



# HILL TOP NEWS



101st Edition  
October 2024

A Newsletter from St John's College

## St John's welcomes its new Year 8 students



### Halloween Holidays



Thursday 24th October -  
Friday 1st November  
(inclusive)

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

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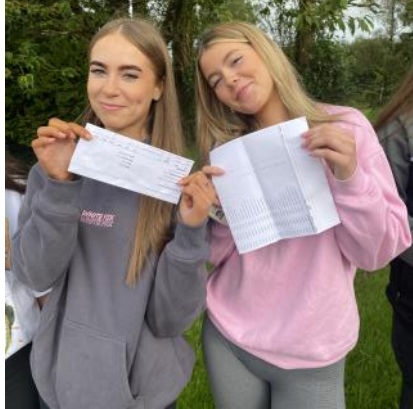
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## RESULTS SUMMER 2024

It was an absolute delight to welcome back our Year 12 students for their results in August. We are immensely proud of each and every one of our students and wish them all great success in the future.





## FareShare

Here are some of our students enjoying their FareShare treats that the school receives each Friday. FareShare is the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste. They save good food from going to waste and redistribute it to schools and other organisations.



## Year 8 celebrate Induction Day

On Wednesday 3rd October our Year 8 Induction Night took place with our New Year 8 students and their parents. This was a liturgical celebration organised by Mrs. Maguire and Year 8 Form Teachers, Miss McCarroll & Miss McSorley. The liturgy was accompanied by the beautiful choir, organised by Ms Bogue and Mrs McCrory. It was lovely to see all students take part in the liturgy and the choir. Each student had the opportunity to light their own personalised candle and their singing on the night was beautiful. Thank you to our readers and everyone that took part. The ceremony was followed by refreshments and the night was enjoyed by all.





## Film Academy Talk

On the 6<sup>th</sup> September, Rachel McNamee, BFI Film Academy coordinator at the Nerve Centre in Derry, came into the college to talk to our Year 11 and 12 Art and Design students about the film courses that they offer. The Nerve Centre is Northern Ireland's leading creative media arts centre with bases in Derry, Armagh and Belfast. The Nerve Centre nurtures new music and film talent, providing learning opportunities using the latest technologies, collaborating with partners from around the world. With so many TV and film success stories in recent years in Northern Ireland, the screen industries now offers a wide range of careers opportunities for our young people in film directing, makeup, costume design, lighting and sound engineers etc.



## Year 8 In the Garden

Our Year 8 students rolled up their sleeves, donned the gardening gloves and weeded the raised beds in the polytunnel. Other students tidied the greenhouse and put the tools in order. Everyone worked really hard to prepare for planting in the spring.





## Ukulele Lessons

St John's was filled with the sound of music as Year 8 started their ukulele lessons with Owen McNulty. Learning to play an instrument can be an incredibly rewarding experience for all students and provides opportunities for them to express themselves creatively.



## Community of Lifesavers Programme

The Year 10 pupils completed the "Community of Lifesavers Programme" on Wednesday, 16th October to coincide with National Restart a Heart Day. Well done to the students for their excellent behaviour and focus as they practiced these very important life saving skills.





## Year 10 Photography

Year 10 took advantage of the recent mild weather and took photographs of the surrounding countryside for their Landscape Unit for Art and Design. Back in the classroom they uploaded the best images to Teams which could then be manipulated in Photoshop.



## Fintona Community Forum 'Scarecrow Trail'

Some of our Year 10 girls made a scarecrow for the Fintona Community Forum 'Scarecrow Trail' which takes place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 8 – 11pm in Ecclesville Forest. The girls did a fantastic job, with a little help from the Art Dept and the Technology Dept. Look out for their scarecrow if you are out on the trail. Oooooooh





## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day 2024 was a day dedicated to addressing and advocating for mental health issues on a global scale. It provided an opportunity to open conversations about mental health, reduce the stigma surrounding mental illnesses, and promote resources and support for individuals facing mental health challenges. As part of our contribution to raising awareness and supporting mental health, the students and staff in St. John's took time out for self-care activities that promoted their own mental well-being. At different times during the day everyone took part in a walk around the Riverside Walk, a meandering path through a delightful environment, open and accessible for all to use and enjoy. As you can see from the photos, it was a walk enjoyed by all



## Year 8 Cuilcagh Geopark Activities

St John's was successful in our application for a Year 8 Programme to be delivered by Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark and Fermanagh and Omagh Council Climate Change teams. This programme was aimed to connect year 8 students with the world around them through four interactive and engaging workshops, 'Leave No Trace' presentation, Bug Hunt, Crocus Bulb planting and Pollinator talk and Climate Action pledge. The overall goal of the programme was to create opportunities for the students to engage with nature and develop a greater understanding of the what they need to do to bring change.





# HALLOWEEN PARTY PICTURES

Year 8, 9 and 10 took part in dressing up at the Halloween Party. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all especially the eating of treats and the dunking for apples.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE**  
**PRESENTS**

**STARS IN THEIR EYES**  
**5TH DECEMBER**  
**7.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**@**  
**ST JOHN'S COLLEGE**  
**FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER 2024**

**Interested in a stall please**  
**contact the office**  
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