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Dates for Diary - May 2019

W	1	Yr13 Chemistry AS Practical	9.00-1.00
F	3	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Practice Expedition	
M	6	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Th	9	Yr14 Chemistry A2 Practical	9.00-1.00
Sa-Su	11-12	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Expedition	
M	20	School examinations begin Yrs 8-11	
Tu	21	GCSE Mathematics, GMC3, GMC4	
F	24	School examinations finish Yrs 8-10	
M	27	School Development - Day 5	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
W	29	School examinations finish Yr11	

BADMINTON SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Minor Boys badminton team, who after winning the Division 1 Ulster finals travelled to Gormanston outside Dublin to compete in the All Ireland Finals and finished second overall in a very close competition. Blackwater C.S (Munster) came first, Sullivan second and St. Aidans (Leinster) third. Thanks goes to Mr McNeill who coached the team and travelled to the event. The Minor boys team were: Patrick Gemmell, Luke Henderson, Jude Moran, Daniel Griffin and Toby Moore



Ulster U21 Hockey success

Over the Easter holiday period, the school was well represented in the Ulster U21 hockey team which played a 3-match series against Ireland. Matthew Morris (Y14), Harry Morris (Y14), Fraser Todd (Y13) and Michael Trimble (Y13) all played a part in Ulster's fine 2 matches to 1 series victory.

Spring Concert

Over 320 pupils performed a varied musical programme to a full house at the annual Spring Concert held at the beginning of April in the Ulster Hall.



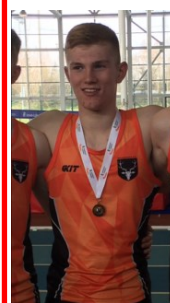
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Cross Country Irish Success

The Minor Boys Cross Country team celebrating coming second in the Irish Cross Country competition:

Ryan Drain, Jamie Morris, Max Killiner, Jamie Gaw and Jacob McKittrick.



Rory Carson Y11 picked up a bronze in U18 4x200m at the National Indoor Ireland Junior Championships Athlone 6 April 2019.



Lily Smith (Year 8) represented Ireland in the international primary school table tennis championships (includes children in year

8). She played brilliantly alongside a mixed team of Ireland, Isle of Man and Jersey before then competing in the individual tournament on Sunday. She again played very well and you can see her receiving a runner-up consolation round medal after she had beaten strong opposition to make the final.

BANGOR INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL 2019

The Sullivan Singers Chamber Choir recently performed at the Bangor Choral Festival and were runners-up in the Grammar School section of the competition.



Congratulations to the eight Year 14 Chemistry pupils who took part in the first round of the UK Chemistry Olympiad 2019 organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). This is a very challenging examination that tests pupils well beyond the scope of A-Level Chemistry. Well done Jack McNeill,

Nathan Keown, Isaac Hart, Sarah Robinson, Claire O'Hagan and Leah Hood on winning a Silver award and Matthew Willis and Lumi Kanwei on winning Bronze.

Tom Uprichard (Year 13), David Stinson (Year 12) and Evan Coulter (Year 10) swam on the Ulster team, competing at the 2019 Irish Schools Interprovincial Gala in Dublin.



Speech and Drama success

At the recent Lagan Festival of Speech, Drama, Music & Art, Luke Dougan (Year 13) won the Bank of Ireland Perpetual Trophy for Public Speaking with David Good (Year 12) coming second in the same class. Congratulations to both boys, who are also due to take their Grade 8 Public Speaking exams this May, having both gained distinctions, along with Patrick Latimer (Year 13), in their Grade 7 examinations with LAMDA before Christmas.

After 3 heats over a week, Rowel Friers (Year 12) came through the finals to win the "Patricia Read Cup" at the Feis Ceoil competition.



Rowel also became the Rotary Northern Ireland young musician of the Year 2019.



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Christian Aid Assembly

David Thomas from Christian Aid returned to Sullivan this month to receive the cheque of £487 that Year 10 pupils raised in December when they cycled the length of Malawi. David spoke to Year 10 pupils about how their money would be used in the Pigeon Pea project running in Malawi, transforming the lives of those in rural areas. Pictured below: David Thomas, Year 10 pupils, Matthew Bailie and Kirstin Gregory; and Geography teacher, Miss Brown.



Congratulations to Conor McKee and George Saunderson who were selected to represent the IRFU U18 schools squad for the 2019 U18s 6 Nations Festival in Gloucester



Dr Mike Simms Senior Curator of Natural Sciences with National Museums Northern Ireland shared his knowledge of local geology with Year 10 Geographers.



Inter-House Shield

Throughout 2018/19 the four houses have been competing in various house events.

The final house points were:

1st Praeger (107 points); 2nd Speers (86 points) and joint 3rd Grant and McAlester (78 points)

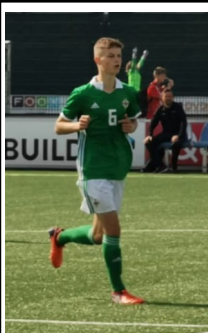
At Junior Assembly on Monday 29 April, Mr Peel presented the Inter-House Shield to the Praeger House Captains, Peter Casement and Hannah Jemphrey.



Youth International football representation

Harry Wilson (Year 11) was a member of the Northern Ireland U16 football squad which participated in a UEFA U16 development tournament in Bulgaria from 11 to 17 April. They played 3 matches beating Luxembourg and Wales and drawing with Bulgaria.

Harry then played with the Northern Ireland U15 squad in the Rotterdam Cup in the Netherlands, 20 to 22 April. The squad finished in 6th place out of 24 teams from top European club academies.



Year 14 Geographers and Staff enjoyed an evening with Simon Reeve, the world-famous BBC TV presenter and journalist. Chased by pirates, hounded by the Mafia and bombed by Columbian barons, Simon recounted tales from over 15 years of travelling to the most remote and extreme corners of the planet.



AS Geography Fieldwork

Year 13 geographers enjoyed a mild day at Murlough Nature Reserve studying the sand dune ecosystem.



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HOUSE HOCKEY COMPETITIONS

Our two house hockey competitions were very enjoyable yet very competitive. It was great to see some old faces out playing in the senior one. Thanks to all the captains for their organisation and the Heads of Houses for their support.

Senior results:

1st – Grant, 2nd – Praeger, 3rd – Speers, 4th McAlester

Junior results:

1st – Praeger, 2nd – McAlester, 3rd – Speers, 4th – Grant



GIRLS HOCKEY

Our annual hockey and netball awards dinner was held in The Park Avenue Hotel with over 120 girls and staff attending. We celebrated another very successful season and presented over 30 awards.

Awards were given for Top Goal Scorers, Most Improved Players, Players of the Year and Outstanding Contribution to Junior hockey: Emily Rose and Libby Cheyne; Senior hockey: Hannah Jemphrey and Beth Young



Girls Golf – Ulster Schools Competition

Well done to the Junior and Senior Girls Golf teams who recently participated in the Ulster Schools' competition at Carnalea GC. The Junior team of Anna Brewster (Yr8), Anna Weiniger and Katie Nevin (both Yr10) won the Junior category and qualified for the All Ireland competition.



Well done Anna, Anna and Katie who competed in the All-Ireland Golf competition at Milltown GC, Dublin. The girls played very well and were placed 3rd on the day against tough competition. Anna Brewster was also awarded the Best Overall Junior Gross Score.



Sam Rutherford 12E has been successful in getting one of the four Irish qualification places for this year's Laser Radial Dinghy Youth Worlds in Toronto Canada. Sam has been training hard over the winter both on his sailing and on his fitness including strength and condition sessions with PNY performance specialists.

For the next few months he will be competing across Ireland and GB before he leaves for Canada mid July to train in the run up to the World Event which starts 24 July 2019.



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Fencing: N Ireland Junior Foil Series Round 6 and Series Round-Up

The 6th and final round of the 2018-2019 NI Junior Foil Series took place last Sunday 7 April at Hunterhouse College in South Belfast. Fifteen Sullivan fencers took part and between them set a new SU record of 11 medals won on the day: 2 gold, 3 silver and 6 bronze. And afterwards, when the series points totals were calculated, 8 Sullivan fencers emerged as championship trophy winners, including Victoria Morris who won a series 1st place trophy to become N Ireland U16 Girls Foil Champion.

U12 Girls

Year 8s Alexandra Ong and Sophia Cahill met in the U12G final in a repeat of the Round 5 final, with Alexandra again taking gold and Sophia silver. Both collected championship trophies, Sophia finishing the year in overall 2nd place and Alexandra in 3rd.

U12 Boys

Oliver Playfair was the only SU entrant in the U12B category. Seeded 7th after the poule stage, he then proceeded to knock out the number 2 seed in a close run quarter-final, winning 10-9. Though beaten in his semi-final, Oliver came away with his 2nd bronze medal of the year.

U14 Girls

Year 8 Charlie Beimers and year 10 Alex Atkinson were SU representatives in the U14G age group. Charlie finished 7th, while Alex battled through to the semi-finals, only to lose to the eventual winner 11-12 in a close fight that involved an extra time tie-break after the 2 fencers were tied at 11-11 at full time. However, the points gained by her bronze medal finish lifted Alex to 3rd place in the overall series standings, and the championship 3rd place trophy.

U14 Boys

Five SU fencers competed in this category: Alexander Penny, Arnav Arava, Finn Neely, Adam Caldwell and Keir Murray. Adam, Keir and Finn finished 5th, 8th and 9th, while Alexander and Arnav met each other at the semi-final stage. Alex won this meeting 15-11 to go on to the final, Arnav taking bronze. Alexander lost the final 11-15 to take the silver medal, but the points gained from this 2nd place finish added just enough points to take him into the series overall 3rd place and the championship 3rd place trophy.

U16 Girls

The U16G event was an all-Sullivan affair, with SU fencers taking all 4 medals: Victoria Morris gold, Izzy Evans silver and Rachel McKillen and Angharad King the bronze medals. This was Victoria's 5th round win of the year, taking her into an unassailable series points lead and the U16 Girls Championship winner's trophy. Izzy's five 2nd places and Rachel's five 3rd places from across the year easily took them to the overall championship 2nd and 3rd places and trophies. The overall series 4th and 5th places were also taken by SU fencers: Angharad King 4th and Ruzi Statham 5th.

U16 Boys

From the start of the 2018-19 year, Cormac Kitchen had been the lone SU representative in the U16B category. This time he finished 3rd to take his 4th bronze medal of the year, and enough series points to secure him the overall championship 3rd place trophy.



Conor Brannigan (12A) and Owen Brannigan (10W) participated in the recent European Brass Band Championships held at Montreux Switzerland (26-28 April), where they represented Northern Ireland as members of the 1st Old Boys Senior Silver Band. The band were placed 3rd (with 92 points), narrowly being defeated by the bands representing Germany (95 points) and Lithuania (93 points).

