassador Award for The Pupil Who Most Embodies The School Ethos, presented by Limavady Grammar School Former Pupils' Association
Awarded to Joan Moore

The Elstree Cup and Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the Law Society
Awarded to Odhran Lagan

The Morrison Cup for Junior School Overall Excellence
Awarded to Malachy Kitson



Finn



Year 8 Prize Winners



Year 9 Prize Winners



Year 10 Prize Winners



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SENIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 11

<p>Joint 1st Anna Blair Maria Conn Joe Dallas Daniel Devenney Bethan Gilpin Victoria Haggan</p>	<p>Amelia Hetherington Conor McClelland Fionntan McDermott Hannah O'Connor Emma Peoples</p>	<p>General Excellence Rebecca Barr Erin Biernat Maebh Clenaghan Zara Craig Emily Kane</p>	<p>Ivan Mariblanca Michael McCloskey Rebecca McMullan Kirsty O'Brien Brennan Whiteside</p>
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Year 11 Prize Winners

YEAR 12

Prizes awarded on the basis of results achieved in Summer 2019 (in alphabetical order with A* and A grades at GCSE listed)

<p>Jack Alcorn 5A*, 3A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i> <i>The GCSE Prize for Biology</i></p>	<p>Amy Bryson 7A*, 3A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i> <i>The James Kane Prize for English Literature</i> <i>The GCSE Prize for Spanish</i></p>	<p>Abigail Cocking 9 A*, 1 A Grades <i>Jointly Awarded The Clayton Prize for Top Performance in GCSE</i></p>
<p>Yuuki Armstrong 4A*, 5 A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i></p>	<p>Imogen Budworth 2 A*, 6 A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i></p>	<p>Dara Collins 8 A*, 2 A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i> <i>The Corr Prize for Further Mathematics</i> <i>The Patterson Cup for Music</i></p>
<p>Labhaisie Blair 9 A*, 1 A Grades <i>Jointly Awarded The Clayton Prize for Top Performance in GCSE</i> <i>The GCSE Prize for French</i></p>	<p>Adam Buick 2 A*, 5 A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i></p>	<p>Suzanne Day 9 A*, 1 A Grades <i>Jointly Awarded The Clayton Prize for Top Performance in GCSE</i></p>
<p>Laura Brolly 9A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i></p>	<p>Kyle Cochrane 1 A*, 6 A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i></p>	<p>Lauren Devlin 7 A*, 3 A Grades <i>A General Excellence Prize</i></p>



Year 12 Prize Winners

James Diamond

6 A*, 4 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Faye Doorish

3 A*, 5 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

James Duke

8 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Bria Hodgkiss

9A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Lauren Jones

2A*, 5A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The GCSE Prize for Food and Nutrition

Jessica Kerlin-Jones

6A*, 2A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Aaron Loughery

7A*, 3A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Lauren Lynch

7A*, 2 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The GCSE Prize for Full Course Religious Studies
The Calwell Cup for GCSE Double Award Science

Chloe McAllister

7 A*, 3 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Kate McAuley

2A*, 6A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Niamh McCallion

3A*, 7A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Katrina McCann

1 A*, 6 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Luke McDonnell

9 A*, 1 A Grades
Jointly Awarded The Clayton Prize for Top Performance in GCSE
The R O'Kane Prize for Chemistry
The GCSE Prize for Digital Technology (Programming)
The GCSE Prize for Mathematics

Caoimhe McGonigle

7A*, 2 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The McClelland Cup for English Language
The GCSE Cup for Geography
The Kelly Prize for History

Tia McGonigle

3 A*, 6 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The GCSE Prize for Digital Technology (Multimedia)

Conor McIlroy-Sánchez

4 A*, 6 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Ross McLaughlin

1 A*, 4 A Grades
The GCSE Prize for Short Course Religious Studies

Anna McLernon

5A*, 3A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The GCSE Prize for Physical Education

Caitlin Molloy

1 A*, 8 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Cole Moore

4 A Grades
The GCSE Prize for Art & Design

Holly Moore

5A*, 4A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Katherine Morgan

1A*, 7A Grades
A General Excellence Prize



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Megan Nelson

1 A*, 6 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Conor Nicholas

1 A*, 3 A Grades
The GCSE Prize for Single Award Science

Riley O’Kane

1 A*, 8 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The GCSE Prize for Health & Social Care

Leah Pinches

5 A*, 5 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Abbi Poland

7 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Robyn Quigg

7 A*, 3 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The GCSE Prize for Technology & Design

Brian Reilly

2 A*, 6A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Sebastian Rice

3 A*, 4 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Jack Robinson

5 A*, 2 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize
The RAF Prize for Physics

Alana Smith

1 A*, 7 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Peter Stevenson

1 A*, 9 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Will Thompson

6 A*, 3 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Adele Wallace

5 A*, 5 A Grades
A General Excellence Prize

Congratulations also to the following high-achieving GCSE pupils:

Sarah Allen

Sophie Allen

Andrew Armstrong

Grace Arnold

Jenna Bond

Amy Craig

Katie Crown

Cameron Doran

Jodie Fleming

Kacey Goligher

Kai Hannaway

Jenny Harper

Thomas Harris

Jessica Haslett

Shannon Hegarty

Joshua Howe

Ellie Hunt

Ben Keightley

Scott Kennedy

Josh Keys

Joshua Laird

Daniel Lane

Logan Laschevoski

Niamh Laverty

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Adam Millar

Robbie Millar

Niamh Montague

Rea Moore

Jessica Morgan

Eve Mullan

Leionha Mulligan

Ethan Newsome

Caitlin O’Kane

Jude O’Kane

Rachel Reilly

Michael Rice

Zach Richardson

Katie Ritchie

Jayne Stewart

Calum Walker

Dillon Walsh

James Wilkinson

Kyle Young

Thomas Young



James

YEAR 13 Awarded on the basis of 2019 AS Results

General Excellence

Josh Boreham
KainBreydin
Tim Chan
Hannah Cochrane
Kate Dallas
Jessica Gault
Austin Hargan
Jack Hockley
Phoebe King
Sophie MacLurg
Jeannie Mark

Rachel Marshall
Ciara McCloskey
Matthew McCool
Tommy Orr
Kate Patton
Melissa Pattison
Samantha Quinlan
Amber Saggu
Andrew Scott
Sam Thompson



Tommy

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Year 13 Prize Winners

**YEAR 14**

Prizes awarded on the basis of results achieved in Summer 2018 (in alphabetical order with A* and A grades at A2 listed)

John Anderson

A* Grade in Mathematics
A Grades in Chemistry and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
Heriot-Watt University reading
Actuarial Science and Diploma in
Industrial Training

Amy Bogle

A* Grade in Engineering
A Grades in Digital Technology and
Mathematics
A General Excellence Prize
The A-Level Prize for Engineering
Queen's University Belfast reading
Finance

Joel Boucher

A* Grades in Mathematics and
Physics
A Grades in Biology and Chemistry
A General Excellence Prize
The H Gough Prize for
Mathematics
The Irwin Prize for Physics
The Matier Prize for Excellence
in Academic and Extra-curricular
Activities
Heriot Watt University reading
Actuarial Science and Diploma in
Industrial Training

Victoria Brown

A* Grades in Chemistry, Mathematics
and Physics
A Grade in Biology
A General Excellence Prize
The Parents' Association Science
Prize
Queen's University Belfast reading
Medicine

Eve Craig

A* Grade in English Literature
A Grades in Biology and Nutrition &
Food Science
A General Excellence Prize
The A-Level Prize for Nutrition &
Food Science
Queen's University Belfast reading
English

Leon Crockett

A Grades in English Literature and
Mathematics
The McCunn Prize for English
Literature
Queen's University Belfast reading
Music and Audio Production

John Crown

A* Grade in Religious Studies
A Grades in English Literature and
Health & Social Care
A General Excellence Prize
The Mildred Dolan Memorial Prize
for Religious Studies
Stranmillis University College Belfast
reading Primary Education

Rhiannon Day

A* Grades in Biology, Chemistry and
Mathematics
A General Excellence Prize
The Larmour Eagle and Moody
Prize for Biology
Queen's University Belfast reading
Medicine

Adam Douglas

A* Grades in Digital Technology and
Mathematics
A Grade in Software Systems
Development
A General Excellence Prize
Newcastle University reading
Computer Science with Game
Engineering

Ryan Duffy

A Grades in Engineering, Digital
Technology and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
Ulster University reading Mechanical
Engineering

Stephanie Forsythe

A Grades in Biology, Chemistry and
Physics
A General Excellence Prize
University of Bristol reading Veterinary
Medicine

Kornel Gorywoda

A* Grades in Engineering and
Technology
A Grades in Chemistry and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
The Seagate Technology Prize
University of Southampton reading
Chemistry with Industrial Experience

Sarah Grant

A Grades in French, Mathematics and
Physics
A General Excellence Prize
The Hendrick Prize for A-Level
French
Queen's University reading
Economics with French

Jenny Greenwood

A* Grade in Sports Science
The Parents' Association Extra-
curricular Activities Prize
The Rankin Cup and Prize for
A-Level Sports Science
Manchester Metropolitan University
reading Physiotherapy

David Irwin

A* Grades in Chemistry, Mathematics
and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
The Hutchinson Cup and R O'Kane
Prize for Chemistry
Heriot Watt University reading
Actuarial Science and Diploma in
Industrial Training



John



Year 14 Prize Winners

Ben Kennedy

A* Grades in Digital Technology and Physics
 A Grade in Chemistry
A General Excellence Prize
The A-Level Prize for Digital Technology
 Queen's University Belfast reading Computer Science including Professional Experience

Ruairi Logue

A* Grades in Politics and Religious Studies
The Louise Bell Shield for Endeavour
The Parents' Association Arts Prize
The R G Connell Cup and Lewis Prize for Government & Politics
 University of Glasgow reading German with Theology & Religious Studies

Rachael McAleese

A* Grades in History and Religious Studies
The Clayden Prize for History
The Parents' Association Combined Studies Prize
 Gap Year

Naomi McCracken

A Grade in Physics
The McKee Cup for Overall Voluntary Contribution to Wider School Life
 Gap Year

Tess Miles

A* Grade in French
 A Grade in Health & Social Care
The L H Boyd Cup and Prize for Modern Languages
 Ulster University reading Psychology with DPP/DIAS

Lauren Miller

A Grade in Health & Social Care
The Mountford Cup for Art & Design
The A-Level Prize for Health & Social Care
 Liverpool Hope University reading Primary Education

Shane Murphy

A* Grade in Mathematics
 A Grades in Software Systems Development and Digital Technology
A General Excellence Prize
The A-Level Prize for Software Systems Development
 Queen's University Belfast reading Computer Science including Professional Service

Holly Nesbitt

A Grades in History and Politics
The Martin King French & Ingram Bursary for Law
 Queen's University Belfast reading Law

Matthew Nicholl

A Grades in Digital Technology and Geography
The S P Mitchell Prize for Geography
 Queen's University Belfast reading Geography

Harry North

A* Grade in Engineering
The Danske Bank Achievement Award
 Queen's University Belfast reading Civil Engineering with a Year in Industry

Bevin Reilly

A* Grades in Chemistry and Mathematics
 A Grades Biology and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
 Gap Year

Ethan Squires

A* Grade in Mathematics
 A Grades in Chemistry and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
 Queen's University Belfast with a Year in Industry

Finn Whiteside

A* Grade in Mathematics
 A Grades in Chemistry and Physics
A General Excellence Prize
 Gap Year



The Class of '87 Cup
for the Year 14 Pupil whose character and example
have had a significant influence in encouraging
others and in supporting the ethos of Limavady
Grammar School, was presented at the Year 14
Final Assembly in May 2019 to Holly Nesbitt



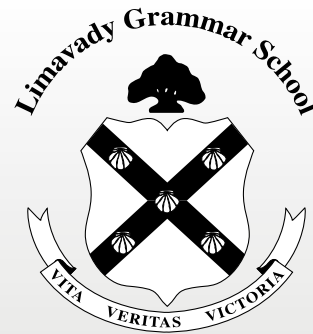
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In addition to those already mentioned,
the following pupils will be continuing their
studies as follows:

Jenny Bell	Liverpool John Moores University reading Paramedic Science		
Ashley Callaghan	Gap Year		
Ellie Canning	Ulster University reading Social Work		
Alex Cheshire	Queen's University reading Mathematics and Computer Science		
Minnie Chissel	Harper Adams University College reading Veterinary Physiotherapy	Lauren McFarlane	Harper Adams University College reading Agriculture
Lewis Clarke	Queen's University Belfast reading Business Information Technology including Professional Experience	Beth McGowan	Ulster University reading Law
Conor Clyde	Ulster University reading Computer Science	Lauren McKay	North West Regional College reading Health Sciences
Hannah Connell	Ulster University reading Dietetics	Charlotte McKeown	Ulster University reading English
Bobbi Cromie	Northumbria University reading Computer and Information Technology with Foundation Year	Jon McMichael	Ulster University reading Construction Engineering and Management
Alice Crown	Ulster University reading Stratified Medicine	Olivia McNerlin	North West Regional College reading Health Sciences (Extended Diploma – Level 3)
Aaron Devlin	North West Regional College reading Construction and Built Environment (HNC Level 4)	Benjamin McStravick	Ulster University reading Communication Management and Public Relations
Calum Donnell	Queen's University Belfast reading Law	Adam Montgomery	Queen's University Belfast reading Agricultural Technology with Professional Studies
Niamh Fitzgerald	Queen's University Belfast reading Archaeology and Palaeoecology	Aimee Mullan	North West Regional College reading Health Science (Level 3)
Mollie Giles	Ulster University reading Social Work	Joanna Mullan	CAFRE reading Agriculture and Technology
Jamie Harnett	University of Edinburgh reading Electrical and Mechanical Engineering	Grace O'Connell	Ulster University reading Engineering Management
Anna Henderson	Gap Year	Tamara Osbourne	Queen's University Belfast reading Adult Nursing
Jack Henderson	Ulster University reading Politics	Megan Poland	Ulster University reading Social Work
Julia Hill	University of Portsmouth reading Architecture	Jordan Rankin	Queen's University Belfast reading Politics, Philosophy and Economics
James Howe	Queen's University Belfast reading Finance with a Year in Industry	Devane Risby	Queen's University Belfast reading Business Information Technology including Professional Experience
Jaymin Kelly	The University of Liverpool reading Biological Sciences	Josh Smith	Continuing Studies in America
Timothy Loughery	University of Salford reading Television and Radio	Harry Smyth	Newcastle University reading Civil and Structural Engineering
Jack Mark	Northumbria University reading Business (Foundation Year)	Luke Smyth	Royal Marines
Fiona Matthews	Cooper Deloitte UK – Apprenticeship in Business Technology	Kat Strahan	Queen's University reading Computer Science including Professional Experience
Sophie McArthur	Ulster University reading Pharmacy	Aaron Taylor	University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) reading Information Technology Management for Business (ITMB)
Chloe McClelland	Queen's University Belfast reading Finance with a Year in Industry	Adam Thompson	Employment
Dino McCloskey	Gap Year	Brittney Watt	The University of Manchester reading Neuroscience
Lauren McCurry	Liverpool John Moores University reading Mathematics	Oran Whiteside	Loughborough University reading Sport Management
Amy-Leigh McDaid	Ulster University reading Adult Nursing	Katie Wilson	North West Regional College reading Life Sciences (Level 3)
Anna McElhinney	University of Brighton reading Biomedical Science with Integrated Foundation Year	Chloe Young	Ulster University reading Physiotherapy
Ronan McFall	Northumbria University reading Engineering with Foundation Year		



FULL COLOURS AWARDS 2020



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- Erin Biernat (Netball)
- Laura Brolly (Hockey)
- Matthew Brown (Rugby)
- Stephen Brown (Music)
- Fearghus Canning (Rugby)
- Maria Conn (Music)
- Zara Craig (Hockey and Cricket)
- Daniel Devenney (Music and Athletics)
- Bethan Gilpin (Music)
- Joshua Howe (Rugby)
- Lucas King (Rugby)
- Joshua Laird (Rugby)
- Dylan McAuley (Rugby)
- Niall McCallion (Music)
- Conor McClelland (Rugby)
- Luke McDonnell (Rugby)
- Ellie McIlmoyle (Hockey and Athletics)

- Conor McIlroy-Sanchez (Drama)
- Sommer McKeever (Hockey and Athletics)
- Eunan McLaughlin (Rugby)
- Caitlin McMahon (Hockey)
- Eve Mullan (Hockey)
- Jenna Mullan (Music)
- Lia Mullan (Netball)
- Leionha Mulligan (Music)
- Laoise O'Hara (Music)
- Abbi Poland (Hockey and Netball)
- Ellen Strawbridge (Hockey and Netball)
- Adele Wallace (Hockey and Netball)
- Dillon Walsh (Rugby)
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LET'S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER

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HEAD BOY: **LEWIS BANTIN**

1. **What is your favourite way to prepare and/or eat potatoes?**
I like my potatoes mashed and drowned in gravy.
2. **Your ideal place to travel to?**
I would love to have the opportunity to visit the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.
3. **If you could invite two historical figures to dinner, who would you choose?**
Julius Caesar and Leonardo Da Vinci as I think they would be interesting characters to have a conversation with.
4. **Favourite takeaway food?**
Domino's Pizza.
5. **Match of the Day or Love Island?**
Match of the Day.
6. **Music/song/singer that you dislike intensely**
I don't really dislike any singers or music. However, I dislike the actor Paul Lieberstein!

HEAD GIRL: **KATE DALLAS**

1. **What is your favourite way to prepare and /or eat potatoes?**
Piping hot, crispy roast potatoes, every time!
2. **Your ideal place to travel to?**
The Maldives.
3. **If you could invite two historical figures to dinner, who would you choose?**
Amy Winehouse for her singing: Robin Williams for amusement.
4. **Favourite takeaway food?**
McDonalds, closely followed by pizza!
5. **Match of the Day or Love Island?**
Love Island.
6. **Music/song/singer that you intensely dislike?**
I could listen to almost anything but too much country and western gives me a headache!



PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH

Mr Chairman, Dr Peace, parents and friends, governors, teachers and pupils, past and present, of Limavady Grammar School: it gives me great pleasure to present my report on the academic year 2018 -2019 at Limavady Grammar.

It's hard to believe that we are in the same political situation in Northern Ireland as this time last year with a crisis in the education sector due to lack of funding and leadership at a governmental level. Over the past year this has had an impact on us on a daily basis, with a lack of strategic decision making in education, less access to frontline services to support our young people and a funding formula that simply does not work for schools and which needs urgent review. We still continue to do our job as well as we can but we are doing it by ourselves. Yet again, I would urge our political leaders to put the people of NI and, most importantly, our children at the centre of what they do rather than their own party politics.

Against this backdrop I am delighted to report that this year we have achieved the best results at GCSE and A level in recent history in the school. With a 100% pass rate for

all exams at GCSE and A level sat, the results this year have been truly outstanding. 81% of our students at A level achieved 3A* to C grades. This key benchmark places us well above the NI grammar average. 78% of all grades were A*, A or B grades. At every level we exceeded the NI grammar average, A* - A, A* - B and A* - C. In LGS we look closely at the "value added" to the grades of each individual student. Based on ALPS data which measures "value added", we are ranked in the top 25% of all schools in the UK with an ALPS score of 2. 11 subjects in the school achieved 100% A - C grades with 18 subjects being above the NI grammar average. An impressive performance! Top achievers at A level were Rhiannon Day, David Irwin and Victoria Brown, each of whom received 3 A* grades whilst Adam Douglas, Ben Kennedy, Joel Boucher, Kornel Gorywoda, Bevin Reilly, John Anderson, Amy Bogle, Eve Craig, John Crown, Shane Murphy, Ethan Squires, Finn Whiteside, Sarah Grant, Stephanie Forsythe and Ryan Duffy all achieved 3 or more A*/A grades. Fiona Matthews has been accepted onto the Deloitte Brightstart Higher Apprenticeship Scheme as an Analyst within the Consulting

Service line in Belfast. This is among the most prestigious, fulfilling and challenging entry-level schemes in the UK, with over 1000 applicants for approximately 40 places.

Lauren McCurry was successful in obtaining a place on the Future Teaching Scholars Programme. This initiative looks for outstanding maths or physics students planning to study a maths or physics-related degree at university and then teach others about their subject.

At AS level the trend continues upwards with our Year 13 students producing excellent grades, with 83.2% of all entries being A to C. 19 pupils achieved the top grade in 3 or more subjects; Josh Boreham, Tim Chan, Kate Dallas, Jessica Gault, Phoebe King, Sophie MacLurg, Jeannie Mark, Rachel Marshall, Ciara McCloskey, Matthew McCool, Tommy Orr, Amber Saggiu, Sam Thompson, Kain Breydin, Hannah Cochrane, Austin Hargan, Jack Hockley, Melissa Pattison and Samantha Quinlan.

At GCSE level, results are exceptional! In a year with a new grading system and where the top grades are harder to achieve, LGS students excelled. 98% of all students achieved 5 A* to



Platform Party



Kate and Lewis present a gift to Dr Peace

C grades with an impressive 95% of boys and girls achieving 7 or more A* to C grades including English and Maths. Girls and boys both achieve highly in LGS unlike the Northern Ireland trends. This has been an area of focus for the school. 50% of all grades were A*/A. At an individual level 44 students achieved 7 or more A*/A grades. These results once again place us above the NI average for grammar schools with seventeen subjects above the NI grammar average. Over the past number of years, we have made significant changes to our assessment methods, use of data, learning and teaching strategies and pastoral structures. We can see the outcome of these changes in the results of 2019. This is an exciting time to be a student in LGS. High expectations are a daily part of school life. These high expectations, alongside a wrap-around pastoral care system and an effective reward strategy, lead to the superb results we have achieved. Our students have worked very hard to reach their best and in many cases exceeded their own expectations. We are rightly proud of our students. Results like this do not happen by chance. Our staff go the extra mile to challenge, encourage and support the pupils. I would like you to join me in congratulating our staff and pupils on the excellent results of 2019.

It is our role as a school to provide an environment where our students can excel academically as well as developing a range of other talents whilst having fun. The wealth of extra-curricular activities on offer sets us apart from other schools. School is very busy in the afternoons and on a Saturday morning with extra-curricular activities. The learning that takes place on a sports field, school trip or drama performance is equally as important as that which takes place in the classroom. We promote amongst other qualities; leadership, diligence, resilience, respect, compassion, kindness and tolerance. We are a school that is inclusive in every respect: all are valued, and differences are recognized and respected. As we approach 2020 it is important our students are equipped for a global world and a global economy. We were delighted to be awarded the International Schools Award this year as recognition of the international dimension within the school which equips students with a global perspective.

I am going to outline briefly some of the events and successes from last year. There is much more detail relating to the events of last year in the school magazine and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Warwick and his team for this

wonderful production and to say thank you to all of our sponsors who continue to support us.

The Junior Ski Trip to Italy, the Spanish exchange visit to Madrid, the Physics visit to CERN and Paris, and the rugby trips to the Aviva stadium, all provided learning opportunities, some of them unforgettable! Once such unforgettable experience was the visit to Kenya. In July, the Kenya Trip to Kajiado took place which involved 24 students and 7 staff. Over the course of the year our students raised £40,000 with the help and support of the local community and this afternoon I would like to thank you for your contribution to this. The money raised will be used to fund a series of projects including the building of a kitchen and dining hall for the School

This was the fifth trip to Kenya from our school which has developed a partnership with Kajiado since 2001. The Oloosuyian Girls Secondary School was opened in 2011 with the primary aim of offering local Maasai girls the opportunity of education and to try to prevent them being married off at the age of 10-12 years old. A trip like this changes lives, both of the girls in Kenya but also our students as they experience first-hand the harsh realities of poverty and reflect on our very comfortable lives in Northern Ireland.



Review of 2019-20



Victoria and Ruairi with their Parents' Association Awards

During the last year, pupils participated in a range of clubs and societies at lunchtime and after school, including Pottery and Textiles, Law Club, Sign Language Club, STEM, Computing, Technology, Modern Languages, Charity, Board Games, 180, Study Club, Surfing and Photography!

In the UK Maths Challenge, 57 Bronze, 14 Silver and 3 Gold certificates were achieved.

The Music Department provides opportunities for the pupils to develop and refine their talents and love of music. With groups such as the junior choir, senior choir, beginner's guitar, concert band, string

orchestra, traditional group, ukulele orchestra and the rock band, there is something for everyone. The Music Department led us in our Annual Christmas Concert and after Easter we enjoyed a range of musical talent in our Spring Concert. This year as part of a Shared Education project, 152 pupils from LGS, Rossmar, St Patrick's College Dungiven and Gaelcholaiste Dhoire participated in a music technology project in the Nerve Centre.

Junior and senior drama is thriving in LGS. We were all taken "Back to the 80's" in the school musical before Christmas which had sold out audiences every evening singing along to their favourite 80's tunes.

To a full house in June we were wowed and amazed by the talent in LGS (even from the staff) at the end of term talent show. We are looking forward to the stage being set alight by the forthcoming production of Grease at the end of November.

Charity and giving to others forms an important part of our school ethos. Pupils in our Junior school English classes raised £3512 in our Read for Good sponsored read. The money raised helps pay for new books for children in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children as well as storyteller visits. Throughout the year a number of charity events took place and money was donated to a variety of charities including Operation Christmas Child, the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, Chest, Heart and Stroke, Foyle Hospice and LIPS (Limavady Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide). Promoting positive mental health has been a focus for the year, with pupils taking part in yoga, mindfulness classes, the Twilight Walk organised by the A level PE students, personal development classes and engaging presentations from a range of speakers.

School life is busy with pupils competing in Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Athletics, Tennis, Cross Country, Swimming and Football. With more teams than ever before,



Year 11 School Council Representatives with Senior Prefect Andrew Scott



Trophy Winners

including 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams at senior level in both hockey and rugby, there is no excuse not to get involved.

Mr Hill has already mentioned some of the individual and team successes. There are too many sporting achievements to name today: follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with what is happening. With a combination of academic successes and extracurricular involvement, our students are well equipped to meet the challenges of the world in future years.

All of the activities would not happen without the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm of staff, coaches and parent helpers. I would like you to join me to show our appreciation for all the hard work that our staff, coaches and parents do outside the classroom to provide our pupils with a vast range of extra-curricular activities.

This is a dynamic and forward-thinking school: a school where classroom practice is based on research, which is then adapted to meet the needs of our students. I would like to thank the Senior

Leadership Team and the Board of Governors for their support and vision to embrace new ideas which have improved our outcomes at every level. I would also like to thank the support staff, who ensure the school functions effectively on a daily basis, and the Parents' Association for their hard work and commitment during the year: more volunteers are very welcome. We are a school in the community and our feeder Primary Schools form an important part of that community. Thank you to the Primary School Principals, many of whom are here today, for your support throughout the year.

A final thank-you goes to the members of the Roe Valley Learning Community as we work together collaboratively to achieve the best for our pupils.

Today is a day where we celebrate the achievements

of our students, recognise the hard work of our staff and acknowledge the support of our parents. This, as outlined, has been a year of fantastic success and achievement in school. George Bernard Shaw said, "You see things; and say why? But I dream things that never were; and I say **why not?**" LGS prepares you to be the person who says "Why not?" It gives you the opportunity to realise your dreams and unlock your potential. Working together we, the staff, the pupils and the parents, can achieve amazing things.

NJ Madden



Rhiannon and her Larmour Prize for Biology



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Most of us associate the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme with arduous hikes across mountainous terrain in horrendous weather! But learning skills and volunteering to help people are just as important when it comes to achieving these prestigious awards.



For my Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the skill I chose to improve was my piano playing. I attended lessons every week for a year, and during the week I would have to practise every day in order to improve my performance of the piano pieces I was learning. At times, it was hard to motivate myself to practise, but because I had to complete 12 months of learning a skill for my award, I kept going; this taught me determination. In the end, it was really worthwhile as I achieved my Grade 7 in piano: I'm not sure I would have done that if not for the work I put in to merit my Skills section of the Silver Award.

For the past two years, I volunteered at the explorers' section of my Girls' Brigade for my Silver and Gold DOE. The volunteering included: organising crafts for the girls every Friday night, thinking of fun games for them to play and organising sports events. I really enjoyed doing this and I've decided to continue and complete my sub-officer training. I loved having good fun with the girls: also the responsibility and authority I developed from volunteering definitely improved my leadership and organisational skills.

Suzanne Day: Year 13



When deciding where to volunteer, I chose to help out as a Sunday school teacher at my church. This entailed preparing learning materials and planning new and enjoyable lessons every Sunday for a class of primary 6 students. As I chose to volunteer for the 12-month time frame, organising fun classes each week sometimes proved to be a difficult task, since this involved making imaginative and creative lesson plans to encourage enthusiasm and participation. Although this was challenging at times, I found volunteering very rewarding and enjoyable through helping the children learn, as well as improving my organisational and time management skills.

For the skill and physical sections, I chose to use singing and dance. In these sections you must practise your chosen skill and sport regularly and show personal improvement. This involved weekly lessons and practising inside and outside of school, in order to improve and develop in my skill and sport. It took a lot of time, effort and commitment: however, it paid off! I was able to achieve grades in each. I found these sections useful as they not only helped me to develop personal skills such as commitment and responsibility, but also helped me achieve UCAS points which are beneficial when applying to universities.

Leionha Mulligan: Year 13



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TRUE COLOURS EXHIBITION

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This year on the 7th February, the GCSE and Year 13 Art & Design classes took the opportunity to experience a truly inspirational and educational art exhibition at the Ulster Museum in Belfast.

Our class was given the chance to explore both the best of the GCSE, A/S and A2 exhibitions. This has given us a greater understanding of the quality of work needed to get the treasured A* Grade. The True Colours exhibit opens annually with a range of brilliant work on display.

As we entered the large establishment we were overwhelmed by the sheer enormity of the museum, contemplating which exhibit to experience first before the main event opened its doors for us (our

time slot). The large number of other schools did not stop us from having a breath-taking time.

Of course, True Colours exhibit was not the only attraction in the museum as there was plenty to see and encounter both inside and outside of the building including the fascinating tropical ravine and the beautiful botanical gardens.

We saw such a variety of plants! This made us realise how many artistically-inspiring elements are in the world around us. I took a lot of inspiration from the wonderful patterns I saw in the gardens.

While walking around the museum we saw some incredible ceramics. I was taken by their contrasting

colours, patterns and creativity: it really made me think that I could create something like this! As I was walking around the museum I found some beautiful paintings, each in different styles and techniques, so I couldn't wait to get back to my sketchbook and start experimenting.

Overall we had an amazing time, it was a great experience for all the classes. I was inspired everywhere I looked and it made me realise what I wanted to do to develop my work. I wish we could go back again so I could see all those truly inspirational works of art. I will have to wait until next February.

Thanks to Mrs Olphert and Mrs Lowth for organising this trip.

**Ieuan Hegarty & Camryn Lennox:
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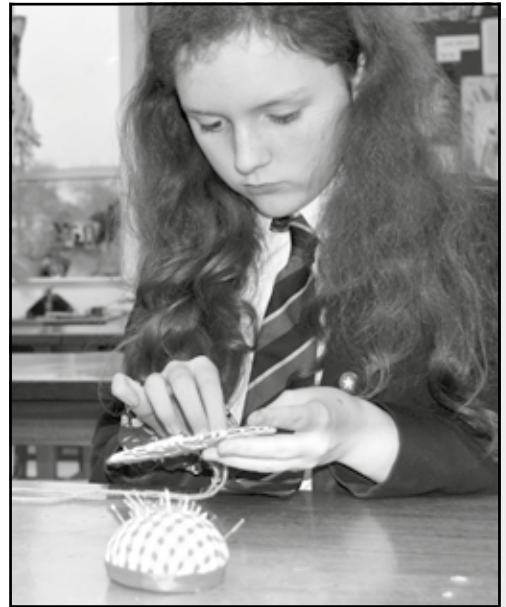
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L McGrattan



Modern Languages



INTERVIEW WITH

FRENCH-CANADIAN ASSISTANT MATHILDE TSASA-RENE

Modern Languages

What are your favourite Northern Irish phrases or expressions?

I enjoy the saying that someone is “good crack”. It took me a couple of months to get it and even now I can’t really explain it in French, but it grew on me!

Do you think working in Limavady has changed you in any way?

Yes, I took every opportunity I was offered and I got out of my comfort zone a lot. I learned new skills and new things about myself.



What has surprised you most about living here?

The sun is a bit shy...

What have missed most about your own country?

Poutine ! You can only get it in Quebec. It’s French fries, brown sauce and cheese curds.

What comes next in your life?

Maybe another year in Limavady...

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French DEBATING

It has been the venue for presidents and prime ministers to speak but in March it was the turn of our Sixth Form French students to stand up in the Great Hall at Queen's University and take part in the annual A Level French Debating Competition. Our team of Sara Steele, Aaron Loughery and Chloe McAllister put in a very strong performance to win a lively debate on the theme of "La Famille Royale Britannique Est Encore Une Institution Publique Nécessaire" (The British Royal Family Is Still A Necessary Public Institution). Thanks to some skilful and well-presented arguments (all in French), we managed to persuade the team of judges that we should abolish the monarchy. A great day out was had by all, team members and supporters, and we hope that this year's experience will spur future A Level language students on to further success in this competition in the years to come. Allez les bleus!

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Concert BAND

Concert Band meets for an hour-long rehearsal every Tuesday after school. Our band has Flutes, Clarinets, Cornets, Bass Guitar and Trombone, and is taken by Dr Collins, who plays the piano. Playing in Concert Band is a really good way to meet new friends and have some fun, while learning new pieces each term and acquiring valuable experience of playing with other musicians. At the Christmas Concert we played 'Frosty the Snowman', by Nelson and Rollins, and 'Happy', by Pharrell Williams. We also played along with the Christmas Carols which was very rewarding. At the Easter Concert, we performed 'Pirates of the Caribbean', by Klaus Badelt, and 'Smooth', by Rob Thomas. It was particularly enjoyable to play the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' as I am a long-time fan of the films. At both concerts we had a large and enthusiastic audience and the performances went well and were much appreciated.



Music

The Band rehearsals this year were great! We learnt lots of new pieces and were able to improve our abilities to play our individual instruments. Concert Band rehearsal is always a good laugh, even if some of the jokes are a bit corny. The Band this year was an especially close group: we even had a leaving party for Sephy, Amber, and Mollie at the last rehearsal. Band is a great way to meet new people in your own year and in other years, and it's always good to greet familiar faces in the corridors. The music we play is always fun and band practice is a great way to end the school day.



Dara Collins: Year 13



String ORCHESTRA

String Orchestra consists of dedicated and enthusiastic pupils from Years 8 to 14. This year we met to practise every Friday lunch -time for 25 minutes in preparation for the annual Christmas and Spring Concerts. Under the guidance of Mr Parke we were able to accomplish two challenging pieces. At the Christmas Concert we played the rhythmic "Raider's March" and at the Spring Concert we performed an emotional rendition of the "Jurassic Park Theme".

Orchestra is great for the junior pupils to work on their skills and to learn from those more experienced than them: it is also a fantastic way for senior pupils to improve their technique and to help younger pupils develop their musicality. There's something for everyone!

I really enjoy String Orchestra because it's an opportunity to mix with a wide range of pupils from different year groups and I have the opportunity to enhance my ensemble skills.

If you play a stringed instrument, come along, have a go and don't be afraid to make mistakes! You'll be made very welcome. It's an amazing way to make new friends and to have a bit of fun.

On behalf of the String Orchestra I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Parke for coordinating rehearsals and for his commitment to us.

Maria Conn: Year 12

Music



Traditional

GROUP



We have been in traditional group since Year 8, both of us playing guitar. Traditional group rehearses one lunch-time per week and is a very entertaining experience! We all have great fun performing at the Christmas and Spring concerts and, occasionally, at other events. Mrs Watson leads the group and plays the piano: she always chooses pieces that the group likes to play and she bakes amazing brownies! We play many pieces of traditional music, some of which include "How Suddenly a Baby Cries", "Ashokan Farewell" and "Caledonia". We often play mash-ups of many songs, which is what we both enjoy most of all. We love being members of the traditional group and will continue to be part of it until we leave school!

Laoise O'Hara & Ellen Stewart: Year 12

Music





This year at Limavady Grammar the rock music scene has grown from one band to three, with musicians from all year groups involved in performances.

The original band who formed last year are still going strong with a solid core made up of Ben McCurry and Jack Bogle on lead guitars, James Sloan on drums and the new addition of Reece McDonald on bass. The brass section lends a flavour of blues with Matthew Anderson on saxophone, Daniel Devenney on trombone and Niall McCallion on cornet. A guest appearance from Jamie Clements on keys and vocals for a full band performance of 'Hey Jude' at the Christmas Concert was one of the highlights this year.

The Junior Rock Band made their debut in the talent show last year, winning third place with their performance of 'Sweet Home Alabama'. This band showcases Scott Hawthorne on vocals, Ethan McKinney on lead guitar, Joshua Hunt on drums and Adam Thompson on keys. Still in Year 9, these boys show huge potential as they tackle classic rock hits like 'Don't Stop Believing' with panache.

New this year, the Senior Boys' Blues Band formed as Jack Bogle (lead guitar) headhunted musicians from the cast of 'Grease', bringing together Connor McIlroy-Sanchez on vocals, Andrew Armstrong on drums and Dara Collins on bass. Influenced by the 1960's vibe in the school show, this band have been making their mark at school concerts with blues hits like the immortal Chuck Berry rocker, 'Johnny B Goode'.

These bands each practise at least once a week in school, and over the past year the improvement both as individual musicians and as bands has been very evident. Thank you for your commitment to practising both in school and individually at home, and for your enthusiasm in performances. We look forward to new songs, shows and welcoming new musicians again next year.

P Parke

ROCK GROUPS





Ukulele ORCHESTRA

Since year 8 I have been attending the fabulous Ukulele ! Ukulele takes place at lunch time once or twice a week in the music block, but don't worry, there is still time to eat your yummy lunch!!! In Year 8 I was taught how to play the chords by older pupils who were very helpful and helped me to learn how to play very quickly!

This year I got to be part of the group of people teaching Year 8s. It felt so cool that I was able to teach people how to play ukulele, just like I had been

taught before. Miss Hughes, who is in charge, is a virtuoso ukulele player and is also great at teaching us how to play the chords!

The most recent songs that we have performed are: Can't Help Falling in Love with You and Little Do You Know. When joining the Ukulele Orchestra, we have the opportunity to perform at the concerts hosted by LGS.

This is an amazing opportunity to perform in front of a crowd and showcase our talent! We performed both songs at the recent Spring Concert which was awesome, because I was able to combine my love of both singing and the ukulele all in one concert. At the Spring Concert we also performed with the Signing Choir which is so cool because we got to see their talent and combine it with ours! Ukulele is a great club and I would definitely recommend it!

Emma McCurry: Year 9

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SENIOR Choir

Senior Choir is such a great forum for making friends with pupils throughout the senior school who share a passion for singing! The weekly lunchtime rehearsals consist of learning new, exciting songs which seem tricky at first, but which we then inevitably grow to love. The choir is split into altos and sopranos, and caters for every level of singing ability. We perform at the school concerts which are greatly enjoyed by our audiences of family and friends of the students.

This year at the Christmas Concert 2019 we sang *Jubilata Deo* by Jay Althouse and *I Am The Gentle Light* by Paul Mealar: for the Spring Concert in March 2020 we performed *Over the Rainbow* by Harold Arlen and *Wade in the Water* arranged by Forbes and Cassidy.

Most of us have been part of the school choir since first year and can *still* recite the songs we sang as members of the Junior Choir! I have had so much fun being part of choral music and I am very thankful for the opportunities that it has presented to us in terms of meeting new people and learning new skills.

Amber Saggiu : Year 14

Music



MUSIC EXAM RESULTS 2019-20

The following pupils achieved success in Music Examinations during the year to March 2020.

London College of Music

Emma Alcorn	Grade 3	Classical Singing	Distinction
Helena Laverty	Grade 6	Classical Singing	Merit
Leionha Mulligan	Grade 5	Pop Singing	Merit
Faith Murphy	Grade 3	Classical Singing	Distinction
Laoise O'Hara	Grade 6	Pop Singing	Distinction
Blaithin O'Hara	Grade 3	Music Theatre	Distinction
Holly Robertson	Grade 5	Classical Singing	Distinction

Trinity Guildhall School of Music

Finn Cole	Grade 6	Viola	Pass
Holly Deane	Grade 3	Viola	Merit
Odhran Lagan	Grade 3	Violin	Merit
Niamh McCallion	Grade 5	Cello	Merit
Eva Moore	Grade 3	Violin	Distinction
Charlotte Neill	Grade 3	Clarinet	Distinction

Junior Choir resumed in September 2019. Many familiar faces were welcomed back, and many new faces joined us. It was great for everyone to meet up with old friends again and welcome new friends into our group.

Rehearsals were weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays, and were well attended by members.

The Christmas Concert was a great success as the gorgeous 'O Holy Night' was gently, yet resonantly performed by our very expressive vocalists. Three choir members took on solo parts, and delivered heart-warming performances. We also sang the ever-popular 'Last Christmas'. Both performances were well received by the audience, and the choir members (including the teachers) had great fun preparing and performing them!

Soon after our Christmas break, rehearsals began again – this time for the Easter Concert. We decided as a group to perform a gentle arrangement of Avicii's 'Wake Me

JUNIOR Choir

Up' – complete with guitarists, quartet, and again some note-perfect soloists. This was something very different, but equally very beautiful. In addition, Elvis Presley's 'Can't Help Falling in Love with You' was performed. Again there was a slight twist on this, in that the vocals were accompanied by our very talented ukulele players!

This was a great year for our choir, and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year. Thanks to all choir members for giving up your time on a weekly basis – you were fantastic!

M O'Brien



Music

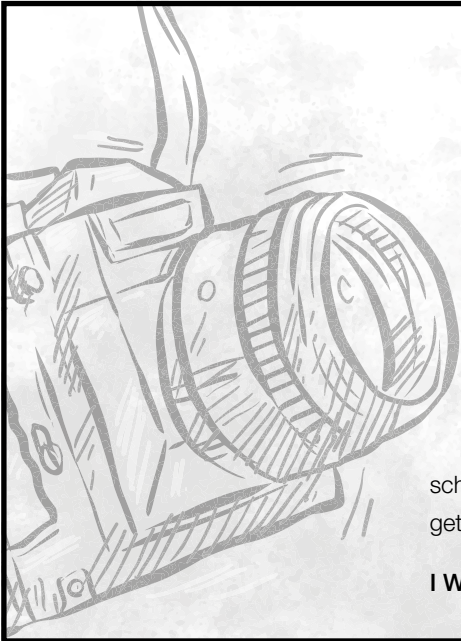
BEGINNERS



This year we met during lunchtime on Mondays and learned to play in a variety of keys-A, D, G, C and E. We played songs such as Paul Simon's *The Sound of Silence* and *Me and Julio Down By The Schoolyard*, Bob Dylan's *Knockin' On Heaven's Door* and *Make You Feel My Love*, Leonard Cohen's *The Sisters Of Mercy*, and George Harrison's *Here Comes The Sun*. We began with simple strumming patterns and worked on speeding up chord changes; then looked at some second position chords and some varieties of fingerstyle playing. The boys worked hard and produced some sweet sounds!

I Warwick





Photography

Our pupils produced an exceptional crop of photographs this year: leaf through these pages and judge for yourself. Special mention goes to Dara and Amy for Open Night: Ellen, Hannah and Suzanne for their excellent hockey shots: Robbie and Kelly for their work capturing the Colour Run and Bethan for her vivid images of the Carol and Spring Concerts. Members of the Magazine Committee were most willing to lend a helping hand by snapping a variety of events after school and at weekends. I would encourage pupils from any year group to get involved in school photography: it's fun and very rewarding!

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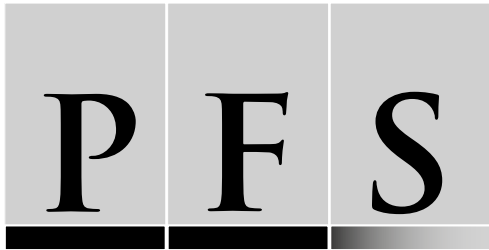
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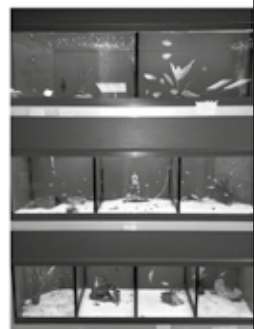
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HISTORY/STEM TRIP TO *Berlin* 2019

“Berlin was one of the best experiences of my life so far. It will really help me picture the places we learn about in GCSE History”

Jenna Mullan: Year 12

Our trip began with a very early start and an almost 24-hour day, but we were rewarded with bright and sunny Autumnal weather. First on our itinerary was a comprehensive walking tour of the historical points of interest of this fascinating city, including the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the ‘Empty Library’ and the Memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe.

We finished the day with a trip up the famous Berlin TV Tower from where we enjoyed a 360-degree panoramic view of the city at night from an altitude of 368 metres!

Next morning was spent at Berlin’s 170-year-old zoo, with more species on display than any other zoo in the world – the hippos were a true

highlight! After lunch, we were fascinated by the delights of the Technik Museum, which included a showcase of Germany’s industrial progress plus planes, trains and automobiles. After a delicious Italian meal, we visited the iconic Bundestag Dome on top of the Reichstag Building, the heart of German democracy.

On day three we travelled to Wolfsburg (watching the Rugby World Cup final en route) to explore the innovative Autostadt at Volkswagen HQ. Some of us measured our carbon footprint whilst others learned about sustainability and water waste during food production. The Autostadt boasts 26 pavilions on campus and focuses on car production with demonstrations from Porsche, Lamborghini, Audi and Bugatti. Students were able to trace the development of design in cars from the late 19th century to futuristic concept cars. The whole experience was a master class in German design and efficiency. Wolfsburg is the fifth largest city in Germany but

boasts the highest average earnings: €150,000 per head! We ended the day with dinner in the Sony Centre.

No one could really have anticipated the range of emotions we all felt on our final day as we visited Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

There really are no words to describe the impact of the stories we heard about the myriad chilling events which took place there, or our heartfelt reactions as we toured the camp. We all appreciated that the world must be reminded of the horrendous persecution committed by the Nazis, culminating in the Holocaust; and that they should never be repeated.

Sunday afternoon’s excursion took us to the iconic Olympic Stadium, where we were able to stand in the place where the Olympic Flame was lit, and where Jesse Owens famously won his four gold medals in 1936.

All in all, this was the most poignant day of our trip and we returned to LGS all the richer for it.

M Cartwright





Kenya

TRIP

On the 28th of June 2019, 24 pupils from Limavady Grammar set off with seven leaders to experience the trip of a lifetime by going to Kenya for three weeks. We had spent two years preparing for our journey by taking part in team- building days and organising fundraisers to help raise money for this expedition. Our team decided, after much debate, to call itself team S.M.I.L.E, which stood for supporting, motivating and inspiring lifelong education; this summed up the goals we wanted to achieve in Kenya pretty well.

After we bid our families goodbye, we travelled to Dublin Airport for a lengthy flight to Ethiopia. Once in Ethiopia, we had a few hours to stretch our legs before hopping on our second flight, taking us to Nairobi airport in the capital city of Kenya, where we were met by Ronnie and Maggi Briggs who stayed with us and guided us throughout the duration of our trip. We arrived in the town of Kajiado on the 29th and the sight the A.C.K guest house, where we stayed, was a welcome one, especially after having travelled for so long. The next day we walked to the church beside our accommodation for the commissioning service: here the Bishop welcomed us and team SMILE performed songs for the



congregation. During the service we were all overwhelmed by the singing of the Kenyans and the kind welcome we received was simply amazing.

On our third day in Kenya, it was time for us to head to the school and begin our work there. We were all warmly greeted by the Headmistress Mwalimu Joyce, the Oloosuyian girls and their teachers. Our jobs at the school included painting the dormitories, digging trenches for the school's water supply and moving dirt in wheelbarrows in order to make a massive hole for a new canteen to be built. Our team was sorted into different groups to tackle the tasks, and we were joined by the Oloosuyian girls. While we all worked together at the school, each team member was given the opportunity to

create amazing relationships with the girls. We did this by sharing songs, dances (the macarena was a big hit!) and telling each other about our families. The culture is very different in Kenya; relationships are far more important than any work. If someone starts a conversation with you, you are expected to drop all work and build a rapport with that person. It was an absolute pleasure to create such close friendships with the girls and I will cherish them forever. During our time at the school, our leaders organised a cultural exchange class where some members of team SMILE and a class of the girls would sit together and talk about our respective traditions and homelife. Jessica Gault and Naomi McCracken showed them Irish Dancing and in return the Kenyan girls danced 'The



Tarantula.’ Afterwards we taught the class a few Irish dancing moves and they taught us a song ‘Jehovah has the final say’, which was so much fun to sing and so catchy that it was stuck in my head all day!

At the Oloosuyian Girls’ School, the teachers from LGS taught Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The girls are used to traditional ways of teaching so our teachers decided to focus on more engaging ways of learning. For instance, Mrs Dunlop encouraged a classroom of girls to run around outside acting out the respiratory system, which they loved. Laura Stewart also held a class of arts and crafts where the girls made a scrapbook about themselves. This was a beautiful idea as art isn’t something the girls study at school. Seeing the girls engage so much in their classes really resonated with us, as education is just something we take for granted here: but I know that on coming home, we all had a newfound appreciation for our schooling. After each day at the girls’ school, our team returned to our accommodation and spent the rest of the day playing games together and sharing what we had done throughout the day; these conversations went down especially well with Chai tea and some cakes which Maggie would kindly bake for us. In the evening, we would all sit down and enjoy a delicious meal which the guest house had prepared for us. After dinner each night we remained at the table to hear the Facebook comments from our friends and family at home, often having a good laugh at the remarks from some family members.

One afternoon at the school saw us all take part in a very competitive handball game, where LGS competed against the Oloosuyian girls. The stakes were high for the game as the girls’ team is the fourth best in Kajiado! Despite only learning how to play handball the day before, Team SMILE held their own and managed to score a 10-10 draw. The handball game was such a fun experience, even for those not playing, because as we watched from the side-lines, the girls braided our hair and we cheered on the athletes. After the match we were still friends (which was a relief!) and we took a huge photo with all of the girls and relished the incredible atmosphere. During afternoon tea we were introduced to the former Bishop, Jeremiah Tama, who was the initial link of the Kenya project back in 2001.

The next day, after yet another early start, team SMILE headed off to Sheldrick’s elephant orphanage. What an experience! We never thought we would be offered the opportunity to be within touching distance of thirteen baby elephants. The stories about each elephant were emotional, yet inspiring, because they helped us to appreciate the work that the orphanage carries out. Leaving the elephants, we hopped back on the bus and headed to the first shopping centre. Everyone made a beeline for the market as no one could wait to unveil their haggling skills. Some people were better at the haggling technique than others. Ethan and Eve got their stories straight and managed up to 70% discounts on

each of their purchases - impressive! Purchases included paintings, figurines, jewellery and spears, not to mention one epic African hoodie. It was also lovely to have Wi-Fi back again even for a short while to contact home; but really, while in Kenya, no one missed the Internet too much.

Having spent a week at the school, it was time to say a tearful farewell to our Oloosuyian family. During the short time that we spent at the school, we formed such strong and meaningful friendships. The bonds that have been created will be long-lasting and cherished by the whole team. Our leaving service, with the girls, was held in a classroom and we were touched to find beautiful cards with all 31 of the team’s names on them. The service was very moving. Each Form came forward to say their own personalised goodbyes, either through dance or song. Reflecting the emotions of the Oloosuyian girls, some of our own team became tearful. As our contribution to the service, we performed a crowd favourite – ‘Jehovah has the final say’ and the girls happily joined in. It touched us all that the girls valued the time we had spent together as much as we did.

We set off from Kajiado to Oltiasika, where Maggie and Ronnie live, in five safari jeeps. The journey took six hours but it felt like we were on safari with all the animals we saw along the way as we entered the heart of Kenya, including giraffes, zebra, ostriches and gazelles. After arriving at Oltiasika we met with Ronnie and





Maggie who supplied chai tea and delicious cake. We settled into our new homes and the next day the team headed to the local primary school where around 300 Maasai children attend school. There was a presentation of sanitary products and sports kits for the school from team SMILE, all paid for with money raised by fundraising and donations for Kenya. The fun began when the sport commenced with three games of netball, volleyball and handball taking place against the primary school. The kids were all determined to win so all involved had a competitive and fun time. After the sport had finished, the boys returned to clean water in a storage tank for the village while the girls in the team headed back to the school for a cultural exchange.

It was eye-opening and difficult to hear of the challenges facing Maasai girls including body modification and early pregnancy, but we also shared laughs talking about some other differences, including the fact that we keep dogs as pets. What really struck us all was how open and honest they were about discussing some topics that were upsetting to hear. The challenges of the Maasai girls really threw things into stark perspective for us, especially when we were asked what the main challenges in our lives were! It was extremely difficult to answer this as we had just listened to how girls walked 15km to go to primary school and that their education prospects, which ultimately dictate their future, are so limited.

Oltiasika is a beautiful place and so on our penultimate day most of the group decided to go hill walking. The longest hill walk took four hours and along the way, our Maasai guides pointed out lion footprints in the jungle. The view at the top was beautiful and on the way back down, we saw a giraffe only 100 metres away. A Maasai women's market was also organised for us to buy some of their amazing handmade jewellery, and spears for the boys, and it was great to know we were supporting the women who would use the money to provide their children with medicine and food. On our last night, David and Schute, our guides on the hike, roasted a goat they had slaughtered earlier on the bonfire and we had a wonderful meal together. Maggie and Ronnie told us how they had come to be missionaries in Kenya and we quizzed them. Team SMILE also sang songs, and the Maasai women who worked for Maggie in the kitchen sang traditional songs and danced for us which was amazing to hear and see.

After an emotional goodbye from Oltiasika we all got in our jeeps and headed to Amboseli. The journey was long and bumpy, but during it we managed to see much of Kenya's wildlife, including giraffes, ostriches, gazelles, wildebeest and zebras. Upon arrival at Serena Lodge it became immediately apparent that we were going to be in for a treat. Luxurious pools, flavoursome buffets, extravagant rooms and bustling

wildlife welcomed us to our stay at this special resort. After a quick (and cold) dip in the pool we made ready for our first proper game drive in the Amboseli savannah. The whole drive didn't have one single standout moment as it was all so amazing! The evening safari ended with a busy photoshoot at the observation point which overlooks the beautiful African plains and the mighty Kilimanjaro, as the hazy red sun set for the night. The change between staying at Oltiasika and Amboseli was really drastic as we had been so secluded in Oltiasika and after a jeep ride we were suddenly in a hotel swarming with tourists. It was so incredible to have not only seen the commercial side of Kenya, but the part of the country that so few people get to see, which is arguably the best and most authentic part.

The trip to Kenya was absolutely the adventure of a lifetime. Team SMILE was the best group I could have asked for to go on a trip like this with, it was such a pleasure to experience new things every day with them; they became like another family! The work we did at the Oloosuyian Girls' School was so rewarding and the girls taught us to enjoy every moment and live life to the full. Each member of our team took a part of Kenya home with them and we all came back with a new appreciation of life and all that it can bring. The memories we made together could last a lifetime and the friendships we made with the Kenyans are unforgettable. We are all so grateful for the opportunity given to us to go to Kenya and I would like, on behalf of the entire team, to thank all of the staff involved in the preparation of the trip for all their hard work, and to also thank the Kenyans for the kind hospitality they gave us and for all the support we received from everyone back home. Thank you to Mr Purcell, Mrs Given, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Dunlop, Dr Henderson and past pupils Laura Stewart and Alice Purcell for making the trip to Kenya the greatest experience we could have dreamed of.

Suzanne Day: Year 13



Ski Trip 2020

15th of February 2020, the day all of Year 10 had been (im)patiently waiting for. The excitement was overwhelming. The moment the bus left the school on that horrible Saturday afternoon we knew that now we were free and in for an exceptional week ahead!

But the worst was to come; travelling! Oh, how those prolonged hours drove me crazy! The one-hour drive to Belfast Airport wasn't so bad, but as soon as we had gone through security, it was now the turn of the dreaded flight. It wasn't as bad as I had feared, except for the turbulence half way there! Once we were safely on land, we hopped like bunnies right back onto another bus for a journey of four hours 30 minutes.

Apart from the horrible travelling, there were plenty of great

experiences on the ski trip, such as the night life. The nights in Marilleva were jam-packed with thrilling activities, hilarious quizzes, entertaining shows and a fabulous disco. We had it all! My favourite activity of all was on Wednesday night, when we went night-time skiing. Wednesday was the perfect night to go skiing as everyone had started to get the hang of it by then. We were filled with excitement and enthusiasm. With every minute, the tension and exhilaration built up, until we heard the command: "Everybody, get your skis on!" The time had come.

When we arrived at the slopes, the snow was glistening from the lights

that illuminated our way. The snow was shining like a crystal as we watched the skiers in awe. This was a thrilling night!

As well as all of the evening activities, we spent our mornings and afternoons skiing with our terrific, extraordinary ski instructors. They took us from not even being capable of putting our skis on to being able to fly down the Red slopes. We all loved our ski instructors to the moon and back, especially some who even shed a few tears when we had to say goodbye. They spoke amazing English and were always intrigued to learn more. They were kind and displayed great patience when teaching us. They were truly amazing

Overall, this was an absolutely fantastic experience, and certainly one of the best trips either of us has ever experienced.

**Luca Doherty & Rossa Mullan:
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GREASE

What a night! What a performance! It was Electrifyin'!

On Saturday evening I almost jumped off my seat several times watching Limavady Grammar School's latest production – the hugely popular musical "Grease". It was indeed a thrilling night of entertainment. From the moment the stage burst into life with the Alma Mater Parody, I knew I was in for quite a ride.

The production team of Claire Gordon (Director), Derek Collins (Musical Director) and Zoe Kyte (Choreographer) managed to produce one of the best shows I have ever seen – and I've seen quite a few in London, New York, Dublin and Belfast. There is no absence of talent in the Roe Valley, and the crème de la crème was on show for local audiences over three sell-out performances.

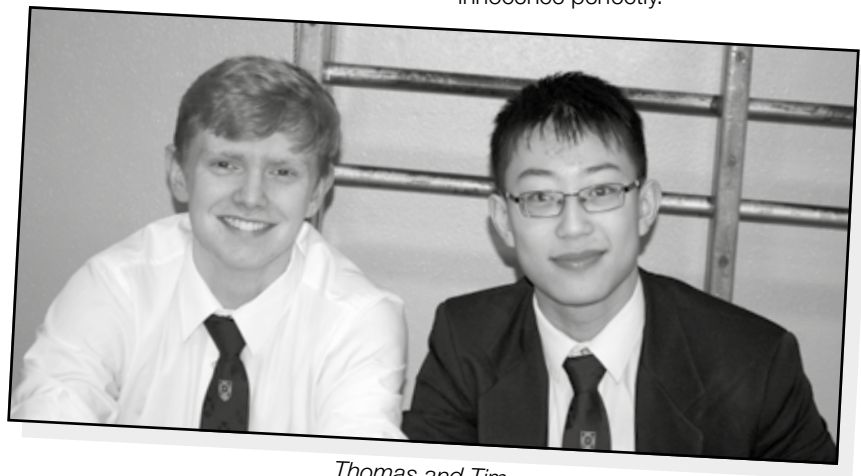
We were slowly introduced to each of the Pink Ladies and the Burger Palace boys during the lead up to 'Summer Nights', and the song itself culminated in a full ensemble of 45 young people in a split-stage setting, singing and dancing as if their lives depended on it! This was a perfectly cast show – all of the actors played their parts to perfection.

Malachy Kitson as Doody charmed absolutely everyone with his solo of 'Those Magic Changes', as he meandered through the crowd and serenaded giggling ladies young and old – much to their delight. His was a sensitive portrayal of a young man on the cusp of adulthood, and his

teenage angst was played with a wonderful tenderness.

His Pink Lady counterpart was the effervescent Frenchy, played by Holly Deane, whose comic timing and enthusiasm were infectious.

She is also an accomplished mover – the type that draws your eye when she dances – and definitely one to watch for the future.



Thomas and Tim

I adored the characters of Roger (The Mooning Champ of Rydell High) played by Andrew Armstrong, and Jan, played by Sephy Weavers.

Their duo was a delight, and their choreographed clumsiness and kooky relationship raised many a laugh and affection from the audience.

Dara Collins shone in the lean, mean, Italian fighting machine role of Sonny LaTierri, but our jaws hit the floor when he turned up as Frenchy's Teen Angel, and crooned 'Beauty School Dropout' complete with falsetto notes

at the end! Talented, handsome and versatile, he is the Real Deal!

Jessica Morgan won our hearts in the role of serial girlfriend Marty. Such was her vocal talent that her rendition of 'Freddie My Love' sounded like a crystal clear recording and the harmonies of her Pink Lady companions were simply divine. I loved this girly sleepover scene for many reasons, but it was definitely Jessica's performance that topped it off.

The lead roles of the star-crossed lovers Danny and Sandy were played by Jamie Clements and Lily Mullan respectively. We went on their journey with them, as they navigated the highs and lows of first love: Jamie's performance as Danny was mature, suitably cool and soulful, especially when he sang his solo 'Alone at the Drive-In Movie' (our hearts were breaking for Danny right there); whilst Lily conveyed Sandy's naivety and innocence perfectly.

This is not an easy role, as the naïve Sandy has flashes of mature insight, along with an eventual transformation into a bombshell, complete with self-assurance and a maturity beyond her years. I loved the sweetness and purity of Lily's voice, and the confident Sandy at the end.

Conor McIlroy-Sanchez never stopped acting from the minute he appeared onstage, until the curtains closed. His performance as Kenickie was dynamite! The choreography of 'Greased Lightnin' was exceptional,

and Conor managed to belt out the iconic tune in character as well! His acting was one of several highlights for me –addictive, powerful and raucous in all the right measures. Bravo, Conor!

It is a huge demand on a schoolgirl to take on the complex role of Rizzo, not least because of her storyline and the need to avoid descending into melodrama and despair. We needn't have worried: Hannah Deane's performance in this role was amazing. Her cynicism was on point, as was her treatment of the Burger Palace Boys as she batted them off, one by one. "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" was one of the highlights of the evening for me, as Hannah sang it with passion, pain and a vulnerability only seen in accomplished performers. I had goosebumps, a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat! Without a doubt, one of the most moving moments I have witnessed in live theatre.

By now, you must be anticipating comments on 'the weak links' in this show. Newsflash! There weren't any! The minor principals of Miss Lynch (Amy McHugh), Patty Simcox (Suzanne Day), Eugene (Daniel Devenney), the sleazy Vince Fontaine (fab from Kain Breydin), Cha-Cha DiGregorio (Amber Saggiu) and the boppin' Johnny Casino (Shay Campbell) were all brilliant. As they carried the narrative in the larger scenes, they were clear, solid and a terrific counterpoint to the main plot. The choreography was phenomenal, particularly in the 'Hand Jive' contest. No matter where you looked, little vignettes were being played out within pairs and groups, often with hilarious effect. The mark of good choreography is in the faces of those dancing: they beamed with delight, as they all manoeuvred their way through the routines. At times, the cast felt like they were moving as

one, floating across our stage with buoyant and infectious enthusiasm.

The back stage crews of lighting, sound and costumes were magnificent-a riot of colour, from beginning to end and the stage team worked effortlessly throughout.

I cannot tell you how much I loved this show. Claire Gordon's direction really highlighted the comedy and gave us plenty to laugh at (and uplift us all), and enabled each of her charges to shine.

Derek Collins' musical direction brought out the very best quality of the vocals - a phenomenal production from start to finish!

It was an absolute pleasure to be in the audience for this show, and I sincerely hope I'm invited back for the next production!

Contributed



Stage Crew



Sister Act

Hannah (Year 14) and Holly Deane (Year 10) really wowed audiences with their virtuoso performances in this year's production. Here, they tell us a little about themselves.



Holly

What inspired you to act?

Since I can remember, I was dragged along to every rehearsal of every musical production my sister was performing in: that was a lot! I grew to love it and was always itching to become involved.

What is your sister's most special quality?

I love how she gives her heart and soul on the stage every time she performs.

What is it like working with your sibling?

It's great! She always gives me pep talks and calms my nerves before performing.

Are you and your sister very competitive?

Hannah is competitive enough for both of us!

What kind of things do you fall out over?

Hannah always wants me to win at dance competitions. We fall out at dance rehearsals if she thinks I'm not trying hard enough.

Which is your favourite: singing, dancing, or acting?

Dancing!

Which production have you most enjoyed being involved in?

Grease at Limavady Grammar School because it was my first principal role.

Who is your Number One Fan?

My sister!

Hannah

What inspired you to act?

My first time on the stage was at three months old, so acting has become a way of life for me.

What is your sister's most special quality?

Her determination to shine on stage. You can't take your eyes off her when she is dancing!

What is it like working with your sibling?

It's amazing that we both share the same hobby and we love performing together.

Are you and your sister very competitive?

I am not competitive for myself, but I love to see Holly bring home all the dance trophies.

What kind of things do you fall out over?

She steals my clothes, so I steal her make-up: we even fall out over chocolate!

Which is your favourite-singing, dancing, or acting?

Singing!

Which production have you most enjoyed being involved in?

I love every production I'm in because I get to spend time with my best friends (and my sister).

Who is your Number One Fan?

My sister!



Make Up



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DANIEL DEVENNEY

Daniel is an outstanding, award-winning athlete who competes in events ranging from 800m to 5k, in addition to being a star of the stage! Here, he shares his thoughts with us about combining these time-consuming activities.

If a film was made of your life, who would you like to play you?

Perhaps Eddie Redmayne.

In which ways do you resemble Eugene?

Like Eugene I can be bit nerdy at times, as well as being an absolute player (of course).

How difficult was it to act the role of Eugene?

Eugene is awkward, pompous and has a terrible fashion sense! Yet these features made it all the more fun and challenging to play him!

Why do you enjoy performing?

I love acting because (just like before a big race) it gives me a real adrenaline rush and lets me showcase my talents and make new friends. It allows me to become someone completely different, once I put on a costume and step onstage.



How did you manage to combine acting and rehearsals with your training regime?

It was hard to combine both and involved some quick turnovers (the shortest being half an hour); on Saturday mornings I had Middle Distance training in 'Derry which usually ended at around 11:30. I arrived back home at around 12:05. I then had to take a shower, get changed, eat lunch, gather my rehearsal things together and go to school for 1:00! When we were coming closer to the performances, I gave Saturday training a miss for a few weeks, but it was definitely a worthwhile sacrifice as the show turned out to be so good and I'm having a successful running season too!

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Ellen takes a dive!

Ellen Stewart (Year 12) tells us about her experience of skydiving.

What on earth possessed you to leap out of a plane?

I had always wanted to do a skydive, but I hate roller coasters so I didn't think I'd ever actually accomplish it. Then it became a bit of a challenge for me. I overcame my apprehension by booking the jump: it was so expensive that then I felt I had no choice other than to go through with it!

Weren't you scared?

I wasn't nervous leading up to it, but I started to feel frightened just before I had to jump out. After the initial shock it wasn't scary and the view was amazing.

If the parachute hadn't opened, what would your last words have been?

AGHHH!!!

Give us a few details about the jump.

I completed the skydive in Garvagh at the Wild Geese Sky Centre. On the day of the jump I was given a safety briefing with all of the other tandem jumpers, and then had to practise the landing on a harness. The plane ride was 20 minutes long and we jumped out at 13000 feet. The freefall was about 40 seconds long at about 120mph! At 6000feet the parachute was released and the rest of the skydive lasted for about 7 minutes.

Tell us how you felt afterwards.

A bit shocked : but I felt a real sense of accomplishment.





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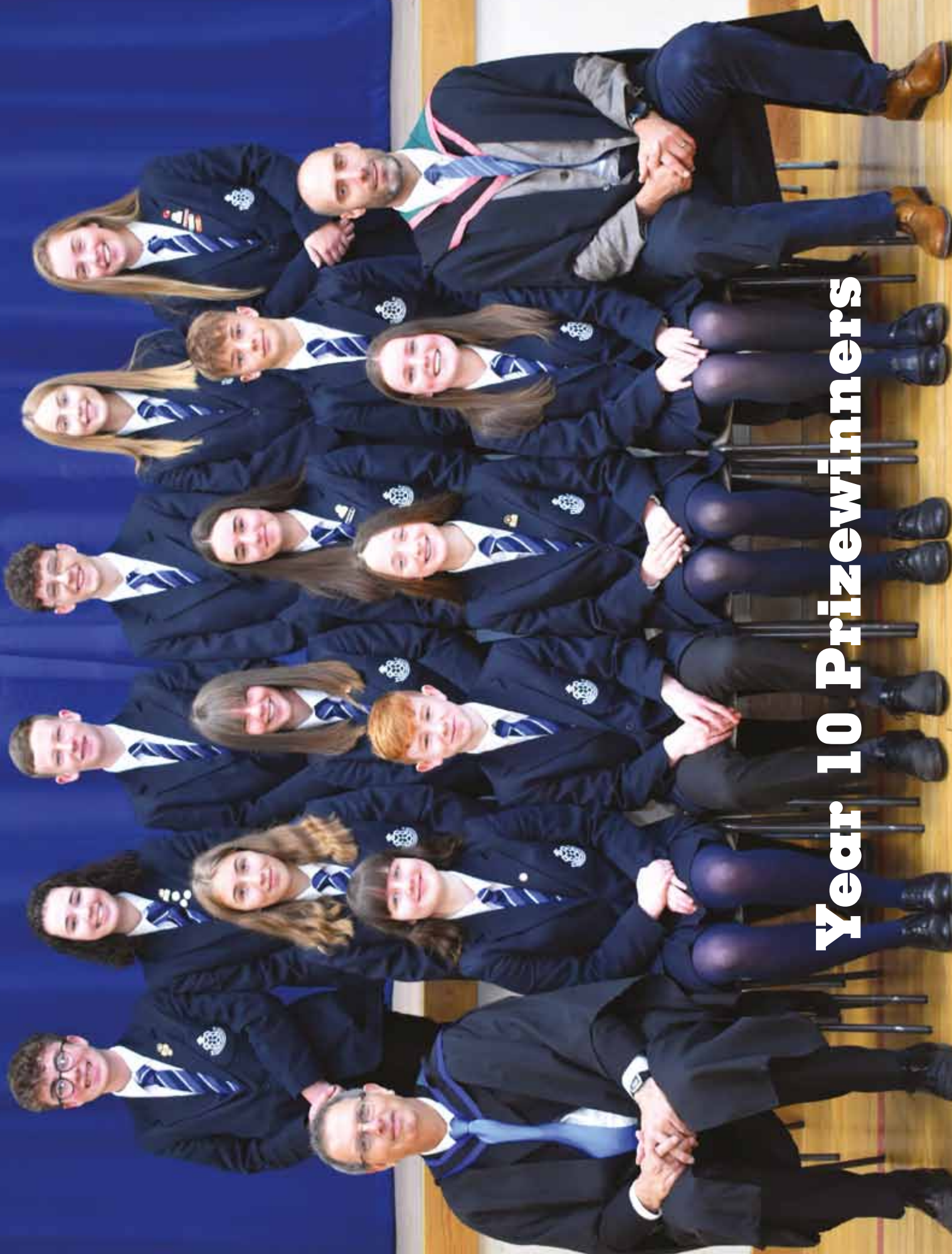
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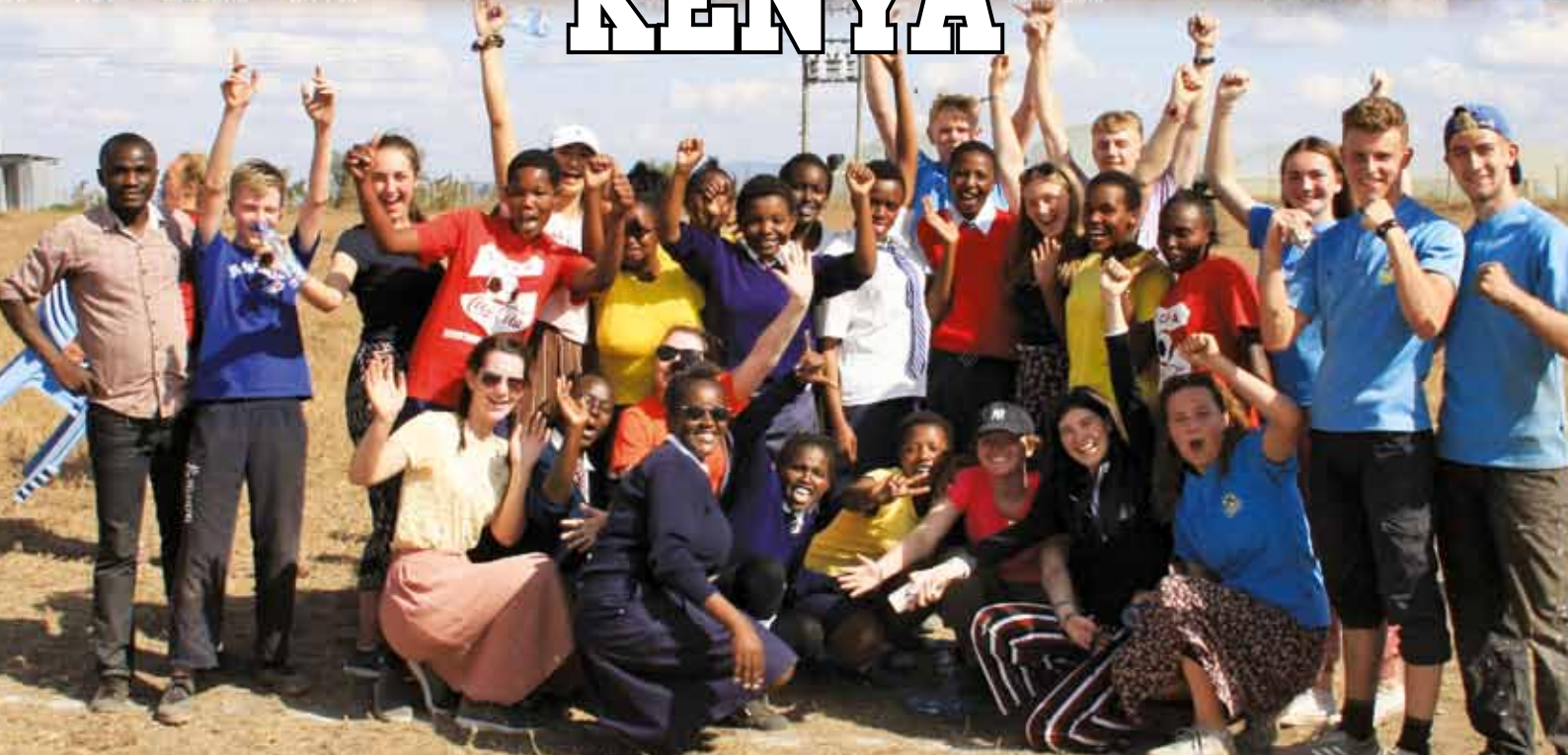
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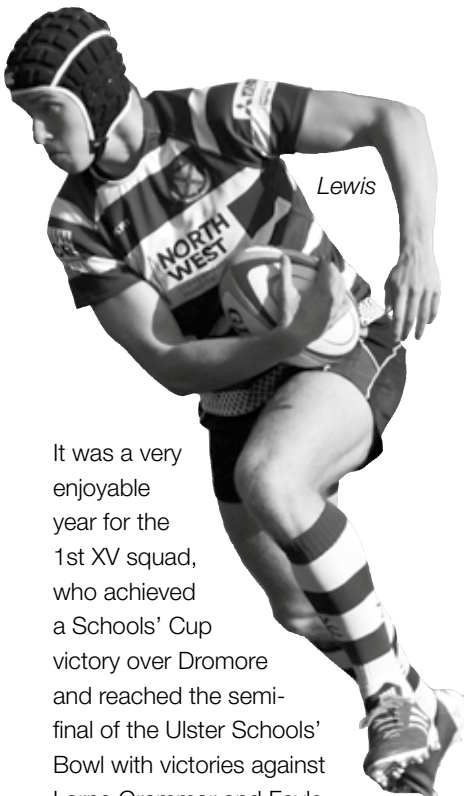
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RUGBY

1st XV



Lewis

It was a very enjoyable year for the 1st XV squad, who achieved a Schools' Cup victory over Dromore and reached the semi-final of the Ulster Schools' Bowl with victories against Larne Grammar and Foyle College, Londonderry. Fearghus Canning was selected for the Ulster Under 17s training squad for the summer series and continues to work hard to develop his skills. The

boys trained hard twice a week in the gym and three times a week on the pitch. It was a young squad with as many as 10 Year 12s playing, so the future is bright. Xavier McCann led by example this year as captain, assisted by the three vice-captains: Ross McLaughlin, Joshua Howe and Eunan McLaughlin.

The season started with a 32-19 win against Coleraine RFC with Lewis securing 2 scores and Matthew, Dylan and Adam scoring 1 each. The boys then unveiled their new sponsored kit against Foyle College at home running in 9 tries against their local rivals with Jamie Clements scoring a hat-trick. This was the first year of the new Schools' Cup format with 3 group games. The boys were defeated by a strong Friends' team, then defeated Dromore High School in an entertaining fashion winning 20-19 with Sam Thompson scoring the winning try. The lads enjoyed



a fine 60-12 win against Strabane scoring 10 tries with outstanding performances from Joshua Howe and Dylan McAuley. They were then defeated by Rainey 15-3.

The squad enjoyed a fantastic tour to Portugal where they trained like



Ross



Portugal Tour Party

professionals for 6 days training three times a day, and enjoyed a win against a Portuguese side. The team enjoyed another win against Foyle College winning the 'River Roe Cup' after defeating them home and away. They also defeated Larne Grammar and Lurgan College with Ross, Austin and Xavier putting in excellent performances. The team put in a superb display in the Schools' Bowl Round of 16 defeating a strong Larne Grammar side 34-7 with Austin and Eunan putting in a fantastic shift. The lads then defeated Foyle College 30-0 in the quarter final in windy conditions with Xavier our man of the match. The boys were then defeated in terrible conditions by a strong Dromore High School side to bow out in the Semi Final of the Bowl. Well done to all the lads, especially all the senior rugby players. Although not victorious, they showed great passion



Joe

and pride in wearing the LGS jersey.

This year's forwards were young, athletic and displayed some excellent skills. In the front row we had Ulster Under 17 Fearghus Canning, Vice-Captain Joshua Howe with Kyle Cochrane at tight head. Year 12s

Dylan Campbell and Martin Meenan also got their first taste of senior rugby scrumming at prop. In the engine room Year 14 Jamie Clements (Most Improved Player) was the 'intercept king' partnered by the talented Dylan McAuley. Joe Dallas and Jack McCloskey provided cover in the second row. The back row was one of our biggest strengths this year. They were led by the Captain Xavier McCann at 8, with the hard-working Lucas King at 6 and the hard hitting Dylan Walsh at 7, ably supported by the 'dogged' Ben McMillan. At half back the dynamic duo of Young MVP of the year Eunan McLaughlin at scrum half and our season MVP Joe McCartney at 10 was strong throughout the first half of the season, until Joe's injury. Vice-



On The Attack



Captain Ross McLaughlin stepped up to fill the 10 slot for the remainder of the season. The centre partnership of Ross and our rapid 13 Austin Hargan caused damage throughout the season. Lewis Baldrick was looking sharp until injury affected his season. The back three were young and agile this year with Matthew Brown at 15 and Adam McLaughlin and Conor McClelland taking up the wing positions. The back three positions were also contested by leavers Sam Thompson, Owen Hogg and Luke McDonald. This was an impressive backline that scored some fantastic tries, with plenty of pace and creativity across the division.

This was my first season back with the senior squad after 2 years with the Medallion. The lads developed a fantastic bond, with the highlight of the season being the tour to Vilamora in Portugal, where the players developed a range of skills and lifelong friendships. It was not the end to the season we would have liked, but the effort and enthusiasm throughout the year were fantastic. We lose 3 players from the first choice XV for next season and wish them all the best with their adult rugby careers.

I would like to thank David Campbell for his help with 2nd XV; Noel McLaughlin for his first aid support; and Mrs Ann Marie Campbell and her team for providing hospitality.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all of our new sponsors: North West Independent Hospital, PDW Development, Air Cool Engineering, Mitsubishi, Strathearn Construction, FastHouse and Fane Valley Stores. We are also most grateful to Mr McCann and Mrs McClelland for their sponsorship of the match balls. We value your support in helping to make rugby grow at LGS!

B Hughes: Head of Rugby





2nd XV



Owen



The team attended the winter training camp in Portugal at the end of October taking part in a victorious match against local opposition as part of the senior squad.

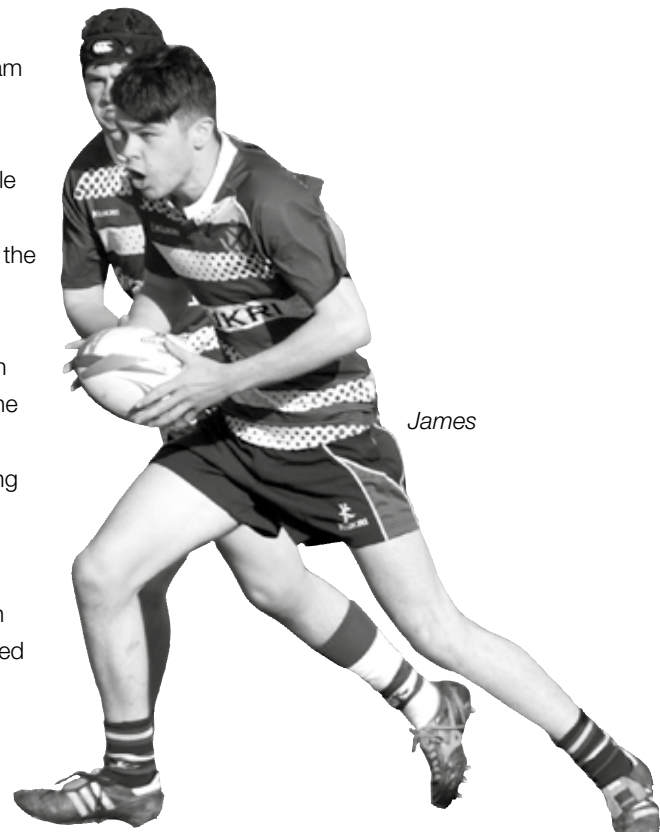
After an unbeaten start to the season the lads beat Lurgan in the first round of the Cup in an impressive victory 25-0 victory. Unfortunately, the boys fell just short in a defeat to Down High School in the second round.

The front row positions were occupied by Dylan Campbell, Adam Kelly and Ben Keightly, very ably supported by Ryan Warke. The front row proved to be a formidable formation with opposing teams regularly struggling to compete at the scrums. Adam deserves mention for being the top try scorer for the season with both Adam and Dylan being awarded several player of the match performances. Ben led by example with his character spurring the team on when required.

The engine room of the forwards was occupied by Peter Stevenson and Jack McCloskey: both provided consistent performances. The back row comprised Joe Dallas,

Bryan Cupples, Michael Rice, Martin Meenan and Mathew Kennedy. Each player developed his own unique skills to add to an impressive unit. Joe provided excellent line- out options with the assistance of Peter. Michael's dedication and effort was second to none and he was reluctant to leave the field even when injured! Martin scored numerous tries and picked up several player of the match

James



The 2nd XV rugby team had an excellent season, starting in August 2019 with pre-season training. During the year, many of our regular team members were called into action for the 1st XV, performing admirably when called upon. When the season started the team put in great performances including wins against Dalriada, Lurgan and Glenstal Abbey (Munster), and earning hard-fought draws against Wallace and Coleraine.

Sport



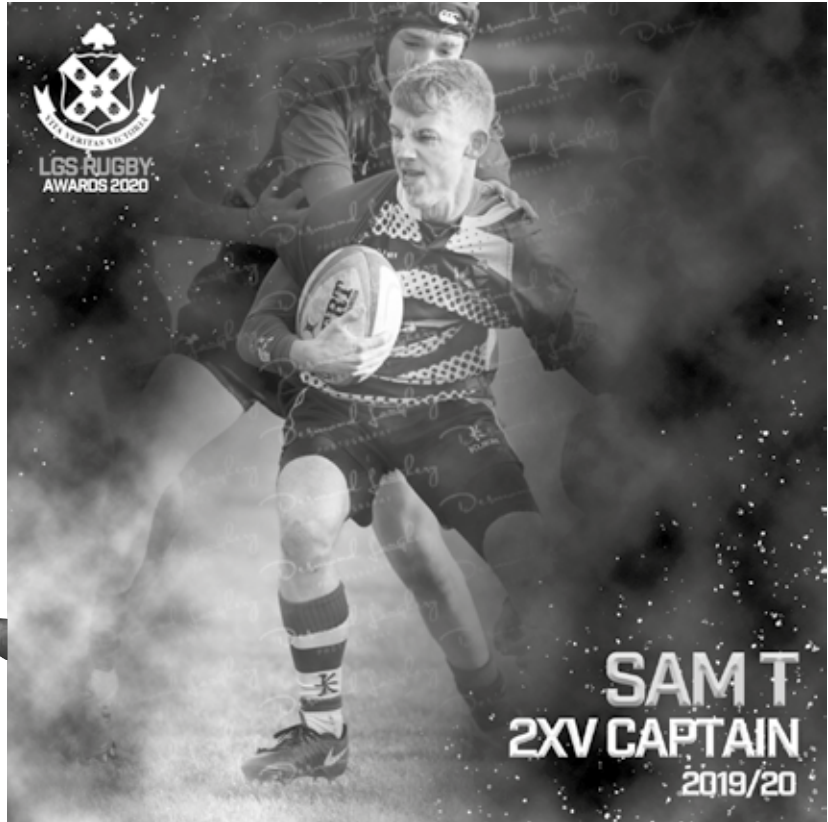
Joe

awards. Mathew Kennedy's tackling ability was impressive and intimidated opposing teams.

Andrew Armstrong and Hayden Mullan were interchangeable as our half-back option, and apart from injury to Andrew they were the first choice pairing. During Andrew's injury Sam Thompson and Aaron Gault provided cover and played very creditably .

At centre Adam Buick and Joshua Laird displayed excellent running and tackling ability with both players having a good eye and quick feet to exploit gaps enabling them to run in several tries. Their solid tackling ability and reading of the game made them an excellent pairing. The back three comprised of Owen Hogg, Luke McDonald and our Captain Sam Thompson. Sam had several calls to the 1st XV scoring on several occasions and was a regular scorer whilst playing for the 2nd XV. The trio worked tirelessly all season making countless runs and numerous crunching tackles.

Rugby is not played by a team of 15 players but by a squad of players



who regularly interchange: we were blessed with numerous enthusiastic squad players who all played a very significant role within the team and squad. Michael McCloskey played on the wing on numerous occasions providing speed and menace to the attack. Tom Patton also provided options for the backs - Tom's tackling ability and quick foot-work proved to be another option that led to him scoring on several occasions.

Finally, I would like to say it was an absolute pleasure to work with this

group of young men who trained and played at the highest level throughout the season. I trust that the squad enjoyed their season and wish them all the best for the future, in life and rugby. I would also like to thank the parents and friends who tirelessly supported the team both home and away. Thanks must also go to Mr A Lemon and Mr B Hughes for all their assistance to "The Mighty 2s".

David Campbell



Adam



MEDALLION



The season began with a match against our local rivals Foyle. In the first half the boys showed a lot of grit and determination but a lack of training, fitness and organisation started to become apparent in the second half: we ended losing by a couple of tries. This was disappointing but it allowed us to see that this group of boys had considerable potential.

Early morning gym sessions working on strength and conditioning alongside fitness were initiated every Tuesday morning at 7.30. This was a complete shock to the system for the boys as well as for us! After the first month of this regime, we started to notice an improvement, not only in the physical prowess of our squad but with the unity of the team. There were the first budding shoots of a group of boys who would work together and for each other both on and off the pitch.

The pack took shape with a front row of Marcus Millen, Jordan McCurry and Luke O'Connor: Jack McCullough and Dillon McDaid made up the second row with Ben Nutt (pack leader) and Thomas King as wing forwards. Ethan Mullan (Year 10) occupied the number 8 slot when he was available. James Sloan, Harry

McDonald, Joey Buchanan and Lewis Kane provided additional strength and resilience in the forward pack when required. Adam McConneloge (Year 10) also played his part well.

The back line finally settled with Matthew Rodgers sharing the scrum-half position with Matthew Armstrong, and Benjamin Howe at out half. Benjamin proved to be useful in defence as well as accurate with his kicks at goal. Initially Robert McFarland was inside centre, but he was moved to fullback where he proved outstanding both in defence and attack. Captain Joe Caldwell moved from outside centre to inside centre with Josh Cassidy taking the outside centre role. Wingers Shea Kealey and Malachy Kitson made up a very capable backline. Peter Somerville, Max Loughrey and Kain Hamilton provided additional support and resilience to the backline as required. Cooper McCausland and Odhran Clenaghan (both Year 10) also made creditable appearances.

In the run-up to Christmas we had mixed results, some epic wins over stiff competition and some gutting last-minute defeats! The important thing was that we were continually improving, the squad was growing in ability and in confidence.

We were targeting the Medallion Trophy tournament as a competition that we could be successful in and all the signs were encouraging. But first things first: we had to negotiate the Medallion Shield matches. We had a straightforward victory over our first opponents, leading to an encounter with Down High School. The boys rose to the occasion and played their best match to date, taking the lead early on, fighting for every inch against a very strong side, only to lose by the narrowest of margins. The boys were gutted, having given everything- but the silver lining was that we were now into the tournament in which we felt we could challenge for silverware.

We dispatched Strabane Grammar and Lurgan College with relative ease, showing what we could do with ball in hand allowing the boys to run purposefully at the opposition. Our pack was starting to function as a unit, and was now a force to be reckoned with! This enabled our sublime backs to exploit the weaknesses in the opposition's defensive line.

The semi finals now beckoned with an away match against Banbridge Academy. Ourselves and Banbridge were the two strongest sides still in

the competition: this would prove to be an exhilarating contest.

We started strongly and took the lead with a fantastic individual try from our electric fullback S. Kealey. Both sides were evenly matched and the game ebbed and flowed. The forwards rose to the occasion and matched their Banbridge counterparts every step of the way. Our backs looked dangerous with ball in hand and our tactical kicking was accurate. It was nail-biting stuff and tensions were high. The boys were putting their bodies on the line with heroic defensive efforts. It was Banbridge, in the end, who eluded our defence out wide, ran the length of the pitch and scored the decisive try. The final whistle went and we had lost by four points.

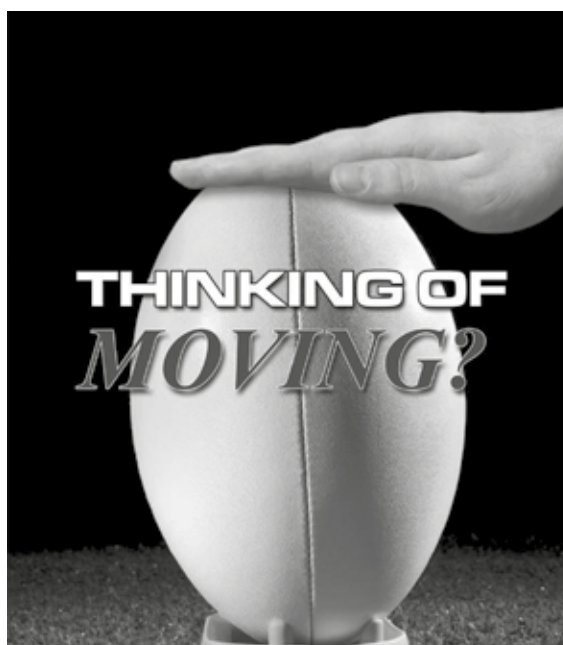
Eviscerated does not do it justice! The boys had worked so hard in the build-up to this match and had come so far in the course of the season. Mr Lemon and I are so proud of the boys and what we as a squad achieved this year.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the squad and myself to thank Mr S. Rodgers, Mr G. McDaid and Mr R. King, for their encouraging support and coaching. We have thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of boys, watching them develop as a team and mature as individuals.

The Medallion and their coaches wish to thank McAtamney's Butchers and Limavady Printing Company for their generous sponsorship of the team.

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UNDER 14



Adam

The LGS U14s had another encouraging season which will be defined by a couple of heavy defeats, a gritty draw and a hard-fought victory. Disruption due to injuries, unavailability and call-ups to the Medallion squad meant the team were faced with inconsistency and forced to adapt. However, this allowed for experimentation with positional switches and testing new players - ultimately looking ahead to next year.

The most memorable day this year for the team came in November against local rivals, Foyle College. The boys had fallen to a heavy defeat, away from home, against Foyle at the start of the season - a result which reflected that of the previous season. This game was to be a different story. The boys were fired up from the off, and didn't give an inch throughout! **Odhran Clenaghan** led from the front, taking down everything that moved. **Jack Butcher** followed his example. On

one of his few appearances, powerful centre **Jamie Carmichael** showed his worth to the side, dotting down in the corner. With the score level at 5-5 and not long left to play, the boys (and Mr Dunlop!) were sent into raptures at the sight of wing **Freddie Gault** receiving the ball in space out wide and sprinting to touch down in the corner. The last few minutes of defence were epic, with **Cooper McCausland** putting in a number of significant hits. This victory was huge for the side, showing what they could do as a team and what can happen when they move the ball about.

Another memorable weekend came in January when Limavady hosted Coleraine GS and Larne GS for a round-robin tournament. Like Foyle, Coleraine had asserted their dominance in past fixtures, but not this time. Neither side was to figure on the scoreboard, but the dearth of points doesn't reflect the amount of action that took place. Having failed

to capitalise on a few early scoring opportunities, Limavady would play out the majority of the game in defence. **Thomas O'Connor** was the hero on the day, putting in tackle after tackle in the LGS 22: **Travis Broom** also did well to foil a clear-cut Coleraine scoring opportunity. Galvanised by this performance, the boys went on to defeat Larne 40-5, with **Ethan Mullan** and **Adam McConnelogue** crossing for two tries each, and **Jack Butcher** and **Jack Toner** putting in great performances in attack.

Powerful back row forward **Ethan Mullan** was rewarded for his performances for the side as he took a regular starting position for the Medallion in their campaign. Ethan would end as top try-scorer for the U14s with 7 tries, and a couple for the Medallion too. Versatile forward **Adam McConnelogue** scored 4 tries of his own for the U14s and he too was rewarded with a number of appearances for the Medallion, despite a few injury setbacks.

Cooper McCausland was named *Most Valuable Player* of the season. The fly-half really grew as a player this year as the team began to take a more tactical approach and introduce set plays: Cooper was at the heart of this, directing the team around the park. This was coupled with a number of strong defensive performances. Captain **Odhran Clenaghan** was another valuable player for the side, in a season when he developed his game, playing in a number of different positions. With an eye for the try line, Odhran scored 5 tries this season including one unbelievable score against Belfast HS in the opening game of the season - starting in his own half, and beating a number of players on the way to the try-line. Odhran, comfortable at number 7, had an opportunity to manage the team from scrum-half along with Cooper in the latter stages of the season.

Jack Butcher was named *Most Improved Player* of the season. The back row forward really shone this year, especially during the absence of Ethan to the Medallion. Jack moved from his usual blindside role to number 8 where his ball skills proved integral in many set piece moves. A strong defender, Jack developed a knack for ripping the ball, winning back possession. Hooker **Arlen Magee** and flanker **Thomas O'Connor** both took great strides forward this year in developing their skills. Second row forward **Daniel White** was another player showing great promise, had injury not taken a chunk of the season away from him - **Ethan Montgomery** did a great job in his absence.

Callum Gilpin, Conor Jones and **Fintan McIvor** impressed in new roles this year. Having shown good rugby nous, Conor moved to partner **Calum Watts** in the centre for most of the season while Callum took his opportunity well in the



starting scrum half position for much of the year. Towards the tail end of the season Fintan worked around

his football commitments to provide solidity at full back.



Travis Broom and **David Quinlan** provided stability in the front row throughout the season and were delighted to have a key role in our signature set play! **Jack McCorkell** and **Freddie Gault** were regulars on the wing, both proving dangerous when opportunities came their way.

The team couldn't have turned out without the commitment of squad players **Callum McDonald, Mackenzie Boyd, Leo Collins, Christopher Cheshire** and both **Matthew Donnellis!**

I would like to thank the boys once again for their commitment and professional attitude, especially to those players who continued to train and attend despite limited opportunities to play. It's great to coach boys who just love the game, play for their team-mates and want to enjoy their rugby.

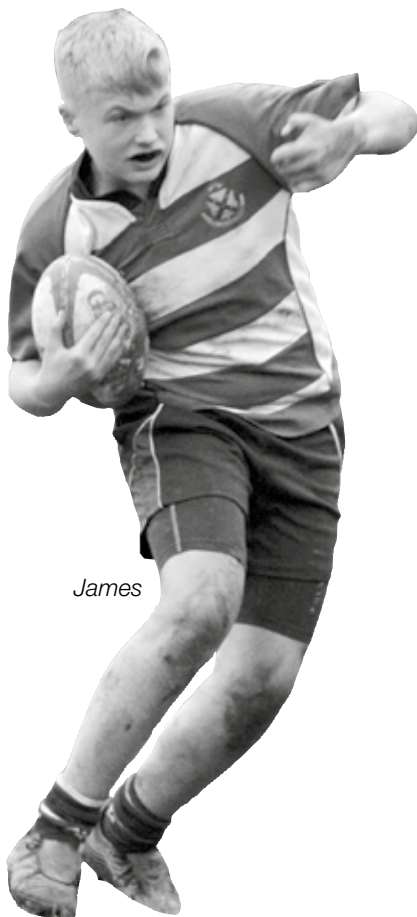
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UNDER 13

This was a solid year for the Under 13s, in terms of promising performances and building for the future. Despite some results not going our way, we showed considerable promise in some fantastic team performances. Highlights were impressive victories over Belfast High School, Carrickfergus Grammar, Enniskillen Royal and Foyle College, as well as tight matches against Cambridge House and Rainey Endowed.

Harry Ritchie and Evan Conn were the stalwarts of the front row playing at prop and hooker respectively. Harry shows tremendous ball-carrying prowess and leadership skills, while Evan is Mr Consistent, never putting in a bad performance. The final spot was shared between Noah Mullan and Connor Fitzgerald: both boys worked very hard throughout the season to turn in many fine performances. Jacob



James

Sport

Cowan also featured in the front row and never let the team down when called upon.

In the engine room of the second row we had two fantastic ball carriers in Branden and Mackenzie Guthrie. Mackenzie deserves special mention as our most improved forward over the course of the season. Each of them was particularly impressive towards the end of the season, both scoring superb individual tries. Mark Hamilton also featured in the second row, and in the front row when required: he displays excellent strength in both attack and defence.

The wing forward berths were generally occupied by Seth Guy and Kaleb Gordon. Kaleb is a player who certainly leads by example, never shying away from a tackle: I cannot remember one opposition player who broke past Kaleb in defence! He also exhibits great footwork and acceleration with ball in hand, breaking the gain line more often than not. We named Kaleb our Most Valuable Player this season. Seth, who didn't play much rugby last season, had a superb season and was undoubtedly one of the most important players in the team with his aggressive style both with and without ball in hand. He set his stall out from the very start of the year, earning Player of the Match in dominant fashion against Belfast High School in the first game of the season.

At number 8 we had our go-to ball carrier, top try scorer, and one of our vice-captains, James McLaughlin. His powerful running, strong tackling, and astute positioning in defence made James a vital part of the team over the course of the season.

Our scrum-half and captain was Josh Connolly. Josh has a fantastic work



Kaleb

rate and always leads by example on and off the pitch. Josh is fantastic in defence, rarely missing a tackle and he always harries his opposition scrum-half at the scrum, never letting the attacking team get clean ball away.

James Laird wore the number 10 shirt: he was another vice-captain, and succeeded well in leading and organising the team. He has amazing ability with his boot and made some of the best conversions seen in an Under 13 team.

Inside centre was our most experimental spot, being filled by James McLaughlin, Kaleb Gordon, Seth Guy and Dara McAuley. Each of the four players displayed great ability in this position and it was reassuring to know that we always had an all-round solid player in both attack and defence. The number 13 shirt was filled by Scott Hawthorne. Scott is excellent in attack and is one of the

most skilful and quickest boys in the squad; he showed these qualities in scoring an incredible individual try in the tournament at Grosvenor at the end of the season.

On the wings were Callum Smith, Joel Osbourne and Kacper Szubski. All three boys performed to a consistently high standard all season, proving to be tireless workers in both attack and defence. Joel Osbourne is our other Most Improved Player: not having played rugby before, he proved very important to the team, and scored his first try in impressive fashion, running over 50 metres to score against Carrickfergus Grammar. Luke Wallace, Reinold Van der Putt and Jack Lindsay also featured on the wing and never let the team down.

The full-back position was mostly occupied by Daniel McGregor: however, Finn Craig also fitted in and performed admirably. Daniel illustrated his importance through his positional play in defence, often stopping teams from scoring tries and giving the defence time to recover. Finn Craig is excellent under the high ball and is great with and without ball in hand. Finn was also our utility player, featuring all over the park including out-half, centre, wing, and even in the back row!

I would like to say a special thank you to our parental support -Simon Connolly, Jonny Gordon, Michelle McKay and Mr Laird. All were vital and the season would not have been as successful without their commitment and help.

Finally, I would like to say what a pleasure it has been to work with this group of boys, and we wish them all the best for the future. Also, the entire Under 13 squad would like to extend their thanks to the friends and family who supported the team home and away throughout the season.

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UNDER 12



We started this season with a strong cohort of players who came through mini- rugby together, and a number of new players who were really keen to learn to play rugby. Initially we held a number of skills development sessions in the summer and everyone got to know each other and made new friends. We then moved into full training sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays once the school term started.

The loss of Killian Brolly, our captain, to a broken arm one week before our first match, was a blow for the team: however, the boys really stepped up their game and took the challenge to a talented Coleraine GS team, losing out narrowly in the end.

Throughout term 1 we began to generate momentum. Christopher Smyth led the charge and was our stand- out forward (particularly at the breakdown) with Adam Dunseith and Alexander Blaha growing in

confidence with every week. In the backline we had the tried and trusted Alexander Howe and James Mackie always to the fore, with James Rhodes, Noah Graham and Antoni Zietala displaying great potential. Intense dedication and commitment were evident from all of the boys, most notably Dillon Forbes who was a great team player.

December saw the return of Killian to the fold just in time to score 7 tries in our first local derby away to Foyle College! This transpired to be our most impressive match of the season: everyone gave their all and tasted sweet victory over our local rivals with the last play of the game. Then followed a tournament at Magherafelt where we really came together as a squad and outscored all of our opponents comfortably on the day which led to a stop- off in KFC on the way home as promised by the coaches!

We delivered a strong performance against Dalriada where we won convincingly: this was followed by another tournament later in the year in Ballymoney where we secured victories against Letterkenny and Dalriada again.

Unfortunately the season was cut short due to the bad weather after Christmas, and then Coronavirus, just as we were really starting to find our stride and preparing for revenge against Coleraine GS! I would like to thank Mr Smyth, Mr Hamilton and Mr Lemon for their help in coaching this promising Year 8 squad.

We are already looking forward to next season and will be ready and raring to go as soon as we get the chance.

Mr Ryan Brolly

Squad:

K Brolly (Capt)	N Graham
C Smyth	A Howe
J Sherrard	J Rhodes
A Dunseith	A Zietala
A Blaha	L Lynch
J Baird	J Mackey
D Forbes	J Doyle
E Lang	A Deehan
R McNerlin	Z Moore
B Moore	C McArthur
C Kelly-Carton	F Bateson
C Hancock	F Montgomery
F Bateson	F Doherty
L Devine	M Rafferty



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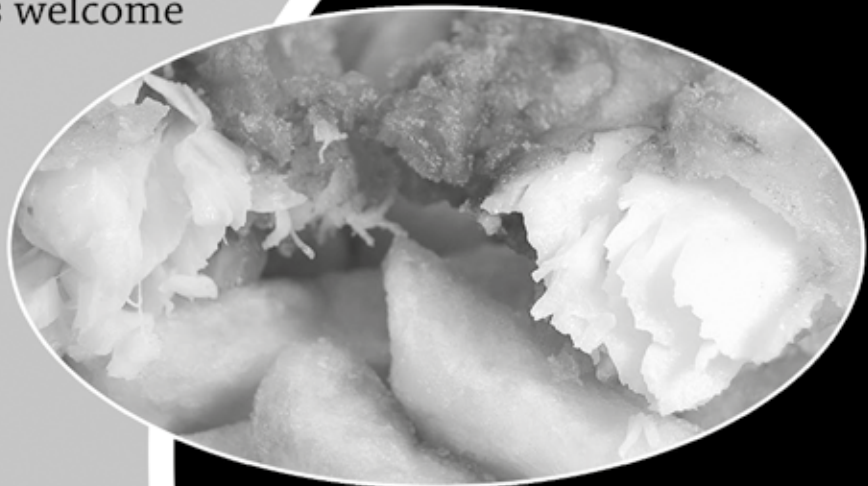
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HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Firstly, Ellen Strawbridge was an important part of the Ulster U16 squad this year. The Ulster U16s won the prestigious Interprovincial tournament in September. Ellen has had a super season and has been included in the Ulster U18 squad which will aim to resume training post Covid. Kaia Moore, our Year 11 pupil, has had to endure an extremely tough season: Kaia was included in the Ulster and Ireland U16s but missed this season due to an ACL and LET full reconstruction. Alongside Ellen, Kaia has been included in the Ulster 18s. Zara Craig, Year 12, was included in the Ulster Hockey U18 side; she played a number of

representative games, notably against Wales earlier in the season. Like the two aforementioned girls, Zara has a hugely successful hockey career ahead of her.

Three girls were included in the Ulster U15 TDP this year: Kenya McCartney, Olivia McLernon and Annabelle Hunter. These girls trained weekly in the hope of enhancing their hockey skills and careers.

Notable team achievements

The 1st XI girls performed well in the super league competition reaching the quarter finals where they were narrowly defeated by Antrim

Grammar to miss a spot in the Tier B semi-finals. It was once again Antrim Grammar who would later knock LGS out of a semi-final place in the Senior Plate.

The 3rd XI, a young Year 11 and 12 side, went on to win the High School league with convincing victories over Dalriada, Limavady High and Coleraine GS to name but a few!

In Junior Hockey, the U14s enjoyed an excellent season: the girls scored over 40 goals and conceded just five across all competitions!

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1st XI



The 2019/2020 season presented challenges for the squad but every player on the team worked hard at training and we were enthusiastic

came together as a closely-bonded squad with a positive outlook towards each match.

As we prepared for our Super League matches and Schools' Cup run, we focused on developing our tactics and strategies making use of the expertise of pupil Tommy Orr, who assisted in coaching us. We even had a training session with Katie Mullan (Captain of the women's Ireland International Hockey Team) who provided us with useful guidance and drills.

The defensive players formed a great foundation and always found a way to outlet the ball to the midfielders: they were also extremely composed whenever pressurised by quick- paced play from opposition attackers. We were fortunate to have Kenya consistently

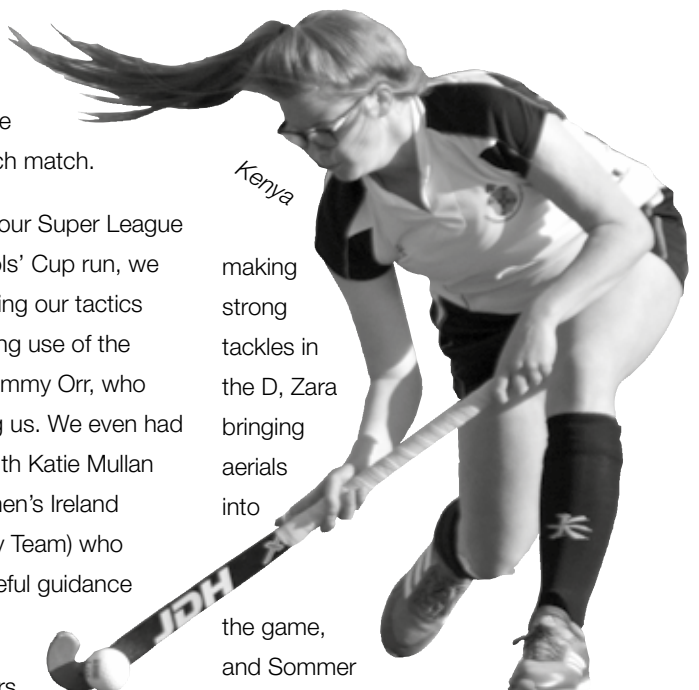
making strong tackles in the D, Zara bringing aerals into

the game, and Sommer using her great first touch to beat the opposing forward line. We also prospered due to Rebecca's skill in effortlessly dribbling the ball out of danger areas and Abbi's determination and commitment to the tackle- it's safe to say our defence played a vital part in our structure!



Ellen

and very competitive going into every game. We began with an outstanding 3-1 win against Bloomfield-this certainly set us up brilliantly for our next matches! We soon



Kenya

Sport



Olivia

hits towards goal; Natasha exhibited astonishing acceleration which allowed her to outwit opponents in the D; Amber always found space and made herself available for a pass, so enhancing our fluency, and Erin demonstrated unbelievable skill in working around the keeper-she is an amazing finisher!

Furthermore, special mention goes to very promising Year 10 players Olivia and Annabelle who both added brilliant flair to our last couple of matches.

Finally, our dedicated goalkeeper Kate consistently made astonishing saves and clearances, helping to protect our goal in each game.

Despite our efforts, some games didn't go our way; but this didn't detract from our spirit. It's safe to say that every player was an invaluable asset to the team!

We all look forward to working even harder to achieve more success next season and attaining even higher levels of performance. We also have a competitive trip to look forward to in November 2020, the Topflight Schools Nations Hockey Tournament in Glasgow for the 1st XI.

I would like to pay thanks on behalf of the team to all of the hard work and the time our coaches, Mrs. Moore and Tommy Orr, devoted to us throughout the season.

Ellen Strawbridge: Year 12

Squad: Erin Mullan (Captain), Kate Patton, Kenya McCartney, Rebecca McMullan, Zara Craig, Sommer McKeever, Abbi Poland, Faye Young, Ellen Strawbridge, Anna McLernon, Amber Saggiu, Olivia McCloy, Erin Mullan, Natasha Simmons, Ellie Mcilmoyle, Megan Nelson.



Ellie

The midfielders displayed stamina and speed in every match using their outstanding connecting play, passing and movement off the ball to bewilder the opposition. They created excellent goal-scoring opportunities with a combination of Faye's unbelievable skill and unstoppable reverse hits into the D, Anna's pace and finesse allowing her to out-manoeuve the opposition and Ellen's uncatchable speed on the wings and inviting passes through to the penalty spot. Moreover, Megan's ability to switch the ball in rapid counter-attacking play proved invaluable to us.

The forwards were superb in their urgency to go for goal, using quick passing and strong hits from the top of the D with a constant, keen eye for deflections. Ellie possessed a great work ethic and a powerful engine, always getting back to help our defence; Olivia excelled with cracking



Zara



HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS

Firstly, on behalf of the first XI squad I would like to say a massive thank-you to all coaches and staff for their continuous dedication in keeping the hockey club running this year, like every other. Without Mrs Moore, Tommy, Mr Rowan, Miss Doherty and Mrs Steen we would be unable to enjoy all the memories which we were able to create this year! Also, a big thanks to any other members of staff who came to matches on the bus and took time out of their Saturday morning to allow us to travel to our away games.

Of my seven years playing hockey at LGS, I am grateful to have finished the season with the best group of girls I could have asked for. There was never a dull day (apart from the fitness sessions). I would also like to thank the team for all of their hard work and dedication in making this another very enjoyable season. We shared many laughs and created memories which I know I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Here are some of the year's highlights which I selected from a group of countless moments over the space of this year's training sessions and matches.

BEST GAME – We contested many notable games this season. It was difficult to choose only one to talk about, but I believe our 1-0 win against Belfast High was the most memorable. The girls showed amazing fight against a very good side to achieve the victory: special mention goes to Faye who played an amazing game and earned herself player of the match. We withstood a lot of pressure from the opposition after a great goal scored by Natasha. In the end we were able to emerge with a clean sheet and the three points which allowed us to top our group and complete the group stage unbeaten with three wins from three.

BEST GOAL – We scored many goals this season which all deserve praise, but one sticks

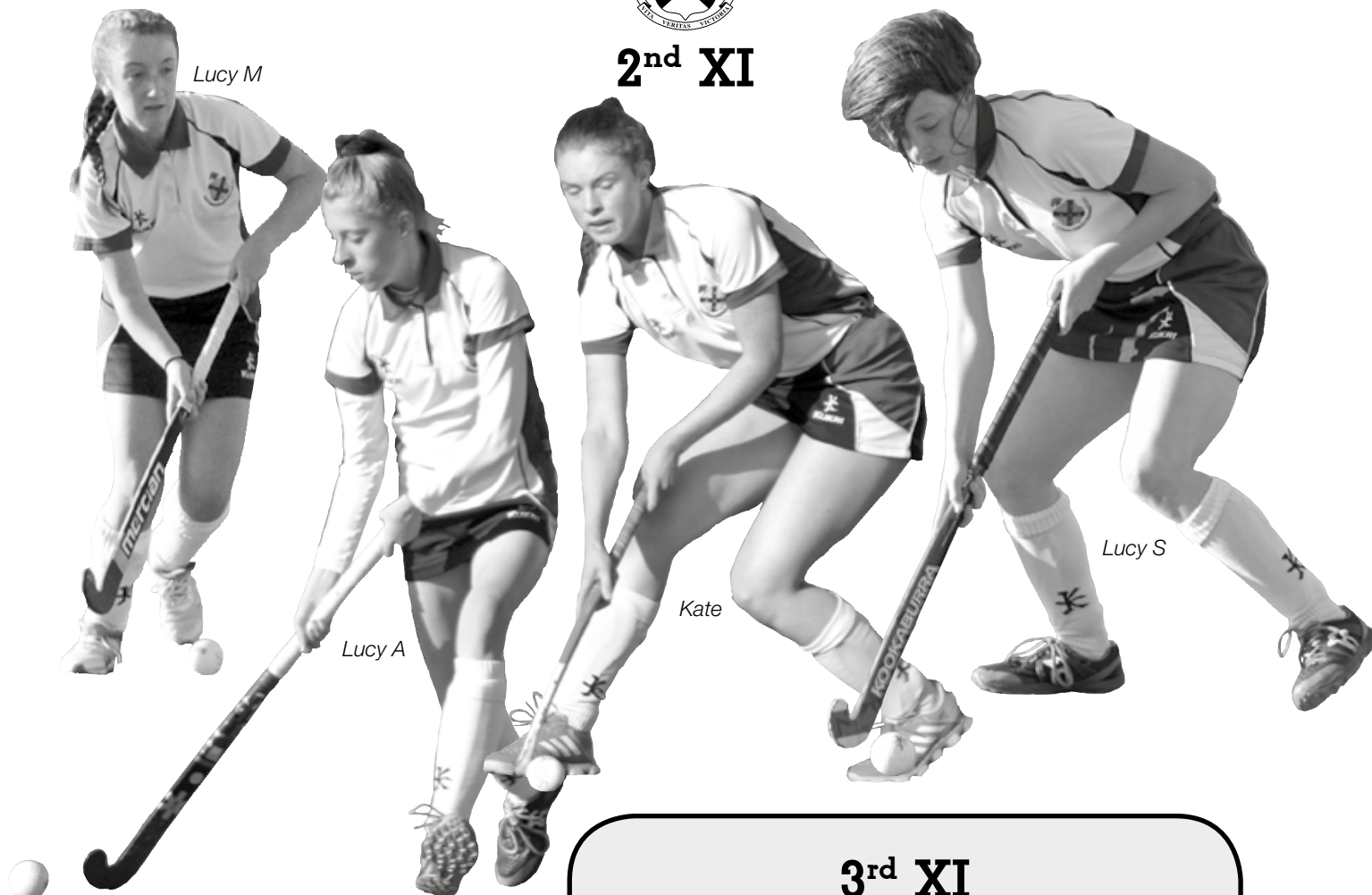
out in my memory above the others, in a very important game against Bloomfield in the Plate. With time running out and the score tied at one each, Zara carried the ball from almost her own half, showing amazing individual skill all the way to the opposition's circle and slotted the ball calmly into the net. The goal was a last -ditch effort which not only won us the match but allowed us to progress in the competition.

BEST DEFENSIVE BLOCK – A block which stands out to me is one which was involuntary but sums up the grit and spirit our team possessed. During a penalty corner against Coleraine when the game was tied at 0-0, the ball was hit in the air and collided with Rebecca's head. After this Rebecca recovered and returned to her place in the team as soon as possible, showing great resilience.

FUNNIEST MOMENT – There was never a dull moment during training and matches with the team. It's hard to pinpoint just one moment but one I find hard to admit was when I managed to only bring one sock to an away match against Antrim Grammar. This resulted in having to wear one navy sock and one red sock, I hope there aren't any photographs to prove this.

I think I speak for the whole team when I say we are slightly disappointed not to have finished the season with some silverware but myself, Kate, Amber and Natasha have completed our hockey career at LGS with an extremely enjoyable year of hockey among an amazing group of girls and have loved our time representing LGS in our school colours! The team has so much potential already and many talented players are emerging from younger year groups: I am so excited at the prospect of coming back to visit and hear about your successes in the future! Thank you and the best of luck to everyone involved!

Erin Mullan: Year 14



2nd XI

We had a really encouraging season of hockey. We played some very exciting games and won some great victories! Our team has grown in confidence and, as the season progressed, we developed together as a squad. Our most memorable performance was our match against Bloomfield where we won 9-0: it was an amazing match to be a part of! All of the girls have been committed to training and this really paid off when we secured more wins against Cambridge House (3-0) and Cookstown High School (2-0). We would all like to thank Mr Rowan and Mrs Moore for guiding us in our training twice every week to help us improve our skills and fitness: we wouldn't have made such progress if not for their dedication.

Suzanne Day: Year 13

Squad: Caitlin McConway (Captain), Kate Dallas, Emma Irwin, Adele Wallace, Rea Moore, Suzanne Day, Caitlin McMahon, Grace Arnold, Keziah McCracken, Lucy Somerville, Ellen Robinson, Hannah Anderson, Lauren Walsh, Lucy Mullan.

3rd XI

Our most memorable contest this season was against Coleraine Grammar School where we won by an impressive 3-0! We also triumphed in our league, a considerable achievement, going unbeaten until the final match.

A full team effort is required to achieve a result such as this: our victories stemmed from every player's determination to win! This determination comes from the weekly encouragement of our coach Mr Rowan, who has not only improved our techniques on the field but has had a lasting effect on our confidence. Our backs have worked well under pressure together and managed to incorporate drills learned during training. Our midfielders (who run from first whistle to last) have made many notable, strong forays up the line, while our attacking forwards have communicated brilliantly, leading to some highly impressive goals. Finally, our goalkeeper has made some truly remarkable saves!

I have thoroughly enjoyed playing with these girls this year and have learned that, while winning can feel extremely rewarding, we can also make new friendships through sport.

Jessica Morgan: Year 13

Squad: Jessica Morgan (Captain), Eve Mullan (Vice-Captain), Hannah Thompson, Hollie O'Neill, Laura Brolly, Laoise O'Hara, Ellie Halcrow, Tamara McDaid, Lucy Armour, Kirsty O'Brien, Rachel O'Connell, Lucy Hutton, Hannah Whiteside, Sarah Clarence, Amy Cuthbert, Charlotte Somerville, Joan Moore, Anna Blair, Ellen Stewart, Eden Scott.



UNDER 14

This has been very successful season for the U14A team. Playing 7 league games, numerous friendlies and Cup games, we only lost 3 out of more than 20 matches! In the league, we only lost one match, against Rainey Endowed: the score was 1-0 in this game. We gave it our all but it just wasn't to be on the day. Our biggest wins were 4-0 against Ballymena Academy and Cambridge House. As a team we felt our best win was against Coleraine Grammar School. After many years of being close rivals we were thrilled to finally achieve the win, as we had only ever drawn with them in the Derry and Antrim League.

Our best goal was a short corner against Foyle College: Charli scored and put us in the lead but it was all due to the hard work of our Year 8 goalkeeper Grace Nevin. Grace not only ably filled the role of our goalkeeper but she only conceded 1 goal in the league competition. We scored more than 40 goals this season! We are very proud.

Despite our hard work in the league and friendlies, we crashed out of the Schools' Cup against Sullivan 1-0. This was a game that we should have won so we were bitterly disappointed with our performance that day. We moved to the Plate competition and were drawn against Ballyclare, a very strong team who went on to win the competition.

We wouldn't have achieved any of this if it hadn't been for Miss Doherty, Mrs Cupples and Mrs Moore, who took our training sessions every Monday and Thursday afternoons. We had great fun and lots of laughter this season: one day Miss Doherty actually became the goalkeeper to even out the teams! Thank you so much to the teachers who give up their time to coach, umpire and work with us all season. It is not only the staff but the players who also put all their hard work into the sport. The girls are enthusiastic about every training sessions and every match and we persevere even when the weather is bad!



So thank you Miss Doherty, Mrs Cupples and all of our players; we greatly appreciate the time and effort you put in. We couldn't have done it without you!

It was a privilege for us to Co-Captain the U14 A team 2019-2020.

Olivia McLernon & Annabelle Hunter: Year 10

Squad: Emma Loughrey, Amy McGregor, Darcy Cooper, Riah Doherty, Lucy Allen, Bronagh McCloskey, Olivia Boyd, Ellen Alcorn, Grace Nevin, Alice McLaughlin, Izzy Blair.



UNDER 13



This season has been a real learning curve for the U13s. We

started to play competitive 11- a -side hockey in the Derry and Antrim League and were playing every Saturday morning. This really showed us the competitive side of the sport. While we didn't have the strongest start to the season, we worked really hard on various skills and techniques: as the year continued we really improved and showed how hard we could work as a team. Our first win

of the season was in October, 4-0 against Cookstown, and this really boosted our confidence. We then won another 4-0 victory against Raphoe the following week and this was a huge achievement: we felt this was the highlight of our season.

In the league, we played some really competitive games: we suffered our biggest defeat against a powerful Ballymena Academy side but towards the end of the season we really built ourselves back up again. We played our last match against Dalriada, losing 1-0, and later that evening Ulster Hockey stopped all hockey in the province. We will always remember that game!

This season was a great one and even though we had our ups and downs we showed we can work as a team and how much we really love our sport. When we had our downs Miss Doherty never gave up on us. We all can't wait to see what next season brings.

Alice McLaughlin: Year 9

Squad: B. O' Hara, G. Nevin, A. Conn, A. McLaughlin, A. Sloan, I. Blair, E. Wallace, S. Armour, C. Cowdry, P. Watt, R. Armstrong, E. Cowan, C. Butcher, F. Murphy, E. Donaghy.



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NETBALL



We were fortunate to conclude the Coleraine and District Netball league with some very pleasing results for the teams involved. As usual, I'm glad to report that LGS Netball Club goes from strength to strength, with 4 teams being entered in all sections of the league; Minor (Year 9), Junior (Year 10), Intermediate (Years 11 & 12) and Senior (Years 13 & 14), not forgetting our Year 8 Team who competed in the Year 8 Coleraine & District Netball Tournament.

YEAR 8

Coleraine & District Netball Tournament

Our Year 8 squad have shown excellent dedication this season with 13 girls turning out every Friday after school for training until 4.45pm, which is commitment in itself!

The squad travelled to Loreto College Coleraine on Monday 9th March to compete in the annual Coleraine & District Netball Tournament which was very competitive, and provided a great display of netball by all: it was supported by 12 schools.

Tournament Sections	
Section A	Section B
Loreto College	Our Lady Of Lourdes
Cross and Passion College	North Coast Integrated College
Dominican College	Coleraine College
Limavady Grammar	Limavady High
Dalriada	Dunluce
Coleraine Grammar	St. Marys

The girls played exceptionally well, managing to reach the semi-finals: then they were narrowly beaten by one goal, coming just before the final whistle, by Loreto, the eventual champions. The shooters of the team, Kelsie, Natalie and Emily, played very well, shooting accurately under pressure in all games. Attacking players Grace, Ava and Jessica worked well together, feeding the ball to the shooters and holding off the opposition. Our defensive players Lilly-Mae, Zara and Emma tried very hard to keep the ball out of our net and area.

The girls had a very memorable day, gaining valuable experience and having some fun! They were a pleasure to take away for the day and represented LGS with great pride. Captain Ava Cooper was an exceptional player during the day and was rewarded for her efforts when she was nominated by other schools for Player of the Tournament – well done Ava!

Year 8 Squad:

GS – Kelsie Allen/Natalie Allen

GA – Emily Smyth

GK – Grace Nevin

C – Ava Cooper (Captain)

WA – Jessica McMichael

WD – Lilly-Mae Priestly

GD – Zara Gillespie/Emma Proctor

Subs:

Amy Bradley

Grace Dean

Laila Sharkie

Lili Morrow

Ellen Gibbons

Jenna Boyd

MINOR: YEAR 9

The Minor Team had a very successful season, **winning their league section!**

The girls have progressed this year, bonding superbly whilst learning new tactics and strategies. Captain Annie Devenney has really grown in confidence and skill level. Annie played a key role in supporting all players during this season. With her quiet but controlled manner she always motivated herself and her team mates to reach their full potential. The shooters Millie, Alice, Emily and Skye have been consistent in every match with the defensive and attacking players working together to make the team develop.

Minor Team/Squad:

GS – Alice McLaughlin/Skye Johnston

GA – Millie Kerr/Emily Cowan

WA – Eimear McFlynn

C – Annie Devenney (Captain)

WD – Aimee Colgan

GD – Ellie-Kelly Carton

GK – Maura Smart/Nicole Herbison

Subs: Faye Hassan

Taylor McLaughlin

Amy Loyd



JUNIOR: YEAR 10

The Junior squad drew a tough section this season with Loreto, Dominican and Cross & Passion College to play. The team fought hard throughout each game ending up in second place overall. Captain Bronagh McCloskey always led by example and indeed worked hard in developing the team's tactics and strategies alongside myself during training. The team are growing together each year and have a strong attacking unit in Charli Burnside and Tiegan Butcher, our consistent shooters, with Amy McFarland and Aislinn McDermott playing WA and C respectively. The defence are also developing their fitness, skills and tactics with Bronagh McCloskey in WD, Orlaigh Gannon and Zoe Kershaw in GD and Emily Harnett, who is an exceptional Goalkeeper.

Junior Team/Squad	Subs:
GS – Tiegan Butcher	Annabelle Hunter
GA – Charli Burnside	Lucie McGee
WA – Amy McFarland	Clara McAteer
C – Aislinn McDermott	
WD – Bronagh McCloskey	
GD – Orlaigh Gannon/Zoe Kershaw	
GK – Emily Harnett	

INTERMEDIATE: YEARS 11 & 12

The Intermediate team finished in third place in this year's Coleraine & District league. We had quite a few clashes this year with other sports having the same fixture dates so several of our team had to share netball with other sports. The girls still played well, working together as best they could and continuing to develop their fitness, skills and strategies. This year's Captain, Keziah McCracken, has shown excellent leadership skills in guiding the team through each match. The shooters Lia and Lily have improved with every training session and match: along with Emma Kershaw, Erin Biernat and Emily Harnett they formed a formidable defence. Centre player Zara Craig has always been very consistent and strong in her position, supporting the others particularly in attacking roles. I would like to wish Erin all the best for the future as she will be leaving LGS to begin her schooling at Lumen Christi, and for all of her dedication to LGS netball club for the past 4 years.

Intermediate Squad:	Subs:
GS – Lily Rodgers	Lara Devlin
GA – Lia Mullan	Ellie-Mae Murphy
WA – Keziah McCracken (Captain)	Laura Cole
C – Zara Craig	Lara Blair
WD – Emma Kershaw	
GD – Erin Biernat	
GK – Emily Harnett	

SENIOR: YEARS 13 & 14

The Senior girls enjoyed a competitive season this year finishing second in their league section. Cross & Passion College and Loreto College were super opponents throughout, displaying great skill levels, sportsmanship and enthusiasm in all home and away games. Our biggest rivals, as always, were Cross & Passion College: they defeated us to win the league 22:17 in our final game. I have never seen a more determined group of girls from LGS-they fought like tigers for every ball in this game. The shooting was exceptional from Chloe, Kate, Grace and Lily, despite the intense pressure from the opposition defence. Erin, as always, played a key role in coordinating tactical centre passes and motivating the girls on and off the court as team captain, not just in this game but in all league matches.

Rachel in her role as WA helped feed the ball each time into the shooting circle, again past a tight defence. Hannah, Caitlin and Adele formed a super defensive trio in all games, effectively supported by Centre Erin with her quick and agile passes around the shooting circle.

Fitness levels in the end just let us down, and a few tears were shed as this game marked the end of an era for our Year 14 team.

This group of Senior girls have been a really dedicated squad, playing together since Year 8. They finished the season on a high but with their hearts filled with emotion. These girls have shown exceptional commitment and leadership skills throughout this time, always leading by example to the younger players of the club. They have been the best of friends and knew each other inside out on the netball court. As their teacher and coach over the years we have shared some great memories, stories and heart-warming laughs. I will treasure these for ever, girls: thank you.

I wish each of you all the luck in the world in the future.
Remember you are always welcome to visit us at LGS.

Senior Squad

GS – Chloe Kelly/Lily Mullan
GA – Kate Dallas/Grace Arnold
WA – Rachel Marshall
C – Erin Mullan (Captain)
WD – Hannah Tosh
GD – Caitlin McConway
GK – Adele Wallace

Subs

Bria Hodgkiss
Abbi Poland
Caitlin O’Kane



Just a final word of thanks to all of the girls in LGS Netball Club for displaying such dedication and commitment throughout the 2019-2020 season. It is amazing to see so many of you grow in skill, knowledge and understanding of the game. We will continue to look forward to the future, working together and enjoying netball.

See you all for the 2020-2021 season.

M Sandy: Teacher in charge of Netball

Netball Recognition Awards

Year 8

Captain – Ava Cooper
Player of the Year – Ava Cooper
Most Improved Player of the Year – Kelsie Allen

Year 13 & 14 (Senior)

Captain – Erin Mullan
Player of the Year – Erin Mullan
Most Improved Player of the Year – Chloe Kelly

Year 9 (Minor)

Captain – Annie Devenney
Player of the Year – Annie Devenney
Most Improved Player of the Year – Nicole Herbison

Year 10 (Junior)

Captain – Bronagh Mc Closkey
Player of the Year – Charli Burnside
Most Improved Player of the Year – Orlaith Gannon

Year 11 & 12 (Intermediate)

Captain – Keziah McCracken
Player of the Year – Emma Kershaw
Most Improved Player of the Year – Lia Mullan

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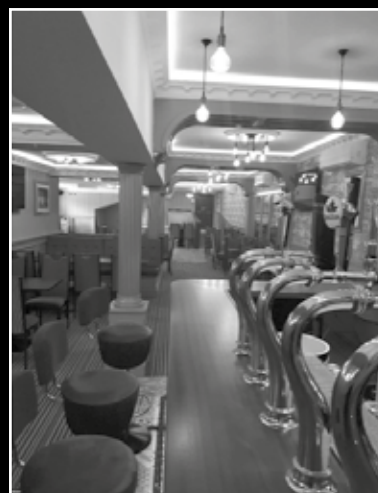
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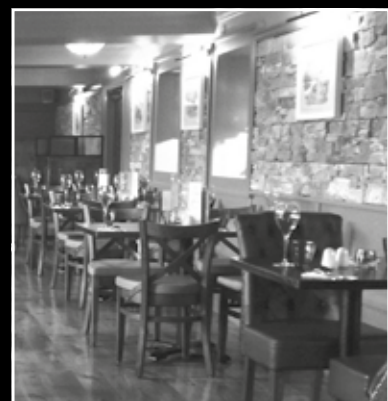
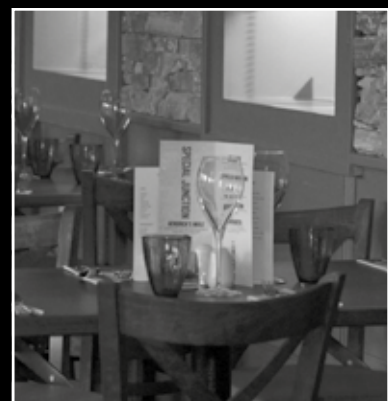
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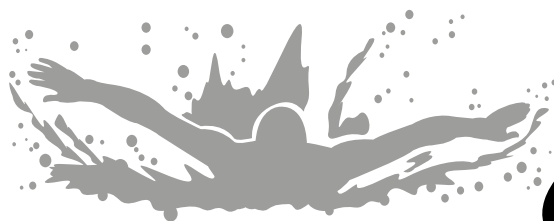
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A La Carte served 5-9pm

Lunch served 12noon-3pm





Swimming CLUB

SWIM ULSTER SCHOOLS' CUP - October 2019

Our first years' debut at the Swim Ulster Schools' Cup in Bangor was admirable. Jude, Kensa, Emilia, Adam, Tom, Ellen, Alexander and Anna were able to beat the nerves and swam bravely, achieving lots of PBs and vital experience. Special congratulations to Anna, who qualified for the Irish Minor Schools' Swimming Championships.

In the 12-14 category, we saw great swims from Abbi, Jacob and Joshua. Not having age on their side, they continued to improve their times and gain experience at this level of competition. They have much more to give next year when they will be at the top of their age band. In the same category, we witnessed some really impressive performances from Alec, Sam, Pablo and Yna, all of whom qualified for the finals and gained very respectable places in their events.



Max was the only swimmer in the 15-16 category. Having swum the 100m freestyle and the 200m IM, he came home with two personal bests and a renewed passion for competition!

The weekend ended with some of the fastest swims in the 17-19 age group, where Conor set a new personal best in the 100m breaststroke and finished 5th in the senior final.



ULSTER SCHOOLS' JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE SWIMMING CUP - January 2020

12 junior and 3 intermediate pupils represented the school in this competition in Larne, all achieving excellent Personal Best times and gaining valuable experience in competing. Their behaviour and attitude were excellent.



Well done to Yna, Alec and Sam who all reached finals. Sam came in at a very respectable 5th place in the 100m butterfly event, whilst Alec and Yna just missed out on medals by a fingertip, finishing fourth in the 100m breaststroke and IM respectively, in some nail-biting races. Special congratulations go to Alec, Sam, Pablo and Joshua, who outdid themselves to win bronze in the Boys' Medley Relay. A fantastic achievement in a tough competition of over 70 schools!

Finally, a highlight of the year:

congratulations to Yna and Conor who qualified for the very prestigious Dave McCullagh International Swimming Meet, which took place from 20th – 24th February in Bangor. Yna competed in the 100 m breaststroke and Conor in the 50, 100, and 200m breaststroke and the 100 m butterfly events. This year the competition had an especially high level, as it was attended by many international Olympian swimmers who used the meet as a training occasion for this summer Olympic Games in Tokyo. Our pupils were swimming

amongst some of the best swimmers in the world and Conor even shared a heat with the World Champion Adam Peaty!

What a great experience for both of them!

Mrs Sanchez and I would like to thank all of our dedicated swimmers and their parents for everything that they do to help with our achievements and success! Your support is greatly appreciated!

M Doherty & C Sanchez





CROSS COUNTRY

District 'C' Schools Championships

Tuesday 21st January 2020 @ Finn Valley Centre
Stranorlar Co. Donegal

The season commenced at the beginning of November with a squad of runners turning out regularly each week, attending both the Wednesday running club after school and lunch- time cross country on Fridays.

Cross Country Categories

Name	Team/Individual	Course Distance
Abbie Stevenson	Year 8 Mini Girls Individual	1700m
Jude Williams	Year 8 Mini Boys Individual	1700m
Grace Whelan	Year 9 Minor Girl Individual	2000m
Chloe Keys	Year 9 Minor Girl Individual	2000m
Owen Hancock	Year 9 Minor Boys Team	2300m
Rudy Mullan	Year 9 Minor Boys Team	2300m
Adam Irons	Year 9 Minor Boys Team	2300m
James Laird	Year 9 Minor Boys Team	2300m
Vincent Logue	Year 9 Minor Boys Team	2300m
Tom Moore	Year 10 Junior Boys Team	3200m
Rossa Mullan	Year 10 Junior Boys Team	3200m
Ben McGonigle	Year 10 Junior Boys Team	3200m
Luca Doherty	Year 10 Junior Boys Team	3200m
Isacc Mullan	Year 10 Junior Boys Team	3200m
Daniel Devenney	Year 12 Inter Boys Individual	4700m
Aaron Brown	Year 13 Senior Boys Individual	6200m

The morning began with the first competitive cross-country race involving a field of over 140 athletes in the Mini Girls category.

In the final straight and sprint for the finish tunnel, Abbie Stevenson (Year 8) was just pipped for 10th place, being pushed into 11th position but this was still good enough for her to qualify for the Ulster Schools' Championships in February. *(The top 15 in all races automatically qualify).*

Next up was another Year 8 athlete – **Jude Williams** – running as an individual in the Mini Boys' category. He ran an exceptional competitive race finishing in a well-deserved 4th position out of over 120 athletes. He also qualified for the Ulster Championships.

The third race was the Year 9 Minor Girls' race, where **Chloe Keys** and **Grace Whelan** lined up to give it their best shot. The girls ran great races, both finishing in the top 40 out of a field of over 100 runners.

Our first team to compete in these championships was the Year 9 Minor Boys. **Owen, Rudy, Adam, James** and **Vincent** lined up to race as a team in this category. Unfortunately, the boys did not qualify as individuals or as a team for the next stage, but they were very pleased with their performances and glad of the experience which they have now acquired.

Junior Boys take the title of District Schools Team Champions 2020!

Our Year 10 Junior Boys team were next to compete in the tough 3200m race.

They ran at great pace from the beginning, supporting each other when and where they could throughout. First home in our team was **Luca Doherty** in 12th place, followed closely by **Ben McGonigle** in 13th place. Next home was **Rossa Mullan** in 17th place, then **Issac Mullan** 31st and finally **Tom Moore** in 32nd.

The boys were delighted to hear that they had actually won the Junior Boys Team title of **District Schools Cross Country Champions** and had all qualified for the Ulster Schools Championships – a super achievement from these talented group of boys!

Next to race was the talented Year 12 **Daniel Devenney** in the Intermediate Boys race, with a distance of 4700m to cover. Daniel is an exceptionally dedicated athlete at both cross country and track and field, and this race proved very rewarding for him as he finished in the top 10 from over 90 competitors, gaining him an individual qualification to the Ulster Schools' Championships.

The final race of the day was the Senior Boys category in which **Aaron Brown**, Year 13, would race 6200m. Aaron maintained his own steady running pace and finished the race successfully. This was a new achievement for Aaron, as his involvement had only begun earlier in the year. Well done Aaron!

Ulster Schools Cross Country Championships

City of Belfast playing fields – Mallusk
Wednesday 12th February 2020

Jude Williams ran first in the Mini Boys race. Over 150 boys competed in this Ulster final which was a tough course with some very steep hills and muddy terrain to surmount. Jude ran an exceptional race finishing in 23rd place: well done Jude!

Next to compete was **Abbie Stevenson** in the Mini Girls race. Abbie ran another excellent race in the cold, windy conditions. The race was extremely competitive and Abbie found herself being overtaken in that final 200m, finishing in 73rd place. Her endeavours were commendable and this young athlete will also be worth watching in the seasons to come.

The Year 10 Junior boys had to make a few changes in the weeks building up to the Ulster Championships. Two of the original team members, Ben McGonigle and Tom Moore, suffered injuries during football matches therefore had to be replaced. Martin Kirk was keen to assist,

(yet another talented Year 10 sports man), and made up the missing piece for the Junior Boys' team. They finished in the top 10 in the team event which was a very commendable effort.

The final athlete to compete at the Ulster Championships was Year 12's **Daniel Devenney** in the Intermediate Boys race as an individual qualifier. Daniel finished in 30th place out of a field of 140 competitors – a super run from this experienced athlete.

All in all, it proved a very successful season of cross country: all of the athletes involved trained hard, enjoying the competition whilst gaining new experiences and memories. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents of these athletes for their continued support over the season. I am very grateful to Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Skuce and Miss Thompson who all helped with training and gave up their time to support the athletes.

A special mention to Mr Dessie Loughery for the outstanding photos taken at these events and for his kindness in driving us around the country to these various venues in the mini bus! The kids and I really appreciate it.

M Sandy: Teacher in charge of Cross Country



Track and Field Combined events

Unfortunately all athletic events were cancelled from early March 2020.

Our rising star Finn O'Neill only managed to compete a few times at the beginning of the season. He did this in his usual winning style, claiming firstly the Ulster Schools' Combined Championships title at Antrim Forum on 12th September 2019. Competing in the Under 15 event Finn managed to run the 200m and 800m in record time! He also competed in the Long jump, Shot put and 75m Hurdles, achieving further outstanding results.

Ulster Multi Event	Result
200m	25.08sec
800m	2.15.58min
75m Hurdles	11.77sec
Long Jump	4.74m
Shot Put	12.57m
	Overall Points: 2714

After claiming the Ulster Schools multi event title for LGS, Finn went on to compete in the Irish Schools' Championships wearing the school vest proudly at the indoor stadium in Athlone on 9th November 2019.

Once again Finn excelled, claiming the Irish Schools' Title. Yet another superb achievement by Finn, who is

the Irish Schools Indoor Multi Event Champion 2019.

Irish Multi Event	Result
200m	24.59 sec
60m Hurdles	9.10sec
800m	2.18.28 min
Long Jump	5.11m
Shot	13.88m
	Overall Points: 2966

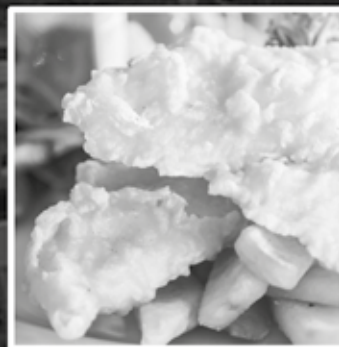
Once again, thank you to Finn's parents for their continued support, and we wish Finn all the best in his training for the next track and field season.

M. Sandy
Teacher in charge of Athletics/
Cross Country



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