

Parkhall News

June 2019

News In Brief

- School Formal Held at Galgorm Resort
- School Council is in Full Swing.
- Integrated Education Week a Huge Success.
- Lots of Outings for Pupils So Far This Year.
- Prize Night Enjoyed by Parents and Pupils.
- Pupils and Staff Go on Football Trip to Barcelona.

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Year 14 Pupils Take Part in Road Safety Event

Year 14 students from across Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough received a hard-hitting lesson about road safety when they attended the Roadsafe Roadshow in the Theatre at the Mill.

The roadshow uses powerful personal accounts of those who have been caught up in the carnage of road traffic collisions and dramatic film footage to deliver its message. The event aims to have a positive influence on the driving behaviours of 17 and 18-year-olds as they are beginning to take to the roads. It also highlights the difficult and challenging job that our emergency services carry out as they assist at the scene of a collision and the personal impact a serious incident can leave with people who work to help us when we need them most.

Upon leaving the theatre, our year 14 pupils experienced a re-enactment of a fatal car crash, so the students witness first-hand the devastating impact that dangerous or careless driving can have on them and others. Constable



Jacky McDowell said, "In partnership with the Fire Service, NIAS and with assistance from the PCSP, we are pleased to have brought the PSNI roadshow to Newtownabbey and Theatre at the Mill. "It provides a unique insight into how the emergency services deal with a fatal collision through the



compelling personal account of members of each of the services.

The Principal, Mr Beattie, Writes

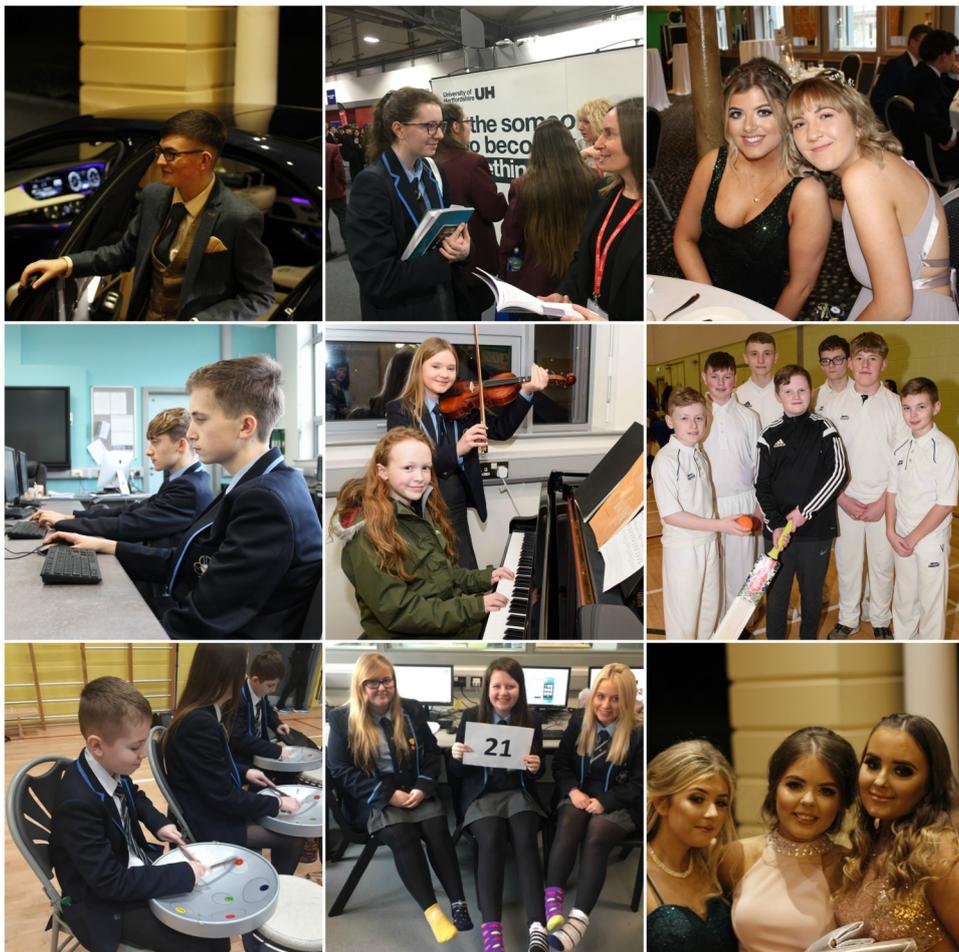
It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to contribute to the June 2019 edition of Parkhall News. It is always wonderful to reflect and recognise the many successes that our pupils have achieved in the past few months and to highlight the large number of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that are open to our pupils. At the same time, it is crucial to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of both the teaching staff and the support staff in the huge contribution that they make within the school community.

This is a very busy time of the year for our students in the school with GCSE examinations and modular examinations taking place daily. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current year 12 pupils for all that they have contributed to the college over the past five years, and we look forward to many of them returning to us next year.

We are also delighted that our first set of year 14 pupils have completed their post-16 courses and we look forward to hearing of their successes and their plans for the future as many of them consider moving into further or higher education. There have been many firsts with this group of pupils, and we wish them every success in the next stage of their lives.

I would like to conclude by thanking you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Parkhall in Pictures 2018



EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Devine Design

Charlene Devine from Devine Design in Antrim visited the GCSE Business and Communication Systems class in February 2019. As a web designer, she outlined her career path from being a graphic designer to now being an entrepreneur. Charlene shared her web-design expertise and knowledge, which was put to good use as the year 12 pupils set about the task of designing a fashion website.



Careers Workshop

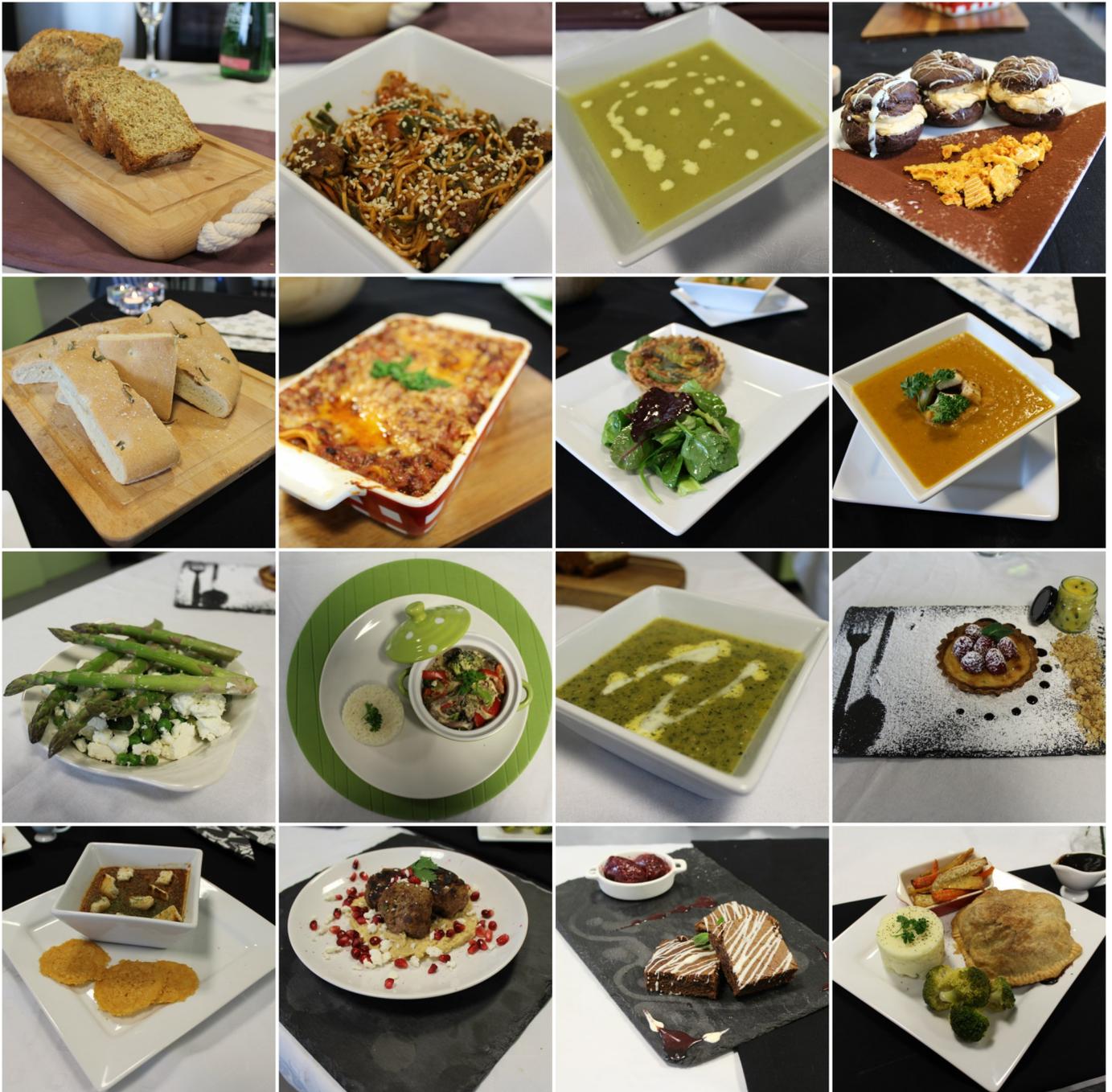
Year 10 attended a languages and careers workshop organised by NICILT in the run-up to the all-important GCSE options choices. They explored the skills gained from learning a language and how these are applicable across a variety of career paths. This was an inspiring session as our pupils start to make decisions for their futures.



EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Home Economics GCSE Practical Work

In January, our year 12 Home Economics pupils completed their practical assessment. Below are a few images of the pupils' work.



EVENTS IN SCHOOL

LMI Visit Parkhall

In February, we were delighted to welcome Danny and Alan back into Parkhall Integrated College. Danny and Alan work with an organisation called Logos Ministries International (LMI), which encompasses four main areas of work: a Bible-teaching ministry, an overseas ministry programme, youth and schools outreach and a mission awareness programme. Danny and



Alan were the guest speakers in our junior and senior Scripture Union for two weeks in February. Furthermore, our year 10s have been learning about the miracles of Jesus, and so 10OG were delighted to discover the men were taking their RE class, continuing with the miracles series. The pupils engaged with Danny and Alan as they used multi-media presentations, group discussions and individual tasks to delve further into two miracles.

Year 14 Get a Personal Trainer

Year 14 Sport students got a visit from local personal trainer George Elliott to hear first-hand how to design personal training programmes. They had a very insightful and relevant talk from George, who owns his own personal training business just outside Cullybackey. He provided the pupils with real-life scenarios for the exam unit for their BTEC Sport course. Thanks to George for coming in and giving this talk.



Out and About

Year 13 Visit UCAS Exhibition

Year 13 students had the opportunity to visit the UCAS higher education exhibition held at the EIKON Centre in Lisburn. Over 140 universities were there to provide first-hand information and answer questions on courses. Students could attend seminars on topics such as student finance and moving away from home. They could also watch the 360 degree dome video and delve deeper into what universities and colleges have to offer. Scanning their unique barcode allowed students to request further information from a particular exhibitor to be sent directly to their inbox. Year 13s began to plan their post-18 choices after Easter, so the day proved to be an



Travel and Tourism

Marketing and advertising are key components of the Leisure, Travel and Tourism Industries, and so our year 12 and 14 students embarked on a festive trip to the city in December to do some research and observation. This was perfect timing, as the Christmas marketing of seasonal products and tourist activities was at a peak in Belfast. Everyone was made to feel very welcome by staff at Thomas Cook in Victoria Square, McCombe Travel (which specialises in Game of Thrones tours in NI) and TUI as well as the many local and international stall staff at the Christmas markets. The students enjoyed the wealth of expertise and literature, both virtual and to take home to read, provided by Belfast Welcome Centre, as many of our local examples and key components were covered in great detail. We will definitely return for another visit. We would like to commend our students on their attitudes on the day: positive, keen to learn and overall, full of fun. We had a fantastic day and achieved our objectives to help us in our exams and



Out and about

Year 10 Visit Queen's

Four of our year 10 pupils took part in an exciting French competition at NICILT at Queen's University in February. They had to market a product that they had designed and created – all in French. They chose the theme of the environment, as our school is taking steps to be awarded ECO status. The judges commended the pupils for their innovative products and fantastic French skills. We also had a tour of the iconic university buildings and an excellent careers talk. A great day, all in all.



Student Council meets at Mossley Mill...

In March Miss Spiers and the Shared Council participated in a workshop with Mossley Mill and the University of Ulster in Jordanstown. Joining up with Antrim Grammar School and St. Benedict's College, we first of all visited Mossley Mill, where we had a talk on future-proofing ourselves. This was very interesting, and we learned about the skills and qualities that we need for our future careers. We then had a tour around the mill, which included a visit to the Council Chambers.



Our three schools then went on a bus together to Ulster University, where we received vouchers for lunch. We were able to experience university life and also sample some of the great food. We then split into groups, with one half going on a tour around the campus while the other half engaged in sport games.

It was a brilliant day that we got to share with our neighbouring schools.

Out and About

Leisure and Tourism Event

On Thursday 14th March, Mrs McKee, Mrs Davison and the year 11 and 13 Leisure and Tourism pupils took part in a Business Familiarisation Event organised by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. They visited Breckenhill to listen to a talk by the owners on how they started their business and who their target market is. The group was shown around the grounds and viewed the various activities that this organisation has to offer. This was followed by a visit to the Maldron Hotel at Belfast International Airport, where we heard talks from the general manager of the hotel, Belfast International Airport and the mayor on the importance of tourism to Northern Ireland and future employment.



Shared Education

Year 9 pupils took part in a Shared Education event in March, looking at managing conflict, employing strategies to avoid confrontation, ways in which our reactions contribute to different scenarios and consequences. Pupils explored how to use a variety of methods to solve problems. They looked at how they personally react to situations and practised techniques they can use to calm themselves in difficult situations.



Charity

Easter Egg Raffle

In April 2019, pupils and staff had the opportunity to win a luxurious Easter basket and at the same time raise money for Action Cancer. The basket included a huge Easter egg, a bar of chocolate and a very cute bunny rabbit. Everyone was asked to donate £1.



A thank-you must go to Kacey Balmer and Rachel Nicholl (9CG), who were responsible for the collection every morning for nearly two weeks.



On 11th April, Ella Tomlinson from the local Antrim Action Cancer group came into school to make the draw.

The winner was Harrison McKelvey (9IB).

Well done to Harrison and a huge thanks to everyone who donated to this very worthy charity.

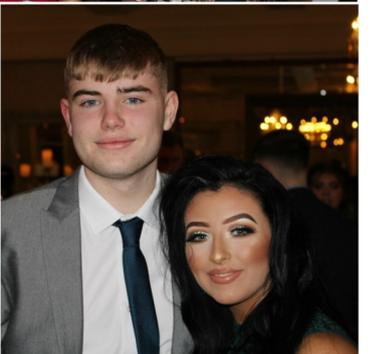
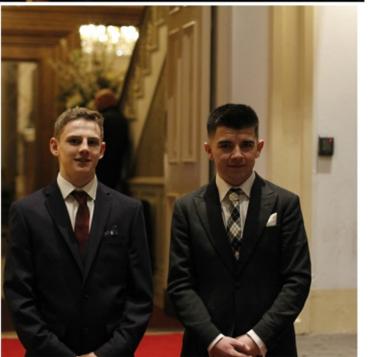
Autism NI

On 14th February, Sarah-Jayne Cassells from Autism NI was presented with a cheque from Parkhall pupils for £250, which had been raised through December's non-uniform day. Sarah-Jayne was a guest in our year 9 assembly. She talked about autism, how many children and young people have a diagnosis of autism and then told us how the money we raised would be used by the charity.



Year 12

The annual year 12 formal was held at G



Formal

Malcolm Resort in Ballymena in February.



Out and About

Year 11 Animal Care Pupils Visit Laurelview

In March, the year 11 Animal Care group took part in a yard visit at Laurelview Equestrian Centre in Templepatrick.

As part of their course, the pupils are learning to handle animals such as dogs, rabbits and horses. At Laurelview, the pupils were able to get some hands-on experience with a range of animals such as horses, goats and various fowl. They had the opportunity to practise tasks they had been studying in class such as filling hay nets, mucking out stables and identifying types of



animal feed. They were introduced to Ireland's three native horse and pony breeds: the Irish Draft, Connemara and Kerry Bog pony. Their luck was in when the farrier arrived and they had the opportunity to watch a number of horses being reshod.

The highlight of the day had to be their interaction with the resident pigmy goats. It's a miracle that a couple didn't end up being smuggled back to school.

The pupils couldn't believe that 'horses can actually be that big'.

A great day was had by all, and lots of theory was put into practice. Many thanks to Laurelview for providing the group with such a positive learning experience.

School News Report Team

The school news team, thanks to BBC Young Reporter, took over the BBC's Broadcasting

House in Belfast for the day, participating in a range of elements of news broadcasting. These included presenting live sports commentary and weather forecasting, producing and presenting TV news, using the latest VR/360 technology, being able to suit up in safety gear used by correspondents in conflict situations and developing skills in camera and sound with the experienced technicians at the BBC.



Sport at Parkhall Integrated College

Coaching for Christ

Thursday 9th May saw Coaching 4 Christ pay a visit to our school. This involved local Christian football coaches delivering a soccer coaching session. The coaches spent the day in Parkhall Integrated College, delivering coaching sessions to pupils in years 8-10 and also had the opportunity to talk to the pupils about the Coaching 4 Christ football clubs in the local area that they could join as well as sharing the message of the gospel with them. A great day of fun and fellowship was had by all.



Year 11 Cu Chulainn Cup

A group of year 11 boys participated in the 2019 Cu Chulainn Cup on 12th April, with the assistance of Ulster GAA coaches. In the build-up to the finals, they received coaching in the skills of hurling and football over six weeks. Parkhall combined with Crumlin Integrated to form 'Antrim Cu Chulainns' and entered into the tournament with high hopes. The boys really adapted well to these new games and enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools from similar backgrounds. We reached the final but were beaten by a more experienced Ballymoney team. The boys deserve great credit for making it to the final, having only taken up GAA this year, and we hope to go one step further next year.



MEET THE STAFF

Ms Rankin, Teacher of ICT and Maths



1) What's the number-one most played song?

Music Matters by Faithless

2) What is one of your favourite quotes?

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

3) What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Changing the bed sheets

4) What is your favourite form of exercise?

Hockey as it doesn't really feel like exercise

5) If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?

The end of Brexit

6) If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

I would learn how to share food

7) What do you miss most about being a kid?

Saturday morning TV

8) When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?

Play Candy Crush

9) If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

Fly first class to Bora Bora

10) What was the last movie you watched?

Erin Brockovich

MEET THE STAFF

Sinead Creighton, Clerical Officer



1) What's the number-one most played song?

'Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman

2) What is one of your favourite quotes?

"Be yourself; everyone else is taken." Oscar Wilde

3) What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

I detest doing the ironing.

4) What is your favourite form of exercise?

Running on the treadmill

5) If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?

I'd like to know if we solve the issues of global warming and plastic pollution.

6) If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

Speak French

7) What do you miss most about being a kid?

Long summer holidays

8) When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?

I phone one of my brothers or sisters to catch up.

9) If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

Buy a yacht and moor it off Monte Carlo

10) What was the last movie you watched?

Avengers – End Game

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2019	
Tuesday 27 th August – Friday 30 th August	Pupil induction days
Monday 2 nd September	All pupils on timetable
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	October half-term break
Friday 20 th December	Christmas break – Term finishes
These dates may be subject to change	

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