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Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



A Busy and Successful First Term

As we approach the festive season, it's a great opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding half term since returning from the Halloween break.

GCSE Winter Series

Our pupils in Years 11 and 12 undertook the GCSE Winter Series examinations, demonstrating hard work and commitment. We look forward to receiving the results in March, which we are confident will reflect their efforts.

Sporting Achievements

This term has been packed with sporting success across football and netball. The standout result was our Under-13 Girls' Football Team, who delivered an outstanding 7-0 victory against Saintfield. Congratulations to all our teams for their determination and teamwork throughout the season so far and hopefully the early success is a sign of a successful season ahead.

Year 12 Work Experience

December marked the return of work experience for our Year 12 pupils, the first time since before COVID. This invaluable opportunity allowed pupils to gain real-world insights and develop skills that will serve them well in the future.

Winter Exams

Pupils in Years 8-11 completed their winter examinations, showcasing their resilience and commitment to learning during this busy period.

College Christmas Celebration

We brought the term to a close with our much-anticipated College Christmas Celebration. Pupils from the Choir and Drama Club gave a wonderful performance of A Christmas Carol to an audience of over 300 guests, a truly magical way to end the year.



We are immensely proud of all our pupils for their hard work and achievements this term. Thank you to parents and guardians for your continued support.

On behalf of everyone at the College, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in January for another exciting and successful term ahead!

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM



Important Dates

- January 5th - Staff Development Day (No pupils in school)
- January 6th - Pupils return to school after Christmas Break
- January 15th - SERC Information Morning (Careers) Yr12 pupils & parents
- January 22nd - Open Night
- January 23rd - Staff Development Day (No pupils in school)
- February 2nd-6th - Yr 12 Mock Exams
- February 6th - Yrs 8, 9 & 11 Parent Consultations (Online)
- February 6th - Post 16 information morning Y12 pupils and parents
- February 9th - 13th - Half Term Break



Ski Trip

3rd January - 10th January - Further information to follow from Mr. Bowman



Open Night

22nd January - 7pm to 9pm



Internal Mock Exams

2-6 February - Yr 12 pupils only

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

🎄 Celebrating Our Reward Winners This Term 🎄

As we wrap up a busy and successful term, we are delighted to recognise pupils who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our core values of Nurture, Commitment, and Community.

☀️ Pupil of the Month

Congratulations to our Pupils of the Month across all year groups! These students have shown kindness, resilience, and a positive attitude, inspiring others and contributing actively to school life. They truly embody our core values.

Year 8 Winner - Carter Carson Year 11 Winner - Charlie Milligan
Year 9 Winner - Afsanna Kuddas Year 12 Winner - Joshua Ferguson
Year 10 Winner - Jay Scott

🏆 Top Merit Winners for this term

Our top merit winners have displayed outstanding effort, positivity, and commitment to excellence. Their strong sense of community and support for others make them fantastic role models.

Year 8 Winner - Jodie Connolly/Sophie Rowntree
Year 9 Winner - Jessican Baine/Sophia Fullerton
Year 10 Winner - Eliza Chapman/Amelia Lowry
Year 11 Winner - Jacob Miskelly/Aaron Gibson
Year 12 Winner - Vicky Morrison/Susan Kirton

❤️ Nurture Award

Awarded to pupils who consistently show empathy and kindness, making our school a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

Winner Jodie Connolly

👉 Commitment Award

Presented to pupils who demonstrate exceptional dedication to learning and school life through resilience, punctuality, and active participation.

Winner Adam McBride

👏 Community Award

Recognising pupils who go the extra mile to create an inclusive environment, welcome others, and promote fairness and cooperation.

Winner Susan Kirton

We are proud of all our award winners and thank them for making our school community stronger.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

If you would like to recognise any of the staff or the College as a whole for the hard work, dedication and commitment to our community. There are a number of national awards some of which are listed below:

Pearson Teaching Awards - Send a Thank You

The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK early years, schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously. Follow the link below:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Person Teaching Awards - Nominate Your 2026 Unsung Hero

Do you know someone in your school who always goes the extra mile? The lunchtime supervisor who makes everyone feel cared for, the caretaker who brings a smile to everyone's face, or the office star who keeps everything running smoothly? Now's your chance to say thank you in the biggest way possible!

The 'Unsung Hero' Award celebrates the incredible people behind the scenes who are making a real difference in schools and colleges across the UK. It's the only Pearson National Teaching Award open to parents, carers, and pupils. Follow the link below:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/the-unsung-hero-award/>

Nominate your school for Derrytrasna Pastoral Care Awards

The Derrytrasna Pastoral Care Award provides recognition to school communities that have demonstrated exceptional co-operative effort in supporting the pastoral care of pupils and their families. Nominations should open around early November.

P7 Taster Day

We were delighted to host a very successful P7 Taster Day this term, welcoming more primary schools than ever before. It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic pupils experiencing life at our College for the first time. The day was filled with engaging activities, interactive lessons, and opportunities to explore our facilities, giving pupils a real sense of what makes our school community so special.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the schools who joined us and made the day such a success:

Comber Primary School, Brooklands Primary School, Andrews Memorial Primary School, St. Mary's Primary School, Regent House Prep, Carrickmannon Primary School, Newtownards Model Primary School, Killinchy Primary School, Moneyrea Primary School, Westwinds Primary School, and Dundonald Primary School.

The feedback from both pupils and teachers was overwhelmingly positive, and we are thrilled that so many young learners left feeling excited about the opportunities ahead. A huge thank you to our staff and student helpers who made the day such a memorable experience for all involved.





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OPEN NIGHT

A school at the heart of its community

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Preparing pupils for their next big step in education, showcasing a wide range of subjects and opportunities.

We warmly welcome all prospective pupils

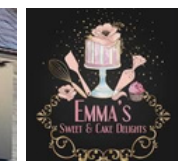
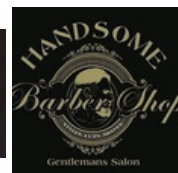
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The College would like to extend our sincere thanks to the local businesses who have generously supported our College Rewards Programme through the donation of vouchers and financial contributions. Your generosity helps us to recognise and celebrate the achievements, effort and positive contributions of our pupils throughout the year.

Your continued partnership strengthens the link between our College and the wider community, and we are truly grateful for your support in helping to inspire and reward our young people.



BANGOR FUELS

