



NEWSLETTER

MAY / JUNE

2018

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PUPILS OF THE MONTH



Year 8

1st Thomas Winters
2nd Sarah Beattie
3rd Wiktorja Lagodka

Year 9

1st Abby Hutchinson
2nd Nathan Whalley
3rd Nicole Moody

Year 10

1st Tiernan McGoldrick
2nd Tom Doherty
3rd Claire Spratt

Year 11

1st Nicola Moore
2nd Nathan Preston
3rd Isabel McDowell

HOUSE TOTALS FOR JUNE

Strule	7941
Crevenagh	7810
Auchinleck	7642

Congratulations to **Strule House**, this year's House Champions!

The winning house will attend a trip to Brunswick Movie Bowl on Tuesday 26 June 2018.

LOCAL SCHOOLS SHARED PROJECT LEADS TO UNIVERSITY TESTING

Post-16 / Year 13 pupils from four Omagh schools, collaborating in a Shared Education Signature Project, had the chance to attend the University of Ulster in Jordanstown to participate in Fitness Tests carried out by University of Ulster staff.

This event was part of a 4-week programme, jointly co-ordinated by Omagh High School and Loreto Grammar School and also included pupils from Omagh Academy and Sacred Heart College.

This was an excellent educational opportunity for the pupils and offered hands-on experience in the use of and protocol surrounding the most up to date technology and equipment used in fitness testing.

This shared project was designed to meet the criteria of 'Unit 7 Fitness Testing' within the BTEC Sport Specification and all information recorded and data collated can be used as a basis for further research in this unit.

The practical experience and expertise gained, in addition to the particular curricular focus for the BTEC students significantly enhanced this project.

The opportunity to engage with partner schools allowed more extensive tests to be carried out, developed teamwork skills and added interest and enjoyment.

Head of Sports Studies at Omagh High School, Mrs Pauley, elaborated: "The programme enabled our pupils to have access to a top class fitness testing facility that would never have been possible before. It was great to be able to experience it with them, alongside pupils from different schools. The staff at the fitness testing facility were excellent and I look forward to going back."

The staff and pupils involved would like to acknowledge the Sports Centre at University of Ulster for their hospitality, enthusiasm and commitment in making this link project a success for current and future BTEC Sport students. The benefits of this project for Omagh High students and staff cannot be overstated.



Ben Thompson, Year 13, taking part in the high-tech fitness assessment at the University of Ulster.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

07/06/2018

Election of Parents' Representatives to the Board of Governors

13/06/2018

Sports Day

14/06/2018

Year 10 Trip to Loughery College & Year 8 2018 Induction Night

15/06/2018

Year 10 Enterprise For All Event

19/06/2018

Year 9 Visit to Seagate factory

26/06/18

House Trip

27/06/18

End of Term

SHOW JUMPING SUCCESS



Mrs Elkin congratulates the Omagh High's outstanding riders. Pictured in his supporting role is the injured Christopher Monaghan.

On May 10 2018, Danescroft Horse-riding Centre, Lisburn was the venue for the Northern Irish Qualifying for the RDA Grand Finals.

William Logue demonstrated exquisite poise and nerves of steel to claim first prize out of an incredibly competitive group in the Dressage.

William's classmate, Nathan Moore, claimed the runner up spot, also in Dressage. Nathan then continued his impressive form when also claiming second spot in the 'Countryside Challenge' discipline.

Both riders therefore qualified to compete at the RDA's International Championships. This spectacular event, takes place in Hertsbury, England from 13-15 July at the largest and most fiercely contested RDA Championships in Europe.

We wish both competitors every success at the Championships and commend all three students for their dedication and passion for all things equestrian.

E DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

The annual E District Athletics Championships took place on Friday 4 May at the Antrim Athletics Stadium.



Members of the Omagh High Athletics/Track and Field squad.

Forty pupils from Omagh High School competed across all age groups in a wide variety of track and field events.

All pupils competed extremely well in their respective events and the following pupils qualified for the Ulster Schools Athletics Championships to be held on Saturday 19 May 2018 to be held once again in Antrim.

Qualified Athletes: Isabella Shaw (Intermediate Girls 300m), Tiernan McGoldrick (Junior Boys Shot Putt), Lewis Loughlin (Minor Boys High Jump), Adam Clyde (Intermediate Boys 100m), Matthew Kerrigan (Mini Boys Shot Putt), Rachel Pinkerton (Junior Girls Shot Putt) Lucy Dunn, Wiktoria Lagodka, Ruby Clements and Lucie Kerr (Mini Girls 4 x 100m Relay team) Ethan Walker (Junior Boys Javelin).

UNDER 14 GIRLS SOCCER



Squad: Jessica Cuthbertson (C), Bethany Managh (VC), Chloe Stewart, Rachel Pinkerton, Nicole Hetherington, Sarah Hetherington, Sarah Hawkes, Ruby Clements, Lucie Kerr and Rebecca Clarke.

On Thursday 10 May, Omagh High School Girls Under 14 Football Team travelled to Castledearg High School to compete in the regional Under 14 Girls Football Tournament.

The team played really well throughout the tournament, demonstrating an excellent team ethic and in doing so, laid down a marker for future success.

In the group stage Omagh High drew 2-2 with Strabane Academy, before playing out a goalless yet engrossing 0-0 match against their Castledearg hosts. This was followed by an unlucky 2-0 loss against Cookstown High School. In their final match the girls defeated Fivemiletown College 1-0.

This was a very keenly contested tournament. Omagh High's results earned them a place in the 3rd/4th play-off match – a return duel against Castledearg. The team unfortunately lost the play off 1-0, fourth place represents an excellent return for the squad who learned a lot from the tournament and have a lot to feel proud about.

Player of the tournament was Bethany Managh.

COUNTY TYRONE JUNIOR SQUAD AT THE ANNUAL SUPERCUP NI



Omagh High School pupil Cameron Crook has been selected to represent County Tyrone Junior Squad at the Annual Supercup NI tournament (formally Milk Cup) to be held this summer.

We wish him all the best for the tournament!

SPORTS DAY 2018

Sports Day 2018 took place on Wednesday 13 June at Youth Sport Omagh. This was the first time using the facilities at Youth Sport for our Sports Day and it turned out to be a very enjoyable and successful day.

With the forecast giving rain for the afternoon, we were very lucky to get through all events before the rain came and finished off our day at Youth Sport with a barbecue lunch for all in attendance.

In the afternoon we returned to Omagh High School for our Sports awards where recognition was given not only to the medal winners on the day, but also to all the sporting disciplines carried out throughout the year, culminating with our Sports Personality of the Year Award which went this year to Nathan Preston Year 11.

QUEEN'S ACADEMY JUNIOR ACADEMY PROGRAMME



Congratulations to Amy McCausland, Lee Jones, Thomas Kelly, Amy Byers and Natasha McManus who have been accepted to the QUB Year 9 Junior Academy Programme.

The Welcome Day took place on Monday 14 May 2018 at Queen's University, Belfast.

The Junior Academy is designed to introduce pupils to Higher Education and to life at university.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



On Thursday 14 June 2018 a selection of Year 11 Young Enterprise pupils travelled to Belfast's City Hall to receive awards for their Young Enterprise Company 'Best in the West'.

Pupils were treated to a beautiful meal in the Grand Hall. Pete Snodden and Sarah Travers hosted the evening's awards. Omagh High School's 'Best in the West' pupils were awarded the overall winners for the Team programme in the south west region. They won an award for the creativity of their products. Rheanna Gilmore also won the 'Young Entrepreneur' of the year award for the south west region in the Team programme.



We are immensely proud of their achievements. Well done.

WALK FOR LIFE

On Thursday 21 June a special "Walk for Life" took place in memory of Mary McIvor to help raise much needed funds for the Niamh Louise Foundation.

There was an exceptional turnout from parents, pupils, pets and members of the wider community.

Sincere thanks to all of those who kindly donated and attended the event and a special thanks to the Community

Links Development Committee, in particular Mrs Pauley who worked tirelessly on this event to make it run as smoothly as it did.

YEAR 9 VISIT FROM DANSKE BANK

During the week beginning Monday 11 June 2018 Year 9 Maths classes had three visits from representatives from Danske Bank, Omagh to deliver Modules on Budgeting and Saving.

We completed a questionnaire to assess what type of spenders we were. Some were like a squirrel hoarding for the winter and spending a lot of our life in hibernation!

Some of us were like the wise old owl who have the balance right and others were like the goldfish who just have to spend all that we have got.

Our next task was to identify all of our income and our spending and this encouraged us to plan our spending and not run out of money!

We found the talk interesting and beneficial as we also found out about various accounts available at the Danske Bank.

Laura Hunter and Joelle Sharkey

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A great attitude
becomes a great
day which becomes
a great month
which becomes
a great year
which becomes a
great life.

- Mandy Hale