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February 2020**

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DATES FOR DIARY - MARCH 2020

W	4	Yr9 Parental Consultation from 1.00 pm	Early Closure @12.30
Th	5	World Book Day	
Sa-Su	7-8	Fencing Club Belfast Open Fencing Tournament	
Tu	10	AS Geography Field Trip	
Tu	10	HPV Vaccination 2	
Th	12	AS Geography Field Trip	
Th-F	12-13	GCSE Physics Practical Exams	
Tu	17	School Development - Day 4	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
Tu	17	Traditional Group at Down Cathedral	
Th	19	Maths Intermediate Olympiad – Kangaroo	
F	20	Rehearsal day for Spring Concert	
M	23	Rehearsal day for Spring Concert	
Tu	24	Spring Concert in Ulster Hall (Rehearsals all day)	7.30
F-Su	27-29	Yr9 Rugby Tour	
F-Su	27-29	Yr10 Girls Hockey Tour	
M-W	30 Mar-1 Apr	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Practice Expedition	



We are now using a general school **Twitter** account (in addition to those already operated by individual departments and extracurricular activities) to enhance our communication with parents/guardians, stakeholders and the wider Sullivan community.

You can follow us on Twitter through our account **@sullivan_upper**

This will help to provide further up-to-date information about school and pupil successes. We will still be using our existing methods of online communication: Parentmail, Monthly Newsletter and the school website.

Parents are reminded that there is a **free** Parentmail App available for both android and apple devices:



The advantages of the app:

- Parents can quickly **report pupil absences** via the app. **Please use the App to report absences/lates for your child.**
- Parents can quickly **top up their children's school meal accounts** via the app.
- No need to search through your busy personal email inbox for school messages.
- Instant access – no need to login to read messages.
- In app 'notifications' prevent things from getting missed or forgotten.

The ParentMail App brings all the information together in one simple, convenient application!

Ready to download the App and start benefitting?

To download the App to your iPhone or Android phone, just click on the relevant icon below:



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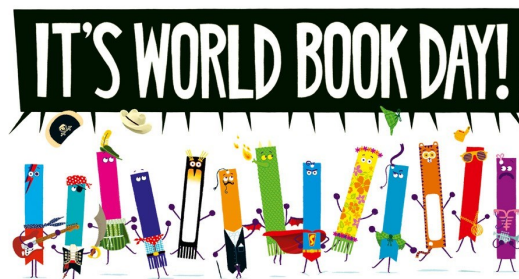
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Events taking place on World Book Day

Thursday 5 March 2020:

- Book Swap in the Library at Break & P7A
- Annual House Book Quiz in Library at 1:30 pm
- WBD Competition Quiz sheet
- £1 Book Tokens for all
- Get Caught Reading raffle tickets given out during day
- Other reading events and promotions TBA

Please bring any books you'd like to swap to the Library during the week- beginning 2 March 2020 and no later than 9.00 am on Thursday 5 March 2020.



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SWIMMING: This month, two Year 8 pupils, Erin Bond and Grace Latimer, both qualified for and represented the school at the Irish Minor Schools 2020 in Dublin.



Fencing: Sullivan at Round 4 of the Northern Ireland Junior Foil Series

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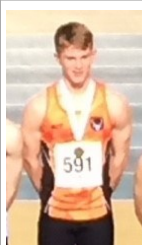
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For photos and further information visit the website - click on picture for link.

Congratulations to Rory Carson (12A) who won Golds in U18 age-group 400m and in 4x200m relay and a Silver in 60m at the NI and Ulster Age-group Indoor Athletics Championships in Dublin on Saturday 1 February 2020.



Congratulations to Zoe Miller (12D) and Hannah Boyd (12A) who has both been selected for the U18 Interprovincial Girls Golf panel for 2020.



Congratulations to John Haycock (Yr13), Katie Thompson (Yr12) and Sophie Durston (Yr14) who were selected as part of a group of 100 young people to take part in the first Northern Ireland Young People's Anti-Bullying Forum. This took place at Stormont on Friday 7 February 2020.



The first day of the new Table Tennis Club saw many pupils playing on three brand-new tables which were provided by Sullivan Upper Parents Association (SUPA).



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Congratulations to Sam Anderson (U16), Patrick Rose (U18), Conor Matthews (U16) and Michael Trimble (U18) who were selected to attend Irish Hockey training camps at Lilleshall in February.



Congratulations to the Year 14 Charity Committee for a very successful charity week and thank you to pupils, staff and parents who contributed. The total raised was £2575 which will be divided between Diabetes UK, NI Assistance Dogs and British Heart Foundation.



Year 13 Economics Conference

In early February Year 13 Economists attended an Economics AS Level Conference organised by the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS). The conference featured presentations from the NICS, Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast. The Economics students from schools across Northern Ireland met in the Crumlin Road Gaol conference venue.

In addition to the academic presentations, pupils were able to participate in an interactive activity (pictured) designed to illustrate the costs and benefits of government public spending. 'Spend it Like Stormont' featured in a BBC Spotlight Special programme in 2019 and through discussions and voting via mobile phone, the pupils decided - among other things- that teachers should get a pay rise and that free public transport for pensioners should be abolished.

The U14A hockey team who are through to the Semi-Final of the Junior Shield after a 2-0 win over Antrim Grammar, with Emma Haley and Maddie Haldane scoring. They now take on BRA on Saturday 29 February 2020 at 9.30 am at UJ.



PSNI Work Experience

Cameron Ross of Year 12 participated in the PSNI work experience scheme in January. He joined pupils from six other schools in learning about the work of the PSNI. Areas covered included criminal investigation, crime scene investigation, neighbourhood policing and tactical support.

Cameron is pictured receiving his Achievement Certificate from District Commander, Superintendent Brian Kee.



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Time to Talk Day was on 6 February 2020 and Yr14 pupils volunteered to help Miss Gale and Mrs McAvoy in organising some activities for the day. Mental health is as important as physical health yet people are still afraid to talk about it. Time to Talk Day encourages everyone to talk about mental Health.

We set up a stall with conversation starters, quizzes, leaflets, positive quotes and an encouragement wall to write positive quotes. The Silver Robin made cup cakes with semi colon toppers to raise money for our chosen mental health charity along with our charity collection for that week which was organised by Mrs Hartin. It was a great success, encouraging lots of conversations and we received positive feedback from both staff and pupils on our day.

A group of Physics pupils in Years 13 and 14 travelled to Switzerland to visit CERN at the beginning of January. The world-famous laboratory is the home of the Large Hadron Collider and the experiments which have been conducted there have contributed hugely to our understanding of the physics of fundamental particles over the past few decades. Whilst visiting the laboratory, our pupils were fortunate enough to be taken on a tour of the 100m-deep CMS detector which, alongside the ATLAS detector, allowed for the discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012. In this photo, the group (together with Mrs Torrens) is standing in front of the 'Wandering the Immeasurable' sculpture which is across the road from the main entrance to CERN.



Excellent results for our pupils at the Ulster Schools' Cross Country Championships. Sullivan girls won the overall Girls' Trophy, the Junior Boys and Girls team placed second, the Mini Girls 3rd and Minor Girls 4th. Well done everyone!



Commiserations to the 1st XV who lost 15-5 to Methody in the Quarter Final of the Schools Cup. We are all proud of their efforts this season.

Thank you to all for the support throughout the year.



Date for your diary!

SUPA Quiz on Thursday 12 March 2020 at 7.30 pm at Holywood Rugby Football Club. Teams of 4 or 6. Tickets are £5 and are available from the School Reception or at the door on the evening.



Well done to our U13 Girl's Table Tennis Team who recently finished 3rd at the Ulster Schools' Competition.

