

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - August 2019

Date	Years	Start	Finish	Lunches	Buses
Monday 26 August 2019	-	-	-	-	-
Tuesday 27 August 2019	Year 8 only	9.00	12.30	X	X
Wednesday 28 August 2019	Year 14 only	9.00	12.30	X	X
Thursday 29 August 2019	Year 13 only	9.00	12.30	X	X
Friday 30 August 2019	Yrs 8-13 only	9.00	12.30	X	✓
Monday 2 September 2019	All pupils	8.45	3.30	✓	✓

Irish Athletics results

On 1 June the All-Ireland Schools' track and field Championships were held at Tullamore, Athlone. Despite various forecasts it turned out to be a great day for athletics and Sullivan athletes produced some great results in a high level of competition:

Niamh Fenlon - 3rd in the 100m and 4th in the Long Jump

Katie Monteith – 2nd in the 200m and 5th in the 100m

Both Tara McDonough and Rory Carson are a year young in their events. Tara came 8th in the 1500m and Rory 7th in the 200m.

Isaac Hart – 8th in the 200m

Amy Kimber – 4th Discus with a new personal best and 7th in the Javelin

Rachel McCann – 2nd in the 200m and 2nd in the 400m

Both Rachel and Amy have another year in this age group. Overall, this was a very successful day with Katie, Niamh and Rachel coming in the top three in Ireland.



Congratulations to former Sullivan pupils (and brothers), Callum Robson and Michael Robson who recently represented the Irish Men's Hockey team twice against France in June.

Congratulations to Max Shannon (Year 10) on his selection for the NCU U15 cricket team.



Hannah Lawden (8G) successfully defended her U14 NI and Ulster Championship title, winning Gold at the Javelin competition recently at Mary Peters. Despite awful weather she managed a throw and a Personal Best of 24.86m, qualifying for All Irelands in July and giving her a UK ranking of 23.



Farewell!

As the year draws to a close, we bid farewell to a number of staff who are retiring: Mrs Hutchinson (English), Mrs Smith (Head of ICT), Ms Dale (Head of Art), Mr Whittington (Head of Physics), Mrs Smyth (History), Mr McMaster (Head of Modern Languages, Senior Manager), Mrs Hollywood (History) and Mrs McBrien (Vice-Principal). Between them they have given over 200 years' service to the pupils of Sullivan – we thank them and wish them well in their retirement.

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter



Congratulations go to the Year 8 Athletics team who were chosen to represent this district because their scores as individuals at the earlier event placed them in the top 4 scores. They went to Antrim on Thursday to compete against all other schools who qualified and came second in Ulster with Kate Fenlon recording another Ulster record in the shot. The team were: Rebecca Beggs, Niamh Fulton, Kate Fenlon, Alicia Davidson and Amber Day.

Sullivan pupils send their names to Mars – next year a number of our pupils will have their name on the red planet. Boarding passes at the ready, a number of classes across Key Stage Three have taken part, some of whom have even decided to get their dog's name sent too! There is still time to send your name to mars on the NASA website : <https://mars.nasa.gov/participate/send-your-name/mars2020/>



Year 11 geographers headed out on fieldwork at the start of June to record data along the Crawfordsburn River. Another successful piece of fieldwork which is part of their GCSE course.



Year 11 pupils sample the world of work

Twenty-six Year 11 pupils participated in a pilot work shadowing scheme on Monday-Tuesday 24 and 25 June.

Work places visited included schools, universities, charities, GP surgeries, travel agents, food manufacturers, physiotherapists, veterinary surgeries, dance studios, design companies and biomedical science companies.

Pupils entered a 'selfie at work competition' and the winning picture from Maisie Fell and Hannah Coey at the Ulster University, is shown.



Sullivan Upper School **Monthly Newsletter**

Athletics Results from the Tailteann Games Schools' Interprovincials at Santry, Dublin

Sullivan were well represented at this competition with:

Tara McDonough selected for the 1500m;

Katie Monteith for the 100m, 200m, 100m & 300m relay; and

Rory Carson for the 200m and 100m relay.

Both the sprinters did very well at the event with Rory taking 3rd in the 200m and along with the other Ulster boys came 1st in the relay.

Katie had a great day coming 1st in the 200m and 2nd in the 100m and then in both the 100m and 300m relays the Ulster girls came first.



Year 11 geographers enjoyed a day of Fieldwork recording data along the Crawfordsburn River.



Sasha Barrett-Ferris took part in the NI and Ulster Championships at the weekend at Mary Peters Track. She won silver medals in both javelin and discus.



Year 11 pupils completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh in the Sperrins. The pupils worked well in their groups and navigated some difficult terrain. They even battled through swarms of midges at their campsites! They all got a well-earned ice cream at the end. Well done!



Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Sullivan Upper School MasterChef 2019

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Year 9 pupils who made it into the Masterchef final which took place on Monday 24 June. The standard was exceptionally high and the winning dish was 'Crab Soufflé with Wheaten Scones' – Well done Alfie Steenson!



MASTERCHEF 2019 FINALISTS:

Madge Mullen Heading Seafood chowder & wheaten bread

Jessica Baxter Smoky pancetta cod

Jake Thompson Teriyaki steak with fennel slaw

Ellie McMordie Harissa cod with couscous salad

Alfie Steenson Crab soufflé with wheaten scones

Joshua Skarmoutsos Super souvlaki

Tiffany Fong Pineapple seafood fried rice

John Kane Chorizo, tomato, rocket and black olive penne



Year 9 geographers conducted a settlement study in Holywood. Pupils carried out a land use and building height survey, along with pedestrian and vehicle counts.



Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

In April, 50 of our pupils in Years 8 and 9 were amongst the 270 000 pupils from schools across the UK who participated in the annual Junior Mathematics Challenge. The pupils who took part did very well with 8 being awarded gold certificates, 17 silver and 15 bronze. Nationally, the top 6% are awarded gold certificates, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

This year four of our pupils, Conor McKeown (Y9), Jack Wilson (Y9), Lucy Sloan (Y9) and Oliver Duffield (Y8) were amongst the top 9200 participants who were invited to take a follow-on competition, the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or Kangaroo. The Olympiad is a prestigious event comprising of a two-hour long paper with a mixture of multiple choice and written answers and the Kangaroo is an hour long multiple choice paper. On 11 June, Conor sat the Olympiad and Jack, Lucy and Oliver took the Kangaroo. We look forward to hearing how they all got on early in the next school year.

Photo is some of the Y8 and Y9 pupils who took part in the Junior Mathematics Challenge.



Many thanks to all those staff, pupils, parents and friends who supported the junior musical production of The Addams Family last week in Stranmillis College, Belfast.

