

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - February 2018

Thursday 1 February	Intermediate Maths Challenge	
Tuesday 6 February	Junior Drama Matinee Performance	
Tuesday 6-Wednesday 7 February	Junior Drama Performance	7.00-9.00
Monday 12-Friday 16 February	Half Term Holidays	School Closed
Monday 19 February	Exceptional Closure Day	Pupils do not attend
Monday 19 February	Year 8 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.00
Monday 19-Tuesday 20 February	GCSE Music London Trip	
Tuesday 20 February	Year 12 Subject Choice Interviews	
Thursday 22-Friday 23 February	Year 12 Subject Choice Interviews	
Friday 23 February	House Speaking Competition	

Congratulations to former pupil, Robyn Stewart (née Beggs), who has been selected to compete for Northern Ireland in cycling at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, Australia in April.

Good luck Robyn!



The Music Department had a hectic month providing festive musical entertainment at a variety of venues during December. Sullivan Singers Chamber Choir sang at a reception at the Harbour Commissioner's Office while the Junior Singers were invited to perform at the Kings Chorale Charity Christmas concert at Fisherwick Church Belfast and also entertained the

residents of Holywood Fold. Both the Jazz Group and Junior Choir (Year 10 pupils) were well received performing in Victoria Square and the Junior Choir also entertained shoppers at Bloomfield's Shopping centre in Bangor. The term ended with the traditional Nine Lessons Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church which was well attended by parents, staff, past pupils and friends.



Faye Steenson (9W) recently won the Northern Ireland U13 Girls trampoline competition held at Newtownards Leisure Centre, whilst representing Sullivan Upper (the school also won the Team prize for the same age group). As a result, Faye has been invited to represent the school once again at the UK Regional Schools' Championship to be held in Huddersfield on 2-4 February 2018.

Congratulations to Patrick Rose (10C) who was selected for the UK Lions boys hockey squad which toured to Sardinia in December. The UK Lions are selected from the annual UK U13 Regional Hockey Championships, held in Nottingham in June, where Patrick played for his club side, Annadale.



Patrick captained one of the two UK Lions teams playing in the tournament in Sardinia, and he will be heading to Rotterdam with the Lions squad at Easter.

Sophie Nelson (Yr 13) has been successful in becoming a UK Girlguiding Advocate. There are only 18 Advocates in the UK. Sophie had to go through a pretty rigorous application and interview process but it paid off as she secured a position in August. She is one of two girls who gained a place from Northern Ireland.

Advocates are all young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who represent the guiding community (for a two-year period) and campaign for issues relevant to girls and young women. Sophie now makes regular trips to London for training and campaigning.



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Fencing - NI Junior Foil Series

Thirteen Sullivan fencers took part in Round 3 of the NI Junior Foil Series, held on Sunday 14 January 2018 at Hunterhouse College in South Belfast, across 5 of the 7 series age groups.

In the U16 Boys, Cormac Kitchen finished just outside the medals in 5th place, his best result so far this year.

Round 3 was the first event of the series for Anna Vaughan and Cece MacMahon in the U16 Girls, Anna making 2nd and Cece 3rd.

SU fencers attending the NI Junior Foil Series Round 3

There were 5 SU entrants in the U14 Girls category, all of them reaching the quarter finals. Izzy Evans again progressed to reach the semi-final stage, though losing this time to take a bronze medal. The other 4 filled the 5th to 8th places: Ruzi Stathem, Angharad King, Rachel McKillen and Alex Burke respectively.

Alexander Penny, Arnav Arava and Cameron Kitchen finished 13th, 15th and 16th in the U14 Boys.

John Kane was 5th in the U12 Boys, Finn Neely 6th.

Round 4 takes place on Sunday 4 February 2018 at Queen's Leisure Centre in Holywood.



The 1st XI girls defeated Strathearn 3-2 after extra time in the 3rd round of the **Belfast Telegraph Senior Schools' Cup**. The girls now progress to

the quarter final which will be played on Saturday 3 February at 9.45 am at Roughford, against BRA.

Congratulations to Molly White (Yr12), Conor Fitch (Yr11) and Peter Monks and Lauren Gillard (Yr10) who won 3rd place at the Royal Society of



Chemistry's Top of the Bench Competition. The competition took place on Thursday 25 January 2018 at Queen's University and 15 teams from schools throughout Northern Ireland took part.

Holocaust Memorial Event -

Eva Clarke

The BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) conducted an interview with Eva Clarke (survivor) and Year 14 pupils after the Holocaust Memorial Event held in school on Tuesday 16 January 2018.



Rugby Schools Cup - 1st XV vs BRA

Saturday marked the start of Sullivan's Schools Cup journey. The 1st XV were drawn away to BRA and after a tough training camp in Bushmills, the team were ready to take the field against a BRA team they had beaten earlier in the season.

With the weather playing up and Christmas snow falling in mid-January it was touch-and-go whether the match would be played or not. The game kicked off after a half hour delay, with Sullivan playing into the wind.

A strong BRA start saw them lead 11-6 for the majority of the first half but an Oliver Faith try before half time meant Sullivan went in 13-11 up at the break. Sullivan got the upper hand at the start of the second half with some stellar displays by captain Adam McKenna and Rory Kirkpatrick, who scored two second half tries. BRA did not go away easily and always kept within a converted score, however a strong Sullivan side saw out the game in the BRA half to win 25-19 and advance to the 4th Round.

Sullivan will be at home to Down High in 4th Round on Saturday 3 February 2018 with a 10.30 am Kick Off.

