

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Senior Maths Challenge Success yet again!

Pupils at Sullivan Upper School achieved 3 gold, 5 silver and 10 bronze certificates in this year's UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge. Over 80 000 pupils from across the UK returned scripts for the Senior Maths Challenge, with 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze. Congratulations to all our sixth form pupils who took part in this challenge.

Approximately 7000 of the top performing pupils in the Senior Maths Challenge are invited to sit one of the follow-on competitions – the BM01 or the Senior Kangaroo. This year Sarah Robinson, Michael Trimble and Chris McKie were invited to complete the Senior Kangaroo with Chris McKie achieving a Merit. Sarah Robinson and Michael Trimble achieved a Qualification certificate.



The Big School Cook Off

On the 24 January 2019, Niamh Fenlon (Year 9) and Kate Fenlon (Year 8) travelled to Banbridge to take part in the regional finals of 'The Big School Cook Off'; a local cookery competition run by Mount Charles Catering; SuperValu and the Irish News.

Their recipe of Lamb Koftas, Yoghurt Flatbreads, Cucumber Riata and Salad was absolutely delicious but unfortunately they were narrowly

beaten by the team from Assumption Grammar School. Congratulations to both girls on their creativity, team work and excellent cooking.



Congratulations to former pupil, Luke Hall who has been awarded a joint third prize from the Hans Sloane Award Trustees. He received a certificate and a cheque for £150 at the Award Ceremony in the Ulster Museum, on 4 January 2019.



Congratulations to Robbbie Morrow (11E) who has been selected to represent the Northern Ireland Youth League Football and will be travelling to Las Vegas for the matches.

Dates for Diary - February 2019

Th	7	Intermediate Maths Challenge	
F	8	Young Enterprise Bloomfield Trade Fair	
M	11	Junior Drama Full Day Rehearsal	
Tu	12	Junior Drama Full Day Dress Rehearsal and Matinee Performance for Prep	
Tu-W	12-13	Junior Drama Evening Performance	
F-F	15-22	School Ski Trip to Switzerland	
M-F	18-22	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	School Closed
F-M	22-25	Trip to Iceland	
M	25	Yr8 Parental Consultation 1.00-3.30	Early closure at 12.25, buses provided at 12.30
Tu	26	Yr12 Subject Choice Interviews	1.00-3.30
Th	28	Yr12 Subject Choice Interviews	1.00-3.30

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Fencing: Sullivan at Round 3 of the NI Junior Foil Series

Sixteen Sullivan Upper Fencers took part in Round 3 of the NI Junior Foil Series, held last Saturday 12 January 2019 in the Sullivan Sports Hall. A total of 7 medals were won by SUFC fencers from across 5 different age group categories.

U12 Girls

With the winner of Round 2 out with a broken wrist (SU's Sophia Cahill), year 8 Alexandra Ong, in her first competition, was left as the only Sullivan entrant in this category. She won all her poule fights and made the final, finishing with the silver medal.



Alexandra wins U12F silver

U14 Girls

There were 3 SU fencers in this age group. Charlie Beimers and Grace Houston were knocked out in the quarter-finals to finish 6th and 7th, while Alex Atkinson made the semis, but was beaten 10-15 by the eventual winner to take bronze.



Alex wins U14F bronze

U14 Boys

In this, probably the toughest of the competition categories, Arnav Arava finished just outside the medals in 5th place, while Alexander Penny and Adam Caldwell both also made the quarter-finals, finishing 7th and 8th. Positions 9 to 12 were all filled by SU fencers: Cameron Kitchen, Keir Murray, Finn Neely and Edward Lilley (in his first competition).



SU fencers at NIJFS Round 3

U16 Girls

SU dominance continued in this age group, with Victoria Morris winning her third successive gold medal and Izzy Evans taking her 2nd silver in a repeat of the final of Round 2. This time the beaten semi-finalists and joint bronze medal winners were Angharad King and Rachel McKillen.



Victoria, Izzy, Angharad, Rachel
U16F medallists

U16 Boys

Cormac Kitchen won his 3rd consecutive bronze medal in the U16s, his competition consistency carrying him to Number 1 in the rankings at this, the half-way point in the season.

Round 4 takes place on Sunday 3 February 2019 in the Queen's Leisure Centre in Holywood.

Celebrating Success - CCEA Top Candidates at GCSE 2018

Faye McKee (Religious Studies), Ellen McCormick (Moving Image Arts), Aimee Noble (Home Economics), Daniel Fry (Home Economics)



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Fencing: Sullivan at the Irish National Team Championships

On Sunday 13 January 2019, 6 Sullivan fencers, plus coach, travelled to the National Irish Pentathlon Centre in Blanchardstown near Dublin to represent Sullivan Upper in the Irish Team Fencing Championships. The 6 SU fencers made up 2 teams: the 'Masketeers', consisting of Victoria Morris (captain), Izzy Evans and Ruzi Statham, and 'Allez RAA', consisting of Alex Atkinson (captain), Rachel McKillen and Angharad King.



A tough competition lay ahead for the 2 young SU teams, in their first experience of senior team fencing. All the other teams in the event were from Irish University Clubs, with Trinity College Dublin fielding a strong team (including one international) and starting as clear favourites.

After the poule fights, Allez RAA (Rachel, Alex, Angharad) failed to make the cut, but only after putting in some strong performances against older and much more experienced fencers. The Masketeers fared better in their poule fights, but after losing to University College Dublin, they went on to win a third place fence-off against University College Cork and bronze medals! The event was won by Trinity College.



Sullivan Upper Sports Club

The Sports Club was established approximately

30 years ago for parents and staff. It still meets on a Tuesday and Thursday night in the Sports Hall. There are a couple of events you may be interested in:

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30 Ladies Aerobics £5

Thursday 7.30 - 8.30 Men's Circuits £5

If you were interested in playing 5 a side football, there are a few places on a Tuesday night at 9.00 pm.

Please come along to the ladies' aerobics and the men's circuits.

If interested in the football call school and leave a message and someone will be in contact.

Sullivan Upper Sports Club Committee



MUSIC

December was as usual a busy month for the Music department. The Jazz Group and Junior Singers sang at Victoria Square, the Junior Choir at Bloomfields Shopping Centre and the Sullivan Singers Chamber Choir at the Harbour Commissioners' Office, Belfast. The school band led the service at a charity Nine Lessons and Carols service in Holywood Parish, which was also the venue for the school carol service. Many thanks to all those parents, past pupils and friends who supported the carol service.



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The Music Department recently hosted a choral workshop conducted by the new artistic director of the Ulster Youth Choir, Andrew Nunn. After an entertaining hour of vocalising and developing choral technique, a number of pupils auditioned for one of the three provincial youth choirs who come together each summer for a residential course and series of concerts.



Top of the Bench Competition

On Thursday 24 January 2019, Dayna Laird (Yr12), Corin McCrea (Yr11) and Alex Penny and Euan Shirt (Yr10)

represented Sullivan in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench Competition at Queen's



University. This prestigious competition consists of a paper test, a practical investigation and a quiz round and tests Chemistry topics from KS3 and GCSE. Although we didn't win on this occasion, an enjoyable and informative night was had by all!



District Cross Country Results 2019

Well done to all who competed at the District Cross Country competition at the Billy Neill Centre on Wednesday 30 January. There were some excellent results

Qualifiers for the Ulsters:

Mini Girls – Rebecca Beggs 9th

Mini Boys – Oliver Playfair 12th

Minor Girls – Niamh Fenlon – 4th, Ava Downey 5th and Rachel Anderson 12th

Minor Boys – Jacob McKittrick 1st, Ryan Drain 5th, Jamie Gaw 6th and Jamie Morris 15th

Intermediate Girls – Tara McDonough 2nd

In the team events the Minor Boys and Girls came 1st and the Inter Girls came 3rd.

Ulster Schools Swimming Gala

The following pupils represented the school at the Swim Ulster Schools Junior /Intermediate Cup Swimming Gala in Larne: Emily Cairns, Emily Calvert, Eden Day, Katie Miskelly, Evan Coulter, Oliver Duffield, Anna Park, Rachel Wolseley and David Stinson. Particular congratulations to the following pupils on their individual success: Evan Coulter 2nd in both the 11-14 Butterfly and 100 IM, Rachel Wolseley 2nd in the Intermediate 100 Fly and David Stinson 2nd in the Intermediate Breaststroke.



Madi Crawshay-Ralston (Year 11) achieved a Gold medal in the National Diving League Competition held recently.

