

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - December 2017

Friday 1 December	School Examinations Finish for Years 8-14	
Saturday 2 December	3rd AQE Assessment	10.00-11.00
Monday 4 to Friday 8 December	Year 13 Work Experience Week	
Thursday 7 December	Year 14 Formal	4.30-9.30
Friday 8 December	Year 10 Learn to Earn	
Wednesday 20 December * New Date *	Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church	7.30
Thursday 21 December	School Finishes for Years 11, 12 and 13	At 11.00
	School Finishes for Years 8-10 & 14	12.00
Fri 22 December to Wed 3 January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed

Hockey News

Congratulations to the following pupils who have made it through to the Ireland selection process, at U18: Callum Carson, Fergus Gibson, Harry Morris, Matthew Morris and Tom Robson; at U16: Djay Erskine, Patrick Rose and Harrison Dunlop.



MUSIC NEWS

Above is a photo of Max Paul, Micah Lee, Owen Brannigan, Conor Brannigan, Patrick Haley, Cathryn Lynch and Shane Harte, which was taken at the European Championships in Ostend in May 2017, where they represented Northern Ireland, competing against bands from Norway, England, Scotland and Belgium.

Shane Harte, Conor Brannigan, Owen Brannigan, Max Paul and Patrick Haley were part of the 1st Belfast Old Boys Youth Band this year, as they won the Championship of Ireland Youth Brass contest in Armagh on 14 October 2017. This qualifies the band for the European Championships again.



Tri-nations champions

Sam Dugan (Year 8) recently competed for Ireland in the 'Tri Nations Champions'

in Edinburgh at the Royal Commonwealth pool in a 2-day event. He was a medallist on both days, winning silver and bronze medals.

Ollie Butt, Ellen Isgin and Ella Andrews - winners of the **Geographical Association (NI) World Wise Quiz** in November 2017.



Don't forget Thursday 14 December is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the charity Save The Children.

The Royal Yachting Association North East of England Youth Sailing Championships, took place at Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club over the weekend of 4 and 5 November. Sullivan Upper Sailor, Sam Rutherford, took a

fantastic second place overall in the Laser Radial Class.



Year 8 Student Council members visit Pudsey Bear at the BBCNI for **Children in Need** day. The class reps handed over a cheque for £705. Pictured are: Bella Maxwell, Eve Mansfield, Noah Shine, Jacob Craythorne and Finn Neely.



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Fencing - Sullivan at Round 1 NI Junior Foil Series



The NI Junior Foil Series consists of 6 fencing competitions held throughout the school year, each round held in a different school or club. There were 12 Sullivan fencers entered in Round 1 held on Saturday 4 November 2017 in Grosvenor Grammar School.

In the U14 Girls category Alex Burke and Izzy Evans both took bronze medals, finishing joint 3rd, with Rachel McKillen finishing 5th and Ruzi Statham 7th.

Alexander Penny was 10th in the U14 Boys, Cormac Kitchen and Jonathan Mallon 7th and 8th in the U16 Boys, while Year 8 pupils John Kane, Jonathan Mallon, Finn Neely, Arnav Arava and Cameron Kitchen all competed for the first time.

Round 2 takes place on Saturday 9 December 2017 in RBAI in Belfast.

BOYS HOCKEY - McCullough Cup

Congratulations to the boys hockey team on winning the Semi-Final of the McCullough Cup. Full-Time Score was: Sullivan Upper 2 (Matthew Willis, Fergus Gibson) - Banbridge Academy 1

The Final is on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 2.00 pm at Lisnagarvey Hockey Club. It would be great to see as many supporters as possible.



In this year's **Kids' Lit Quiz** held at Wellington College, our Year 8 team came 3rd (having lost out on 2nd place by one point in a tense tie-break situation) with our Year 9 team just 5 points behind in 12th place. The Prep team also performed well out of 29 teams from across NI. It was a great afternoon with 100 challenging

questions on a wide range of reading-related matters and our teams won book tokens and books for spot prizes.

The following pupils represented the school at the **Ulster Schools Swimming Gala** on Saturday – Charlie Brown, Evan Coulter, Tiffany Fong, Gethin Lloyd, Conor McKeown, Anna Park, David Stinson, Jake Thompson and Rachel Wolseley. Particular congratulations to David Stinson who came first in the intermediate boys breaststroke and third in the intermediate boys freestyle, Evan Coulter who came second in the junior boys fly and Rachel and Anna who qualified for finals.



The following past and present Moving Image Arts pupils won awards at the annual

CCEA MIA Showcase. The award ceremony and screening was held in the Odyssey last Thursday and was attended by Industry professionals and University partners. The awards were as follows:

GCSE Best Film: 3rd place - **David Neill**

A2 Best Animated Film: 3rd place - **Piers Niblock**

A2 Best Film: 2nd place – **Taran Mitchell.**



Kathleen Smartt (Yr 14) has received a British Nutrition Foundation (BNF) Education Award for outstanding achievements in her food and nutrition studies. Kathleen's Nutrition and Food Science teachers Miss Thomson and Mrs Dalzell also received an award for their ongoing commitment and support. The awards were presented by the BNF's patron, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, at the annual BNF Education Award ceremony in London, on Tuesday 14 November 2017.

Kathleen was awarded for her outstanding results in the CCEA A Level qualification.

