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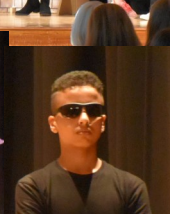
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# bulletin

## Breda Rocked You!

Mr Carrick (Director), ably assisted by Miss Perry (choreography) and Miss Broadhurst (music), put on our first Breda production - 'Schools Will Rock You!' During two evening performances and two matinees for over 600 Primary six pupils, our cast of pupils from first year, right up to sixth form, wowed us with their enthusiasm, talent and confidence. We couldn't think of a better way to end a fantastic year at Breda Academy and we thank all of those who were involved in making the show such a success!





## Breda pupils get reading and (fund) raising!



In what has become an annual event here in Breda, pupils once again took part in our sponsored 'READ ON' week, to help raise money for the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. 'READ ON' always proves very popular, and in usual fashion Breda pupils entered into the spirit of fund-raising with great gusto!

Over the course of a week, pupils used their English classes and spare time to read as many books as they could, all the while trying to raise money for the NICFC, who provide practical, financial and therapeutic support to children who are diagnosed with cancer, and their families, right here in Northern Ireland. Now that all the money has been counted, and sponsor forms have been collected, we can reveal that Breda pupils have once again out-done themselves by raising a fantastic total of **£834.68!**

Needless to say, we are overjoyed at this result, and are very proud of our pupils, who have shown such generosity. A special mention needs to go to **Hollie McKay 9A** who raised £116.50 and **Jade Cook 8A** who raised £141; very well done girls! A massive 'THANK YOU' goes to all the pupils who took part and congratulations on raising so much money for such a worthy cause!

## Active Learning

Teaching and learning is at the heart of everything we do and it is vital that our students always have opportunities to develop as active learners. Breda Activity week took place from 17th - 21st June, with a focus on active learning. Pupils took part in a range of activities design to motivate and enthuse. This was an exciting, engaging and educational week, which students enjoyed following their summer exams!

Learning  
is more effective  
when it is  
an active  
rather than  
a passive  
process.



# Career Breaks

## MR MUNRO

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms McMullan for the work she has done in preparing the Breda Bulletin which celebrates so much of the positive news that we see in and around school every day.

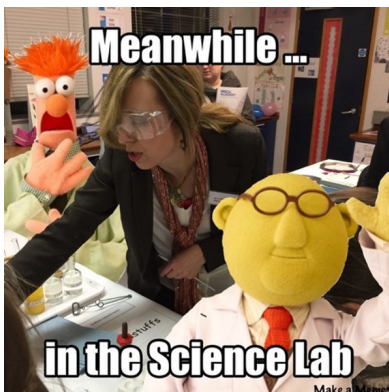


I have had many fantastic times working with the wonderful staff and students at Breda Academy, both in the run-up to amalgamation and in the four years since the new school opened. However, we are a community of life-long learners and as you know, I am looking forward to becoming a student again next year. I will begin studying for an MA in Creative Writing at Queen's University in September. I do believe passionately in the power of stories and reading. It isn't just a matter of entertainment, reading also helps develop empathy by having people see things from another character's perspective. As G.R.R. Martin put it in Game of Thrones, "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one."

I am sure Breda Academy will continue to develop under Mr Perry's leadership as Acting-Principal over the year ahead. I am confident that he and others in school leadership at every level will build on the excellent practice, commitment and work shown by so many of Breda's staff and students. I look forward to seeing Breda Academy's story continue to unfold through the Facebook page and the website as well as by keeping in touch with staff and students. In the meantime, I wish you all a relaxing and restful summer break.

*(Mr Perry will take over as Acting Principal and Mr Carrick will be Acting Vice-Principal.)*

## MS CROWTHER



### Wish me luck....

As many of you know, I have been teaching in this building, and indeed in S3, since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. Where does the time go?

In those 12 years I have had the privilege to work with the most amazing group of staff and pupils. A special mention is needed for the people I think of more as family (and often therapists) than as friends. They know who they are and, without their support, work could have been a very different place. I hope we can all still stay in touch.

I will always smile when I think about carrying a pigeon off a school bus; dancing to "All I want for Christmas" in the school production; the charity walk where we all pretended to be called Gillian (?); many formals and many team bonding weekends when we all just got to be normal for a night or two. The best times, however, have always been hearing stories about our pupils going on to bigger and better things (and the saddest times are when they don't get that opportunity).

The biggest change in my own school life has obviously been the amalgamation. After many years in a comfortable routine, and obviously in a moment of madness, I decided to start a part-time Masters course at QUB. In December 2018 I graduated with a distinction. I have now been given the most amazing opportunity to use my studies and start a brand new job in a brand new school in a brand new country.

It has been a pleasure to be part of the wider school community over the last 12 years and I hope you can all wish me luck in my new adventure.

**We send our best wishes to Mrs Chestnutt, who will be taking a two year Career Break. We also say goodbye to Mr Scott and Mrs Herd and wish them luck for the future.**

## Congratulations

*to Aimee Woods (Year 12) on completing her Grade 7 singing exam and Nicole Thompson (Year 9) on completing her Grade 1.*



## What actually happens on a Staff Development Day?

### ***Lifelong Learners at Breda - Staff on the other side of the desk!***

*"It's great to work with colleagues who make learning fun!"*

We've all heard of Staff Development Days or training sessions, but most people probably don't know what goes on during them! During our last Staff Development session it was back to the classroom for your teachers and teaching assistants. Each staff member went to 3 different lessons (as pupils) whilst their colleagues demonstrated a range of active learning activities which they use in their lessons. We used Bunsen burners, cooked, completed activities about Mary Queen of Scots and Elizabeth I, studied poetry, took IQ tests from 1918 and developed our foreign language skills.

This was a really useful learning opportunity for our staff and we all learnt something new to bring back to our own classrooms or our own lives.

*"Prior to going to see my work colleague's ( Geography ) lesson on the topic of recycling, I must admit I was giving him a hard time as I wanted to learn about volcanoes! After the lesson though, I am now an expert in recycling! The lesson included separating rubbish from the teacher's household rubbish ( which had been washed and cleaned the previous night by his wife ! ) into 3 different recycling boxes. The lesson also made reference to a great app you can download for*



*free to help you sort out your rubbish. The teacher made the lesson very active and for me it challenged my thinking on recycling!*

*Check out the app – it's called Bin-ovation."*

## **Reducing Waste—Breda is going paperless!**

# SIMS PARENT APP

Another way we're helping the environment is by going paperless in our correspondence to parents / carers.

**All school reports and messages will be sent to parents / carers via the app** from October 2019, so it is really important all parents / carers sign up to the SIMS Parent app and provide us with an email address. See <https://www.breda.academy/parents/sims-parent-app/> or contact **Ms McMullan (jmcmullan193@c2ken.net)**. The app will also show you your child's daily and weekly attendance, achievement points and the school calendar.





## A Happy Horticulturalist!



Remember our plumber, Simon Anderson? Let us introduce you to another Year 12 'man at work': Joshua Trimble.

When Joshua offered to help a friend in the business cut a hedge, he had no idea he had taken a step towards his future career. His friend then helped Joshua arrange work experience at Dundonald Nurseries in Year 11...and the rest is history.

In Joshua's own words: "I work for Dundonald Nurseries. I fell in love with gardening ever since I started working there. I have even started my own business. I called it 'JT's Joinery & Landscaping'. I do grass cutting, hedge-cutting, fences and a variety of joinery work. I have worked for Dundonald Nurseries part-time for nearly two years. I am

pleased to tell you that I am joining this team full-time in the summer after I finish my last examination."

We are very proud of Joshua and want to wish him good luck with his upcoming GCSE examinations. We will definitely look his business up on Facebook when we need gardening advice in the future!

## **Breda Academy pupils meet the Speaker of the House of Commons**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 three Breda Academy pupils went to Wellington College to listen to a talk by the Right Honourable John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons. There they were joined, not only by Wellington College pupils but also by pupils from several other schools.



Mr Bercow gave an interesting talk about his job as Speaker of the House of Commons and outlined some of the changes he has introduced during his time in that office. It might be of interest to aspiring politicians to know that MPs can no longer practise shooting in the Palace of Westminster, but at long last they may leave their infants in a nursery!



# N u m e r a c y

## Guess The Number

Find a 10-digit number where the first digit is how many zeros are in the number, the second digit is how many 1s are in the number etc., until the tenth digit - which is how many 9s are in the number?

# Literacy

## Summer Word Scramble

1. welofurns
2. lopo
3. nus
4. ganssulses
5. thorss
6. lhaelbbac
7. hebac
8. naf



## Katie Rankin



Everyone at Breda Academy would like to send **Katie Rankin**, year 11, all of our best wishes and our thoughts while she goes through her treatment. We wish her a speedy recovery and are looking forward to seeing her smiling face next year when she's feeling stronger.



*Best of Luck to  
our Year 12 and  
Year 14 Leavers!*

WE ALL KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!  
WISHING YOU THE BEST FROM  
EVERYONE AT BRED A.



## Year 12 formal.

What a glamorous bunch our Year 12 pupils (and their teachers) proved to be at the Year 12 formal held at Willowfield Church Hall on Thursday, 11th April. Thank you to **Mrs Boyle** for all her hard work in organising this special event.





## Sports' Day 2019

Years 8-10 went to the Mary Peters' Track for our Annual Sports' Day. There was a lot of rain in the middle of June, but fortunately for us, the sun decided to make a rare appearance on the 19th of June. Everyone took part and as well as the traditional sporting events, we also introduced a tug o' war competition and a barbeque this year. The **PE Department** really organised a fantastic event and we thank them for making it such an enjoyable day for everyone.



May 2019 (Bronze)	
Leon Smith	10F
Mcauley Mercer	9E
Abigail Ross	9A
Sophie Hinds	9B
Lita Gallagher	8B
Cody Houston	8F
Rhys Williams	8F
Jake Stevenson	8F
Lena Baldyga	8B
William Hicks	8B
Glenn Magill	8B
Ellie Galashan	8B
Pierce Madden	8B
Whitney-Rose Harvey	8B

June 2019 (Bronze)	
Holly McWatters	9B
Nicole Thompson	9B
Harvey Stewart	10F
Jamie Spence	9F
Charlie McCorkindale	10F
Alexander Boyd	8E
Callum Coates	8E
Luke Harvey	8E
Aleah Jackson	9F
Hannah Hoyles	9F
Lloyd Gray	8B
Emily Plunkett	8A
Laney Johnston	8E

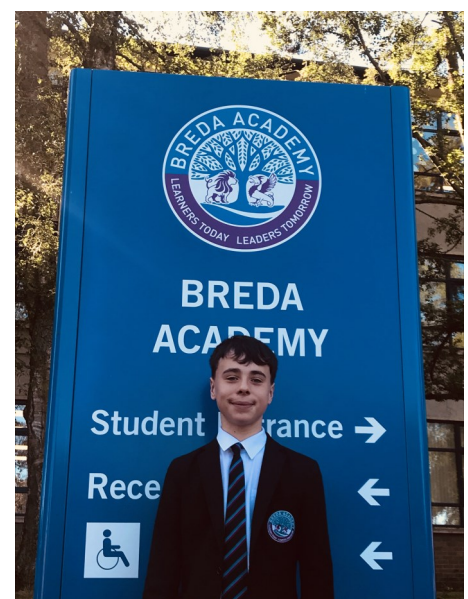
## May - June ACHIEVEMENT POINTS AWARD WINNERS

June 2019 (Silver)	
Jamie Barnes	9E
Jordan Reilly	9D
Charlie Owen	9B
Demileigh Campbell	9D



**Most achievement points in school  
2018 - 2019**

**Congratulations to Jack Ferguson  
(9D) who achieved 144 points!**





## WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 11 joined the world of work for one week in June. Our students went to a variety of work placements, including: gyms, schools, beauticians, bakeries, photographers, art studios and many more. The employers were all so impressed by their maturity and enthusiasm throughout the week. Yet again, we are extremely proud of Breda students who represent our school so well.







# Art Exhibition

Our talented Art students have yet again produced some very impressive pieces of Art work, which showcase their skills in a range of different disciplines. Well done to all of our GCSE and GCE Art students and **their fantastic Art teachers.**



**The Art Department has been busy this term with a variety of enrichment opportunities for their students.** Art students from Years 10, 11 and 12 visited the Textile Art, Design & Fashion Department at the Belfast School of Art, Ulster University for three days. They were involved in a collaborative project with the University and produced some beautiful work.



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### **Textile Artist Irene MacWilliam visits the Art & Design Department.**



Local contemporary textile artist, Irene MacWilliam, delivered an amazing workshop to GCSE & A Level pupils. A renowned quilter, a member of both the Northern Ireland Patchwork and Embroidery Guilds and an exhibitor both locally and internationally, she uses the medium of fabric and stitch to relate powerful imagery depicting political issues such as, starvation, the environment, climate change and conflict.

The main focus of this workshop, was to experiment with pattern as a formal visual element. In preparation for Irene's visit, pupils pre-made textured backgrounds, using a range of wall paper and tissue paper, before adding colour with brusho dyes and acrylic paint.

Using a range of recycled objects to produce her own stamps, Irene then creates her own patterned fabrics.

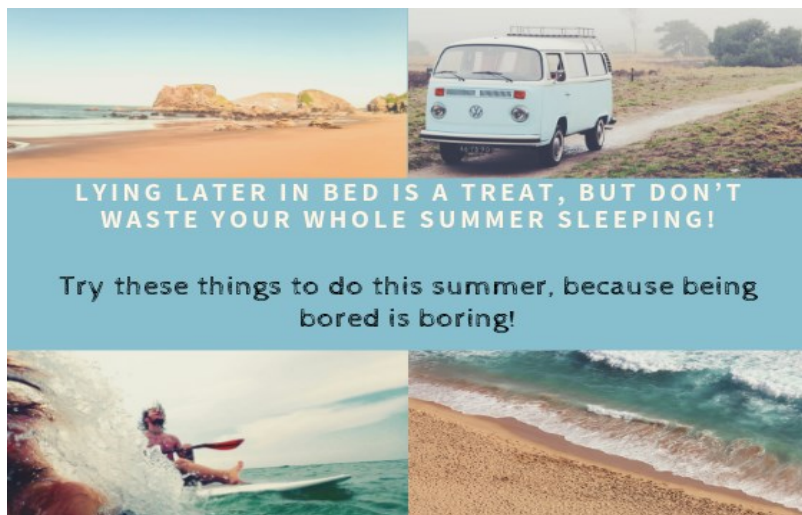
She kindly brought her huge collection into the classroom, where the pupils experimented with a range of different stamps to produce patterns based on their own individual theme of work. Pupils used sponges to apply either fabric paint or acrylic paint to their stamps, before printing. It was a very busy day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. During a follow up lesson, pupils put their portfolio page together, showcasing their own work, examples of Irene's work and with a short write up included.

Irene has recently been awarded a British Empire Medal, for her contribution to Textile Art.

### **Art & Design pupils visit the Island Arts Centre, Lisburn.**

GCSE & A Level pupils attended a workshop by professional artist, Daniela Balmaverde. Daniela is a visual freelance artist from Italy, who now lives in Northern Ireland. She specialises in portraits, paintings and sculptures. During the workshop, pupils were taught simple measuring techniques and body proportions. They produced a range of portrait drawings, using a range of media, including, charcoal, oil pastels, collage and acrylic paint. This was a most enjoyable day out!





- ☐ Watch a classic old movie (and no, real life wasn't actually black and white back then!)
- ☐ Learn to cook something complicated.
- ☐ Have a clear out and donate items you don't want to a charity shop.
- ☐ Keep a diary about your summer.
- ☐ Get arty and draw or paint a picture.

- ☐ Random acts of kindness - do something kind for someone: a neighbour, a family member, a friend, etc.
- ☐ Act like a tourist and visit the top attractions in our city - Stormont, the Titanic Exhibit, City Hall, etc.
- ☐ Recreate one of the photos which were taken of you when you were very little. Post them side by side.
- ☐ Read at least one book this summer.
- ☐ Challenge yourself to do at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.
- ☐ Go for a picnic—if we get the weather for it!
- ☐ Watch a sunset.
- ☐ Go device free for one day—no phones, tablets, etc. Experience life without the internet; your brain will thank you!
- ☐ Try something you've never tried before—ice skating, a different type of food, etc.

# HAVE A BRILLIANT SUMMER

## Key Date

**Monday 2nd September** All pupils return to school. Normal school day.

**Please note:** *Sixth form and Year 8 will have induction mornings during the previous week. Details will be sent home.*