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In Memory



Heather Gibson, who sadly passed away after a long illness on 10th March, was a teacher of Science at Breda Academy.

She started teaching with her first permanent post at Knockbreda High School in 1989 and went on to join Breda Academy when Knockbreda and Newtownbreda amalgamated in September 2015. Heather brought many skills and attributes with her into the new school and was a highly regarded, valuable member of staff. She was always calm and yet adaptable, in the face of the inevitable challenges of amalgamation.

Heather also put her training as a qualified counsellor to use, giving us additional capacity to support students at a time of change. Heather faced her illness with the same calm courage and determination. She will be greatly missed by the many students, parents, staff and indeed the friends she had made both at Breda Academy and at Knockbreda.

Proceeds from the non uniform day on the last day of term went to Marie Curie, in memory of Heather.

Fantastic Fundraisers

Well done to **Hollie McKay** and **Victoria McIlroy** in Year 8 who were invited to attend an awards ceremony held by Action MS Northern Ireland, as they both collected over £100 in sponsorship money for our MS Walk. We are very proud of both girls!

Diabetes UK

As part of the Year 14 Applied Business course, students must plan and open a business within the school for one week. All money raised after the week is given to a charity of their choice. This year, the students decided to open a tuck shop for one week and give all money raised to Diabetes UK. After a week of trading, a total of £185 was raised for Diabetes UK.

The group consisted of 8 students: Adam Clegg, Cameron Stevenson, Dean Waite, Jamie Fitzsimmons, Joshua Young, Nathan Ramsey, Stephen Cotter and Thomas McAvoy.



The photograph above shows our Finance Director (Jamie) and Managing Director (Thomas) present a cheque to Naomi Bren from Diabetes UK.

Naomi was delighted to receive such an amount and told us that this would help towards raising awareness of Diabetes within schools.

More information can be found at: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/diabetes-the-basics>

Business Studies Department

The Business Studies Department enjoyed a successful evening at the Open Evening for Breda Academy on 18 January 2017. Many thanks to Mrs Coulter, our Teaching Assistants Jean and John and the lovely Nicole Conway, Nadia Nixon and Emma Kerr for their invaluable assistance in ensuring everything ran smoothly. Among several activities on offer, visitors had the opportunity to engage in:

Guess the brand! – a tasting session of various brands of crisps and cola to see who could identify the correct brand on display

Guess the flag! – an opportunity for visitors to match up EU trading countries with their respective flags

Guess the logo! – which brand logo represented which company?

Simulated tuck shop – where products could be scanned using a retail app and 'notes' could be 'checked' using the counterfeit money detector device and pen

A lot of fun was had by all, especially by the visitors whose children delighted in taking part in the various arranged activities, while very interested parents had many questions to ask about Breda Academy and what it had to offer.

Last but not least, our budding entrepreneurs went away happy with a 'treasure' item to add to their Breda Academy pencil case and a selection of sweets to keep them satisfied.



Key Dates

Monday, 9th April 2018 - Back to school following the Easter break

Monday, 7th May 2018 - May Day Bank Holiday for everyone

Monday, 28th May 2018 - Staff Development Day - no pupils in school

Tuesday, 29th May 2018 - Friday, 1st June - Internal School Exams - years 8-11.

GCSE and A Level Timetables will be given to pupils by Mrs Curry.

American Chocolate Brownies

These brownies are made in an 8inch square tin

Ingredients

60g dark chocolate
60g milk chocolate
2 eggs
120g butter
80g plain flour
170g caster sugar



Turn on oven to 180°C or Gas No. 5.

- Line and grease foil dish.
- Beat the eggs and sugar in a baking bowl with food mixer until a light consistency.
- Cut up chocolate into small pieces. Melt the chocolate and butter over a pan of boiling water.
- Add the melted chocolate and butter to beaten egg and sugar in the baking bowl and mix with the food mixer.
- Sieve the flour onto a dinner plate.
- Add the flour to the baking bowl and mix with wooden spoon. Ensure no small pockets of flour remain in the mix.
- Pour the mix into 2 lined foil dishes. Place on a baking tray and bake for 15- 20 minutes.



Cookery club

The girls recently made these chocolate brownies in cookery club. They thoroughly enjoyed preparing, cooking, decorating and most of all, eating them!

Friends of Breda Academy

Just before Christmas our Parent and Teacher group (FBA) did a joint bag pack with Newtownbreda Baptist Church.

We raised £311.10 which will be used for Youth Work in the area.

Thank you to all who helped and supported us.



The Year 8 football team and some P7 pupils from Belvoir Park Primary School went on a tour of the National Stadium at Windsor Park with Mr Galbraith. The boys thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the National Stadium. It looks VERY cold though!

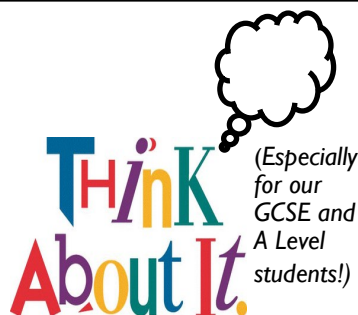


Congratulations

to Stephen Sandford who secured a place in the PWC 2018 Head Start school leaver programme. This opportunity offers a full time employment contract post A-levels, a salary and a Professional Qualification (ATT), which will enable him to become a Tax Advisor in the future. Stephen underwent psychometric tests, took part in tasks in the Assessment Centre and



attended a competency-based interview. When asked about the process and the skills he needed to show, he stated, "Listening makes you a winner". Stephen is looking forward to taking up his position in September, 2018. We are all very proud of him at Breda Academy.



(Especially for our GCSE and A Level students!)

"Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use."

Earl Nightingale

Gardening Club

Two Junior school girls, along with Chris from The Conservation Volunteers preparing the raised bed for planting carrots. In the foreground are shoots of the onions they planted a month ago.



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Mr Massey

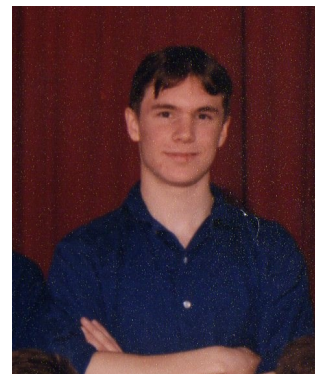


The end of this term will also bring the end of an era at Breda Academy, as Mr Massey is moving from his post as Vice Principal here to become Principal at Glengormley High School. It is a very well deserved appointment for a member of staff who has made a massive contribution to the successes we have enjoyed at Breda Academy. Mr Massey may have started work as a teacher in these buildings when he joined Newtownbreda High School in 2004, but his association with the site goes back even further than that, having also been a pupil here.

Glengormley, however, is also familiar ground for Mr Massey, having been the area where he first started work in the retail business before making the move into the different challenges of the education sector. He has brought that breadth of experience outside school to enrich experiences of students at Breda with developments in our courses, our extra-curricular activities and our engagement with the wider community.

In all that he has done here at Breda, Mr Massey has brought humour, compassion and a single minded focus on the best interests of the children. We will all miss him, but he is more than ready for the opportunity and the challenge of leading his own school.

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Mr Massey, when he was a pupil at Newtownbreda High School.

Mr Massey ended up going on the same holiday as me to Ibiza! He is a really down to earth teacher and will be missed! Rebecca Corbett - Year 13

The ski trip was the best holiday of my life, it changed it forever and all thanks to him.

Joel Keys - Year 12

Mr Massey is a great Vice Principal and teacher, probably one of the best teachers I've ever had. I wish I had him as a teacher before fourth year. Mr Massey is a teacher who would listen to what you said and give you great advice about what problems you had. He was also a teacher you could have a laugh with and was like a good friend. He shared many stories with my LLW class in fourth and fifth year and they were always funny. I always enjoyed going to that class. Now that I'm in my first year of sixth year and don't have him as a teacher, I go visit his office every other day to have a laugh and tell a joke, but of course, I miss having him as a teacher. We had a good laugh on the week before his birthday, I had decided I'd get him polish and a cloth as a gift, so that he could make his head shiny and I got him a princess card.

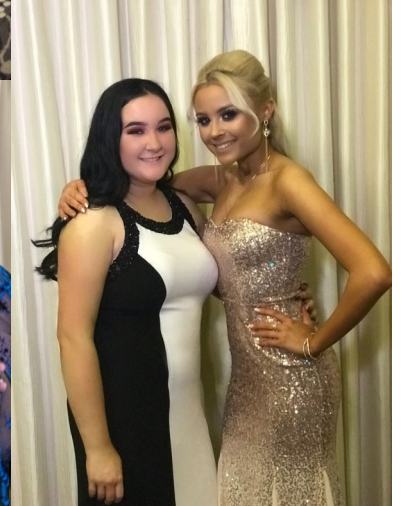
A couple of months into my first year in sixth year I had a thought that sixth form wasn't really for me. I informed my mum of this just before the parent-teacher meeting and my mum said about it to Mr Massey. Mr Massey pulled me into his office the next day and we discussed why I didn't want to stay in sixth year much longer. I came out of that office with an idea about my future. He convinced me to stay for the two years. Mr Massey did this for me, not my parents and I appreciate this.

I will miss Mr Massey greatly, but I know he'll do well in his new job and he deserves it. I hope others find that Mr Massey is a great person just like the Knockbreda pupils found when they amalgamated with Newtownbreda. I wish him all the best.

Ryan Horner - Year 13

Sixth Form Formal

the best thing about
Memories
is making them







Information for Parents / Guardians

The GCSE and GCE summer exam season starts in May and it's important that our learners are revising over the Easter Holidays.

The following advice should be followed at home to ensure your child is revising in the right way and in the right environment.

Assisting with revision

The secret to doing well in exams lies in planning. You can help your children to create a clear revision plan and method of studying that will make them feel in control of their work.

Tips for revision planning:

- work out a revision timetable for each subject. Use the subject's specification from the exam board to see what topics need to be covered for the exam.
- break revision time into small chunks - e.g. hour long sessions with short breaks. Set a timer for this.
- make sure your child has all the essential books and materials.
- condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts - you can buy cards cheaply in the Pound shops or cut up your own out of card.
- buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more interesting and make sure they have a suitable area in the house where they can revise - somewhere quiet and where they can keep their revision materials organised.
- go through school notes with your child or listen while they revise a topic. Ask him / her to explain a topic to you.
- time your child's attempts at practice papers. Remember, if your child has extra time that equates to 25% extra time on top of the published time for that exam. Encourage him / her to use it.
- Your child should study in silence. Research has shown that we should study in the same context in which we are tested. Your child will be tested in silence, so therefore, he or she should study in silence. Put away those headphones and turn off the TV!

Use the exam board websites to access past papers, mark schemes and support materials. The main ones are

www.ccea.org.uk

www.aqa.org.uk/

www.ocr.org.uk

www.wjec.co.uk

If your child says '*But I don't know how to revise*', there are websites with revision strategies which may provide your child with useful ideas about approaching revision.

<http://nts.cumbria.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Revision-Strategies.pdf>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-22565912>

Rugby Team Success

On the 31st January, the Year 10 rugby team was entered into another Blitz tournament run by the Ulster Schools' Branch. As usual, the Breda Boys (and their coach Mr Scott) did us proud, with the following results:

Breda Academy 5-0 Ashfield Boys'

Breda Academy 25-5 Boys' Model

Breda Academy 12-5 Larne Grammar

Mackenzie Milligan Callum Campbell

Jake Bowman Bobby Reid

Brandon Proctor Nima Jasour

Boye Sule Mason Leahy-Currans

Stephen Gorman David Anjorin

Carson White Kyle Flynn



Remember - for all EXTERNAL exams

Pupils are not allowed any electronic devices on their person (mobile phones, iPods, etc.), even if they are switched off.

If a pupil is seen with a phone (even if it is switched off) they could be disqualified from that exam and the entire qualification.



AQA City & Guilds CCEA OCR Pearson WJEC



**NO IPODS, iWATCHES,
MOBILE PHONES,
MP3/4 PLAYERS**

**NO POTENTIAL
TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB ENABLED
SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in

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Breda Academy Careers Fair 2018

Thank you to all 28 exhibitors, who made our pupils aware of the many opportunities open to them when they leave school: from hairdressing and mechanics apprenticeships to paid employment, 'A' levels and degrees.



Feedback from pupils was very positive - many said they wished they had had more time to speak with our guests and have already signed up to summer placements with some companies!



Breda Academy Music Department



In Music, Year 8 pupils have been learning about the Elements of Music and Rhythm by taking part in a variety of activities. Pupils have enjoyed learning how to play the drum-kit, tuned percussion and keyboard.

This term, the **Music Department** organised a concert, delivered by 20 members of the Royal Airforce Central Band. It was lovely to see many of our pupils taking part and enjoying an event held by such amazing musicians.



It is great to see lots of junior school pupils taking instrumental lessons in school. There are still several places available on our specially funded programme. This Music programme provides pupils with the opportunity to have instrumental lessons at a highly discounted rate and any parents who would like further information should contact Miss Broadhurst. Lessons are available on Piano, Guitar, Drum Kit and Voice.

This term our year 8 pupils have been continuing to develop their performing skills by playing a wide variety of instruments including percussion, African Drums, Ukulele and Guitar. Year 9 pupils have been learning about Medieval Music, with some year 9 classes performing fabulous class arrangements of some traditional pieces. In Year 10, pupils have been studying about the history of Pop Music and have just completed a keyboard assessment which required them to learn the famous riff from the song "Stand by Me." Year 10 pupils have also been learning to play "Human" by Rag 'n' Bone Man. Our school Chamber Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Blues Group, Rock Group and African Drumming Group have been working hard to learn new pieces and are looking forward to staging a music recital in the summer term. Any pupils who would like to become involved in any of these groups should speak to Miss Broadhurst.



SCIENCE EVENTS Year 10 pupils engaged in a CSI Style Forensics Workshop led by Aussie Alison from Education Interactive. The crime scene was presented, before the pupils were tasked with examining the different sources of evidence to build a picture of how, where and when the victim died. Year 10 were supervised by Alison, Mr Faloon and their class teachers, before the big reveal at the end. Alison explained how each and every piece of evidence was used to establish how the killer kidnapped and then killed the young victim. Big thanks to Alison and Education Interactive and we hope to see them return again next year.



Year 11 GCSE Science pupils experienced a rare and engaging trip on Thursday 25th January. Mrs Patterson and Mr Faloon led 20 Yr11 pupils on a trip to the City Airport, where we boarded a (Bombardier built) Flybe Q400-8 jet and flew out of NI, around the Isle of Man and back again across Belfast Lough. The trip did not end when the aeroplane taxied back into the airport, as we disembarked and boarded a yellow Fire and Rescue bus. A guided tour of the airport fire station followed and we were treated to a full water cannon demonstration outside as the fire truck drove past in full flow!

What an **AMAZING** Week!

Breda Academy enjoyed a massive week with Crown Jesus Ministries, partnering with Newtownbreda Baptist Church who funded a hugely successful programme which welcomed guests to the school to perform for all of our pupils. Events included Harry Bruce (beatboxer), Colin Ross (professional downhill mountain bike champion), and Joel Mawhinney (professional magician). Other events included African drumming classes and cage football. Of course, this all led up to the Thursday night extravaganza – a night of fun and laughter. Memorable events included Undercover Reporter and the amazing Staff Carpool Karaoke – not forgetting the wonderful Staff Gunge Tank. Huge thanks to all of the youth workers from the local churches who came every day to support the event and help to make it so memorable.

