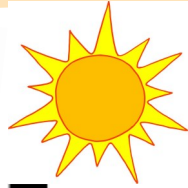


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the bulletin



Mr Perry
(Vice Principal)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Vice Principal and tell you how pleased I am to join the Breda community. I have been made to feel very welcome and it has been really pleasing to meet and talk with so many of our young people. The highlight of my first week was seeing the new year 8 students arrive for their first induction morning, looking so proud to now be coming to secondary school, well organised, full of confidence and enthusiasm and eager to grasp the many new and diverse opportunities available to them.

I was born in Birmingham and lived there for 20 years before heading to London where I spent 25 years working and studying. When I left school I qualified as an Electrician and worked in the building industry for 15 years before changing careers to become a Teacher. I graduated as a PE teacher and then moved to school management and leadership during my work in 4 schools in England and 2 schools in Northern Ireland. I moved to Northern Ireland with my wife (who's also a teacher) and children, as my wife's family are from here and we wanted to move close to them. My favourite hobbies are playing sports, walking in the beautiful parks and seaside areas of County Down and spending time with my family. My rugby and football days are now over! But I still play Judo, open water swim, cycle and ski. I love to travel and have been very privileged to have visited many countries around the world, with my highlights being Japan, Thailand, India and Nepal.

I joined the teaching profession because I want to help, encourage and support young people in their learning and to develop the confidence, ambition, and GRIT (Growth mind-set, Resilience, Independence and Tenacity) needed to cope with the demands and challenges life will present to them. With your continued support and by working together in partnership we can ensure all our young people can make progress in their learning and most importantly enjoy their time at Breda Academy.

I very much look forward to working with you this year.

Mr P Perry (Vice Principal)

Breda Hosts CCEA Art Moderation Meetings.

In May, the Art Department hosted CCEA's Art Moderation meetings for three days with over 30 teachers from schools across Northern Ireland, as well as staff from CCEA. Overall, the event was a huge success, with the Art Department receiving much positive recognition for the work they do. They were commended by many of our visitors from other schools, regarding the standard and wide range of work produced by our students. 9B were mentioned for being particularly engaged and well behaved! Visitors spoke highly of their experience in Breda Academy as a school as a whole. Thank you to Mrs Taggart for agreeing to host this event and showing to others the talented Art teachers and students we have in our school.

GCSE and A Level Art





Our year 14 students left for study leave in May, signalling that they had nearly completed 14 years of education. For many, they will continue their studies by attending University and perhaps move away from home or go on to College. Some have already secured employment / further training and we wish each and every one of them the very best. It takes dedication and hard work to stay in full-time education for this long and complete A Level courses. Thank you to our sixth formers for choosing to stay on at our school and we know you will make us proud in your exams. Thank you as well to all of their teachers who have devoted so many hours of hard work in ensuring the A Level and BTEC courses are delivered to the highest standards possible.



LCCC European Entrepreneurship Event



Year 13 and Year 14 Business students participated in a Student Entrepreneurship (www.studentstartup.how) event, organised by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (LCCC)/Young Enterprise.

Our team lifted the prize and the Council and YE

representatives were extremely complimentary with regard to our students, describing them as **first-class and a total credit to our school**. They were particularly impressed with how fully engaged the students remained during the all-day activity and, in particular, commented on how extremely confident they all were doing their presentation to a panel of judges. In fact they said **they had never seen students perform to that level before at any of their other YE events**. We are extremely proud of our students and of course, our Business Studies department! (Miss McCabrey (left) and Mrs Critchton (right) with judges from the event.).

UK shops lose a total of £800m each year due to shoplifting, which now accounts for a quarter of all thefts in Northern Ireland. The PSNI has recently launched a new crime prevention scheme for retailers called **'The Safe Shop Scheme'**.

Year 11 & 12 Occupational Studies Retail students had the opportunity, through research and role play, to learn about a range of strategies retailers are using. Students were amazed at the different strategies and systems employed by retailers to reduce the risk of stealing from their stores and employed some of these strategies in their role play to reduce the risk of theft in their 'grocery store'. This ranged from displaying the necessary signs, doing spot checks on the products, employing a security guard and many more.



The students developed skills in preparation for the world of work and also had great fun carrying out this activity with their friends!

farewell

CLASS OF 2018

to our Fifth Years

Tears were shed by many of the fifth year pupils before they headed off on study leave to prepare for their GCSE exams. They were a brilliant year group and we hope that many of them will return to continue their studies at Breda in the sixth form. However, for those who will not be returning, we wish them well for the future, whether that is entering employment, beginning an apprenticeship or continuing with their studies at College.

Below are some photos of the fifth year formal, which for many, was the highlight of the year!



BTEC Hospitality

Year 12 have recently held two coffee mornings for the staff, as part of their BTEC level 2 coursework. It was great to see them displaying such great customer service. A great range of tray bakes were produced by the class the day before and then served with tea and coffee at break time.



Year 13 have also been displaying their customer service by preparing, planning and hosting a two course meal for some of the staff in the school over two lunchtimes. Their menus included vegetarian lasagne, homemade burgers, spicy chicken stir fry and home-made chicken and leek

pie (see across for recipe). Then for desserts, we had strawberry pavlova, Eton mess, hot chocolate brownies and individual banoffees. Both lunches went really well and the feedback from the staff was great.



Throughout the term, the Hospitality classes have been out on visits to a number of hotels and we are very grateful to them for allowing the pupils to visit these establishments. A huge thanks to The Stormont Hotel, The Ballygally Hotel and The Crowne Plaza. As well as these visits, Year 14 also visited the IFEX exhibition at the Titanic exhibition centre. We all had a great time sampling food from the displays. They also went on board the Stena Line ferry to

have a tour around and be given a talk about the hospitality industry on ships and possible apprenticeships. Although we never left the harbour, we had a really fun time.

ICT Success

We are very proud of Matthew McConaghie (Year 13) who achieved the highest mark in Northern Ireland for his CCEA GCSE Applied ICT. Matthew is a great role model for our other learners and has shown what is possible with the motivation to succeed and hard work.



Courtesy of the Home Economics Department, is a delicious recipe for

Chicken and Leek Pie

Prep:30min › Cook:45min ›

Ready in:1hr15min

Serves: 6



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 6 skinless chicken breast fillets, cubed
- 4 tablespoons white wine (optional)
- 2 medium leeks, chopped
- 15g butter
- 1 tablespoon plain flour
- 750ml milk
- 1 cube chicken stock
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 (500g) block puff pastry, thawed if frozen

Method

- Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a frying pan until hot. Cook chicken until brown all over. Set aside.
- Using the same pan, heat the remaining oil and add the wine, if using, add the leeks and cook and stir until the leeks are tender and the wine has evaporated. Set aside.
- Melt butter in a large pot. Stir in the flour to create a smooth paste. Gradually add the milk, stirring continuously until sauce thickens.
- Add chicken and leeks to the pot and crumble in the stock cube and season. Cover and simmer over low heat for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Meanwhile, line a 23cm x 30cm or similar size tin with puff pastry. Fill with chicken and leek mixture and cover with a layer of puff pastry. (At this stage, you can brush the top with egg, if desired).
- Bake in a preheated 200 C / Gas 6 oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until pastry is puffy and golden. Remove from the oven and serve.





This term, we introduced **Hot Chocolate Fridays** for pupils who have been nominated as going **over and above** at Breda. The pupils are invited to the Principal's office for hot chocolate, biscuits and a chat on period one on Fridays. We look forward to seeing more Breda students going **over and above** next term!



Charity



Staff and pupils raised £816.24 through a non-uniform day, selling Marie Curie daffodils, a coffee morning for staff and the raffling of bird boxes made by Mrs Ryan and Mrs Duffield in the Technology and Design department. A special mention must be made about 8B who raised £48.00 from the non-uniform day alone.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The STEM Module visited Breda Academy on Monday 14th May. Our Year 11 Science pupils had the privilege of using high tech microscopy equipment, led by expert staff on board the Module. The pupils valued this opportunity as they studied various slides from plants and animals alike, deepening and broadening their understanding of the microscopic world around us. The STEM Module is a great resource and we value the opportunity to use the expertise it brings to Breda. We have had several STEM events throughout this academic year and we would like to thank Mr Faloon and the Science Department for organising such valuable and engaging events for our young people.

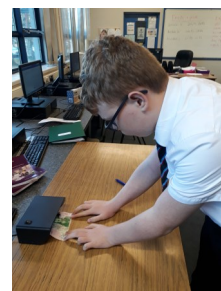


Ms Coulter, Miss Broadhurst, Jack Hoyles (9B), Aydin Kisa (9B) and Helena McCamley (9A) completed **The School Run Marathon Challenge** in the summer term. Well done to everyone who challenged themselves. They all smashed the Marathon target, with several completing 4 marathons over the weeks of the challenge.

REAL OR FAKE?

Are you aware that nearly 7.9 million British £20 notes were removed from circulation in 2017? Or that the counterfeit note removed from circulation with the second highest value was the £50 banknote, with 1.6 million being removed from circulation in the UK in 2017 alone? In spite of the use of sophisticated modern technology, the battle persists today between the banks and the fraudsters. However, Year 11 & 12 Occupational Studies (Retail), had the opportunity to learn how to do some basic checks to ensure that any money which came into their hands or that of a retailer, was real!

As well as learning how to check for the watermark, hologram and metal thread inside banknotes, students had the opportunity to learn how to use the ultra violet counterfeit money detector device and the counterfeit money detector pen that you will so often see used in shops (Jamie McMaster, year 12, using an ultra violet device).



Buying your new school uniform for September

Students of Breda Academy are expected to dress smartly and wear their uniform with pride. A school is both a community and a working environment. Smart uniform is one way in which we express our readiness for work and our determination to promote a positive image for ourselves and our fellow students within and beyond the school.

Wearing a uniform ensures all students feel welcome. It promotes inclusion and relations between different groups of students. We appreciate parents' / guardians' support in ensuring that our students adhere to the following guidelines and **in particular, students must not wear hoodies / jackets under the school blazer. A black or navy coat may be worn over the blazer only when outside the school building.**

School Uniform

- Black Blazer (Year 8—12)
 - Burgundy Blazer (Year 13—14)
 - White shirt (shirts should be tucked in and top button fastened)
 - School tie (suitable length)
 - Grey V-neck jumper with blue, white and burgundy stripe
 - Black trousers (Boys)
 - Grey *knee length* kick pleat skirt
 - Plain black shoes
 - Grey school socks or plain black tights
- (Girls)
- Plain dark socks (Boys)
 - Plain Black/Navy overcoat
 - Regulation school scarf
 - The only jewellery allowed is a watch and one pair of small stud earrings (maximum one in each earlobe).



All students must carry a bag which is a functional in colour and design and able to carry at least an A4 file and a set of school stationery. The wearing of badges is forbidden except for school awarded badges or other youth organisations which may, on enquiry, be recognised by the school.

FOOTWEAR

All students **MUST** wear plain black shoes. These must be practical footwear which is acceptable in practical subjects (Technology, Home Economics etc).

UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR:

- X Coloured soles
- X Coloured markings/stitching
- X Coloured logos
- X Coloured laces
- X Heels

Key Dates

Last Day of Term - Friday, 29th June 2018

GCE Results available to students - Thursday, 16th August

GCSE Results available to students - Thursday, 23rd August

Year 13 induction days - Wednesday, 29th & Thursday, 30th August

Year 8 induction days - Thursday, 30th & Friday, 31st August
- 9.30 - noon

Year 14 induction day - Friday, 31st August

All year groups in school - Monday, 3rd September (normal school day)

Prize Distribution Night - Wednesday, 24th October

Half Term - Friday, 26th October - Friday, 2nd November (inclusive)

Winter Exam Week - Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th November (internal exams).

End of term - Christmas holidays - Friday, 21st December - Thursday, 3rd January (inclusive)

Academic Review Day - Friday, 4th January - parents and pupils meet with form tutors.

In line with GDPR, which took effect on 25th May, we have updated our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. They are available at <http://www.breda.academy/data-protection-policyprivacy-notice/>



We look forward to welcoming **our new Year 8 pupils** at the end of August to Breda Academy. There is so much to be excited about when starting at a new school, such as: making new friends, learning new subjects and participating in new activities. In your first few days, you will be meeting your form teacher and learning about the new routines in school, so that you will be able to settle in and enjoy everything that Breda Academy has to offer.

Mr Galbraith (Head of Year 8)

Art Department Collaboration with the University of Ulster.



In June, Breda Academy's Art Department participated in an exciting collaboration with the Ulster University's Textile Department, to create two stunning banners for the 'Processions' march in Belfast on the 10th of June. The purpose was to educate and involve students in the celebration of the 100 year

anniversary of the Suffragette movement. Hazel Bruce (lecturer in Textiles at UU - above) visited us with undergraduate and postgraduate students and we received a fascinating insight into the history of the



Suffragettes. Following on from this, Hazel led a series of masterclasses in stitch and embellishment techniques which formed our unique tribute, in the form of a banner (below), to the bravery and tenacity of the Suffragettes.

