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St Louis U14 Camogs: St Clare Cup Champions 2019!

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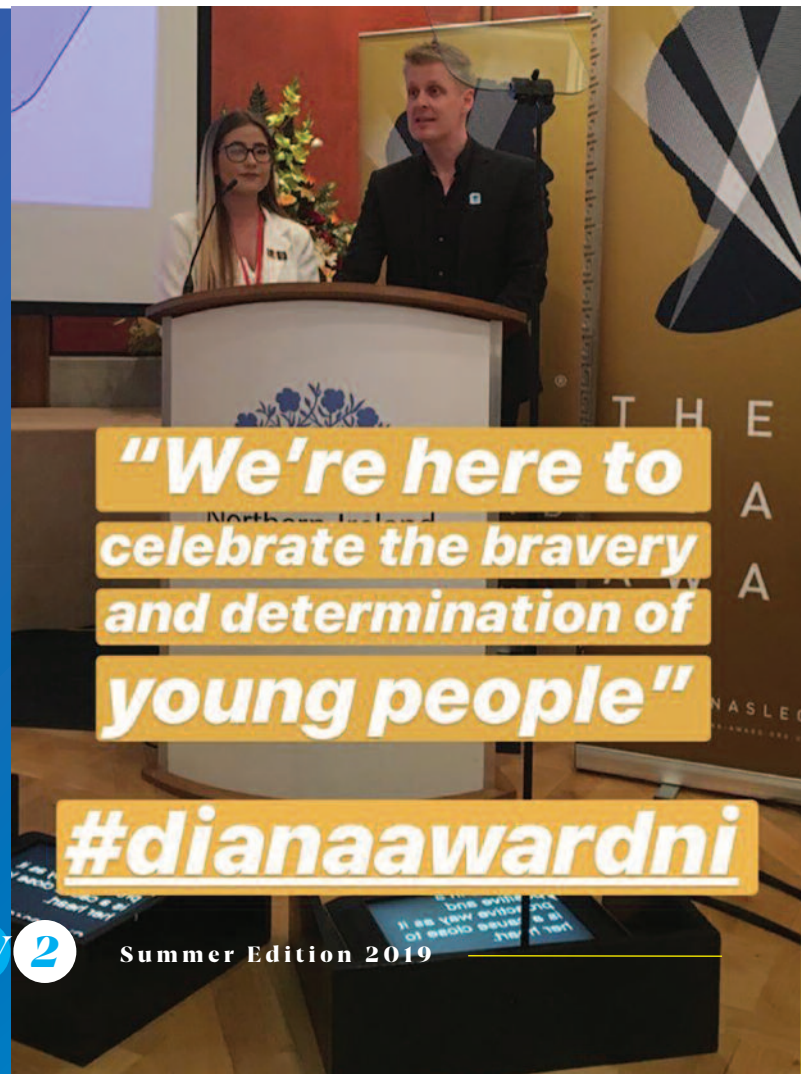
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ST LOUIS PUPIL HOSTS DIANA AWARDS

Congratulations to Year 14 pupil Daniella Timperely, who was asked to host this year's Diana Awards in London at the beginning of June.

Daniella received her Diana Award in November 2018 and so being asked to host was a huge achievement; testament to her commitment and drive to create positive change in the world through her extensive charity work. We are so proud of you Daniella!





FIRST EVER ULSTER U14 'A' COLLEGES CAMOGIE TITLE BROUGHT TO KINTULLAGH!

St Clare Cup final

St Louis Ballymena 5-6 St Patrick's Maghera 5-5

A superb team effort paved the way as the U14 camogs emerged winners over St. Patrick's Maghera by a single point in an excellent St Clare Cup final in perfect conditions in Toome on the 22nd of May.

Our girls played at high intensity throughout with the lead changing hands in the opening half and remained in the balance right up to the final whistle.

The girls got off to a flying start as they took the game to their opponents from the throw in and Ciara O'Boyle finished to the Maghera net from close range with three minutes gone. Ciara was in the right place to kick home goal number two with 11 minutes on the clock and at this stage St. Patrick's were struggling to get a foot hold.

St. Patrick's were starting to get on top and a score from close range put them ahead for the first time. The full back line of Susan Shannon, Meabh McVeigh and Dearbhaile Dobbin remained strong throughout the game and dealt very well with the Maghera attacks.

The girls were not to let this momentum build and after a quick water break, during the restart it was our girls who regained the initiative to produce a strong finish to the half.

Katie Molloy began the comeback from a well struck free and Katie was set to finish the half in some style as she sent another three long range efforts between the uprights.

Eibhlin Gould, joint captain of the team, netted after six minutes into the second half and led her team to six in front. Maria Gately and Cliona Griffin showed excellently for aerial balls in the second half, evidence of the hunger to win the St. Clare Cup.

After a Maghera goal and point, the momentum seemed to be with the Maghera girls but Katie Molloy steadied the ship from another long range free but again St. Patrick's replied.

It was the work rate and determination at midfield as Eimear Johnston was not going to let the game slip from the grasp of her team, again the joint captain, setting the tone with a strong solo through the middle. Her pass found Anna McKillop for another point- the intensity of the game moved up another notch with neither side conceding an inch but it was St. Louis who struck with the next score and it was to prove a decisive one.

The determination and composure of the Kintullagh defense was evident as Anna McKillen denied a solo from the St. Patrick's wing half forward, Anna delivered an excellent tackle to halt the St Patrick's attack. The large crowd in attendance held their collective breath as St. Patrick's were awarded a free with time almost up, but the effort from out on the right sailed wide.

Sarah Fyfe at wing half back hurled out of her skin to ensure no gaps were left in the St. Louis defense throughout the game - and most definitely not in the last 2 minutes.

Our girls were fine performers all over the field with all players giving everything they had on the day, the efforts of all 27 girls contributing to the win.

Congratulations to all of the girls. All of their hard work, dedication and efforts since February have paid off by bringing the first ever Ulster U14 'A' Colleges title back to St. Louis. We are very proud of you all and cannot wait to see what the future holds for this team.

St Louis : E McGivern, S Shannon, M McVeigh, D Dobbin, S Fyfe, K Molloy 0-5 frees, A McKillen, E Johnson, C Griffin, M Gately, E Gould 1-0, E Coulter, C O'Boyle 5-0, A McKillop 1-1, G McVeigh





FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2019

On Friday 5th May, our Year 14 pupils along with their proud families, friends and teachers, came together to commemorate their time at St Louis Grammar.

A mass was celebrated to bless students before they embarked on their final secondary-level examinations, before lunch was served in the sports hall, giving pupils the opportunity to enjoy one final lunch-time in St Louis with their friends.

The afternoon provided a welcomed time-out from revision and exam preparations, as students signed year-books, socialised and reminisced about their years at St Louis.

We wish our class of 2019 health, happiness and success as they leave St Louis to make their mark on the world through whichever path they choose.



BOXING SUCCESS!

Ryan O'Boyle (8 Lyndon) won a silver medal at this year's All-Ireland Boxing Championships at the 44.5kg weight class after becoming Antrim Champion.

What is even more impressive is that Ryan has only been boxing for 18 months!





BELFAST CITY MARATHON RELAY

Sunday 5th May 2019

The runners representing St Louis had a very successful day at Belfast Marathon on Sunday 5th May. This year we had 5 teams taking part – 3 staff (and relatives) teams and 2 teams of 6th year pupils.

This is a considerable step up from previous years and we are delighted this year to be supporting the Wave Trauma Centre who visited the school just before Easter. This is an amazing charity who support people in our communities who have been traumatised by the Troubles here. Thanks to all those who have supported our fundraising efforts to date.

Special thanks to Nigel Elliott (school care taker) and his wife who transported pupils and staff to and from Belfast on Sunday.

This was the first year the Belfast event ran on a Sunday and from the new starting point at Stormont. There were over 2200 relay teams who participated, so well done to all those who represented the school for such a great cause.

ST LOUIS TEAMS

SLG Staff 1: C Doherty, P Trainor, D Boyd & S Baird

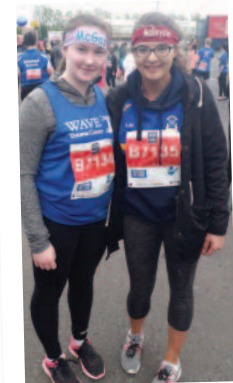
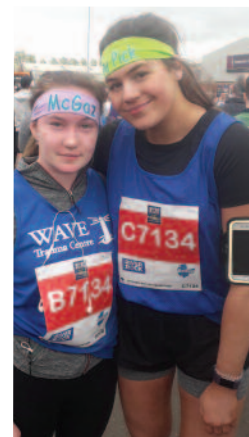
SLG Staff 2: R McDonald, P Helfron, M McAlister, J Wallace & H McToal

SLG Staff 3: E Ferris, G McCorley, M McLernon & T Macrory

6th Form Du Pick's Posse: Kieran O'Boyle, Sinead McGarry, Reed Millar, Paige Sheerin & Eoin McLaughlin

6th Form Gizmo God's Squad: Michael O'Kane, Aoife Molloy, Niamh McMullan, Dearbhaile Graffin & Ronan McAuley

The Just Giving page is still active for anyone who wishes to donate: <https://tinyurl.com/yynvyejx>



IRISH SCHOOLS JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Caitlin Henry in 9 Lyndon who, for the second year running, has won The Irish Schools Judo Championships, which took place in Dublin last month.

Caitlin trains with Coleraine Judo Club and this month she will be entering the NI Schools Judo Championships in Lisburn. Best of luck from everyone at St Louis!





BIOLOGY CHALLENGE

Just before Easter, all Year 11 students and some Year 10s took part in the annual Biology Challenge competition. The competition runs each year for gifted and talented Biologists aged 15-15 and is the junior version of the Biology Olympiad.

The competition consisted of two 40-minute online exam papers which tested skill, knowledge and application in Biology. The questions were set on the school curriculum, but also rewarded students who had shown enthusiasm for the subject by watching natural history programmes, or who were aware of our natural flora and fauna. Over 60,000 students from all over the UK took part.

Just after Easter, I was delighted to discover that I was the only gold medal winner from the school and placed in the top 5% of competitors. Eleven students were awarded silver

medals and placed in the top 9%. A total of 26 students received bronze medals and were placed in the top 15%. Many of the other entrants received either a Commended or Highly Commended certificate.

I am delighted with my achievement and hope to continue my success by winning a medal in the Olympiad in 2 years' time. Special congratulations also go to Jamie McMullan and Daniel McGroggan who were the only Year 10s to win medals; winning Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

We would all like to thank our teachers for their help and support during the competition.

Cormac Butler



ABP AG AMBASSADORS

St Louis ABP Ag Ambassadors and their families received a very warm welcome at the farmer's service in Second Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church on 28th April 2019.

This church service was instigated in 2001 to offer pastoral support to farming families during the foot and mouth crisis and it has been an annual event ever since. Despite being from a different faith background, this service and the welcome they received helped highlight to the boys that as farmers they have so much in common and they felt events like this could be more widely promoted. After the service they enjoyed speaking to farmers of all ages about the challenges they face; the boys appreciated the fact that farmers young and old enjoyed their video and all agreed that it accurately reflected their lives.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qd5safqQySE&feature=youtu.be>



Thomas O'Kane, Rev Chris Glover
Second Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church,
Peter Graham

ANTRIM U14S WIN LADIES FOOTBALL ULSTER A-CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to four of our junior pupils- Alica Boyd, Erin Duffin, Caoimhe McErlain and Niamh McKinley, who were part of the Antrim U14 Ladies football team, who won the Ulster A-Championship against Cavan on 20th April.

The girls competed in the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Galway in Templeport Co. Cavan on Saturday 15th June. Unfortunately, it was not their day, but the management and girls can hold their heads high as Ulster Champions and All Ireland semi-finalists; their achievements have certainly left their mark across the GAA world.





GALLAGHER CUP FINAL

The Year 10 Gallagher Cup campaign came to an end with defeat in the final against St Patrick's College Maghera. The boys had excellent victories in the group stages against Maghera and Cross and Passion.

Overall, the boys are to be congratulated for their endeavours and it is the hope that we will go one better next year. Well done boys!

The semi-final, (pictured below) against Ballycastle, was an emphatic victory and witnessed a real 'man of the match display' from Loughiel's Ronan McCollum, who received a Special Merit Award from Ulster Schools GAA for his exemplary contributions to hurling this year.

Preparations for the final were a little disrupted with both Loughiel and Ballymena representing Antrim in the All-Ireland Feile, accounting for a somewhat lethargic display against Maghera in the final stage at Ahoghill.



THE BRANIAC LIVE SHOW

As part of the school's initiative to highlight the importance of STEM subjects to the future career prospects of our pupils, the top ten scientists in Year 8, 9 and 10 were invited to attend "The Braniac Live Show" in Derry.

The pupils enjoyed a very interactive, fun, yet educational experience as the testimonials below describe:

Siobhan McGale 8 Lurig:

"They did lots of interesting Science experiments but my favourite was the electric fence where one of the "Braniacs" touched the fence then touched another Braniac and gave them the shock. Then they stood on a piece of polystyrene and they didn't get a shock as it is an insulator"

Erin McAleese 8 Lurig:

"It was an amazing experience full of experiments and fun. We learned about a range of different topics from explosions to electricity and I learned about a lot of new things I didn't know before. I feel it gave me a better understanding of what science is."



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SPORTS DAY 2019

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 took part in a variety of track and field events at our 43rd annual Sports Day on Tuesday 28th May. Congratulations to everyone who took part, once again showcasing great spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Thank you to Mr Gillan for coordinating the day and to all the staff involved in the planning and preparation of Sports Day 2019 and to all those who supervised events and looked after the results, tuck shop and ice cream van queues.

Pupils will be awarded points for participation and placings from each event which enables House Winners to be determined. Sports Prize Giving will take place in September. House winners are announced and individual awards will be presented on this day.





Year 8 Winners:

| Event | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 100m (Boys) | Ryan McKeever | Euan Pirie | Thomas Hasson |
| 100m (Girls) | Mary Rose McDonnell | Eimear Smith | Clodagh Maguire |
| 200m (Boys) | Charlie Cunning | Shea Graffin | Paudric Martin |
| 200m (Girls) | Aoife McKenna | Sadhbh Cairns | Eireann Butler |
| 400 (Boys) | Corey Quinn | Luke McAllister | Harry Fyfe |
| 400 (Girls) | Caoimhe Agnew | Aoife Campbell | Grace McElholm |
| 800 (Boys) | Fintan O'Donnell | Shea McGinley | Luke McAllister |
| 800 (Girls) | Aisling Smith | Enya Neeson | Orlaith Gould |
| 1500 (Boys) | Charlie Cunning | Fintan O'Donnell | Luke McFerran |
| 1500 (Girls) | Aisling Smith 5.55 | Kate McGilligan | Kate Hasson |
| Long Jump (Boys) | Sean McCloskey | Caelyn Clarke | Corey Quinn |
| Long Jump (Girls) | Kate McGilligan | Emilie Arthur | Eimear Smith |
| High Jump (Boys) | Luke McFerran | Caleb Smith | Dylan O'Neill |
| High Jump (Girls) | Aimee Corrigan | Aoife McKenna | Cliona McKay |
| Javelin (Boys) | Sean McCloskey | Zach Mitchell | Sean-Og Blaney |
| Javelin (Girls) | Riley Harrison | Niamh O'Shea | Brianna Kinney |
| Discus (Boys) | Sean Douthart | Sean Duffin | Daniel Kane |
| Discus (Girls) | Orla Neeson | Caoimhe Pettard | Riona McCann |
| Shotput (Boys) | Edward McKendry | Caelyn Clarke | Ryan O'Boyle |
| Shotput (Girls) | Kate McGilligan | Emilie Arthur | Brianna Kinney |

Year 9 Winners:

| Event | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 100m (Boys) | Joseph McNeill | Daniel Patterson | Oliver Doherty |
| 100m (Girls) | Erin Coulter | Dearbhail Dobbin | Maria Gately |
| 200m (Boys) | Noah Friel | Ryan Addison | Conor Bresnahan |
| 200m (Girls) | Emily Sharpe | Eve Liggett | Meabh McVeigh |
| 400 (Boys) | Carter Reid | Fergus Donaghy | Conor Bresnahan |
| 400 (Girls) | Maeve Brolly | Shauna Robinson | Maria Gately |
| 800 (Boys) | Hugh O'Donnell | Joseph McNeill | Conn Fyfe |
| 800 (Girls) | Sophia Richmond | Caragh Cochrane | Rhianna Doherty |
| 1500 (Boys) | Conn Fyfe | Darach Bradley | Enzo Murray |
| 1500 (Girls) | Caragh Cochrane | Emily Sharpe | Orlaith Murray |
| Long Jump (Boys) | Ryan Laverty | Noah Friel | Carter Reid |
| Long Jump (Girls) | Maeve Brolly | Caoimhe McErlane | Beth Curry |
| High Jump (Boys) | Ryan Addison | Oliver Doherty | Carter Reid |
| High Jump (Girls) | Maria Gately | Orla Kane | Caitlin Henry |
| Javelin (Boys) | Luke Walford | Eoin Duffin | Conor McAleese |
| Javelin (Girls) | Abby Brown | Blaithin Herron | Maria Blaney |
| Discus (Boys) | Fintan Brady | Rory Dunne | Daniel Patterson |
| Discus (Girls) | Rose McGarry | Juliana O'Mullan | Eimear White |
| Shotput (Boys) | Noah McIlroy | Peter Haniseck | James Flanagan |
| Shotput (Girls) | Eve Corr | Rebecca Fitzpatrick | |

Year 10 Winners:

| Event | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 100m (Boys) | Ronan McCollum | Brian Magee | Tyrone Mitchell |
| 100m (Girls) | Cliona Griffin | Grace McVeigh | Hannah McCartney |
| 200m (Boys) | Brian Magee | Daniel Kelly | Jamie McLaughlin |
| 200m (Girls) | Sarah Fyfe | Hannah McCartney | Clíodhna McCamphill |
| 400 (Boys) | Tyrone Mitchell | Aodhan McGary | Michael Kerr |
| 400 (Girls) | Katie Molloy | Caoimhe Higgins | Bronagh Dempster |
| 800 (Boys) | Tyrone Mitchell | Sean Curran | Ethan Robb |
| 800 (Girls) | Lara Ball | Bronagh Dempster | |
| 1500 (Boys) | Ryan Thom | Aodhan McGary | Tom McFerran |
| 1500 (Girls) | Esther McBride | Susan Shannon | Dearbhail Murray |
| Long Jump (Boys) | Ronan McCollum | Michael Kerr | Tiernan de Cruz |
| Long Jump (Girls) | Clíodhna McCamphill | Lara Ball | Grace McVeigh |
| High Jump (Boys) | Ronan McCollum | Sean Corr | Daniel Kelly |
| High Jump (Girls) | Anita McMahan | Katie Molloy | Cliona Griffin |
| Javelin (Boys) | Kevin O'Boyle | Conor Brolly | Daniel Montgomery |
| Javelin (Girls) | Hannah McCartney | Shannon Bryson | Bronagh Dempster |
| Discus (Boys) | Daniel Montgomery | Sean Curran | Tiernan da Cruz |
| Discus (Girls) | Anna McKillen | Naoishe McAleese | Alyssa Bryson |
| Shotput (Boys) | Sean Curran | Conor Brolly | Yannick Mulot |

Class Relay Winners:

| | Girls | Boys |
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| YEAR 8 | Lyndon | Lismoyle |
| YEAR 9 | Lisbreen | Lisbreen |
| YEAR 10 | Lismoyle | Lurig |

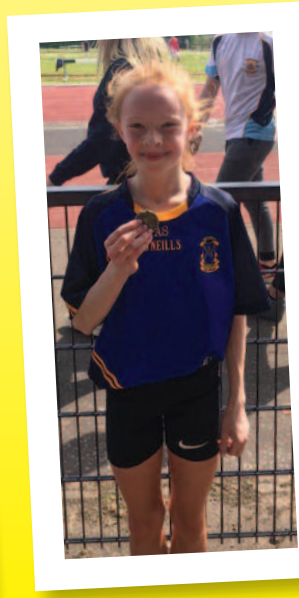




NEBSSA ATHLETICS

St Louis had a successful day at the NEBSSA Athletics Finals in May.

Our students came away with 3 bronze, two silver and one gold medal. Well done to all our competitors.



LAKE REPE-AT By Bronagh Dempster, 10 Lurig

It's that time of year again; the time when all of my friends fly off to foreign countries, while I am left here going on a dreadful camping holiday to the same place every single year. We always go to our local camping site (as my parents say it is 'the cheapest around'). I just wish that I could go somewhere different for once. I would even make the food for a week if I just got to go!

It was the last day of school, the day before I went away camping. I had just arrived home after our school's leaving party, it was hard to believe that a year was finished at our school. I walked in to my parents talking about our holiday, they said that they were going to go somewhere different this year. At that point it was hard to hold in my joyousness! I just couldn't believe my luck- all of my prayers since last summer came true.

The next day, while in our Ford Focus 2017, my parents announced that we were going to Lake Repe-At. I had to pretend that I did not know and went with the flow. The camp was 3 hours away from our beat-down bungalow in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Later that day, we arrived and I was told to do the laborious job of setting up the tent. I would have complained and shouted for days on end if I wasn't so happy about the holiday. My parents both decided to go scavange for wood in the nearby forest because they wanted this trip to be 'authentic' so 'we could get closer to nature', so I spent a few minutes looking at the view which was being obscured by some fog. The lake went on for miles on end, it was murky and it seemed as if this area had never been touched by a human soul. The area around us was quite mountainous and I wished I could've stayed watching it all forever but alas, I had a job to do.

I set up, unpacked and did everything I could do by myself but there was still no sign of my parents. They were both of the jokey kind so I thought that they were trying to make me scared and go searching for them but I didn't...for a while at least. It took me five minutes to decide against their pranking, I would rather they be safe than being worried about a prank. I headed into the forest but can I say, it was one of my worst decisions that I had ever made.

It had been twenty minutes of me walking and searching in the forest and I was about to turn back when I heard a sound behind me, I stopped for a few seconds and tried to analyse the crunch of the leaves. I decided against that and turned around to be met with the reddest of eyes I have ever seen. I saw no body but I was scared to my core. It took all of my will-power to run. I ran and ran but I could see no end until...I saw a camp. I ran to it to seek shelter from the red eyes and to see if my parents were there.

I saw a person that looked so familiar to me from behind but I couldn't put my finger on it. I started walking over to them when I realised the area where this camp was looks exactly like ours. I stood there in shock and then I saw the fiendish figure walk into the forest. I started to chase after it a few minutes after they left as I was somehow mesmerised by the water in the lake. I started walking and finally caught up to it.

It turned around and I realised who the person I was following was, they were...Me! They started running away and I started to chase them, I wanted to know how they looked exactly like me. I was running and running until I came to another camp. I had a sudden sense of déjà vu and decided to look around. The forest that I had just come out of had disappeared and I was back in the camp from before, staring at myself.

I am 24 years old and I am still living this over and over again. I have tried so hard to walk away but it is like someone is forcing back again and again. I don't even think of what I am doing anymore, my body just moves whether I want it to or not. Each day of this monotonous cycle, my mind is filled with torment with the same unanswered question... what exactly happened to my parents?



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALL STARS!

We are so proud of our four Ulster Schools Danske Bank All-Stars: Declan McCloskey, Seaan Elliot, Cormac McFadden and Anton McGrath.

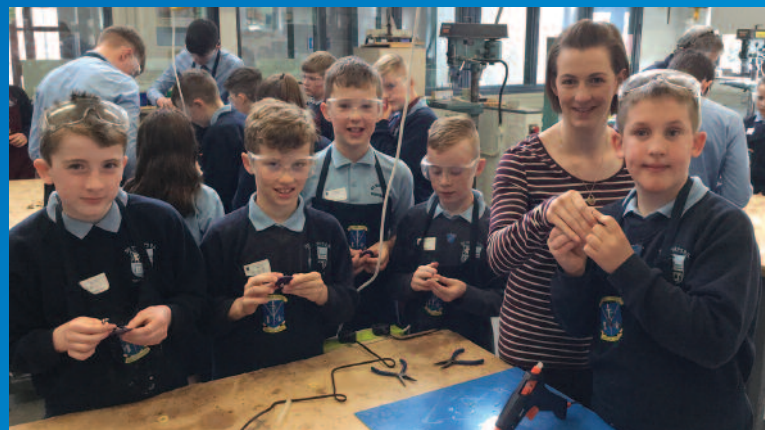
Four tremendous role models for any aspiring young sports person. Well deserved!



STEM TASTER DAYS

The beginning of June saw almost 400 Primary six pupils from 12 different feeder schools attend the 'STEM Taster Days' in St Louis.

These days and the activities planned are designed to engage pupils in the enjoyable practical elements of STEM subjects, whilst also preparing them for the eventual transition into secondary education. Activities included making Vitamin C rockets in Physics; dissecting rats in Biology; Wimbledon themed measuring tasks in Maths; smoothie making in Home Economics and making LED name badges in Technology. St Louis' STEM teachers put a lot of hard work into planning exciting itineraries for the students and they also had a team of enthusiastic Year 11s who offered their assistance to P6s. A great few days for both St Louis and P6 pupils!



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A-LEVEL ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION

Well done to all A-Level Art and Design pupils who exhibited 2 years of hard work for the public on Friday 7th June.

Pupils have worked tirelessly over 2 years to produce distinctive and original pieces of Art in a range of media. Congratulations to the class of 2019.

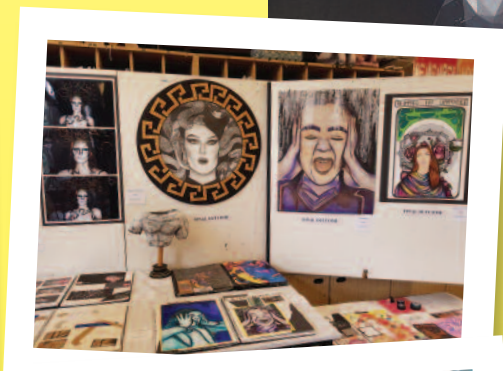
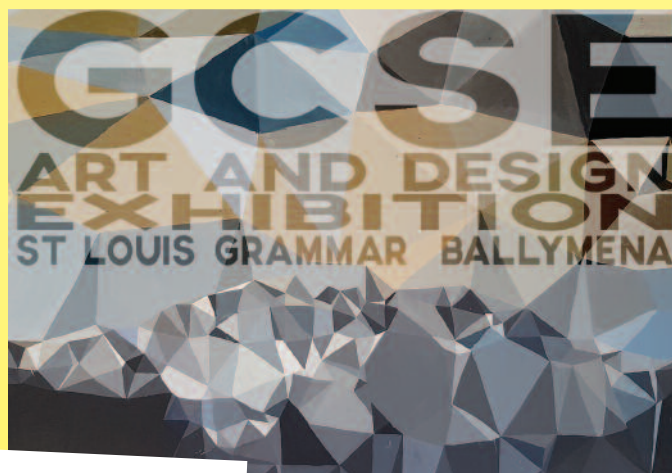




GCSE ART EXHIBITION

On Monday 13th May the Art department held an exhibition to celebrate the beautiful artwork of our GCSE pupils.

In attendance were family, friends, staff and Board of Governors. Work on display included a wide range of media such as paint, ceramics, video, 3d installations and much more, covering 5 themes of food, object meets portrait and patterns. Pupils created projects of research and development for each of these topics that culminated in 5 final outcomes each. The exhibition presented both the preparatory studies and final pieces, a colourful and exciting display that showcased the skills and talents of our pupils.





NORMAN EXPERIENCE - YEAR 8

Our Year 8 pupils got the chance to be interactive with Norman History.

A super team from the Navan Centre in Armagh facilitated the trying on of chainmail, fighting with weapons and even how to say hello 'Norman-style'! And all without leaving the grounds of St Louis...



MEET SOME YEAR 10 PUPILS...

Aoibh Vallely, 10 Lisbreen

My name is Aoibh Vallely and I am from Portglenone. I am in 10 Lisbreen and my favourite subjects are Irish, PE, HE and Technology. Last year, I took part in the Junior Maths Challenge and received a gold award. By winning this I was lucky enough to participate in the next level of the challenge. My favourite hobby is playing camogie. I am part of the under-14 school panel and we recently won the Ulster Final. Apart from playing camogie, I also really enjoy playing traditional music. I can play the tin whistle, the fiddle and the banjo.



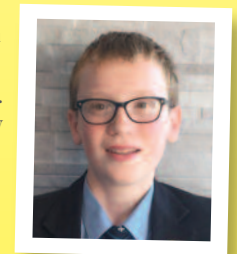
Naoishe McAleese, 10 Layde

My name is Naoishe McAleese and I am in 10 Layde. My favourite subjects at school are Art, Spanish, and ICT. Next year I plan to take on Art, Spanish, Computer Science, Further Maths and Double Award Science. Although next year will be a big change, I am looking forward to starting my GCSEs.



Niall McIlhatton, 10 Lurig

My name is Niall McIlhatton and I am from Dunloy. I am in 10 Lurig and my favourite subjects are Maths, Physics, History and P.E. I really like Maths and Physics because they are both subjects that you need to think about a problem. Also, I find History really interesting and learning about WW1. I really enjoy PE as I love playing sport. Next year I plan to do History, French and Computer Science for GCSE. Outside of school I really enjoy playing Hurling and Gaelic for Dunloy. I also play hurling for St Louis.



Catherine Doherty, 10 Lismoyle

Hi my name is Catherine Doherty and I am in 10 Lismoyle. My hobbies are gymnastics and musical theatre singing. I am about to do my Grade 5 in singing and I take part in Voiceworks Summer workshops. My favourite subjects at school are History and Drama and I am looking forward to the musical next year. For GCSE, the subjects I have chosen are History, Business Studies and Drama. My favourite thing about St Louis are the teachers, because they are really nice and they care a lot about their pupils.



PJ McDonnell, 9 Lyndon

My name is PJ McDonnell and I am in 10 Lyndon. I live in Cushendall and I enjoy golf, football, and computing. My favourite subjects are Maths, ICT and Technology. For my GCSEs, I am choosing Double Award Science, Spanish, Technology and Computer Science. I would like a career in Cyber Security or Software Engineering.



Dearbhail Murray, 10 Laragh

Hi my name is Dearbhail Murray and I am in 10 Laragh. My hobbies are football and camogie. I play for Moneyglass U16s. My favourite subjects at school are Irish and Biology. Next year, the subjects I have chosen for GCSE are Irish, History and HE. My favourite things about St Louis the friendly people and the fact that the teachers are always there for you.





ANNA MCKILLOP: FEILE SKILLS CAMOGIE

Congratulations to Anna McKillop in 9 Laragh who won the Antrim Feile na nGael Camogie skills competition on Monday 13th May in Cushendun with an astounding 210 point-score.

Anna, who plays camogie for Loughgiel, competed against thirteen other players, displaying her talent in a range of skills from ground striking, free taking, solo running, long puck, jab lifting and sidelines. Anna will represent Antrim in the All Ireland Skills finals later this month. Once again congratulations to Anna and good luck!



BIG BREAKFAST FOR GHANA!

Pupils and staff alike relished in the novelty of a 'Big Breakfast' just before the Easter holidays, whilst also raising money for an important cause.

A group of our sixth form pupils and staff will travel to our sister school in Ghana in July with a marvellous total of £1199.20 to donate.

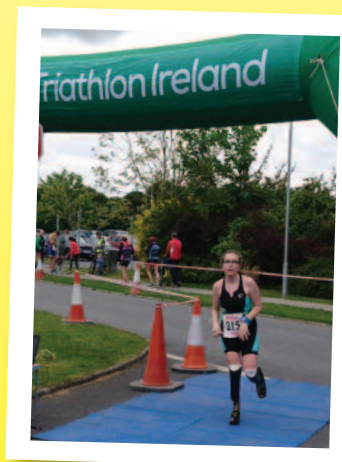
Thanks once again to everyone for their generosity and a special thanks to all the ladies in the canteen who were amazing on the day!



NATIONAL POST-PRIMARY TRIATHLON

The National Post-Primary Schools Triathlon Championships took place on Sunday 19th May at Clarinbridge, Co. Galway. Hosted this year by Predator Triathlon Club, over 75 teenagers raced in four age groups.

Aoife Murray in 10 Layde talks about her experience: "On Sunday 19th May, I competed in a post-primary triathlon in Galway, representing St Louis. I swam 300 metres, cycled 10K and did a 2.5K run. I managed to complete all of this in 50 minutes. The experience was amazing and I would love to compete again next year."





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PAST-PUPIL PROFILE: BELINDA BROWN

Current Job & Location:

Global Audit & Risk Director (GAR), Europe and Africa for Diageo. Based in London when not travelling (one week per month). You may not have heard of Diageo but hopefully you will have heard of some of our brands: Guinness, Smirnoff, Baileys and Johnnie Walker to name a few! I lead Diageo's GAR agenda for Africa and Europe and have a team of eight people who sit across Ghana, Kenya and the UK. My work involves managing our GAR assurance and advisory work across our Europe and Africa businesses. This means reviewing the risks our businesses face, accessing the processes and controls that our businesses operate and helping our businesses build effective mitigation plans against risks. I spend one week in every month out in the field visiting our businesses across Europe and Africa. To date, I have been fortunate enough to travel to South Africa, Kenya, Venezuela, Nigeria, Cameroon, Uganda, Tanzania and Mexico and many other countries! I feel really privileged because my job gives me immense exposure to the different functions, businesses, brands and regions across Diageo and in the process, I get to work with and learn from such interesting and diverse people every day. I also have a passion for growing and developing talent and I see this as an important additional part of my role.

Final Year at St. Louis: 2000

A Levels: French, Chemistry, Maths

My Career to Date:

I had my first taste of the "real world of work" during my placement year when I was still in university. My Finance undergrad course required each student to find employment in our third year and I decided to move to London and spend a year working with Marks and Spencer in London. I loved my time there – I learned a lot professionally and also personally (e.g. how to budget so that I had enough money left over for my rent and council tax each month; the fastest way to the office in Baker street in Central London from where I lived in West London; that it really wasn't worth having too many big nights out during the week when you have to get up the next morning at 7am to catch a train and then two different tubes!)

I came back to Queen's to finish my final year and applied for and got a job in a bank in Dublin. At the time, my main motivation was

getting a job that I thought I would earn the most money from, but I had second thoughts after reflecting on my year at M&S and how much I had enjoyed working in retail. I therefore decided to defer for a year and stayed at Queen's to do a Masters. During that year, I spoke to some of my friends who were now in their first year of work and some career advisors and I began to realise that banking might not be for me.

I decided to then apply for a job with one of the Big Four – I figured that working at a consultancy would give me some breadth of experience and help me align to an industry. I went on to spend almost two years with Deloitte and worked across a variety of industries and clients, examples of which are listed below:

- Ministry of Defence – Project Analyst working on an Independent Financial Review assessing and quantifying the potential for cost reduction within overheads allocated to an aircraft carrier programme;
- NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency – Uptake Management Analyst responsible for analysing historical supplier management information to determine purchasing patterns and quantify potential savings; and
- Britannia Building Society – Internal Communications Team responsible for communications with the entire employee base, helping to establish corporate culture and delivering key messages by providing written copy for the Society's intranet, email communications and various hard copy communication mediums.

I learned a lot during my time at Deloitte – working as a consultant is fast paced and requires you to get up to speed with different businesses, strategies and projects very quickly. But for me there was still something lacking – I missed the feeling that I had when I worked at M&S of seeing a product in store and knowing that I had helped put it there! I realised that retail was where I wanted to be and I left Deloitte to join L'Oréal in 2008. This was more like it! A big brand with tangible products; ones that I could relate to, that I wore, that my friends and family knew and bought. I spent 6 years with L'Oréal in a number of different Commercial Finance and Marketing Finance roles and completed my Chartered



Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA) qualifications while working there. Despite my love for the brands and for the people I worked with, the time came where I felt that I wasn't getting the right level of professional and leadership stretch and so I started looking for some different opportunities.

I applied for a Procurement Finance Business Partner role at Diageo through a recruitment agency. I sent my C.V. to the agency, they sent it to Diageo... and a few days later I received a "no". I didn't have any procurement experience and that's what they were looking for. I was disappointed; I had done my homework and Diageo really appealed to me as a company. Their company values resonated with my personal and professional values e.g. "passionate about customers and consumers", "proud of what they do", "strive to be the best", "give ourselves and each other the freedom to succeed because this fosters an entrepreneurial spirit". When I saw the job advertised again a month or so later, I rang the recruitment agency and asked them to contact Diageo again. I might not have the procurement experience but I had lots of other things to offer and I felt that I could demonstrate that if I got an interview there. And I did get an interview with HR - and I was successful in that one. And then I got a second interview - this time with the Global Procurement Director and the Finance Director for Global Beer and Africa. And I was successful in that one too - I joined in February 2015 and haven't looked back.

Fast forward five years, and I was going through the internal process for a big promotion from Manager Level to Director Level. And in June 2018, I was officially announced as the Global Audit & Risk Director for Europe & Africa. Even today, I still connect very much to the Diageo values. For example, I am proud to work for Diageo, I am proud of the team I work with and how we help to protect our company's reputation and bring value to markets; I am proud to be a mummy and to have work-life balance that allows me work Monday - Thursday and have Friday with my son; I am proud of the things that I do outside of my "day job" but are just as important!

Recently, I was named in the Timewise 2019 Power 50 Awards, recognised for the success I have had within my career and being promoted to my role just four months after returning from maternity leave. I have also recently helped set up an Employee Resource Group called REACH. This stands for Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Heritage and as a mixed-race, Jamaican-born, Northern-Irish-raised woman living in London, I felt that there was more that I could do help create a shift in culture, mind-set and understanding so that all ethnically diverse employees feel valued, empowered and engaged for success within the Diageo London office! This is work that I do in my "spare" time but to me, it is just as important to the work that I get bonused on. I'll borrow a quote from Napoleon Hill: "If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." We can talk about making a difference or we can get up and do something and make a difference! My work in REACH energises me as I know that we are making a difference to employees but for me, another great thing about being involved is that it has opened up an entirely new network to me.

Some Words of Advice:

- Understand what drives you and then find a job that will give you some of those things. Originally, I thought I just wanted to be paid well, but my time at Marks and Spencer and at Deloitte made me realise that things like work-life balance, being able to get behind and get excited about tangible products etc. were just as important to me and I needed to find a job that gave me a good balance across these things.
- Believe in yourself and persist if you are really passionate about something! I was initially rejected from Diageo. But I knew that I was a good fit for the company and that I could make a difference there and so I pushed for my C.V. to be seen again!
- Find a job where you can make a difference. This could be in the day-job itself, but like me, you might also find that your extra-curricular activities also help you feel like you are making a difference in your work.
- Get a mentor or a coach. I really can't stress this enough! Throughout my career, mentors and coaches have been invaluable to my personal and professional development. I have used my mentors / coaches for a whole host of things e.g. interview preparation, practising for a big presentation, introducing me to senior people, widening my external network. Having seen the benefits personally, I myself coach / mentor a number of people across Diageo and externally and I find it incredibly rewarding.

Professional Qualifications:

- Finance BSc., First Class Honours, Queen's University of Belfast (2004)
- MSc Finance., Distinction, Queen's University of Belfast (2005)
- CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting (2005)
- CIMA Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting (2008)
- CIMA Associate: ACMA, CGMA (2009)

Career Pathway:

- Deloitte, London: Management Consultant (2005 to 2007)
- L'Oréal UK, London: Assistant Financial Controller for L'Oréal Paris brand, UK & Ireland (April 2008 - March 2009)
- L'Oréal UK, London: Marketing Controller for L'Oréal Paris brand, UK & Ireland (April 2009 - May 2011)
- L'Oréal UK, London: Commercial Controller for Garnier/ Maybelline brands, UK & Ireland (May 2011 - Jan 2015)
- Diageo, London: Procurement Commercial Finance Manager, Africa, Turkey, Russia & Eastern Europe (Feb 2015 - Jun 2015)
- Diageo, London: Global Audit & Risk Manager (July 2015 - May 2018)
- Diageo, London: Global Audit & Risk Director, Europe and Africa (June 2018 - Present)

PAST-PUPIL PROFILE: GABRIELLE LENNON

Our past pupil Gabrielle Lennon has graduated from her course in fashion and textiles. On the 4th June Gabrielle's stunning designs were modelled in the annual University of Ulster fashion showcase which took place in St Anne's Cathedral. Gabrielle's work was also exhibited in the School of Art Belfast from 7th June as part of the university's degree show.

Gabrielle completed her A-Levels in June 2015. She studied Art, Moving Image Arts and Music. Gabrielle's love of fashion design was discovered through her participation in the Junk Kouture competition in 5th year as well as lower and upper sixth. Gabrielle made dresses from newspaper, plastic forks, knives and spoons and bubble wrap. Her designs were successful in making it to the Ulster finals 5 times and proceeded to the All-Ireland final in her upper sixth year, with her design being modelled in front of 5000 people. Following her A-Levels Gabrielle completed her foundation in Art and Design and continued with her love of fashion in her degree.

An exciting future lays ahead for Gabrielle, we wish her every success.



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BALL WALL

Pupils can now enjoy the benefits of our own GAA Ball Wall, which began construction in March this year.

A Ball Wall facility provides a safe, accessible environment for players to develop their skills and improve their technique. The benefits of having a wall facility within a school are huge, and combined with appropriate drill sets can result in a dramatic improvement in players' skill levels over a relatively short time period. Since completion, pupils have already enjoyed lunch-time challenges, trainings and PE sessions using the wall. Hopefully their skills will continue to improve after an already successful year for our GAA teams!



Introducing PARENT PAY Count on us!

ParentPay - our new online payment service.

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as class materials, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

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What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.



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How to get started with ParentPay



We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: www.parentpay.com/parents/





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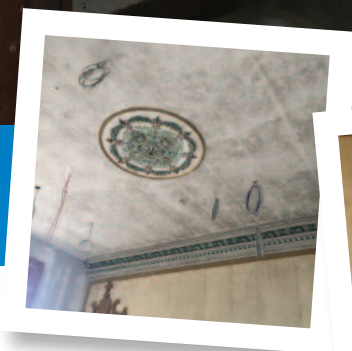
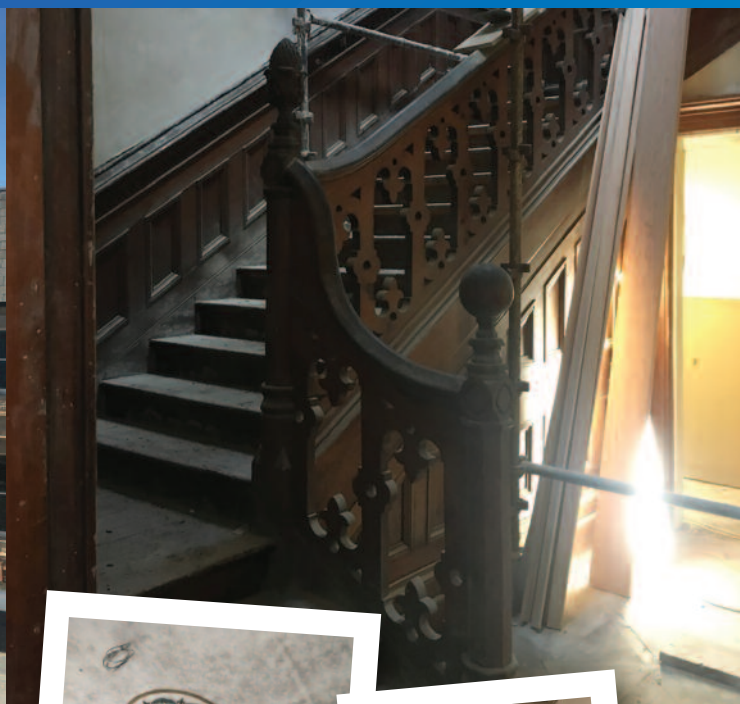
Final Stages...

Excitement is mounting as the end of our Kintullagh House project comes within reaching distance and finishing touches are beginning to be added.

Target for completion is 6th September 2019 with Art, Music, Moving Image and Drama moving up to the building for the new academic year. Pupils and staff will undoubtedly benefit from both the state of the art facilities and the aesthetics of this modern learning environment. Official opening of Kintullagh House will take place in Autumn 2019.







IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 13 Romania Trip (Inclusive)
Friday 28th June – Friday 5th July

SLG Summer Camp
Monday 15th - Friday 19th July

AS/A2 Results
Thursday 15th August

GCSE Results
Thursday 22nd August

Induction Years 8 & 13 only
Monday 2nd September

Induction Years 12 & 14 only
Tuesday 3rd September

Induction Years 9, 10 & 11 only
Wednesday 4th September

Normal class begins
Thursday 5th September

School Musical
Wednesday 23rd- Friday 25th October

Mid-term break
Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November
(inclusive)

GL Assessment Saturday 16th November

See school website for full Diary of Events
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BOYS &
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