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Principal's Foreword



Welcome to our first edition of our school Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading about a few of the things that we participated in since September.

Our new school year got off to a great start with Year 12, Year 13 and Year 14 students achieving record breaking qualifications! We are delighted to see the effort and determination of our students, with the support of their families, paying off. We wish all our senior students well as they head off on a variety of pathways into the work place, further education, university and/ or gap years.

As the new year began our Sixth Form Prefect team enjoyed a weekend in Corrymeela Peace Centre, Ballycastle with our school Chaplains to plan their year ahead and their role to support our new 240 Year 8 students in their move to 'big school.' The Year 8 team building trips to Ganaway proved to be great fun, our little ones showed off their personalities further at the Year 8 disco, with the prefect team leading the way with 'Rock the Boat' and the 'Macarena.'

The half term came to a close with the razzamatazz of our school show, 'Clueless.' Over 150 students were involved, from stage support to lighting from actors to dancers. It was a wonderful example of a whole school event with students from different year groups having fun and learning together. Much thanks goes to Mr Gray and Miss Hughes for leading the way.

We look forward to lots of other activities and events that our students will be involved in this year and welcome all of our new families and staff who have joined us in 2019.

Mrs A McNamee

Business Studies Visitor

In the last week of September, our Year 13 CTEC Technical Diploma Business Studies students were treated to a question and answer session with local accountant Andrew Bassett. Organised by Mrs Surgenor, this event was a really informative session to support students with their Business Accounting Unit. They learned first-hand from entrepreneur Andrew about the rewards and challenges associated with operating his own accountancy firm, Tax-Assist. We are delighted with the information students collected during this session and extend our sincere thanks to Andrew for taking time out of his busy schedule.



Cookery Club



Miss Phair has been running a cookery club with Year 10 students after school on a Thursday during September and October, in the Home Economics Department. So far, they have prepared a range of sweet treats (brownies and cookies), pizzas, and Halloween-themed party food and chocolate apples. The students are all enjoying learning new skills and recipes.

Driver Safety Ambassadors

New Driver Safety Ambassadors officially launched their Safe Motoring presentations at Lagan College, Belfast for the academic year 2019/2020.

Lagan College invited New Driver Safety Ambassadors to the school to speak to Year 13 students about safe motoring. The talk covers all elements of safe motoring including learning to drive, buying a car, insurance, looking after your vehicle and road safety.



Languages

Our Year 8 students displayed great enthusiasm and competitiveness on Thursday 26th September for the European Day of Languages. Well done to all the winners!



Our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a new exciting mini French Film Fest organised by NICILT, Queen's University in October.

The film, "Comme des garçons" was screened at QFT. To the students' surprise, a goody bag was waiting for them.

After a very enjoyable and entertaining film, Queen's University language students gave them a tour of the campus, highlighting the importance of languages in the world of work. Without a doubt, a date to put in next year's calendar!



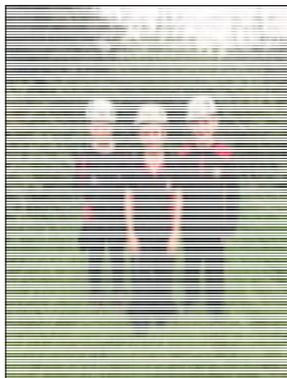
Ganaway

On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th September, all 240 new Year 8 pupils made the trip to Ganaway for an amazing adventure day! The weather was fantastic and we all had a great day! The day involved zip lines, rock climbing, high ropes courses, archery and assault courses.

We started our day with lots of new information about how to be safe while completing the different activities and then we got stuck in! The zip line was 13 metres off the ground and 50 metres long, a really fast and exhilarating time, and lots of teachers did it too! We climbed up telegraph poles and jumped off heights during the high ropes course. We climbed over and under lots of obstacles during the assault course and had a great archery lesson with competitions to see who could score the most amount of points.

It was a day of great fun, getting to know other pupils in the form classes, finding out more about the form teachers and just having a lot of fun along the way. The next day, everyone was shattered from the busy and active day that we had – a great way to start Year 8!

Mr Ritchie
Head of Year 8



Clueless

In October, over 150 students were involved in this year's school production of *Clueless*. Audiences got to see what it was like to be popular, sophisticated, and like, totally loved by everyone in a nostalgic trip back to the 90's. Lagan College welcomed everyone to the world of Cher Horowitz, a modern-day Jane Austen heroine, but with way better clothing. They joined Cher and her friends as they tried to navigate their way around the social cliques of LA's elite teenagers, dabbled in a bit of matchmaking, tried their hand at makeovers, and ultimately, learned more about themselves.

Mr R Gray



The Kids' Literature Quiz

Once again, our annual Kids' Lit Quiz was a hugely successful event. Heats began on 25th September, with twenty-one teams competing over the course of three weeks. What strikes us year after year is the sheer enthusiasm and love of literature our young people share.

Pupils were asked a variety of questions, testing their knowledge of many traditional and current books. Teams also had to guess the title based on the blurb and guess the book by hearing only the opening line.

Our final consisted of five teams who, as always, had very 'interesting' names:

Yr 8 – Java

Yr 9 – The Hardback Books are Back

Yr 9 – The Cool Kids

Yr 9 – The Bookworms



Following an extremely close battle for The Killen Cup, 'The Cool Kids' were announced as winners of the 2019 Kids' Lit Quiz. They received Amazon vouchers, certificates and their team name will be engraved on The Killen Cup.

'The Cool Kids' will now progress through to the NI Final in Wellington College on Tuesday 12th November.

Mrs McBreen and Mrs Halligan

Maths Puzzle Day

Primary 7 students from Forge IPS visited Lagan College Maths Department for "Puzzles day". They worked in teams to solve different problem solving activities with Mr Mooney and Miss Haughian.

All pupils participated really well and were enthused by the competitive atmosphere in the Maths rooms. This was to celebrate Maths Week! They were helped by Year 13 and 14 Maths mentors.



Spelltastic



Members of Year 8i took part in Mrs Beckett's Spelltastic Spookathon on Friday 25th October 2019.

Students were allowed to wear something Halloween related for the bumper spelling competition. Winners were Max, Cormaic, Tom and Emily who each gobbled up a prize and were spellbound by Mrs Beckett's generosity!

Public Services

Year 13 BTEC Public Services students enjoyed a visit to Stormont on Friday 20th September as part of their Unit 1 Government, Policies and the Public Services assignment.

Mrs Surgenor



Senior Prefects

The Year 14 Senior Prefect team spent time at Corrymeela in September, learning valuable team building and leadership skills.

It was an extremely worthwhile bonding experience which will equip the students for the year ahead.

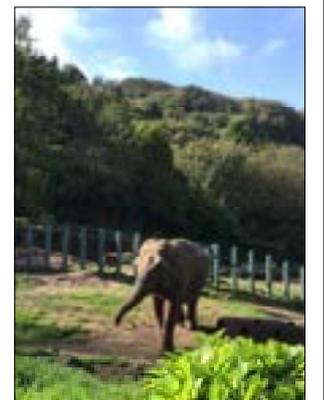
Miss J Rogan
Head of Year 14



Travel & Tourism

In October, the Year 14 and 12 Travel and Tourism groups visited Belfast Zoo to find out about customer service.

A great day out, lots learnt but we think they enjoyed visiting the animals most. Thanks to all at the zoo.



Susan Pollack - Holocaust Survivor

The Lagan College Year 13 History class had the immense privilege of meeting Susan Pollack and hearing her harrowing story of how she narrowly survived the Holocaust. Susan was a member of a Hungarian Jewish family from a village called Felsogod in Hungary. Her tranquil family life was torn apart by the rise of fascism in Hungary and the takeover of the country by the Nazis. Soon she was removed from school. Her family were made to identify their faith by wearing Jewish stars. They were transported to a Ghetto, a sealed-in area of a town to force Jews within. She remembers her parents handing her a tissue filled with some of their gold teeth to throw out as they felt they would be identified wrongly as wealthy. Soon the families were rounded up and transported to Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp. She described their arrival and the faces of terror as the cattle truck doors were pulled open. One kindly Sonderkommando, a Jewish person forced to work for the Nazis in the camps, whispered for her to say she was over 15. Her answer of 15 and a half, together with her height helped her get into the line to live. Most of her family however was placed into a line to the gas chamber. She was told very soon after this separation that her mother had been gassed. Susan was selected to be sent to a factory for slave labour. As the Soviets advanced however, she was force marched to Bergen Belsen, a camp she described as "hell on Earth". She described the mountains of corpses left everywhere and how she was so joyful to meet a woman from her village only to see her lying dead one day later. She describes how prisoners so rarely were allowed to talk that she almost forgot how to. Her most overwhelming memory was when the British and Canadians liberated the camp and how one lifted her body, treating her with so much kindness that she found it overwhelming. It had been so long since she had been treated with any form of humanity.

Susan left a deep message of hope together with a stark warning to stand up when counted. She advised our young students about the emerging threats in the world and how she fears that this could happen again. This was a wonderful opportunity which I know our young people will remember forever.

Mr J Wishart
Head of History



Emma-Rose passes Football Team Trial!



Congratulations to Emma-Rose Fuller, Year 11, who passed the first trial at the de Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire, and was subsequently selected to play for the England's Deaf Women's Futsal football team.

After training and assessments at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Emma-Rose was invited to the National Emerging Talent Programme and attended camps at Lilleshall over the holidays to support her transition into England's Deaf Women's Senior Football squad.

We are so proud of Emma-Rose and she is delighted to be on the England U16 Football squad!



Game of 3 Halves

In October our girls competed in the *Game of 3 Halves Event* at Cliftonville.

They had the opportunity to be coached by the IFA, GAA and Ulster Rugby coaches along with Year 10 girls from Hazelwood Integrated, Priory Integrated and Girls Model Belfast (as part of the Sport Uniting Communities initiative).

It was a fantastic morning of trying out a new sport, learning new skills and mixing with others. Our girls were sociable as always and threw themselves into the experience, even sharing their sandwiches at the end!



Hockey

Hockey Results 2019/20

Team: U12 XI

Coach: Miss Haughian & Miss McMullan

Captain: TBC

Vice-captain: TBC

Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	Most Valuable Player	Goal scorer
Lagan A					
21.10.19	Lagan B	ND 7 a-side	L 1 - 0	Natasha Lynas	
	Strangford College	ND 7 a-side	W 2 - 1	Eva Hession	Natasha Lynas and Eva Hession
	Lagan C	ND 7 a-side	L 3-0	Adrina Elwood	
	Lagan D	ND 7 a-side	W 1 - 0	Eva Hession	Louise Brown
	Bangor Acadmey	ND 7 a-side	W 1 - 0	Adrina Elwood	Natasha Lynas
	Saintfield HS	ND 7 a-side	L 1 - 0	Emily Gibson	
	Nendrum College	ND 7 a-side	W 1 - 0	Anna Caskey	Eva Hession & Louise Brown
Lagan B					
21.10.19	Lagan A	ND 7 a-side	W 1 - 0	Freya Collins	Brooke Murray
	Nendrum College	ND 7 a-side	W 3 - 0	Elizabeth O'Rourke	Katie Amerello, Freya Collins, Elizabeth O'Rourke
	Lagan D	ND 7 a-side	W 4 - 0	Brooke Murray	Katie Amerello, Brooke Murray, Elizabeth O'Rourke X2
	Saintfield HS B	ND 7 a-side	W 2 - 1	Freya Collins	Freya Collins X2
	Lagan C	ND 7 a-side	L 2 - 1	Elizabeth O'Rourke	Lauren Wilson
	Saintfield HS A	ND 7 a-side	D 0 - 0	Victoria Millar	
	Strangford College	ND 7 a-side	D 0 - 0	Lauren Wilson	
	Bangor Academy	ND 7 a-side	D 0 - 0	Brooke Murray	

Team: U13a XI

Coach: Mrs Dodd

Captain: Hannah Kelly

Vice-captain: Cara Crone

Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	Most Valuable Player	Goal scorer
7.9.19	Grosvenor	Friendly		*cancelled*	
14.9.19	SL 1 Wellington	Superleague	0-0	Laura Carrothers	
28.9.19	SL 2 - Antrim GS	Superleague	L 4-1	Veronika Folborska	Veronika Folborska
3.10.19	Regent	Friendly	W 1-0	Sophie Boldt	Sophie Boldt
5.10.19	SL 3 - Foyle and Londonderry	Superleague	1-1	Sophie Boldt	Sophie Boldt
12.10.19	Wellington	Friendly	W 4-0	Hannah Kelly	Veronika Folborska (x2), Sophie Boldt, Julia O'kon
19.10.19	Bloomfield	Friendly	L 6-0	Cara Crone	

Team: U13b XI

Coach: Angela Parker

Captain: Erin Dunlop

Vice-captain: Jessica Carson

Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	Most Valuable Player	Goal scorer
26.9.19	Regent House	Friendly	L 1 - 0	Jessica Carson	
28.9.19	SL 2 - Antrim GS	Super league	L 3 - 1	Erin Dunlop	Jessica Carson
5.10.19	SL 3 - Foyle and Londonderry	Super league	L 1 - 0	Hayley Nicolls	
19.10.19	Bloomfield	Friendly	L 3 - 0	Erin Dunlop	

Team: 1st XI

Coach: Miss Holt

Captain:

Vice-captain:

Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	Most Valuable Player	Goal scorer
7.9.19	Grosvenor	Friendly	1-1	Mia Little	Isabella Ferreira
14.9.19	SL 1 Wellington	Super League	3-2	Natalie Purvis	Rachel Mooney, Shauna McKinley
28.9.19	SL 2 - Antrim GS	Super League	8-1	Isabella Ferreira	Shauna McKinley
5.10.19	SL 3 - Foyle and Londonderry	Super League	9-0	Jessica Fields	
11.10.19	Strabane Academy	McDowell Cup	2-0	Charlotte Mellon	Sarah Duggan
12.10.19	Wellington	Friendly	6-1	Isabella Ferreira	Reegan Neill-McKenzie
19.10.19	Bloomfield	Friendly	5-1	Sarah Duggan	Sarah Duggan

U13a XI Hockey



Teacher in charge: Mrs Todd
Coach: Mrs Dodd

Captain: Hannah Kelly
Vice captain: Cara Crone

U13b XI Hockey



Teacher in charge: Mrs Todd
Coach: Angela Parker

Captain: Erin Dunlop
Vice captain: Jessica Carson

2nd XI Hockey



Teacher in charge: Mrs McKnight
Training: Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Captain: Emily McShane

U14b XI Hockey



Teacher in charge: Mrs Todd
Coach: Miss Young

Captain: Lucy Waterson
Vice captain: Sophie Galway

U14a XI Hockey



Teacher in charge: Mrs Todd
Coach: Selina Lewis

Captain: Rebeka Malcolm
Vice captain: Rachael McNamee

U15 XI Hockey



Teacher in charge: Mrs McKnight
Coach: Mrs McKnight
Training: Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tues or Wed games 12.55 - 2.10pm

Team: 2nd XI Coach: Miss McMullan Captain: Vice-captain:

Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	Most Valuable Player	Goal scorer
7.9.19	Grosvenor	Friendly	L 2 - 1	Alice Kelly	Rebecca O'Brien
14.9.19	SL 1 Wellington	Friendly	D 1 - 1	Niamh Loughran	Amber-Rose Donaldson
28.9.19	SL 2 - Antrim GS	Friendly	L 4 - 1	Lola Kinghan	Reegan Neill-McKenzie
5.10.19	SL 3 - Foyle and Londonderry	Friendly	L 4 - 0	Sophie Thompson	N/A
12.10.19	Wellington	Friendly	W 2 - 0	Rachael Mooney	Ellie Crowe (x2)
19.10.19	Bloomfield	Friendly	L 2 - 1	Tilly McKee	Reegan Neill-McKenzie

Team: 1st XI Coach: Miss Holt Captain: Vice-captain:

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Sports Personality of the Year Awards

I had the pleasure of accompanying four members of the fantastic Year 9 Lagan College football team to the prestigious Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

It was a lovely event which featured attendance from sports personalities across the country, including Mary Peters, etc.

To top the evening off, the Lagan College Year 9 football team won the prestigious title of 'School Sports Team of the Year 2019'. The award featured nominees from schools across NI and also represented a wide variety of sporting teams.

To say I was impressed with the boys' conduct at the event is an understatement. On a couple of occasions throughout the evening, they were requested to speak through a microphone in front of a large audience of attendees. They expressed sincere gratitude to Mr McCloskey (who nominated them for the award) and the members of staff who assisted with their coaching.

On behalf of Mrs Mills and I, I wish to thank Mr McCloskey, Matt and all the members of the football coaching team who continue to support the Year 9 football squad throughout their successes.

Miss F Smyth
Head of Year 9



Calendar

November 2019

Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November	Half Term Break	
Thursday 7	Heritage Evening	7pm

December 2019

Tuesday 17	Carol Service	7pm
Monday 23 - Friday 3 January	Christmas Holidays	

January 2020

Monday 6	All students return	
Friday 10	Staff Development Day - No students in school	
Saturday 11	Open Day	9am - 12.30pm