

LORETO

Grammar School Omagh



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Information Sheet



Special Items of Interest

Annual Prizegiving

The achievements of students in years 8-11 will be celebrated Tuesday 25 June.

Summer Holidays

The summer holidays begin for students on Wednesday 26 June at 3.25pm.

Exam Results

A'L/AS Level Results
Thursday 15 August
GCSE Results
Thursday 22 August

The school building will be closed
Thursday 11 July to
Wednesday 7 August
inclusive

Mrs O'Hanlon
and the
Loreto Staff
wish you an
enjoyable summer.

We say a fond farewell to:

Mr Oran Gribbin Head of Business Studies.
English Teachers: Mrs Levina McDaid, Miss Orla Scullion and Mrs Geraldine Cameron.

French Teacher: Ms Brigid Fahy

PE and Home Economics Teacher: Miss Fionnuala Conwell

Mrs Rita Kelly Study Supervisor.

Good health and happiness is wished to them all and their families.

This term the **Student Council** organised a non-uniform day. £702 was raised in aid of **Loreto Sudan and Loreto Camps Cambodia**. They were kept busy allocating the new Loreto kit bags which had been designed by O'Neill's. The **Strule Student Council** met again this term at a team building day in Parkanaur Forest. They took part in activities such as orienteering and archery. In addition, the Student Council have continued their campaign to reduce the amount of plastic waste created in the school. Students are being encouraged to use our special recycling bin and to carry reusable bottles.

We were delighted to be shortlisted in the **ICT Excellence Awards 2019** in conjunction with Capita; C2K and the Education Authority. These Awards celebrate the innovative and collaborative use of technology in schools across Northern Ireland and the positive impact on students and their wider communities. In the category of **Overcoming Barriers to Learning by Empowerment through Technology**, we received a visit from 6 Judges in May 2019 to discuss how our Use of Technology enhances Teaching and Learning and is employed to enable all pupils to access the curriculum and achieve their full potential. We then proceeded to the Finals in The Merchant Hotel in Belfast on 24th June 2019 and were honoured to receive a certificate in recognition of our work with ICT to date.

Schools for Hope Programme: Year 8s enjoyed a wonderful HOPE workshop with ONRA Learning Mentor, Alisha Toland, in June 2019. This programme aims to build resilience, and develop positive coping skills in children and young people, thereby reducing anxiety and preventing other negative mental health issues from forming. The key principles behind the programme are to offer a child positive choices or tools to deal with stressful or adverse experiences.

Senior Leadership Team 2018/19

A special thanks to the outgoing **Head Girl** Aoife McGirr, the **Deputies** Hannah Garrity, Brianna Gormley and to all the Student Leadership Team for their outstanding contribution to the life of the school.

Shared Education: During this year Loreto Grammar School has participated in the following Shared Education projects along with the five other schools involved in the Strule Project - Christian Brothers Grammar School, Sacred Heart College, Arvalee School & Resource Centre, Omagh High School and Omagh Academy. Pupils from Year 8 to Year 14, took part in a variety of projects - History, Education2Enterprise, Home Economics, BTEC Sport, Strule Student Council, Sports Leadership and Boccia. The schools also took part in a Community event on internet safety.

Congratulations to House FOURtastic who were the winning team in our **Key Stage 3 Pastoral House System** this academic Year. They enjoyed a trip to HAIRSPRAY The Musical in The Millennium Forum, Derry, coupled with a delicious dinner in The ARBUTUS restaurant. Congratulations to all involved!

On the afternoon of 6 June the Art and Design department hosted their **Annual Art and Design exhibition** to celebrate the wonderful artistic achievements by the examination students with their family, friends and the staff.

On 20 June Loreto welcomed the **new year 8 intake of 2019-20** to school for a Taster/Induction morning. Much laughter and fun was evident as our new students enjoyed some of the exciting activities that await them in September.

Voluntary Contributions: As you will know from the many media reports, school budgets are under severe pressure. We very much value the support of our parents. Voluntary Contributions enhance the provision we give to our young people and you may consider paying this year's Voluntary Contribution to help us maintain our services. The cost of the Voluntary Contribution is approximately £5 per month. This is proving to be invaluable not only for your daughter but for all pupils. During 2018-19 the funds raised from voluntary contributions have supported our provision in the following areas: School Nurse (Pupil Welfare Officer), Language Assistants' support, Learning Support, Equipment for pupils, ICT equipment and Health & Wellbeing activities.) Thank you to the parents who have forwarded this contribution and we appeal to parents who may still wish to make this voluntary contribution for 2018/19.

Year Groups Activities

Year 8

Form Pupil of the Month:

May/June: 8a1 - Megan Pritchard, 8a2 - Eva Conway, 8a3 - Chanelle Patterson, 8a4 - Emma McCrossan, 8a5 - Cara Patterson

Mathematician of the Month:

May - Super at Shape: 8a1 Caitlin Leonard, 8a2 Clíodhna Treadwell, 8a3 Zara McGranhan, 8a4 Tori Breslin and 8a5 Maeve Heaney.

Pastoral Monitors: On 30th April, students said a final farewell to their Year 14 Pastoral Monitors at a special assembly. These five girls were excellent role models to Year 8 students. A special thanks to Alex Bradley (Year 8 Senior Prefect) for her commitment and contribution to Year 8 students.

ICT Movie Winners: Students produced their own movie in ICT about life in Loreto. The following girls submitted winning entries: 8A1 Beth Corcoran and Katie Grimes, 8A2 Molly Rose McMackin, 8A3 Ciara Kerrigan, 8A4 Jessica Wilson, 8A5 Amy McAleer.

Congratulations to **The Voice Loreto** winner Cora Lagan 8a3.

Public Speaking: Emma Skidmore 8a1 competed in a PS competition entitled 'Education v's Experience'. Well done Emma.

Prizegiving:

Year 8 students collectively achieved 807 Achievements on SIMS.

Students with the **most Achievements** recorded on SIMS in each class:

8a1 - Katie Grimes, 8a2 - Lucy McBride, 8a3 - Rhianna McKinney, 8a4 - Ellen McFarland, Hannah Miller, Meabh O'Connor and 8a5 - Clodagh Miller (Most Achievements in Year Group).

The following students **achieved 10 or more Achievements** on SIMS: Grace Gallogly 8a1, Lucy Cassidy 8a3, Catherine Donnelly 8a3, Ciara Kerrigan 8a3, Molly McCullagh 8a3, Alanna McGarvey 8a3, Freya McGirr 8a3, Chanelle Patterson 8a3, Millie Duffy 8a4, Cara McCance 8a4, Rebecca McCann 8a4, Eva McGlone 8a4, Sally McMenamin 8a4, Mia Feeney 8a5

Class with the most Achievements and fewest Referrals recorded: 8a4 - 224 Achievements and only 3 referrals for the whole class.

Class with the Highest Attendance %: 8a1 - 97.08%

Year 9

Prizegiving

Mission Statement Awards:

9A1 - Miss Etiquette: Niamh Devlin, Miss Netiquette: Aine Cunningham, Miss Flying Fit: Emer McCanny **9A2** - Miss Etiquette – Alicia O'Donnell, Miss Netiquette – Milly Hoban, Miss Flying Fit – Eimear Kelly. **9A3** - Miss Etiquette- Grace Kennedy, Miss Netiquette- Cora McNamee, Miss Flying Fit - Eimear McCarroll. **9A4** - Miss Etiquette – Shauna McCrory, Miss Netiquette – Lucia Sharkey, Miss Flying Fit – Louise Wylie. **9A5** - Miss Etiquette – Roisin Willis, Miss Netiquette – Brody McCauley, Miss Flying Fit – Bree McBride

Fundraiser for Sudan: Pupils enjoyed a "Movie Day" based on the theme of Resilience on 19th June. We remembered all those struggling in Sudan and we would like to thank the Year 9 pupils for their kindness and generosity in giving money towards helping those in need in Sudan.

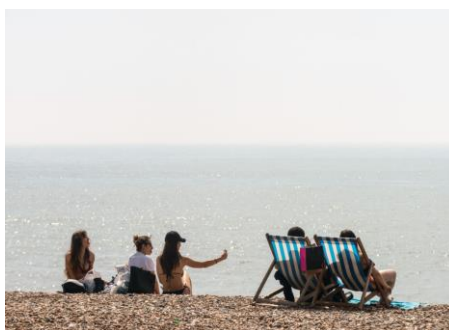
On Wednesday 5 June, Mr Deery's Year 9 class attended a '**Meet the Artist**' talk at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh. The event was hosted by artist, Pate Deering from the Ardess Art Society as part of their 'Ardess Summer Exhibition'.

Mathematics Award – Term 3

Roise Dolan 9a3, Aoibhin Scallon 9a4 and Kelly McCaffrey 9a5.

Pinkertons of Armagh School Cooking Competition:

Congratulations to Eimear Kelly, Milly Hoban & Tess McKenna (9A1), who travelled to Armagh County Show on 8 June. The girls were runners up with their succulent Spiced Pork Fillet dish. They have been invited by Mark Winters, Young Chef of the Year 2018 for a taster day to experience the hotel kitchens at the Lough Erne Golf Resort. The girls are looking forward to this fabulous opportunity, well done girls!



Year 10

The suggested list of C19th authors for **GCSE English Literature**, issued to parents earlier in the year, is now available on our school website. Year 10 pupils are reminded to refer to this list for summer reading. Reading some of their novels will be invaluable preparation for next year. Remember, "A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say."

Artistic success at the **West Tyrone Feis:** Amy Yu 10a4 won 1st place in the Year 10 section.

On Friday 14 June, a group of pupils attended the third annual **Education2Enterprise** event at Omagh Enterprise Centre. This is a Shared Education initiative which provided the girls with the opportunity to interact with pupils from 4 other schools in the Omagh area. The day was a resounding success and included the opportunity to listen to guest speakers, Alanna Slane from Uptown BiBi and Ryan Tracey from Duff Balloons. They also had the opportunity to take on the Balloon Dog challenge and Enterprise Challenge. Prizes generously

sponsored by Omagh Enterprise Centre will be donated to various charities.

On 8 May the girls took part in a moving and fitting **farewell to their Pastoral Monitors**, thanking them for their guidance and support during the year. A big thank you to all our Year 10 Pastoral Monitors.

Pupils had their final year group assembly on Friday 21 June to reminisce on the events of 2018-2019. Class and individual prizes were awarded at this assembly. **Pupils with most positive referrals in each class.**

10a1 – Louise McWilliams, 10a2 – Cara Burke, 10a3 – Emily Fitzgerald and Molly McElroy, 10a4 – Clodagh McGarvey, 10a5 – Aine McRory and Abbie McIvor.

The girls enjoyed a **trip down memory lane** as they watched a movie showing highlights from Year 8, 9 and 10. Best wishes to all Year 10 pupils as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey with their new Head of Year Mrs Anne Cassidy.

Congratulations to Niamh McMenamin 10a5 who was awarded the shield for "**Young Historian of Key Stage 3**". Niamh is a fitting recipient of this award as she lives and breathes history. In discussions in class, she is passionate and is able to argue her point of view with great conviction. These are vital skills for a promising young historian.

Year 11

Theatre Visits: Year 11 and Year 12 students, studying the Brian Friel play, **'Philadelphia, Here I Come!'** for GCSE English Literature enjoyed Craic Theatre's fabulous production on 10 April accompanied by their teachers, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs McDaid and Mrs Cameron. A great evening in Coalisland was had by all.

On 12 June the GCSE students of the Art and Technology departments visited the **2019 Degree Shows at the University of Ulster, Belfast.**

Congratulations to all Year 11 students on the completion of their Modular exams. Best wishes for the results in August.

On 19 June the girls completed training with Mrs Kirk for their role in the **Friends Programme** in September. They were reminded of their experiences in Year 8 and no doubt they will help our new students in September to settle into life at Loreto. They are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new Year 8 pupils and are ready to provide mentor care and assistance during the transition process.

Gavin Connolly attended our last assembly to discuss different volunteer opportunities open to our students. **The message was "don't be bored this summer - do something that will benefit others and help you to develop skills."**

Well done to those nominated by the Year Group at our special prize-giving for displaying Loreto values:

'Person who is a Friend to All' - Beth Johnston

'Person of Joy' - Aiveen O'Neill

'Person of Justice' - Maria McNally

'Person who displays thoughtfulness and kindness' - Sinead McGowan

'Person of Truth' was Aoife Duddy

Thanks to all who voted in our year group and congratulations to those selected by their peers.

Year 12

Pastoral Care: Our **Tea and Biscuits fundraising** event in the canteen at the end of March raised £204, which was divided between Loreto Sudan and the Cambodia Expedition.

Since Easter, Form Classes continued to explore relevant, valuable **PD themes** including: Top Tips for Keeping Balanced and Tips for Relaxation.

Western Trust facilitated a highly informative presentation relating to Diabetes on 1st May.

The girls are to be complimented on all their hard work in preparation for their GCSE exams in May and June and we wish them every success in August.

Post 16

In preparation for their AS English Literature exam, Year 13 students visited the Lyric Theatre, Belfast on 7 May to see a production of Tennessee Williams's play **'A Streetcar Named Desire'**, accompanied by Mrs O'Neill. This worthwhile visit was our first Shared Education venture with Foyle College, Derry and we look forward to meeting with Foyle again in the future.

Year 13 Art and Design student, Hannah McGirr, gained valuable work experience, helping at **2019 Belfast Photo Festival**, Northern Ireland's premier visual arts festival 6 – 30 June 2019.

AS Art and Design students exhibited their Chinese Workshop painting outcomes at the Community Art exhibition during April, at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh.



Whole School Events

PE Department

Athletics: Loreto pupils participated in the E district and Ulster track and field competitions during the month of May. Outstanding achievements went to the following pupils who won Ulster medals and qualified for the All Irelands: Ella Quinn Y.12, Sorcha Mullen Y.12, Aoife McGrath Y.14 and Lauren Molly Y.10

Aoife McGrath Y.14, Sorcha Mullen Y.12 and Lauren Molloy Y.10 competed in the All Ireland Track and Field Event in Tullamore. Special congratulations to Ella Quinn Y.12 who came third in 1,500m Steeplechase and Sorcha Mullen Y.12 who was selected for interprovincial team.

Horse riding: Loreto show jumping team took part in the Balmoral show jumping event.

Ellen Thompson Y.11 and Niamh McEvoy Y.11 represented Ireland in France over Easter.

Niamh McEvoy Y.11 competed in the Nations Cup in Netherlands and was placed second with the Irish team.

Loreto Fun Day: Years 8-11 took place in Coolnagard Playfields on Friday 14 June

Tyrone Gaelic Blitz: Year 8 participated in Killyclogher on Thursday 20 June.

Well done to **KS3 Art & Design** volunteers for completing a wonderful array of artistic masks for the **SKYZADALIMIT** production of 'The Lion King'. The show runs from 28th -29th June at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh.

West Tyrone Feis; Art, Design and Craft section: Congratulations to Cerys McGee 12a6 who won 1st in the Year 11 and over, Amy Yu 10a4, won 1st in the Year 10 category and Ellen McGarrity 9a4 won and in the Year 9 section.

Maths Challenge 2019

Junior Maths Challenge Results 2019:

Congratulations to Ciara Gordon who has been awarded "Best in School" and a Gold certificate for her performance in this year's challenge. Three students won Silver certificates - Eimer Brogan, Eimear Kelly and Sorcha McKeown. An amazing 29 Bronze certificates have been awarded this year: Aoibhin Hegarty, Aoife McCann, Clíodhna Rafferty, Erin Johnston, Erin Harvey, Claire McNamara, Michaela Harkin, Tara Hagan, Tamara Connors, Mairead McCaffrey, Julia Sojda, Alannah McCarron, Niamh Colton, Sarah Swift, Roise Dolan, Alicia O'Donnell, Meabh Ward, Lucy Browne, Eadaoin Lynch, Milly Hoban, Poppy Fox, Dearbhla Edgar, Elena Berzina, Roisin Lynch, Ella Devlin, Niamh McCann, Deirbhile Donnelly, Emily McGoldrick and Niamh Malone.

Intermediate Maths Challenge Results 2019

A number of Year 11 students participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The "Best in School" and winner of a Gold Certificate was Miriam Manakova. Silver certificates were won by Grace McNamara, Jane McGrade and Ruth Cunningham. Bronze certificates were won by Bronagh McWilliams, Marie-Tres McAnenly, Lousie Beattie, Orlaith Donnelly, Caitlin McConnell, Niamh Loane, Grace Bradley, Orla McGlone, Beth Johnston and Ella Duffy.

Dates for the Diary

All dates outlined may be subject to change. Parents will be informed in advance of any changes made.

Return to School September 2019

Pupil Induction: Years 9, 10 and 11	Monday 2 September
Pupil Induction: Years 8 and 12	Tuesday 3 September
Pupils Induction: Years 13 and 14	Wednesday 4 September
All Students in attendance	Thursday 5 September
School Closed – Staff Day	Friday 25 October

Year Planner 2019/20

School Closed - Mid-Term Break	Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019
School Closed – Staff Day	Monday 4 November 2019
School Closed - Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 December – Tuesday 7 January 2020 *Please note Year 8 and Year 11 PTM on Monday 6 January
School Closed - Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 February 2020
School Closed - St Patrick's Day	Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March 2020
School Closed – Staff Day	Thursday 9 April 2020
School Closed - Easter Holidays	Friday 10 April – Friday 17 April 2020
School Closed - Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May 2020
School Closed – Staff Day	Monday 25 May 2020
School Closed – Staff Day	Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June 2020
Summer Holidays begin on Friday 26 June 2020	

Parent/Teacher Meetings 2019/20

Year 12	Friday 20 December - Morning	Year 11	Monday 6 January - Morning
Year 13	Monday 9 December -Morning	Year 8	Monday 6 January - Afternoon
Year 14	Monday 9 December - Afternoon	Year 10	Friday 14 February - Morning
		Year 9	Friday 14 February - Afternoon

Charity Fundraising 2018/19

Students and Staff at Loreto Grammar School have collectively raised **£17,979.00** in 2018/19 for a number of worthy charities and projects. We would like to say a sincere thanks to all those students and their families who have donated so generously throughout this year. This is an outstanding amount which reflects the Christian spirit of our school, supporting people in need at home and in the developing world.

Charity	Activity	Amount Raised
Loreto Sudan	Halloween Pageant	186.00
Loreto Sudan	Movie Day	125.00
Action MS	Sponsored Walk	2320.50
Art and Home Economics Craft Fair	Cancer Focus NI	214.00
Foyle Hospice		41.29
Adsum Foundation Madagascar	Bag Pack	550.00
Air Ambulance / Home Start	Easter Chicks WF Marshall	250.00
SVP	Sale of Work	280.00
Children in Crossfire	Movie	400.00
Clic Sargent	Craft Fair	110.00
Order of Malta	Coffee Morning	200.00
Cancer Focus - F Lilly Forget me not	Pink Day	350.00
Loreto Camps Cambodia	Non Uniform Day	351.00
Loreto Camps Cambodia	The Voice LGS	500.00
Trócaire	Lenten Fast	630.00
Loreto Sudan	Coffee Morning/Formal Fashion Show/Non Uniform Day/The Voice LGS/Wacky Wednesday	1127.78
Camps Cambodia	Range of events in/out of school	10,343.00