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HALLOWEEN!



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGANNON.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE VIEW?

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GCSE PRIZE GIVING

Here at St. Patricks College, we love to celebrtate the achievements of our students. Check out what happened at our fantastic GCSE Prize Giving Ceremony by our current Year 13 student - Sophie Heagney Walsh. Page - 8

MEET YOUR HEAD STUDENTS

We are very proud of all of our Student Leadsheip Team. Within this issue, The SPC View got a chance to get to know our four current Head Students a little better. Page - 6 & 7

NORTHERN IRELAND DIGITAL AWARENESS WEEK 2021

Two of our Year 14 ICT students - Joshua and Yasmine both travelled to Belfast to celebrate Digital Awareness Week 2021. They have taken the time to write a short article on their expereince, learned and what they gained from attending the event. Page - 11 & 12

SPOOKY STORIES!

Are you brave enough to read some of our Year 8 Spooky Stories? To celebrate Halloween, the English department were busy creating some brilliant tales and art work to match! Page - 13 & 14

MARIANA ON THE QUB PATHWAY PROGRAMME

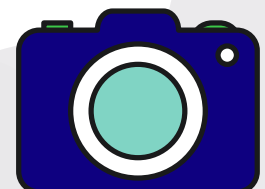
Mariana - our Year 14 student who is also our Year 9 Senior Prefect completed the QUB Pathway Programme over the summer. She has kindly written an article explaining the benfits of the programme and what she has gained from it. Page - 10

THE SPC VIEW IN FOCUS

Pictures tell 1000 words! Check out what the Staff and Students have gotten up too over the last month! Page - 15 & 16



**QUEEN'S
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Odd Socks Day!

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

Monday 15th November 2021.

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
MONDAY 15TH TO FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER



End Bullying Now!



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#ODDSOCKSDAY

MEET YOUR HEAD STUDENTS!



Name: Justino Martins

Age: 17

Year Group: Year 14

What is your role in the Student Leadership Team: Head Student

What three words describe you best: Three words that describe me would be confident, optimistic and outspoken.

What's your favourite thing about St. Patrick's College: My favourite thing about St. Patrick's College is that they provide so many opportunities for everyone. The opportunities they gave me have helped me to become the person I am today.

Favourite subject and why: My favourite subject would have to be Spanish because I am really good at it, I had a lot of fun in the classroom.

Who do you look up to: The person that I look up to would have to be Chris Bumstead, because he preaches about not quitting and to always try your best. And I think it is inspiring.

Favourite food: My favourite food would have to honestly be anything my mother cooks, no exaggeration!

Favourite Film: My favourite film would have to be American Psycho.

What's your goal after leaving St. Patrick's College:

My goal after leaving St. Patrick's College is to hopefully work in the IT sector and expand my knowledge about cyber security.

What advice would you give our younger pupils?: The advice I would give to younger pupils is to look out one another and support your friends. It will make your school years more enjoyable.

Favourite Quote: My favourite quote is, "Embrace the journey, don't run from it."

Name: Alanna McNulty

Age: 17 years old

Year Group: Year 14

Role in The Student Leadership Team: Head Student of St Patrick's College.

What three words describe you best: I would describe myself as determined, enthusiastic and optimistic.

What's your favourite thing about St. Patrick's College: I have many favourite things about the college but one that stands out is the staff. They have become more of a friend than a teacher to me, making me feel comfortable throughout all of my school years.

Favourite subject and why: Psychology is my favourite subject as it is very interesting but also pushes me to my limits.

Who do you look up to: My Mummy

Favourite food: Pizza

Favourite Film: Love, Rosie.

What's your goal after leaving St. Patrick's College: To go to University but also travel and enjoy my younger years.

What advice would you give our younger pupils: Your only limit is your mind, whether you think you can or you can't you are right. Have an end goal it will make it easier to find the motivation to keep going.

Favourite Quote: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift, that's why we call it the present - Winnie The Pooh





Name: Ciara Comac

Age: 17

Year Group: Year 14

What is your role in the Student Leadership Team: Deputy Head Student

What three words describe you best: Creative, Positive and Determined

What's your favourite thing about St. Patrick's College: My favourite thing about St. Patrick's college is how everyone is like a family. Everyone looks out for one another, and it has a very homely atmosphere.

Favourite subject and why: My favourite subject is Psychology because it is so interesting, and I like learning about how the brain functions and why.

Favourite Film: Anything scary!

What's your goal after leaving St. Patrick's College: I hope to go to University in England, either Brighton or Liverpool to study Psychology.

What advice would you give our younger pupils: The advice I would give to my younger self would focus on yourself, believe in yourself, and stay focused.

Favourite Quote: My favourite quote is if you believe you can't, you can't. If you believe you can, you can'

Name: Roberto Latusuay Ku

Age: 17

Year Group: Year 14

What is your role in the Student Leadership Team: Deputy Head Student

What three words describe you best?: Resilient, persistent and friendly.

What's your favourite thing about St. Patrick's College: My favorite thing is the opportunities they give to boost our confidence and the amount of support the teachers give you to reach your full potential every day.

Favourite subject and why: Music- as not only does it enhance learning and communication skills but it boosts your self esteem through personal accomplishment

Favourite Film: The Chronicles of Narnia

Favourite Food: Chicken Noodle Stir Fry

Who inspires you: My dad because he is diligent, strong and independent. He taught me self-belief and perseverance will always earn you success. He is my role model as he is someone who sets a good example and whose footsteps I want to follow.

What's your goal after leaving St. Patrick's College: To go to university and study Microbiology course and take on a Master's degree to then become a Microbiologist. I would love this role as the thought of helping others excites me.

What advice would you give our younger pupils: I would say trust yourself more. People spend most of their lives telling themselves they can't do many things but they can if they try. If you believe you can, you are halfway.

Favourite Quote: Spread love everywhere you. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier- Mother Teresa.



GCSE Prize Giving 2021



Article by Sophie Heagney- Walsh

Prize Giving has always been a very memorable and enjoyable event for the students in St. Patrick's College. This GCSE Prize Giving was a lovely ceremony where we could come together with old friends and new to celebrate the achievements and recognitions of each other. This ceremony was very meaningful, and it gave us a chance to recognise how hard we have worked over what was a very challenging two years of GCSEs for our year group with so much uncertainty and pressure. Prize Giving has always been an encouragement for me to do my best and to work hard in school. I remember sitting in the assembly hall as a Year 8 student, watching the older students receive such honourable and impressive awards which I truly admired. From that day and from every Prize Giving throughout the years, I have always strived and aspired to be those students; the students who are recognised for hard work and dedication and the students who push themselves to do the best they can in school, and I feel like I have achieved that this year. At the GCSE Prize Giving, I received top student in seven of my GCSE subjects, top attendance for my five years in the College, the Knights of Columbanus recognition award, top achiever at GCSE and the Principal's Cup for contribution to school life. I was delighted and humbled to receive these awards and I was so pleased that my hard work at GCSE paid off. Throughout my five years in St. Patrick's College, I have always played music at Prize Giving and it is an honour to play at such a special event each year, but especially at my own GCSE Prize Giving in front of my friends and teachers. The ceremony was small and intimate, and it gave us a chance to catch up with those who have moved on to further education or employment outside of the College. It was a perfect way to bring the class of 2016-2021 together to share a laugh once more and to pride ourselves on how much we achieved together and how resilient and hard-working we were as a year group. And of course, the tea, coffee and cupcakes were simply the cherry on top! Thank you to the staff and students who truly made GCSE Prize Giving 2021 a day to remember!



OUR FUTURE ENGINEER

Marciana Martins

We are delighted to announce the success of Yr 13 student Marciana Martins in securing a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. This scholarship is 1 of only 10 awarded to students in Northern Ireland.

Marcie is an outstanding ambassador for all things STEM across our school. She is an A Level student of Maths, Technology & Design & Environmental Technology. Marciana also was awarded Top Student at GCSE achieving an impressive 11 GCSE's!

She has been involved in a range of STEM projects, competitions and promotions in school, from the Bus Shelter, to the Horse Box conversion as well as supporting younger students in after school Maths.

Marcie will be sponsored by Agilia Infrastructure Partners - the world quite literally is at her feet! Congratulations Marcie! We cannot wait to see where the future will take you!

- Mrs. McHugh



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THE PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME AT QUEEN'S

Congratulations Mariana!

The SPC View are delighted to announce that our Year 14 student Mariana was accepted into the prestigious QUB Pathway Programme. She completed the Programme over the summer and has written an article for The SPC on her fantastic experience!



"The Queen's Pathway Programme was an amazing and exciting opportunity that I'm honoured to have been part of. This programme was enormously helpful, it lasted for 15 days, including the summer school which unfortunately took place virtually over online classes instead of at the campus due to the COVID-19 restrictions. However, it was still an incredible experience. I gained insightful knowledge and understanding about my subject specific course - Law, which I'm interested in studying next year at degree level. This programme offers a Two Grade reduction and £1000 bursary for studying at QUB. I am delighted that I was successful in securing the Two Grade reduction after passing the test that was set during the summer school. Albeit everything was through online classes, I was involved in different group work which made it easy for me to make friends and interact with different people who have the same interests as me. In the Law Pathway, I was introduced to a variety of different types of Law in the legal system which I never knew beforehand. Therefore, this programme definitely further broadened my knowledge and makes me eager to study and explore more about Law. The Queen's Pathway Programme also discussed student loans, accommodation, studying abroad and many more opportunities in Queen's University. Overall, the Queen's Pathway Programme was an amazing support to help me smoothly transitioning into University life. I cannot wait to see what my future holds!"

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NORTHERN IRELAND DIGITAL AWARENESS WEEK 2021

On the 12th of October, St. Patricks College were very pleased to attend the launch of Northern Ireland Digital Awareness Week 2021 led by Civica and attended by Education Minister Michelle McIlveen. The SPC caught up with our Year 14 students Yasmine and Joshua who both study ICT, to hear about their experience at the event.

Hello my name is Yasmine I am 18 years old and I am a Year 14 student at St Patrick's College. I have chosen to do Health and Social Care, Business and ICT as my A level subjects. I also applied to be on the student Leadership Team, where I am now the CEIAG Prefect. I help pupils in my school to choose what career pathway is best for them, including jobs in the ICT sector. I am able to give my honest advice and influence others to know more about the field. I want to encourage other students to have a better mind-set and understanding of different areas in the IT sector, and where they might be best suited.

CIVICA

This event was amazing, it surpassed all my expectations. The place and the people in there were fascinating. One reason why I attended the event was to learn more about the IT industry from professionals and people that already work within the industry. I also wanted to take a step ahead and show my interests and the benefits of doing IT in the future, both as a female and someone from the BAME community. I wanted to represent students like me and show that IT is much more than just codes or gaming. Digital Awareness Week encourages young people across NI to follow a career in digital technology, as currently only 1% of A Level students study ICT.

At the event we explained the importance of encouraging young people to know more about the industry, as mostly everyone thinks that IT is only about gaming. The newly launched 'NI Digital Awareness Week', gives the opportunity for teachers and pupils to know the importance of digital skills and for students to get more involved in new technologies. These pathways are our future.

It is extremely important that ICT is promoted in every school. ICT opens many doors for students. ICT is used widely throughout many sectors so it is vital that staff and students of schools are educated properly about it. This is especially important now because of COVID-19. Not only did school systems have to move to online learning, but it also changed how businesses operate, not just in NI, but globally. It forced nearly everyone to adapt and learn more about ICT.

By attending this event I have learned that there are many tests required before launching an IT technology and I also learned that there is also a planning before creating any new technology how innovative and creative this work is. I am excited to be a part of it in the future!

Article by Yasmine - Year 14



My name is Joshua Clarke I am currently Year 14. I am studying Digital Technology, Sports Studies and Business Studies. I am a Digital Prefect. This role entails developing ICT within the school, helping students, teachers and other members of staff with ICT problems they have, competing in competitions and receiving awards for doing so. We are going to try and achieve the Childnet Digital Leaders qualification for the school which involves completing tasks and activities to collect points for the school. This year we hope to set up an ICT clinic for students and teachers to visit with their ICT Problems. I have always been interested in ICT and computers from a young age and hope to do a course at university that relates to ICT and then get a job in the ICT industry. I attended the launch of Northern Ireland Digital Awareness Week 2021 led by Civica attended by Education Minister Michelle McIlveen. I had a great time attending this event and gained a greater understanding of how ICT can be used to do every day to day tasks that would normally be performed by humans. The event was to try and promote ICT to students and try to increase the number of young students that chose ICT as their future job. The main aim of the event was to try and inspire as many people as possible to get into the ICT sector as it is the future. ICT is developing more and more every day. Civica demonstrated how they used programming to create a robot that will follow commands and carry out tasks automatically. Civica created many apps during the COVID lockdown that benefited individuals, schools and businesses. During the event I learned how important ICT is and how it can be developed to help with many businesses and jobs. For example, how robots can be created to perform jobs that would normally be performed by humans. This saves a lot of time as a robots are more accurate and time effective compared to humans. I would definitely recommend ICT based subjects to students. IT is an important subject and used over a variety of sectors. All of us need to be able to use ICT at home and in school, therefore it is fundamental. The future IT is always developing. I am excited to be able to use my skills in whatever pathway I decide to take after my time in St. Patricks College.

THE SPC SPOOKY STORIES!

The SPC View are delighted to showcase some of the fantastically spooky stories and art work by our wonderful Year 8 Students who have been working so hard over the last term in English. Enjoy!

The Taxi Man

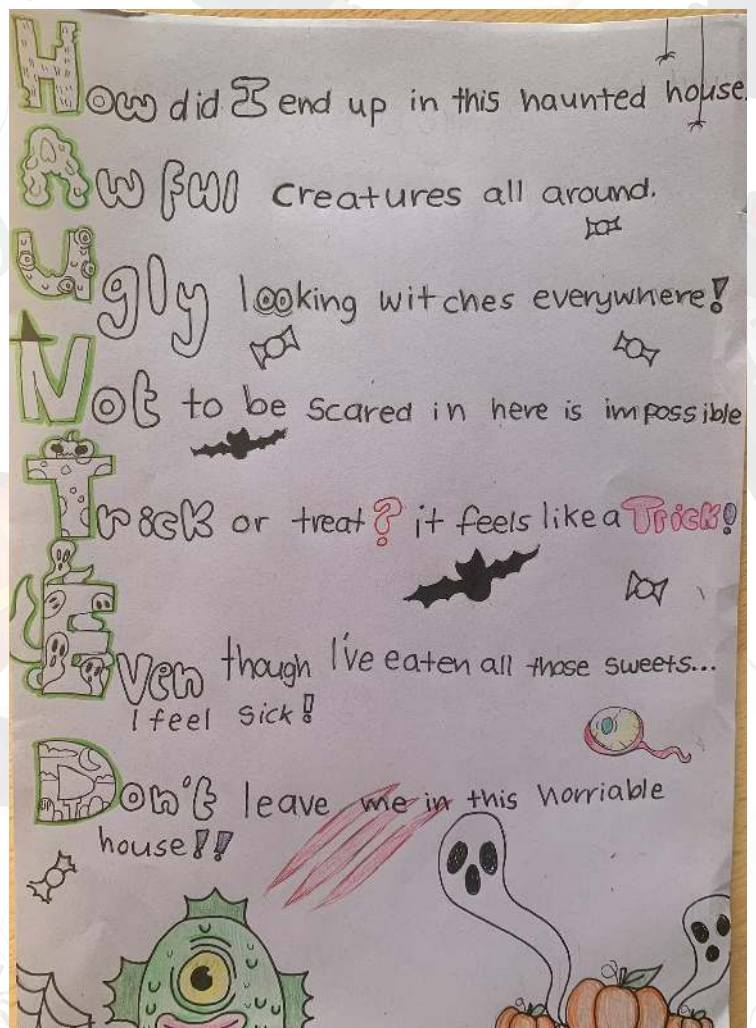
Im Maddy, 22 female.

It was October 31st and just after a night out with me and my friends, it was raining really heavily that night so I was standing under one of those bus-stops beside the road, it was old and smelled like sweat mixed with dog poo, but I had no other choice without getting soaked. While all that, I was waiting for my taxi to pick me up. It was a Friday night at 12:30 so it was abit of a wait to get picked up. At the same time I was keeping very aware of the 'Taxi Man', apparently, he places these 'Traps' on this dark, jagged road that's on the south of my town, far from any human kind, somehow it was always the taxis that were found, but they weren't found in any ordinary way. They were found with the front end of the car wide open with the driver beside the car, bleeding out in the middle of nowhere, bleeding out on the foggy, dirty road.

Right there my taxi had arrived, at the same time it had just hit me like a load of bricks that I had to cross that dusty, crooked road to visit my mother. We were on the south road with no other light other than our own was to be seen, suddenly, I got car sick and really needed to throw up, I was lightly banging the car door all while covering my puke-filled mouth, signalling I needed to get out.

My driver came to a stop so I leaped out and did my business. My driver came out into the dark with a flashlight beside me and asked "Are you okay?" I nodded a yes and answered, "I'll be back inside in a second." He let out a sigh and exclaimed, "better be quick! You don't want the Taxi Man to get us!" I gave back an awkward smile.

While he turned around to go on his phone, I walked around the car and sneakily slipped something into the front of the car, soon the engine unexpectedly started to smoke up and we both let out a sudden gasp. "No! Not now!" my driver shrieked, opening the front of the car, trying to figure out the problem.



Believe Me....

Riley looking at the clock, it's 1:30AM. "Only 30 more minutes" she said to herself. The bell rang as the door shut. "Hello what would you like?", "Nothing," the customer said, "Okay," is everything alright? He didn't answer and just walked out. Riley looking confused as she saw a black car speed off. "Okay shift is finally over." Riley said while getting on her bike to go home she spots the same car following her. She stops pedaling and turns around and suddenly gets grabbed by the exact same man she came into the shop. He quickly blindfolds her and the last thing she saw was a big white vainy hand with a gun.

It's been about 10mins and she's trying to be quiet and listen carefully to see if she is on a motorway or not. they stopped for petrol he goes to the shop to pay for his petrol but he thinks Riley is sleeping and doesn't lock the door. Riley tries to squeeze herself out of the seats. she gets out and runs. she went and the first thing she saw was a beautiful big tree.

It's been 5mins since she's been running. she finds her grandmothers house and ran in. "Where have you been you said you'll be back by 21", "I've been kidnapped!" "Sick lies" "why won't you believe me!" she says "We'll talk about this later."

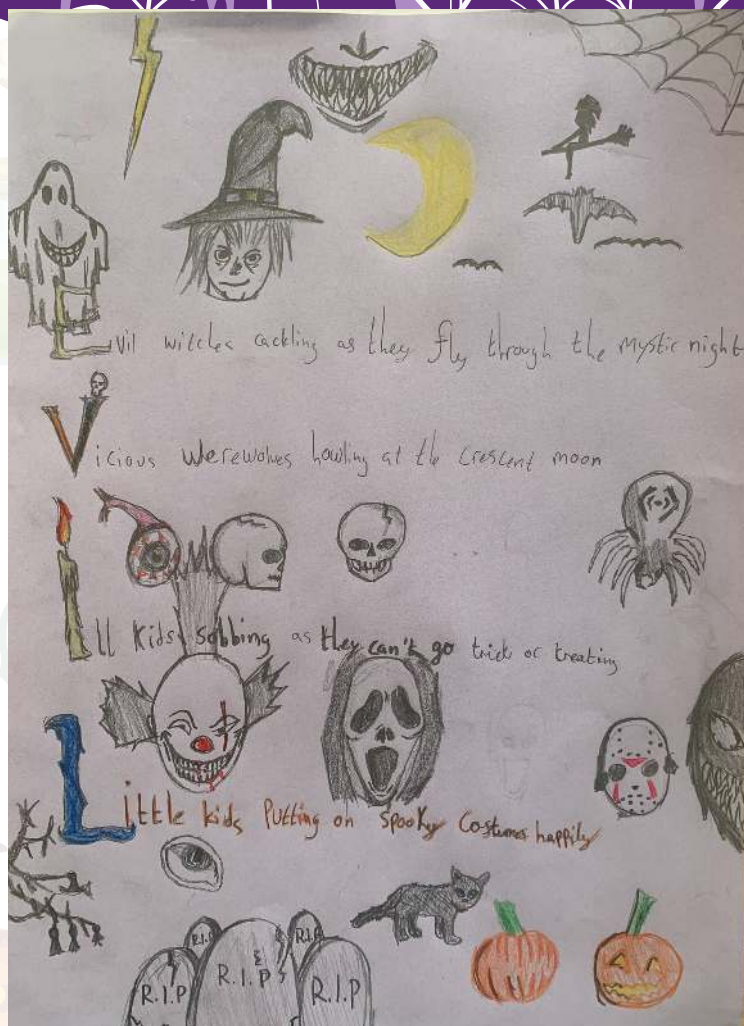
OCTOBER 31st

My name is Jane and this is the story of OCTOBER 31st

The clock had just struck 8pm and I was getting ready to go to my friend Lisa's house for a sleepover. We had planned before hand that we were going to stay up really late watching scary Halloween movies and stuffing our faces with a bunch of treats until we felt like we were about to pass out.

As soon as I had finished getting ready I texted Lisa that I was on my way. Lisa and I live fairly close so I decided to walk to house. It was now 9:30pm and all the younger children had finished trick or treating and the only sight to be seen was me and sweet wrappers covering the pathways of the streets... well atleast that's what I thought.

I could hear footsteps coming from behind me so I turned to look and there was someone, about 10meters away from me. I couldn't tell if they were a male or female as their face was facing down to the ground and was wearing all black, camouflaged into the cold dark sky. I was getting closer to Lisa's house but this mystery someone was STILL behind me and seemed to be following me so I started to jog but they started walking faster the faster I jogged. This made my heart pound like a lion trying to escape its cage so I made a run for it and I thought I lost them when I could hear their footsteps chasing me but luckily I had made it to Lisa's house JUST in time. I explained



OGT Hanted house

1. On a dark Friday night, me and Charly's having a sleepover at my house and we both were bored so we left the house on a walk but it was boring walking.
2. We were happy because we were both bored so we went to go to a house that was scary. So we both went in and it was very spooky. We both walked in the door just that it's self.
3. We were both terrified so as we were walking up the creepy stairs there was a hint of a skeleton just by the door and when we got to the top of the stairs one of our friends were dead and it was fairly dark but we couldn't see anything.
4. And when we were walking in the hall there were a lot of black shadows but we went inside one of them and it was empty and we heard voices/whispering so there was another door in the hallway so we went in it and it was horrible it was so dark the walls had red paint and me and Charly's thought it was black.
5. So we went back down stairs and we heard more voices/whispering but there was no one else in the haunted house so when we went into the living room there was no fireplace and on the fireplace there were candles and they looked like they were on fire but when we went up to them they lit up by themselves.

And we got frightened and ran out of the house back home and never went back we keep having dreams about it but it did feel like we were in a horror movie on Netflix but when my old friend told me she went to it and the same thing happened to her.

7. And me, Charly, think we get haunted by ghosts or something because it feels off all the time but maybe it could not be for that reason.



OUR FUTURE CHEF OISIN GATES

Winner of the Spring Boards Future Chef Competition in 2020



A snippet from Oisin...

"Competing in FutureChef provides you with a 360 degree view of the hospitality industry and the many different career paths you can take," Oisin said...

"Luckily for me, I was also able to gain insights from some of the most well-respected chefs in Northern Ireland, including Paula McIntyre and James Devine..."

"Now, after such a valuable experience, I would really like to go to university to help fulfil my ambitions of becoming a dietician or nutritionist..."

"FutureChef has helped me realise these ambitions, which I didn't know I had previous to entering the competition."

Well done Oisin from all staff and students at St. Patricks College, we are very proud of you!

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CHECK OUT THE
FULL BELFAST LIVE
ARTICLE ON OISIN
AND THE LAUNCH
OF THE 2021
COMPETITION





YEAR 14 GETTING FORMAL READY!

We made sure that all of our Year 14 pupils were ready to put on their dancing shoes for the upcoming formal in The Glenavon House Hotel. St. Patricks College invited local dance teacher Chris down to teach us all some great jiving moves. It was a fantastic afternoon of fun and laughter, even the teachers got involved! We cannot wait to celebrate your Formal on Friday!





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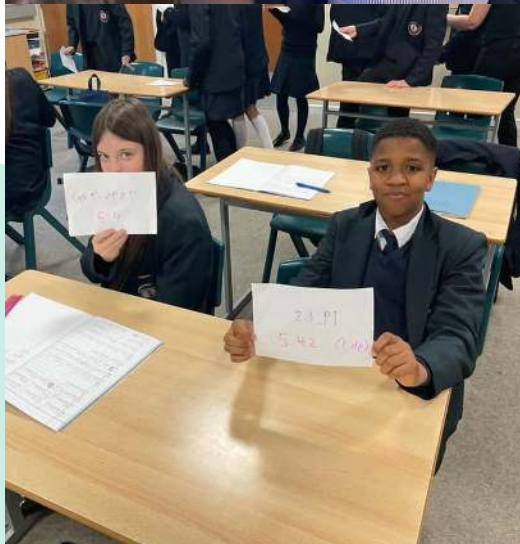
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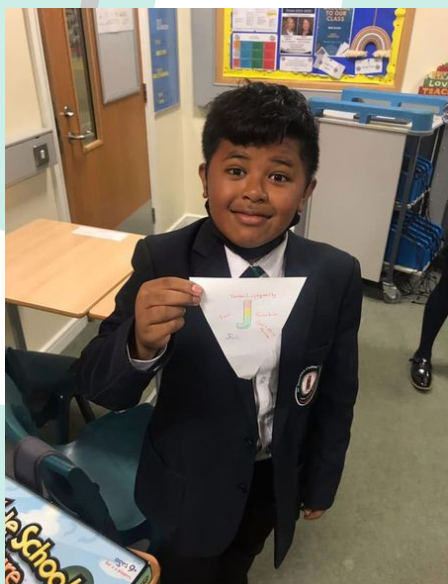


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