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Dates for Diary - March 2016

Tuesday 8 March	Year 9 Parental Consultations	4.00-6.30 pm
Wednesday 9 March	Year 12 GCSE Drama Performance	
Wednesday 16 March	Spring Concert at Ulster Hall	7.30 pm
Thursday 17 March	St Patrick's Day - Traditional Group at Down Cathedral	School Closes at 12.40 pm
Friday 18 March	Exceptional Closure Day	School Closed to pupils
Sat 19-Sat 26 March	Ski Trip to New Hampshire	
Mon 21 Mar-Fri 1 Apr	Easter Holidays	School Closed



In January 2016, at the Cycling Ulster Awards, Nathan Keown (11D) was presented with a bronze medal for 3rd place in the Ulster U14 Time Trial competition. Nathan was a member of the the U14 Ulster Cycling squad which competed at international youth championships in Kanturk, Co Cork and Errigal, Co Donegal.

Congratulations to the Year 8 girls team who won the Year 8 Badminton Tournament held at Hunterhouse in December.

Team: Hannah Boyd, Sarah Baker, Rachel White, Lucy Cunningham.



Ross Hancock (Yr 13) was selected to play for the Belfast Giants Ice Hockey Team. He made his debut in two exhibition matches on 12 and 13 February and will become the youngest player ever to play for the Giants. Congratulations to Ross on this tremendous achievement.



Team Polaris at the Young Enterprise Trade Fair



in Bloomfield Shopping Centre on Friday 5 February 2016 where they picked up the 'Mystery Shopper' award.

Sam Rutherford 9C recently competed at the UK Laser 4.7 dinghy Winter Championships which included the Great Britain selections for places at the 2016 World and European Championships. Qualification was held over two weekends at Queen Mary Sailing Club in Staines Middlesex and Draycote Water Sailing Club Rugby. With the recent storms passing through the UK, conditions on both weekends were difficult with winds in excess of 50mph and temperatures close to freezing. Despite this and still being the youngest in the fleets at 13, Sam managed to finish in the top 18 boys in the UK, giving him a well earned GBR place the World Championship in Kiel Germany later in the year.



Isaac Hart (11C) recently took part in the NI & Ulster Indoor Track & Field Championships 2016. He won silver in the U16 200 meters race and now qualifies to take part in the all Ireland finals in Athlone.

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District Cross Country Results

Well done to all those who took part in the competition under very muddy conditions on 28 January 2015 at Delamont! The following pupils qualified for the Ulster event (see below). Year 8 Girls Team – 1st (Tara McDonough, Lucy Lockhart, Rachel Wolseley, Sarah Gaw, Katie Kimber, Rachel White). Senior Boys Team -2nd (Stephen Hodgson, Jacob Robinson, Ryan Wolseley, Alex Mills, Connor Trimble, Daniel Watkins, Joe Heatley).

The top 15 in each race also qualify. Individuals from Sullivan are:

Tara McDonough (1st), Rachel Wolseley (5th), Lucy Lockhart (14th), Ella Andrews (13th), Rory Carson (5th), Nia McNally (7th), John McNally (10th), Stephen Hodgson (3rd), Jacob Robinson (7th), Alex Mills (9th), Connor Trimble (13th), Rachel Gillespie (5th).



Year 8 Girls with their winners shield

SWIMMING



At the annual Ulster Secondary Schools Gala on Saturday 6 February 2016, the junior boys relay team of Tom Uprichard, Andrew White, Mark Stinson and David Stinson came second overall in both the Medley and Freestyle relay events. The junior girls relay team of Amy Kimber, Emma Hanna, Tori Harding, Rachel Wolseley, Tara McDonough and Rachel White came third overall in both the Junior Medley and Freestyle relay events. Tom Uprichard came first overall with gold medals in both the individual breaststroke and freestyle events and Rachel Wolseley came second overall in the 12 year old 100 m breaststroke and third overall in the 12 year old 100m fly events. Jessica Chrisop also came third in both the 17 and over butterfly and 200 individual medley events.

Two Year 8 pupils qualified and represented the school at the Irish Minor Schools Gala in Dublin on Sunday 9 February 2016 - Matthew Latimer and Katie Kimber. Particular congratulations to Katie who came first in Ireland in 11-12 year old 50 metre back and fly events.



Ulster Cross Country Results

Well done to all those who competed in the Ulster Cross Country competition at Mallusk on 10 February. Congratulations to the Year 8 girls team who came second and especially to Tara McDonough who came 7th overall and Rachel Wolseley who finished 11th. Also Rory Carson (Year 8) who finished 8th. Finally John McNally (Year 10) who finished 13th and now qualifies to compete in the All Ireland Competition in Sligo on 5 March - we wish him well in this final.



Ellen McCormick (10C) enjoyed great success recently at the Belfast Musical Festival of Speech and Drama, held at the Lyric theatre. Not only did Ellen win each of her individual classes in Monologue, Shakespeare Monologue, Duologue, Acted Scene and Bible Reading, Ellen was also awarded the overall Festival Trophy for Junior Drama along with the Festival Cup for the Most Memorable Shakespeare Performance at the Prizewinners Gala.



Well done to Alana Smyth in 9K. Alana won the Northern Ireland Irish Dancing Championships for the 4th consecutive year. She also won her couples and 3-hand championships.

Congratulations to Helen Wright (12G) who has been selected to attend a residential programme with the BFI Film Academy in Bristol.

Adam Lockhart (10P) has been selected to represent Northern Ireland at the British Sailing Winter Championships to be held in Weymouth.