

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

DATES FOR DIARY - FEBRUARY 2020

Th	6	Intermediate Maths Challenge Yr12	
M	10	Junior Drama Full Day Rehearsal	
Tu	11	Junior Drama Matinee Performance and Evening Performance	
W	12	Junior Drama Evening Performance	
W-Th	12-13	GCSE Chemistry Practical Exams	
Th	13	Young Enterprise Trade Fair	
F	14	Drama Trip Yrs11-14	
M-F	17-21	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	School Closed
Tu-We	25-26	Yr12 Subject Choice Interviews	
Th	27	Yr8 Parental Consultation from 1.00 pm	Early closure @12.30
F	28	Yr12 Subject Choice Interviews	

Top Candidate at GCSE Moving Image Arts



On Tuesday 17 December, Adam Bell (Year 13) picked up the award for top candidate at GCSE Moving Image Arts. Adam is an extremely talented pupil and continues to be a huge asset to the art department, studying both

MIA and Art & Design at AS Level.

A massive congratulations to Adam and of course his teacher, Mrs Jenny Simon.



Parents are reminded that there is a **free** Parentmail App available for both android and apple devices:



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District Cross Country 2020 Results

Team Events

Mini Girls
Team 2nd,
Minor Girls
team 1st,
Junior Girls
team 1st,
Junior Boys team 1st



All four teams will go on to compete in the Ulster finals on 12 February 2020.

Top 15 Individuals

Mini Girls - Elsa Montgomery 3rd, Katie McKittrick 7th

Minor Girls - Rebecca Beggs 4th, Eden Day 10th

Minor Boys - Oliver Playfair 8th

Junior Girls - Ava Downey 4th, Rachel Anderson 12th, Niamh Fenlon 15th

Junior Boys -

Jamie Gaw 1st, Jacob McKittrick 2nd, Ryan Drain 5th, Jamie Morris 9th

Inter Girls -

Tara McDonough 5th



On average around 150 compete at these junior levels in each race with 37 schools involved.



Congratulations to our ACF cadets on their tremendous success at the recent Blair Mayne competition. Both Junior and Senior teams triumphed against top opposition from nine other detachments. Masie Scott (Year 13) was awarded Best Section Commander.



Junior Team L-R

Matthew Marks (9S), Olivia Redpath-Woolley (10R), Serena Cochrane-Browne (10R), John Kane (10W), Erin Stokes (10R) and Indie Gilbert (10R)



Senior Team L-R

Back Row (all Year 13):
Lewis Drain, Maisie Scott,
Adam Towe, Louis Murdock

Front Row: Jamie Cadden (10R), Alyssa Campbell (11A), Tamzin McMullan (11D), Benjamin Lewis (10R)



Congratulations also to Tamzin McMullan who has been chosen as the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the City of Belfast. This is a huge honour and a first for a Sullivan Cadet. Tamzin will be inducted in an official ceremony and will act as an aide and representative of the cadet forces to the Royal Family and to our Lord Lieutenant.

The Debating Society

began this term's programme of debates with a balloon debate. John Kane, Sophia Cahill, Cody Mawhinney and Jessica Carton debated which VIP's trip to Belfast was most essential, and who should parachute out at the Isle of Man. Finally, Sir David Attenborough landed safely at Belfast City Airport. We will debate the motion 'This House believes that girls and boys should be allowed to play the same sports, alongside each other.' on Wednesday 4 February 2020.



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Gymnasts from our Gymnastics club were involved as part of the Queens Gymnastics Club at a competition in Ravensraig, Scotland recently. Congratulation to Eden Day (9M) who participated in the Grade 5 mixed pair event with her partner and won Silver.



Congratulations to both the Year 8 girls badminton team - Erin Bond, Katie McKittrick, Tara Spence and Grace Jackson and also to the Year 8 Boys team – Harrison Geddis, Harry Kee, Harry Thompson and Ethan Lee. Both came second in their first schools badminton tournament before Christmas.



Year 12 Career presentations

In January, Year 12 attended vocational presentations organised by the Careers Department. Representatives from the following areas presented to Year 12: law, accountancy, physiotherapy, medicine, civil engineering, journalism, languages, PSNI, social work, teaching, IT, RAF and advertising/marketing (speaker Stephen Roycroft shown). Our thanks to all volunteers for giving their time and sharing their expertise.



Congratulations to Year 10 pupils Sam Jackson, Will Sheridan and Jack Greer on receiving their Chief Scout's Gold Award at a ceremony on 3 January 2020.

Jake Thompson (Y10) and Josh Andrews (Y9) also received the award but are not pictured.

All the boys are members of 2nd Holywood Scouts. The Chief Scout's Gold Award is the highest award that can be earned by Scouts aged 10-14.



Sullivan economists attend Adam Smith Institute Northern Ireland conference

In late November the Year 14 Economics students attended an A Level conference facilitated by the leading free market 'think tank' the Adam Smith Institute. Pupils from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, were able to benefit from presentations relevant to their studies and had opportunity to question the expert presenters. Topics covered included 'The Economics of Immigration', 'The Welfare State' and 'Wage inequality'. The Q&A brought up some current topics including, predictably, BREXIT!

Included in the conference photograph are pupils Euan Morrow, Megan Crawshay-Ralston, Toby McCandless and teacher, Mr Matthews.



TOP OF THE BENCH

The Royal Society of Chemistry's **Top of the Bench** event took place on Thursday 23 January 2020 at Queen's University and 15 teams from schools throughout Northern Ireland took part. Sullivan's team of Luke Myers (Yr12), Prerna Shyam (Yr 11), Benjamin Lewis (Yr 10) and Jack Stewart (Yr 10) had to complete a test, practical and quiz on KS3 & GCSE Chemistry. Well done!



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Fencing: Sullivan at Round 3 of the Northern Ireland Junior Foil Series



(Picture)

SU fencing club at NIJFS Round 3 at Sullivan (minus Edward Lilley)

On Saturday 11 January 2020 it was Sullivan's turn to host a round of the 2019/20 NI Junior Foil Series. This was Round 3 of the series and 15 SU fencers had entered, including for the first time, 2 from the Prep School. Five medals were won by SU fencers in total, 3 silver and 2 bronze.

U10s

Year 6 Prep fencer Sam Snoddy put in an impressive performance in his first ever competition, starting off with 5 wins from 6 in his poule to take the 2nd seed position for the direct elimination stage. He then progressed through the quarter and semi-finals to reach the final, but lost to the no.1 seed to take silver.



Sam En Garde

U12s

After the poule stage in the girls' U12s Amelia Penny was 4th seed, but was

knocked out in the quarter-finals, finishing 5th overall.

In the Boys' U12s, Prep year 7 Myles Wilkinson (in his first competition) and year 8 Noah Currie were seeded 3rd and 5th respectively after the poules. In the knock-out stage they reached the quarters where they put in strong performances, but both were beaten 7-10, Myles finishing 5th and Noah 6th.

U14s

Year 9s Charlie Beimers and Alexandra Ong were the SU female representatives in this age group. Charlie only dropped one fight in her poule to take the 2nd seed position, while Alexandra ended up seeded 5th going into the direct eliminations. Alexandra lost in the quarter-finals (finishing 5th), but Charlie went on to put in her best performance to date and reach the final, but only after a hard fought 15-14 win in the semi. In the final she lost to the no.1 seed, taking the silver medal.

In the Boys' U14s Edward

Lilley, Lewis Currie and Finn Neely finished the poules ranked 3rd, 5th and 9th. Finn, carrying a number of injuries, suffered a narrow 14-15 defeat in the last 16, while Edward and Lewis made the quarters to finish 5th and 6th.



Girls U16 Medallists



Girls U14 Medallists

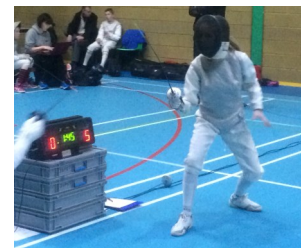
U16s

Victoria Morris had a superb start in the Girls' U16s, finishing the poule stage unbeaten to take the no.1 seed position. Izzy Evans was close

behind, seeded no.2, with Alex Atkinson and Rachel McKillen no.4 and no.6. Rachel was knocked out in the quarters to finish 6th, while Alex and Izzy made it to the semi-finals. Here Izzy was knocked out by the eventual winner and then Alex had to withdraw from the competition due to an arm injury picked up in her quarter-final fight, the two of them finishing joint 3rd. The final was a rerun of the previous 2 rounds, Victoria against the top Rol U16 from Dublin. This time Victoria failed to get the win, finishing with the silver medal.

The Boys' U16s had Alexander Penny and Keir Murray finishing their poules with seedings 4 and 7. Both were however knocked out in the quarters, with Alexander finishing just outside the medals in 5th and Keir finishing 7th.

Round 4 takes place on Sunday 9 February 2020 in the Queens Leisure Complex in Holywood.



Alex ahead on points

Cricket Programme

Congratulations to the following pupils on their selection for NCU Regional Squads:

Katie Nevin (11E) - NCU U17 Performance Squad, Emily Calvert (9B) and Eva Calvert (8A) - NCU U15 Girls and Henry Calvert (P7 at Sullivan Prep) - NCU U11 Squad.

Tabitha Moran (9S) won the 2019 **Under 14 Diving Irish National Novice League**, for the second year running. The League comprises 4 Legs and is awarded to the highest scoring diver across all events.

