

December 2017

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Merry Christmas

## Music Department

As always, it has been a very busy term in the Music Department. On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the choir and a group of musicians will be performing for the residents of Bell House Rotary as part of a series of community events.



Choir rehearsals take place on a Monday after school and Guitar Club takes place on a Thursday after school. New members are always very welcome. Lessons are available on Piano, Drum Kit, Guitar, Voice, Brass and String. Any pupils who are interested in taking instrumental lessons in school should speak to Miss Broadhurst.

Aimee Woods (Year 11) will be representing Breda Academy by performing in two sections of the Hollywood Music Festival. Good luck Aimee!

## Music Examinations



**Lauren Clarke** (right) and **Rebecca Maxwell** (left) in year 11 both achieved a Distinction in their Rockscool

Grade One Drum Kit Examination.

**Aimee Woods** (Year 10) achieved a Distinction in her Grade 3 Singing.

**Emma Curry** and **Emily Collins** (Year 8) achieved Distinctions in their Grade One Singing.



## MACMILLAN CANCER BAKE SALE

The Year 12 Occupational Studies class raised £133 with their bake sale for Macmillan cancer. They sold a selection of tray bakes, hotdogs, pizza slices and ice pops. Well done girls!



## Prize Distribution Evening



The school's 'Prize Distribution Evening' took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Over seventy pupils received prizes in recognition of their academic achievements. Notable awards were also presented, including: 'The Artistic Endeavour Award in memory of Jordan Kingston-Trotman' (Jacob Ashby-Glynne), 'The Adam McCormack Prize for Friendship' (Matthew McConaghie), 'Sportsperson of the Year' (David Anjorin) and Best GCSE Results (Demileigh Washbourne). As always, the Music Department, under the guidance of Miss Broadhurst, put on amazing musical performances, by the chamber choir and a duet by Aimee Woods (vocals) and Elise Montgomery (guitar and vocals).

## HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Breda Academy is involved with the **Tesco Fair-Share Partnership**.



The HE department stocks up on the items that can be used to cook with pupils and the excess is given out at break time by Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Beattie. As part of their Citizenship project, 9F have been preparing the food for pupils. There is always plenty of warm toast and different types of fruit, which is all given out free of charge.

## LIVESTOCK MEAT COMMISSION

We recently had a visit from the Livestock Meat Commission who gave a wonderful cookery



demonstration of Lamb Curry and Beef Chilli. For many, the best part of the morning was the tasting time!

## GOOD FOOD SHOW

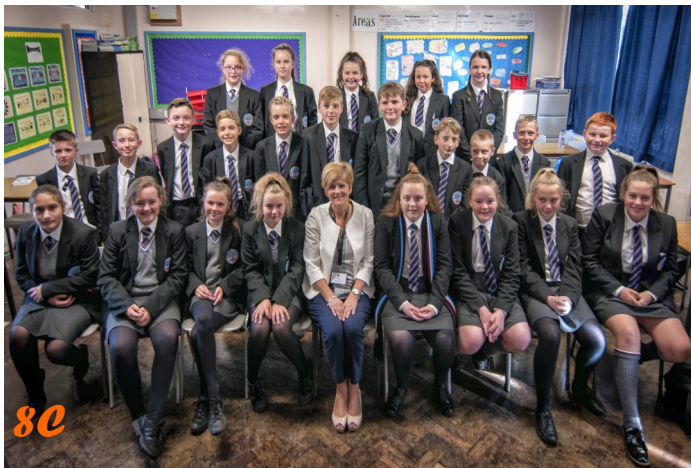
Recently some members of the Years 13 and 14 Hospitality



classes attended the Good Food Show at the Waterfront Hall. We all had a great time tasting and watching cookery demonstrations. We got to watch Nadia Hussain, the winner of 'The Great British Bake Off' 2015 and Stevie Toman from Ox.



# Meet our Year 8 pupils



*We have been delighted with our Year 8 pupils and we know they will continue to make their families and the school very proud!*

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# Prefects 2017/2018



(l to r) Deputy Head Boy **Nathan Ramsey**, Head Girl **Emma Jones**, Head Boy **Nathan Roberts**, Deputy Head Girl **Katie Lunn**



## Careers Education

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is an important element of our provision. We are committed to ensuring that all students receive high quality careers education and guidance as part of their learning experiences. It is delivered through various means which include careers modules with Form Tutors, CEIAG events, subject-based careers activities, Careers Advisor at parents' afternoons (10, 12 and 6<sup>th</sup> form), work experience in years 11 and 13, Learning for Life and

Work (LLW) classes and our Enrichment Programme at KS5, along with support during the UCAS process.

So far this term, years 11 and 14 visited the NI SKILLS Careers Fair, where they enjoyed the interactive activities and talked to people in industry about their options post-16. Also, year 14 took part in an Interview Skills day with PA Consulting at the Europa Hotel; where they impressed the company with their professional attitude, work experience and ability to solve problems in a team.





**Jake Jack 9E** is the current BMX Ulster Champion (2017) in the age 11-12 division. He also races for BMX Ireland, where he came 4th overall. BMX Ireland also named him most improved rider.



**Emma Jones 14G (Head Girl)**  
(second from right)

Emma is not only a wonderful role model in school, she also received her Master Cadet Award at a presentation in Queens University in September. This is one of



the highest achievements within the Cadet movement and reflects Emma's commitment, hard work and determination.

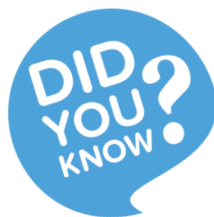
**Chloe Walker 10B** currently plays U15 football for Northern Ireland Ladies and Linfield Ladies. Chloe is fully committed to her sport, attending either training or a match on 4 days each week!



**David Anjorin 10E** went to England to play with a couple of Premier League Teams, with Burnley FC recognising David's potential. David is a great sportsman and received 'Sportsperson of the Year' at our Prize Distribution. David currently plays for Welders FC.

## SKI TRIP

In March 2018, 40 Breda pupils and staff will venture to the snow-capped mountains of Pamporovo in Bulgaria for Breda Academy's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ski trip. This will be our first trip outside of Italy and we are guaranteed outstanding snow and challenge. The resort is suitable for beginners, but for those who skill up quickly, there will be the challenge of the world famous 'Wall' slope – a difficult run that takes strength and guts. Staying in a lovely 3\* hotel, the group will relax their leg muscles each evening with a full programme of entertainment. We can't wait!



## Printmaking Workshop

Years 11, 13, and 14 Art students got to discover and explore intaglio printing. Mrs Taggart &

Mr Roberts (PGCE student) took the group to the Island Arts Centre, Lisburn for an etching workshop with professional printmakers from Seacourt Print Studio, Bangor. Drypoint etching is an intaglio print process using acrylic sheets, scoring tools and specialist akua ink. The group made multiple prints of varying tonal



ranges for their Art coursework. Etching is something which students normally don't get to try until University so this was a great opportunity for students to develop their art work and learn a completely new technique.

## Paper Marbling in Art by 9F



To create a background for their poly-prints and plaster tiles 9F used marbling inks. They carefully dripped their inks onto the surface of the water in a large tray, using small amounts at a time so the colours did not go dark or muddy. Their favourite part was mixing and swirling the ink with a pencil. Once they created a coloured pattern they were happy with, pupils laid down a piece of coloured paper on the surface of the water. After a few seconds the marble pattern transferred on to the paper. The results were amazing!

## R.E.

LMI visited Breda on Tuesday 24th October to talk to Year 8 pupils about their identity and self-worth. Pupils enjoyed chatting to Danny (they loved his Scouse accent) and Beckie and got to share experiences and opinions about self-image in a relaxed and fun way.



## Health & Social Care

Year 13 Health & Social Care students completed a one week placement in October. During the week, they had the opportunity to work alongside staff in health, social care and early years settings and develop their knowledge and understanding of the sector. Employers were delighted with our students' help during this week, such as **SENsations Learning Support** who stated 'We were delighted to have Jack with us for his sixth form work experience. He was a breath of fresh air, and parents and little ones all loved him! Jack was an honest, kind and friendly young person who would be an asset to any employer.'





## Year 9 Rugby Tournament



The newly formed Year 9 Rugby team, coached by Mr Scott,

played brilliantly in a recent tournament. They were victorious in their first match (Breda 20-5 Lagan). They then played against Forthill and narrowly lost (Breda 10-15 Forthill). Next, the Breda boys came up against Lisnagarvey (Breda 35-Lisnagarvey 5). However, Breda saved their best performance for the last game, playing against the hosts, Laurelhill. The mighty Breda boys ran rampant in this match, with a scoreline which reflects how well the team played (Breda 40-0 Laurelhill)! We look forward to the future games with this blossoming team.

## STEM ROADSHOW

Breda Academy welcomed the RAF into school on Tuesday 21st November for a **Fun with Flight STEM Roadshow**. This exciting show explained the physics of flight in a fun and engaging manner through the use of Drones; Virtual Reality and lots of interactive experiments and demonstrations. Our Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to hear from experts; ask questions; find out more about careers within the RAF and enjoy a brilliant demonstration of a jet engine out in the open air. There are many jobs and career paths within STEM and the RAF is but one avenue of accessing these opportunities. There are career opportunities out there for our young people and events such as this help to communicate this good news in a difficult economic climate.



All year 11 Wider Key Skills classes have been participating in a **Good Relations programme** run by the YMCA. We have had three YMCA youth workers in for a four week period to enable pupils to understand the history of the troubles, but viewed from a wider perspective. The pupils have found these classes very informative.

## Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football team has been very successful in reaching the last 16 of the Under 12 Northern Ireland Cup. We play Holy Cross, Strabane in the next round. Approximately 25 boys attend football practice every Tuesday after school to train under the guidance of Mr Galbraith.



## That's a Wrap, Folks!

Thank you to pupils, parents, carers and teachers who



contributed towards the **Samaritans Operation Shoebox Appeal** organised by Mrs Towse and her year 13 form class. Students worked tirelessly to wrap and pack the shoeboxes, knowing that a

disadvantaged young person would receive a present this Christmas. Thank you and wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



On 16 November 2017, 6 pupils took part in the **Girls Active Inspiration Day**. This event was an opportunity to create a network of girls who are inspired to take part in more PE and sport. It developed their leadership and influencing skills so they can become role models in school and encourage their peers to become more active.

## Studying Advice The Year 13

**Psychology class** completed an experiment to investigate which environment for studying (noise or silence) produces the best outcome in a test. They found that your studying environment should be the same as the testing environment; so in other words, exams take place in silence, so you should also study in silence. **Put away those headphones!**



## Have you tried the canteen?

Quick and convenient due to our cashless system and 'a place where students from all year groups can gather around and enjoy some lovely, healthy meals' (past pupil)



## Action MS Walk

Year 8 Students took part in our annual charity walk for **Action MS Northern Ireland**. This year's walk took place on a glorious Autumn day in the nearby Ormeau Park and pupils raised an impressive total of **£1712**. Well done Year 8.



## BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The Year 12 Occupational Studies Retail and Year 14 Applied Business classes each participated in the setting up and running of their own tuck shop. The Year 12 Retail class were assessed on how they set out their stall, promoted various products, ensured security around their stall, engaged in the serving of customers, dealt with any customer complaints and received and paid out cash for the goods purchased.



*(Jack and Matthew—year 8—helping out during Senior Lunch).*

For Applied Business, the main focus was on the role each student had to assume as Directors of the business to get it up and running and to bring it successfully to a close, whilst hopefully making a profit in the process!

The students seemed to enjoy their valuable experience of enterprise in the school with each allocated a particular 'work shift' they had to complete, as for any business. They also learnt the value of teamwork, responsibility and dependability and also had the opportunity to develop other skills such as communication, organisation, presentation and numeracy. Their first-hand experience of enterprise will not only help them to gain marks in their assignment, but equally as important, has hopefully helped them to develop skills and qualities needed for their future career choice.

## Year 14 Psychology

A Level Psychology student Stephen Sandford attended the British Psychological Society's A Level Conference at Queen's University. In the imposing surroundings of Queen's Great Hall, Stephen presented research entitled '**The Selfie Generation- Are We All Narcissists?**' to seven other schools and lecturers from QUB and UU. Stephen delivered a polished and engaging presentation, which received high praise from other teachers and the lecturers present. This was a wonderful opportunity for Stephen to experience delivering a talk in front of a large audience. Well done Stephen, we're very proud of you!



## Key Dates

Wednesday, 20th December	Last day of term / half day
Thursday, 4th January	Pupils back to school
Wednesday, 10th January	Parents' afternoon—Years 12, 13 and 14
Thursday, 18th January	Open Night
Friday, 19th January	Staff Development Day—Pupils not in school
Wednesday, 7th February	Parents' afternoon—Years 9 and 10
Wednesday, 14th March	Parents' afternoon—Year 11

