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the bulletin



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope our Easter Bulletin finds you well and like me, looking forward to hopefully enjoying the warmer, brighter and longer days of Spring!

"No winter lasts forever and no spring skips its turn. Easter is a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life."

As we cautiously return to 'normal' schooling once again, I can't believe it has been two years since schools across Northern Ireland first closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a community, we have navigated through this challenging time by supporting each other and by working together to ensure our students can 'bounce back' as quickly as possible. The teaching and support staff continue to work tirelessly to meet the needs of our students, ensure they make progress in their learning and support their wellbeing.

As the Easter break approaches, it is a time to connect and/or reconnect with family members, reflect and appreciate all that is positive and good in our life; it reminds us about sacrifice and to rejoice in this new season of hope. Hope is Optimism for the future and Noam Chomsky, an American linguist, philosopher and cognitive scientist, once said,

"Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so."

Fortunately, our students can look forward with hope for a positive future, as they have the opportunity to attend and embrace what our school provides, and if they persevere and work hard for 7 years, they can leave Breda Academy with the necessary qualifications and skills to attend a university, engage in an apprenticeship and/or successfully access the work place to pursue a chosen career.

Sadly, this is unlike the children of the Ukraine at the moment and I am sure you will join me with your thoughts and prayers for a swift resolution to this conflict. In response, I am extremely grateful to you and our school community for raising over £1000 in our non-uniform day on Friday 8th April to send to Ukrainian families in need and I am also very pleased that we raised over £500 for the Belvoir ASD Group in our non-uniform day on Friday 17th December.

The highlight of this year for me so far has to be attending the Year 14 Formal party at Ten Square Hotel and the Year 12 Formal celebration at the Stormont Hotel. They were both extremely enjoyable evenings and marked the start of new chapters in our students' lives as they think ahead to what their future holds in the next few years. I was so proud of all the students who attended both these events, because they all made such an effort, not only with their outfits and entrances, but as mature young adults to ensure that they all enjoyed and celebrated with friends and peers their time together at Breda Academy, in such a special way.

There have been so many other highlights this year for both staff and students and in our Easter Breda Bulletin, kindly compiled by my Ms McMullan, Senior Teacher, it showcases and celebrates many of the events and activities students at school have been involved in during 2022. I hope you enjoy the articles and photographs as you will read and see that our school continues to be a vibrant and bustling community of young people to be very proud of, and we are! They're eager to achieve, to support others and work closely with their teachers, who do their very best to provide as many opportunities as possible, to help them develop their skills and engage in new learning experiences.

Our Facebook page is updated daily to celebrate what our students do, keep you up-to-date with what has been going on and with important information you may need to know <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Breda-Academy-1394574960867218/>

I wish you and your families the very best of health and hopefully one or two chocolate eggs to enjoy during Easter!

Kind regards,

Mr P. Perry – Acting Principal
Breda Academy





Year 13 BTEC Level 3 Children's Play,

Learning and Development

have been able to get back to their favourite part of the course; work placement.

The class went to a range of early years settings and each of the pupils thrived in their chosen placements.



The feedback received from placement supervisors was outstanding. Well done girls.





Our **Music Department** continues to offer a wide range of musical experiences to our pupils, including drum kit, keyboards and even the ukulele, which the Key Stage 3 pupils have been learning to play.

If you are interested in learning to play a musical instrument or would like to join one of the extra-curricular clubs offered by the Music department, please speak to Miss Broadhurst.

Pupil Wellbeing

As part of our wellbeing programme, each student in Years 8-10 was offered the opportunity to take part in a Tai Chi session during school. Tai Chi is an ancient martial art which promotes inner peace and calm and it was a new experience for most of our pupils.



Key Stage 3 - TAI CHI sessions



Physical & Mental Well Being

Wellness is much more than merely physical health, exercise, or nutrition. It is the full integration of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

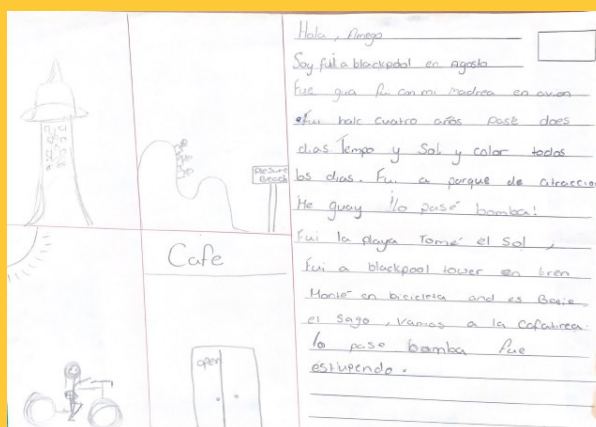
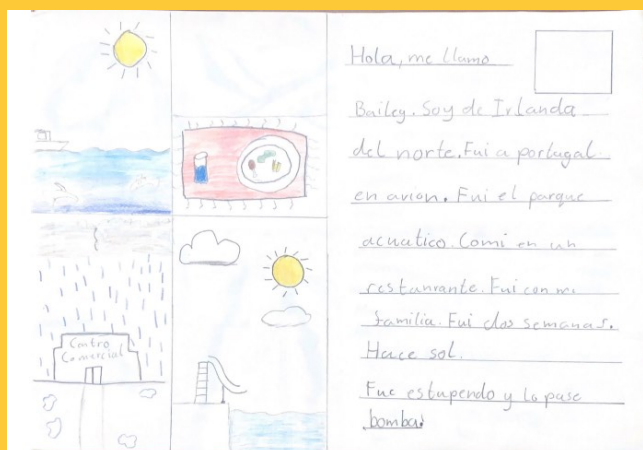
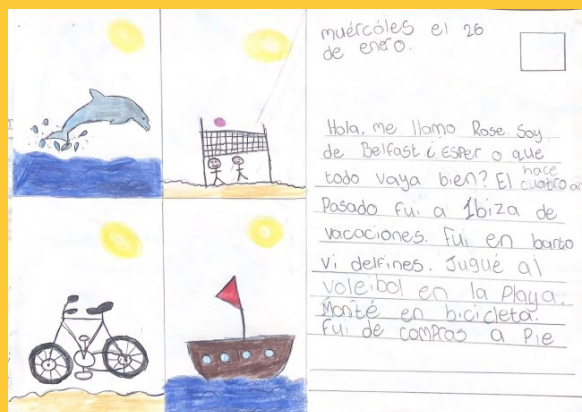
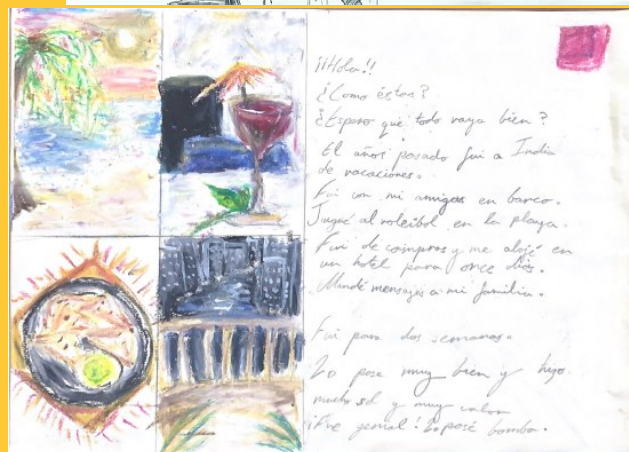
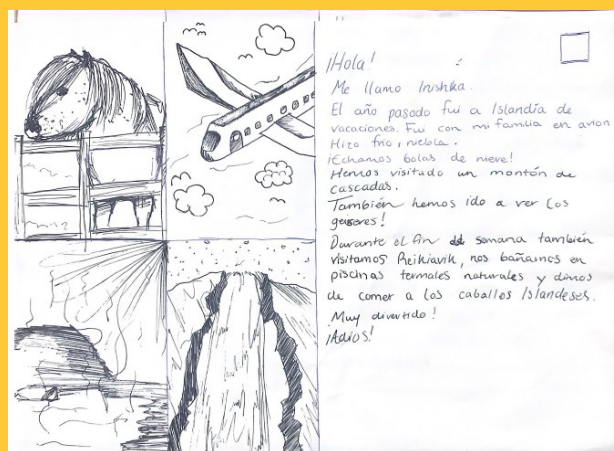
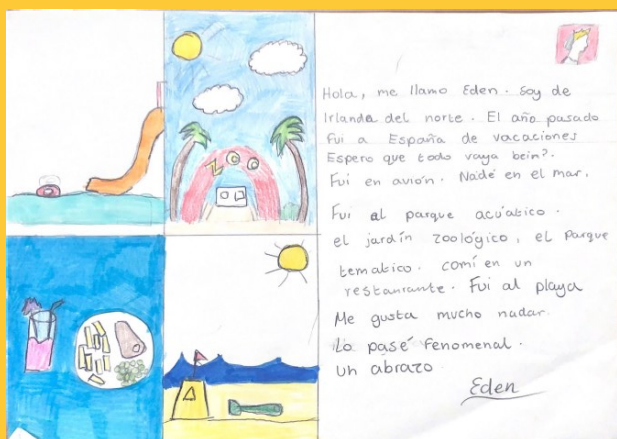


GREETINGS from



Modern Foreign Languages

9LT have been thinking about summer holidays and have written some beautifully illustrated post cards from 'España'!



Jars of Life

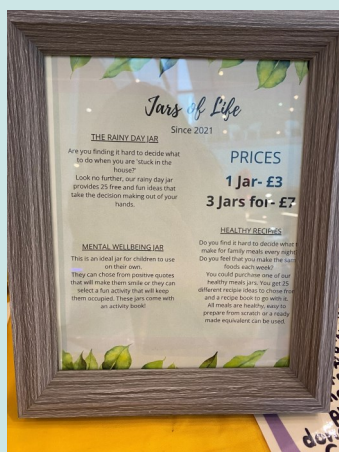
Working alongside a business advisor, students have created a Social Enterprise company, designed, made, and sold their own product. We investigated the market, carried out research and developed 'jars of life.'

There are 3 different categories that can be purchased, the rainy-day jar, healthy recipes, and the mental well-being jar. The jars are designed for families to help take decision making process 'out of the parents' hands.' Children choose a piece of paper with an activity or recipe on it and the decision is made for them.

The healthy recipe jars come with a recipe book that gives instructions and ingredients for each recipe and the mental well-being jar comes with an activity book with mindfulness activities included. Our products are fully recyclable and sustainable.

This term, the group attended the Young Enterprise trade fair in Castlecourt. It was a fantastic event that allowed us to generate £81 that will be used to create more products to increase profits which will all be donated to our chosen charity- cancer fund for children.

The deputy Lord Mayor came to visit the Young Enterprise stalls and we won 'best product knowledge' company. This was the first trade fair we have attended so keep up with our progress and follow us on Instagram https://instagram.com/the.jars.of.life?utm_medium=copy_link.





EASTER ROCKY ROAD

COURTESY OF THE H.E. DEPARTMENT



Ingredients

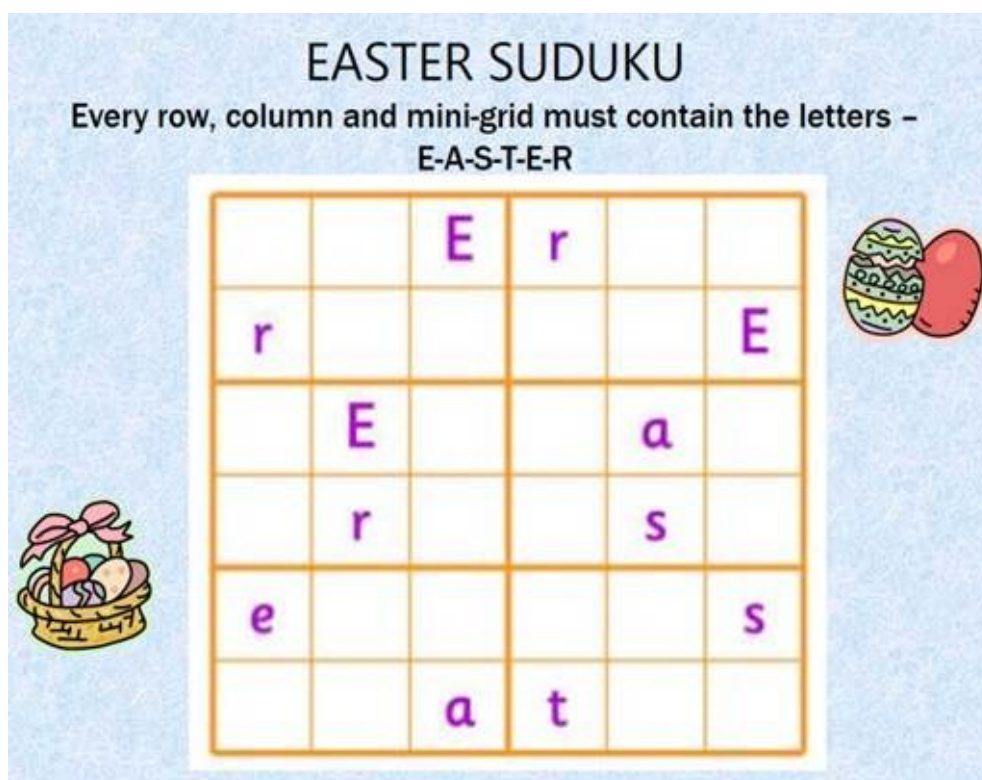
- 400 g Milk/Dark Chocolate
- 125 g Golden Syrup
- 125 g Unsalted Butter
- 100 g Mini Marshmallows
- 150 g Digestives (chopped)
- 500g Easter Chocolates
- 250 g White Chocolate

Instructions

- Line a 8/9" Square tin with Greaseproof paper and leave to the side.
- In a Large bowl, add in the Chocolate, Golden Syrup, and Butter – melt on a low heat in a ceramic bowl over a saucepan of simmering water, or in the Microwave on short bursts until fully melted – stir until smooth! Be careful not to overheat the mixture!
- Once it's melted and combined, add in the Marshmallows, chopped biscuits, Easter Chocolates (apart from a handful) – fold together – pour into the tin and spread until it is even.
- Melt the white chocolate and pour over the top of the rocky road, and sprinkle over the last of the Easter Chocolates!
- Refrigerate until set, chop up, and enjoy!

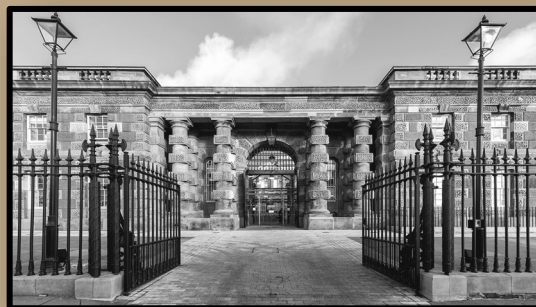
Notes

- You can easily half the recipe. Store this in the fridge, and it will last for about a week!
- Use mini Creme eggs so that they are not too big in the Rocky Road.

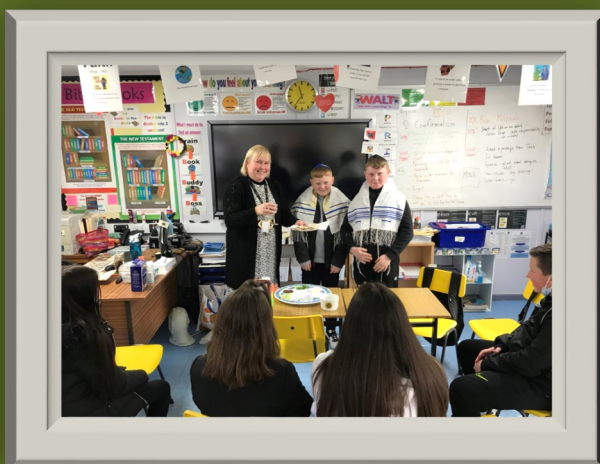


CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL - PSYCHOLOGY TRIP

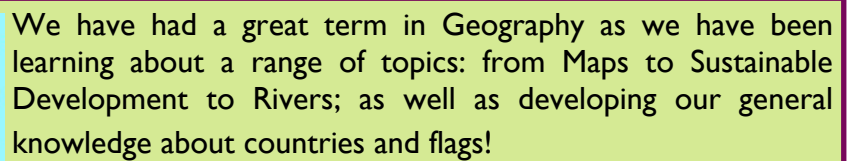
Forensic Psychology is a popular topic within the Key Stage 5 Psychology course and in it we study the reasons why some individuals turn to crime, different methods of punishment and rehabilitation and how criminal profiling is conducted in the UK and USA. As part of this unit, the Year 13 and 14 students visited the Crumlin Road Goal, which is a popular tourist attraction in North Belfast. They were allowed to return to school though, due to their good behaviour!



RE Department ~ Photo Album



to lunch time supervisor Amy Love, on her recent achievement in the Mayor's Community Awards, in recognition of her outstanding community contribution.



Izzy, Hannah, Victoria 2009

Are wings locked together to control the wing?

(wings don't fly)

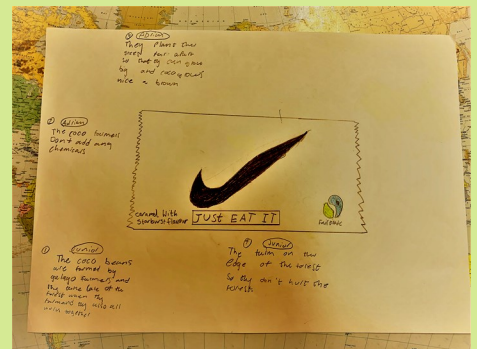
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Don't be a dumb dumber by some number

We farm these cows know synthetically
 we do not use any chemicals whatsoever!

We plant our trees for oil so
 there isn't fighting for oil

We live in a world



1. What part of London is in France?
2. If Mississippi lent Missouri her New Jersey, what would Delaware?
3. I have seas without water. I have forests without wood. I have deserts without sand. I have houses with no brick. What am I?

ANSWERS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE ...



1. The letter N!
2. Al-ask-a!
3. A map!

2022 has been a busy start for the Travel and Tourism Department.

Our Year 13 students visited the Ulster Museum as part of their course requirements. This was not only a worthwhile experience, but also an interesting and enjoyable visit for the students.



Phoebe Sanchez & a member of the public

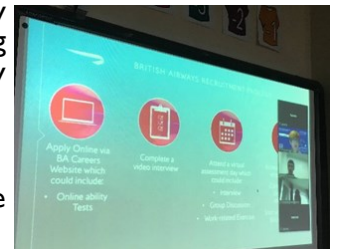


Phoebe Sanchez & William Reid



Antonio Hasan & Calin Covaci

Our Year 13 and 14 students attended a British Airways Zoom meeting where they found out information about future job roles within British Airways. This meeting proved extremely beneficial, so much so, that some students in Year 14 have already applied for a Cabin Crew position.



Our Year 14 took part in a role play scenario where they had to draw up possible itineraries for an upcoming holiday based on a customer's requirements.



Kin Wing Chung & Ethan Brown

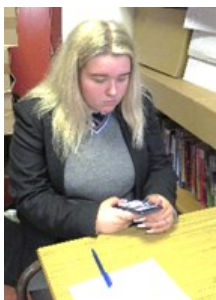


Chelsea Watt & Jack Rainey



Mia Young & Chelsea Watt

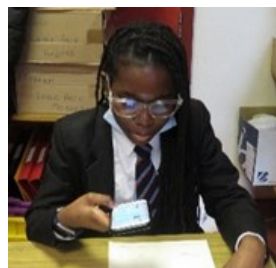
Our Year 11 and 12 OCN have been working their way steadily through their coursework and have recently completed their Communication booklet. Part of this involved students phoning customers of 'Breda Travel' using the telephone and also leaving a voice recorded message. These tasks proved not only enjoyable, but also educational to the students.



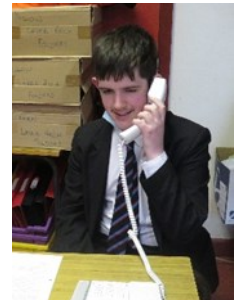
Madison Oliver



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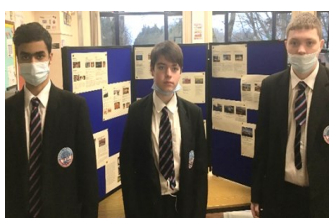


Aliyyah Mitchel



Ryan McDowell

Our Year 12 Occupational Studies classes have been working on their presentation material and presented their leaflets and PowerPoints recently.



Mohammed Alibraheemi, James McLarnon & Ryley Vincent

Jessica Skillen



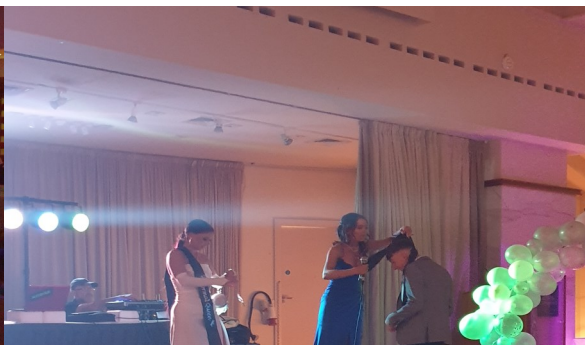
Our Year 11 and 12 BTEC students have worked really hard on presenting some great work towards their coursework and these will be shown in the summer bulletin.



Year 12 Formal

Friday, 8th April 2022

Stormont Hotel

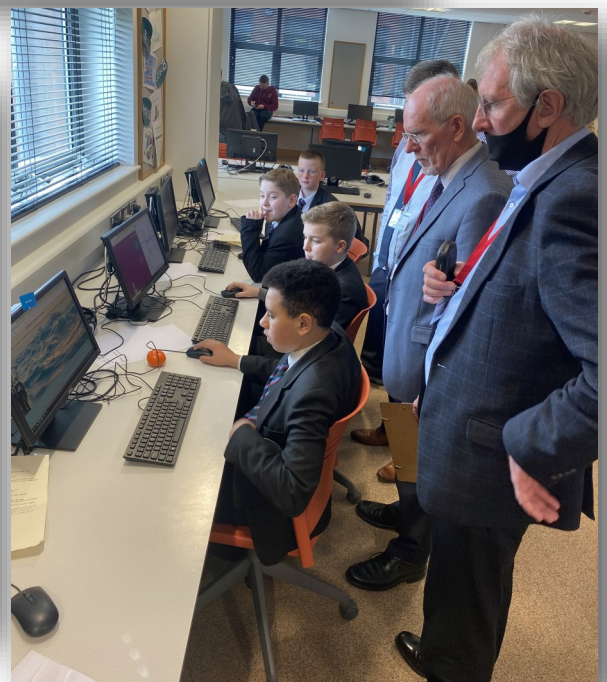


ICT DEPARTMENT

Year 8 pupils attended Strathearn school where they took part in a website competition all about climate change.

Students had 4 weeks to practise developing a fully functional website, which they had to build from scratch on the day of the competition. The boys worked hard and had so much fun along the way. At the end of the day, Breda students presented their finalised website to senior colleagues at All State NI before the winner was decided. Although we didn't win first prize, we were able to learn so much and get experience of working alongside IT specialists.

Fabian had this to say: "It was very fun and very competitive. We all tried our hardest and can't wait to try again next year!"



YEAR 14 2022

YEAR BOOK PAGES



Here, some of our Year 14 pupils agreed to share a few words with us about their time at Breda and give some advice to our younger students.

Alyssa Ross

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Learning how to cook and learn new things.

What will you miss?

My friends and teachers. I will remember all the fun times I had and the laughs

Future Plans?

Teacher.

Message

"Good things come to those who wait. Better things come to those who don't give up and the best things come to those who believe."



Alesha Marie Townsley

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Learning to make new dishes and develop my skills.

What will you miss?

My friends and some of the teachers.

Future Plans?

Study Hospitality Management or work in the civil service.

I will be remembered for ...

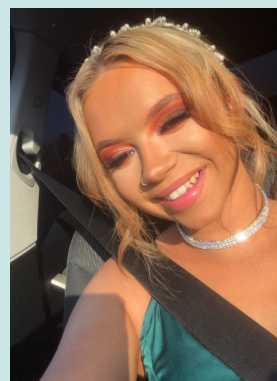
"I think I will be remembered for the laughs and jokes with my friends."

Message

"Every flower has to grow through dirt to blossom."

Advice

"Try your best and keep your head down!"



Kyle Cleland

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The Public Services Course.

What will you miss?

The teachers.

Future Plans?

Police Officer

Message

"Ponder and deliberate before you make a move".



Ethan Brown

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The help the teachers have given me throughout the course.

What will you miss?

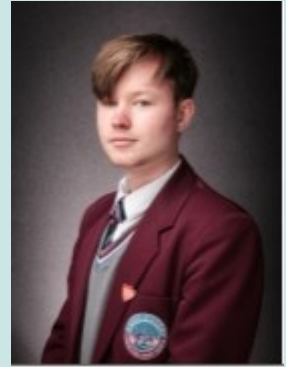
The teachers.

Future Plans?

Belfast Met.

Message

"Leaving school is like leaving the nest and soaring into the sky. It's time to leave the past behind, spread your wings and fly."



Sophie McKenzie

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The school play "We Will Rock You" in June 2019.

What will you miss?

All the laughs and stories with my friends and teachers.

Future Plans?

Ulster University to study Hospitality, then do my PGCE and go in to teaching.

Advice

"Sometimes being silly with a friend is the best therapy."



Hannah Huddleson

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The craic you could have with your friends and the teachers.

What will you miss?

Seeing my friends every day, laughing with people, talking to my favourite teachers and just the craic in general.

Future Plans?

University to study nursing or midwifery.

Advice

"Don't let your time in school be ruined by other people. You may not feel like it now, but once it's your time to leave you'll miss school so much. You only get one go to make as many memories as you can. Don't let yourself fall behind in your work - it's just unnecessary stress. Enjoy school while you can!"



Jamie Webster

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Mr Mallon

What will you miss?

Getting up really, really early!!

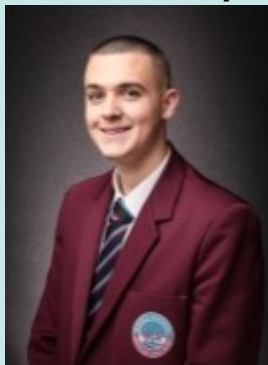
Future Plans?

Earn loads of money and own a race horse

My Memories

"Breaking the window!"

"Mr Darragh saying 'Yeearr 9!!'"



Andrew Todd

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Mr Mallon

What will you miss?

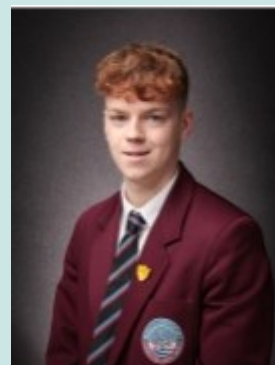
The banter.

Future Plans?

University

I will be remembered for ...

"Being the best ginger!"



James Todd

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Mr Mallon.

What will you miss?

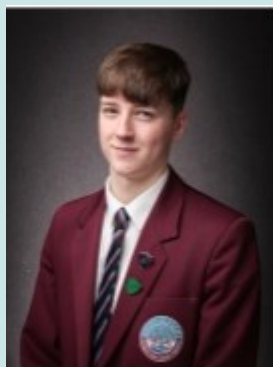
Seeing my friends.

Future Plans?

Art College.

I will be remembered for...

"Being Head Boy."



Adam Mercer

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Mr Mallon.

What will you miss?

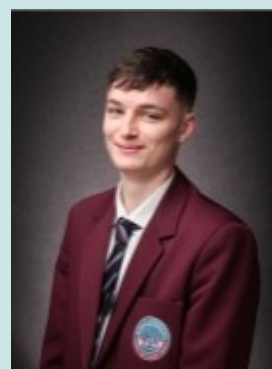
My friends.

Future Plans?

Apprenticeship

I will be remembered for...

"Eating the most food every day!"



Jodie Clarke

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Taking on the role of Head Girl. It has been an amazing experience and I am so proud of how far our school has come.

What will you miss?

Our school community and the support that I have been given from staff. I will also miss the friendships I have created during my time.

Future Plans?

I'm hoping to go to Stranmillis and go on to be a primary teacher. I'm hoping to give back the support that I have been given.

Advice

"Be involved in all aspects of our school life, be yourself, don't be afraid to try something new and don't let anyone hold you back! Always try your best and be proud to be part of Breda.



Abbie Hill

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The opportunities I have gotten to do, such as being subject ambassador for Health and Social Care, prefect and buddy for the younger school.

What will you miss?

The support I've received from all staff members and the friends I've made here.

Future Plans?

I hope to go on to University to study nursing and go on to a career in nursing.

Advice

"Work hard and try your best at everything you do and never give up."



Megan Jackson

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The opportunities I have been given to achieve goals and make friendships.

What will you miss?

My friends and teachers.

Future Plans?

I am hoping to study social work at University.

Advice

"Don't give up and always try your best."



Sophie McAdams

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

My friends and learning new skills.

What will you miss?

My friends I've made over the years and the teachers who have helped and given me so much support.

Future Plans?

Go to tech and then get a job.

Advice...

"Believe in yourself and don't give up."



Callum Caddell

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

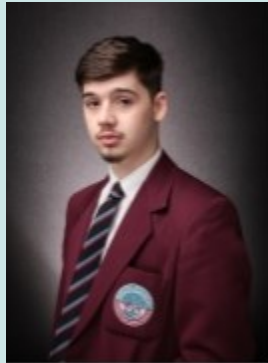
The people.

What will you miss?

Seeing my friends as often as I do!

Future Plans?

Study film in University at Liverpool John Moore.



Favourite saying...

"Who do you think you are?"

Jakub Jakobiak

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Seeing friends.

What will you miss?

Seeing friends!

Future Plans?

Apprenticeship, University or a Full-time job.



Thomas Graham

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

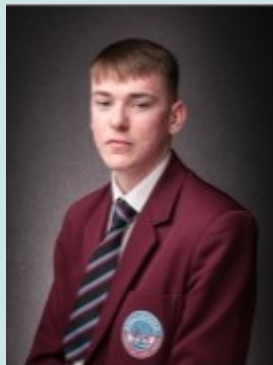
Seeing friends.

What will you miss?

My friends and football at break and lunch.

Future Plans?

Go to tech or start work full-time.



Shi Osborne

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Spending time with friends.

What will you miss?

Seeing my friends every day.

Future Plans?

To make something of my life.

Advice

"Don't let the thoughts of others dictate how you live your life, because then your life won't be your own."



Zack Irvine

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Lunch / Break time - our bounce.

What will you miss?

Not seeing my friends as much.

Future Plans?

Get a full time job.



Scott McCausland

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Meeting my friends.

What will you miss?

Seeing my mates every day.

Future Plans?

Get an apprenticeship.



Wing Chung

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

1. Mr Miskelly
2. My time at the Hollywood Barracks.

What will you miss?

The football pitch.

Future Plans?

University.

Advice

"Never give up your dreams."



Jade Jackson

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Meeting some amazing people.

What will you miss?

My friends and the teachers.

Future Plans?

Join the PSNI.

Advice...

"Always try your best."



Nathan Elliott

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Being part of the football team.

What will you miss?

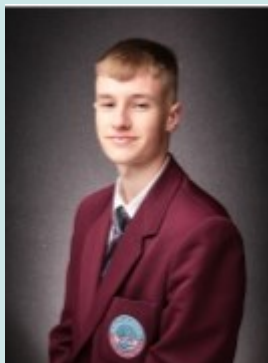
I will miss the teachers and seeing my friends every day.

Future Plans?

I hope to get an apprenticeship in the trades industry.

I will be remembered for...

"Being one of the players in the football team."



Chelsea Watt

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

My favourite thing about Breda Academy is the whole experience during my time here!

What will you miss?

I will miss the teachers at Breda Academy and the laughs we had together.

Future Plans?

I am hoping to pursue a career in nursing.

Advice

"Be the life of the party!"



Jack Rainey

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The memories and support from teachers.

What will you miss?

I will miss the laughs and the banter with teachers.

Future Plans?

I am hoping to go to Uni and study marketing.

Advice

"Laugh or you'll cry!"



Mia Young

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

My favourite thing about my time and Breda academy was getting to know my teachers more and spending time with my friends.

What will you miss?

I will miss the routine of coming to school and seeing my teachers everyday it will be a weird feeling not seeing everyone everyday.

Future Plans?

I am going to be working with people with dementia

I will be remembered for ...

"I think I will be remembered for being funny or being loud as that is my personality, I think a lot of the teachers would say this too."



Oliver Beggs

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

My friends.

What will you miss?

My friends!

Future Plans?

An apprenticeship

Favourite saying...

"I gotta stop treating people like I owe them something."



Chloe Walker

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Making new friends that I'll always have no matter what.

What will you miss?

Having a routine and seeing everyone every day.

Future Plans?

Become a physiotherapist and work with different sports teams.

I will be remembered for ...

Playing football

Advice

"Live every day as if it's your last, so don't be afraid to do things you'll regret you didn't do, in the future."

"Don't be afraid to ask for help when you're struggling, whether that be your mental health or your school work."



John Hicks

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

Meeting new friends and participating in sports' teams.

What will you miss?

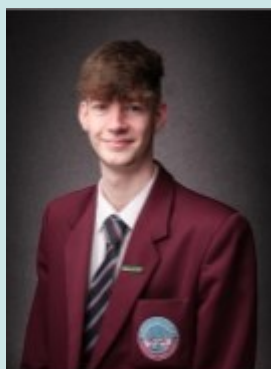
The good laughs and fun we had.

Future Plans?

I'm not too sure yet!

Advice

"Take this opportunity at Breda Academy and don't waste it. You wouldn't get as much respect anywhere else from anyone else. Breda Academy cares for you, so show them your best ability and work hard, because it will be worth it in the end"



Philip Galloway

Favourite Thing About Breda Academy

The thing that made my time at this school special was the teachers.

What will you miss?

The thing I'll miss most about our school is the teachers in it!

Future Plans?

I plan to do an apprenticeship.

Advice

"You didn't come this far to only come this far."





Year 14 Formal
Friday, 25th March 2022
Ten Square Hotel





Dear Year 14,

It's been a 7 year journey at Breda Academy (for most of you), but it will soon be time for us to say goodbye. The staff would like to give you a few messages and words of advice to set you on your way!

My advice would be to travel, travel, travel! It opens the mind to new and different perspectives and teaches us tolerance. All the best for your journey ahead Year 14!

Mrs McWilliams

Good luck Year 14. You are an amazing bunch and have been an absolute pleasure to teach. I am going to miss the laughter and our daily chats. You have worked extremely hard and deserve every success in the future. Take care.

Love , Mrs Towse,

Thank you all for all the great memories you have left in room 13, especially the laughs!

I wish all the Year 14 pupils all the very best for the future because you are the best!

Mr Mallon

The psychologist Carl Rogers said "When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I am optimistic." When I look at the young adults you have all become, I can see the truth in these words. Good luck and continue making us proud!

#proudtobebreda

"Let your light shine before others." Matthew 5:16

Let everyone see how amazing you are and try your best in everything you do. Success is yours for the taking.

Your future is bright.

Mrs Towell

Good luck to all Year 14 on the next part of your journey!

I wish you all the success in the world!

Be yourself and dream big!!

Mr Armstrong

To my wonderful Year 14 CCLD class. It has been a pleasure to teach you over these last few months. I know that each of you will go on to do great things. I wish you all the very best for the future. Best wishes, Ms Daly

"There are three responses to a piece of product design – YES, NO and WOW! Wow is the one to aim for." Year 14 product design, this year has been my WOW! – Good luck and best wishes to all our year 14 pupils.

Mrs Ryan

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and exciting life after Breda. Remember life is an adventure, so do as much as you possibly can.

"Live a life you will remember". 🎵🎵

Mrs Coulter

Good Luck to you all, our very first Breda Academy cohort! It has been a pleasure watching you grow, achieve and develop into young adults, you should all be very proud.

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." —C.S. Lewis

Best Wishes, Ms Ferguson

Every blessing in your future endeavours.

All the very best!

Mr Patterson

Many of the current year 14s, were in my year 12 form class at the start of Covid and lockdowns. I really felt for so many of them when they had their dresses, and suits bought, only to miss out! But seeing many of them looking amazing at the recent formal made me really pleased for them. The formal itself was well planned, and organised by the Year 14 committee and everything went so smoothly.

The most beautiful thing was the interaction between students and staff. The Year 14 in attendance were a credit to the school, to their parents, and most of all to themselves. What a brilliant evening we all had together. I think it conveyed the strong and respectful, relationships we have built up since the birth of Breda. Mr Mills

Head of Sixth Form – Mr Henry

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. Through good times and tough times, we've found new ways to show that we can get over the finish line. Being your Head of Year has been a real pleasure and I wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your life.



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**ALTHOUGH NO ONE CAN
GO BACK AND MAKE
A BRAND-NEW START,
ANYONE CAN START
FROM NOW AND MAKE
A BRAND-NEW ENDING.**

CARL BARD

**WE ARE
TEACHERS**

Breda Academy welcomed its first cohort of Year 8 pupils in September 2015 and these pupils are now our Year 14 Leavers. We can't believe that they have now been here for seven years and these pupils have truly shown what it means to 'Be Breda!' If any of them need a reminder of their first ever day at Breda Academy, here are a few pictures to jog their memories!





Happy EASTER

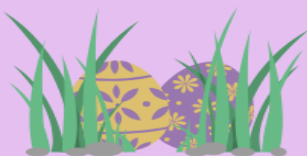
Back to School on Monday, 25th April



Callum Macdonald



Lacey Mercer



YEAR 8 EASTER ILLUSTRATIONS



Ruby Robinson



Courtney Finlay



Rachel Thompson