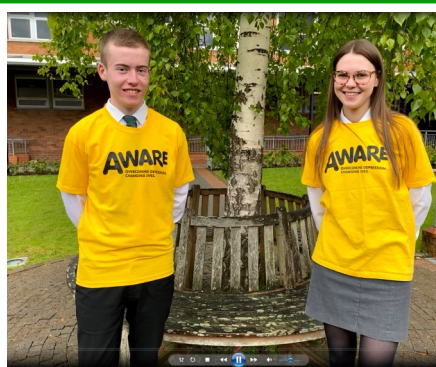


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M	3 May	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
F	7 May	Qualification Procedure Day	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
Th	13 May	Qualification Procedure Day	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
W-F	26-28 May	Year 11 Assessments	
M	31 May	School Development - Day 5	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
Tu-F	1-4 June	Year 11 Assessments	
Tu-F	1-4 June	Years 8-10 Assessments	
Tu	29 June	Summer Term ends at 12.00	Buses @12.05



This year the Year 14 charity committee had to think of creative ways to raise money for their chosen charity AWARE NI. With remote learning in place, they encouraged pupils to count their steps in a walkathon, bake and include the Aware logo, guess the number of sweets in a jar and take part in an online quiz. Congratulations to Jasmine Edmonds in Year 11 who won the jar of sweets.

A huge thank you to pupils, parents and staff who donated through the JustGiving page and raised a fantastic £1,354 for AWARE NI.



The British Biology Olympiad 2021.

The British Biology Olympiad celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and a total of 8476 students from 622 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. Our very own Ollie Donaldson (Y14) took part and earned a Gold Award. This is the highest achievement one can attain, with only 5% of participants managing to do so. Ollie has now been invited to attend the UK Team Selection Final online for the International Biology Olympiad 2021. The whole of Sullivan wishes Ollie the best as he takes on this challenge. Thanks must go to Miss Aranha for supporting Ollie's entry to the competition.



Anti-Bullying Week 2020: Creative Arts Competition

Congratulations to Alba Perdita (Year 9) on being runner-up in the Year 8-Year 10 category in the Anti-Bullying Week 2020 Creative Arts Competition. There were many inspiring and imaginative entries in this competition, illustrating the importance of this issue to young people and schools. It is a great achievement to have been chosen as a winning entrant.

We were pleased to welcome the Minister of Education, Peter Weir, to school on Monday 12 April 2021. The Minister took time to meet and talk with the Senior Prefect team and a number of pupils from Years 8-11 who had just returned to school.



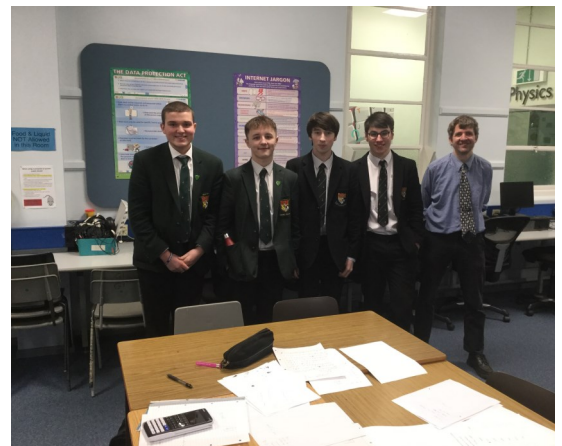
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In a group of 30 people, what is the probability that at least two share a birthday?

Is there a prime number with 2020 digits?

These were just two of the questions faced by the participants in this year's Queen's University Schools Mathematics Competition, which was held online in December. Over 15 teams from schools across Northern Ireland took part. The competition began with two opening rounds, each consisting of ten challenging problems. These rounds were followed by a rapid-fire table quiz, with rounds including "observation", "true or false?" and "famous curves". The questions were designed to allow the participants to experience something of the buzz and satisfaction (not to mention at times the frustration) of solving real mathematical problems, while working as a team and using skills from the A Level course and beyond.

Ollie Donaldson, Shane Hart, Matthew Keown and Thomas Lowry, four of our Year 14 Mathematics students, made up the Sullivan Upper team and rose superbly to the challenge. They gave some excellent and well thought-out answers to a number of really demanding questions to finish in a highly commendable third place. Well done to all of them!



In August 2020, former pupil Harry Wilson, moved to England having been initially offered a 2-year scholarship with Fleetwood Town FC Academy, where he is currently studying for an extended BTEC in Sports Studies. On 19 March 2021 Harry was offered a 3-year professional contract with the club.

He continues to represent NI and has been included in the U19s training camp held in March.

Congratulations to Tamzin McMullan (Year 12) who has been re-selected as the Lord Lieutenants of Belfast's cadet this year for the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (RFCA).



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