

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

BOYS HOCKEY

The boys 1st XI won through to the McCullough Cup Final. They beat Methody 3-2 after trailing 2-1 with ten minutes to go. Paddy Crookshanks scored a great hat-trick to take us through.

The final will be against Wallace High School on Wednesday 12 December 2018.

HOUSE MUSIC

On Wednesday 24 October our annual House Music competition took place and was adjudicated by Mr Bill Halliday. The talent on display was, as always, first class and our pupils did their houses proud. Anna Graham from Grant won the instrumental solo section, McAlester were the victorious ensemble group and Madi Crawshay-Ralston from Speers won the vocal solo. Praeger's pop group were placed first in their section and the house choir winner was tied between McAlester and Praeger. The final results overall were

1 Praeger 2 McAlester =3 Grant and Speers

Congratulations to all pupils who took part!



Creative Writing Club

We were delighted to welcome two speakers to Creative Writing Club this term. Firstly in September we had a return visit from author Sheena Wilkinson, who supports the young writers of Sullivan through the Creative Writing Network, speaking to us about how she became

a writer and the process of getting stories published. Then in October, we enjoyed the workshop provided by past pupil Chloe Grant-Jones, who became a published author in the midst of studying for her university degree.



When receiving the McCutcheon Cup for Drama at Prize Day in October, Ciaran Campton (Year 14) completed a family treble - both his older brother, Owain and his dad, David were previous recipients.



Dates for Diary - December 2018

S	1	3 rd AQE Assessment (10.00-11.00)
M-F	3-7	Yr13 Work Shadowing Week
Tu	4	School Examinations finish for Yrs 11&14
W	5	Young Enterprise St George's Market Christmas Fair
Th	6	Yr14 Formal
F	7	School Examinations finish for Yr12
M	10	LLW Programme - Yr10 Learn to Earn (9.00-12.00 and 1.20-3.30)
W	12	Yr8 Radar Trip (8B, 8M and 8G)
Th	13	Yr8 Radar Trip (8A and 8S)
Th	13	PSNI Roadshow Yr13
F	14	Christmas Jumper Day
W	19	Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church at 7.30
		Carol Concert in School Hall for pupils in Yrs 8-10 and Yr14.
Fr	21	Finish at 11.00 for Yrs11-13. Finish at 12.00 for Yrs 8-10 & Yr14.
		Autumn Term Ends. Buses at 12.05

M-Th 24-3 Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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Fencing: Sullivan at Round 1 of the NI Junior Foil Series

Round 1 of the 2018/19 NI Junior Foil Series was held last Sunday 4 November 2018 at Hunterhouse College in South Belfast. This was the first competition of the new fencing season and the first round of a series of 6 to be held across the school year, each round held in a different school or club.

Nine Sullivan fencers entered the event across 4 of the 7 age group categories: U14 Girls, U14 Boys, U16 Girls and U16 Boys.

Year 8 beginner, Charlie Beimers, was our only entrant in the U14 Girls, finishing a creditable 5th in her first ever competition.

In the U14 Boys, 3 SU fencers made the quarter finals, with Cameron Kitchen 6th, Finn Neely 7th and Arnav Arava 8th.

The U16 Girls category was dominated by Sullivan fencers, with Victoria Morris winning gold, Ruzi Statham silver and joint third place bronze medals going to Rachel McKillen and Izzy Evans.

Cormac Kitchen was the only SU representative in the U16 Boys, finishing third to take bronze.

Round 2 takes place on Sunday 9 December 2018 in RBAI in Belfast.



SU fencers competing at NIJFS Round 1 (minus Charlie Beimers)



Victoria, Ruzi, Rachel & Izzy take U16F gold, silver & bronze



Cormac takes U16M bronze



Ruzi goes 'En Garde'

Sam Rutherford Year 12 has once again been selected to the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland Performance Sailing Squad. This is the fourth year in a row Sam has been part of this high performance Squad. At Halloween Sam competed at the U.K. Inland Championships in the men's Olympic laser class dinghy. With winds over 25 knots and freezing conditions he finished in hard earned 5th in the under 19 age category. Next up for Sam is the Scottish Winter Championships at Largs in December.



Tony Cowen, Ellen Hartin, Isabella MacMahon and Charis Mills.

The following pupils recently performed at the Youth Proms event in the Royal Albert Hall in London with the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra: Harvey Jones, Cathryn Lynch (past pupil),

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Thank you to musicians, staff, parents and friends who generously supported the recent charity concert in Orangefield Presbyterian Church in aid of ITeams UK which supports refugees in Athens. The evening was compered by the BBC's Mark Simpson and featured talented musicians from Sullivan. A fantastic total of £4500 was raised on the night.

Thank you to all the Year 8 pupils who filled shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Appeal. Over 80 boxes were delivered and will be sent to many countries across the world.



The Sullivan Upper team who were finalists once again in the Geographical Association's World Wise Quiz (Northern Ireland), which took place at Queen's University earlier this month. The team fought off strong competition and finished in second place. Well done!



On Wednesday 21 November, nineteen Year 12 pupils attended the annual Chemistry at Work Event in the Whitla Hall at Queen's University. The purpose was to highlight possible career

opportunities where Chemistry A-level or a degree in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering would be useful. The pupils heard and participated in presentations from companies such as BOC, Radox and Forensic Science NI.

The U12s started their Sullivan hockey career with matches against Bloomfield and Regent House last Friday and Saturday. It's great to see almost 40 girls out playing the game.



Over 80 Year 13 and Year 14 Geographers benefitted from a talk about Careers in Geography and studying Geography at Queen's University from Niall Majury and Conor Graham.



Congratulations to Harry Wilson who was selected to be part of the Northern Ireland U15 Football squad who played Celtic Football Club on 23 October 2018. They won their match 2-1.



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Fencing: Sullivan at the 2018 Derry Open

Four Sullivan fencers travelled north last Saturday 17 November 2018 to the Ulster University Magee Campus in Londonderry to compete in the 2018 Derry Open Fencing Tournament, the first N Ireland senior event of the new 2018/19 fencing season.

This was a first experience of competition at senior level for the 4 fencers: Izzy Evans, Victoria Morris, Alexander Penny and Ruzi Statham. All 4 are regulars in junior fencing competition, but participating in an open event was going to be a significant step-up for them.



Victoria and Ruzi with joint
3rd place trophies



Alexander



Izzy, Victoria & Ruzi

Alexander finished 12th in a tough men's foil event, which was won by the current Irish National Champion (and Sullivan Assistant Coach), Stephen Brown. Izzy made 7th in the women's foil, while Victoria and Ruzi both won their quarter-final fights to go through to the semis. Both lost these fights, but put up strong performances against more experienced fencers to take their bronze medals in joint 3rd place.

Well done all 4 SU fencers in their first senior event. Next up: Round 2 of the NI Junior Foil Series on 9 December 2018 at RBAI in Belfast.

Girls Hockey

Unfortunately the 1st XI lost in an extremely close encounter with Friends School Lisburn on Saturday in the 2nd round of the Schools' Cup. The girls battled right to the end but lost out 2-1 to the Lisburn side. They are now entered into the plate competition in January.

The 2As had a convincing 3-0 win over Dalriada in the 1st round of the McDowell cup, goals from Ciara Hill x2 and Jane McCrossan.



The 2Bs finished their section of the Gibson cup with a 3-0 win over Dromore High School. The girls also had a 7-0 win over Slemish College, a 1-0 win against Larne Grammar and a 1-0 loss against Friends. The girls are now in a strong position to hopefully progress to the knock-out stages of the cup.

Daniel Fry and Aimee Noble have achieved joint first in the CCEA GCSE Home Economics examination. Chloe Robinson is placed joint second.

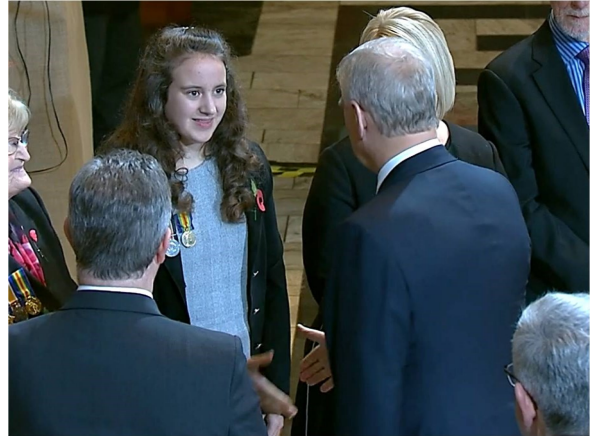
In addition to this and separately from CCEA, Daniel Fry has been awarded the British Nutrition Foundation Drummond Education Award in recognition for excellent work in food and nutrition. He received his award in London from Princess Anne who is the patron of the BNF. The BNF also recognised and rewarded the hard work of Daniel's teacher Miss Claire Thomson.



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Armistice Centenary Commemoration

Hannah Cunningham (10K) was invited to be involved in the Armistice Centenary Commemorations in St Anne's Cathedral on the 11 November 2018, after writing a poem for the "Never Such Innocence" schools' competition. At the service four books containing the names of all the Irishmen who died during the conflict were present. Hannah had been selected as a Book Bearer. Hannah's poem talked about her great-grandfather and 2 of her great-great-Uncles, one of whom is listed in the book. Each Book Bearer then collected a lit lantern and carried it to a point in the cathedral. As an act of commemoration, the lights were dimmed, and the lanterns shone. The Lantern Bearers were there to represent the hope for the future with lessons learned from the past. Following the service, Hannah had an opportunity to meet His Royal Highness, the Duke of York.



Hollywood Service of remembrance Poetry Competition

Junior pupils recently wrote poems to enter a WWI Remembrance Competition run by Hollywood Library.

The winners - Conor Carton 8G and Hasanain Yaqub 10K - were chosen to read out their winning poems at the Hollywood Remembrance Service on 11 November 2018. Also in attendance were Mr Peel and our Head Boy and Head Girl, Jack McNeill and Rebecca Haley.

All the poems entered are currently on display at Hollywood Library.



The Three Brothers

Once three brothers stood tall,
Staring at the dirt wall of the war,
Joined together with watt blood
running through their veins.

The order came to go over the top,
The first brother went over,
Shot in the eye and left to die,
Found alive two days later in No Man's Land,
That was Private Watt.

The second brother, older than the first,
Also went over but made it across,
Was captured and taken as a prisoner of war,
That was Sargent Watt.

The third was different than the rest,
Chose the Navy over the army
Was sunk in foreign waters and died far from home
That was Seaman Watt.

These three brothers related to me,
My Great Granda and Great, Great Uncles too,
Were part of this war, the "Great War",
This was World War One.

Hannah Cunningham

