

STRABANE ACADEMY

Newsletter

Spring 2020



In this first issue of our school newsletter we hope to give you a brief snapshot of some of the exciting and varied events which make up life at Strabane Academy. Enjoy!

Bun Sale for Cardiac Risk in the Young raises £230

Our bunch of extremely kind prefects hosted a fundraising bun sale for CRY – Cardiac Risk in the Young. In the space of 15 very brief minutes the majority of our pupils enjoyed a delicious donut and raised £230 in the process.

Valentine's Treats



Year 11 organised a charity fundraiser for Diabetes UKNI.

They raised £206 through sending anonymous Valentine's Treats.

You'll never be bored in the Board Games Club!



Year 13s visit the Eikon Centre for NI UCAS Exhibition



In February 2020 pupils visited the NI UCAS Exhibition in Lisburn with members of the Careers Department. Students from Year 13 all acquired information from a range of universities and institutions across the UK and ROI in light of courses to consider, the application process, qualifications and skills necessary for different courses. All of this will help the students make good sound decisions in the near future. Our Year 13 students were great ambassadors for Strabane Academy!

Enterprise Week



Upcoming Events

Health Week

KS3 Online Safety Training

Mindfulness Monday

Odd Sock Day

Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Magilligan

Year 11 Business Studies Trip to McColgans Factory Strabane

Explore Enterprise Year 9

Biology Field Trip



January Sports Personalities of the month



February Sports Personalities of the Month



Pictured is Eric Donovan, European Featherweight medallist and 5 times Irish elite champion boxer speaking to some A Level pupils on Mindfulness, and his Redemption Story. Eric has a professional record of 12 wins from 12 bouts and certainly, was a knock-out performer on his visit to Strabane Academy!



Thirty-eight of our Year 10 GCSE and A Level Art students went to the True Colours, CCEA exhibition of chosen work in the Ulster Museum, Belfast.

A group of year 12s completed an interview skills day



World Book Day on Thursday 5th March when we will be holding a **DEAR day** – **Drop Everything And Read**. On a signal everyone (pupils, teachers, even our Principal!) will drop everything and read for 10-15 minutes, 3 times during the school day. Pupils will also be finding out what their teachers enjoyed reading when they were younger.



Rachel Mealiff Christmas Card winner presentation



Invictus



March Literacy Focus



Consent Training

March Numeracy Focus

In March we are looking forward to celebrating World Pi Day on 13th March. Pupils will get the chance to complete circle themed activities in Maths, participate in class challenges to see who can recall pi most accurately and our lucky KS5 Mathematicians will, hopefully, enjoy some delicious pie! Numeracy Ninjas will also be launching this month in registration classes for KS3 students. Students will work through numeracy skills and their weekly score will earn a Ninja belt – they can ‘level up’ over time aspiring to the coveted Black Belt.



The school hosted the play called ‘Invictus,’ staged by AlterEgo Creative Solutions Ltd. The play aimed to raise awareness, kick start conversations and build resilience around issues of childhood adversity. Year 10 and 11 pupils had the opportunity to discuss the topics and receive a pocket guide of ‘A Young Person’s Guide to Stress & Resilience’ providing worthwhile tips and advice.

Our March Literacy Focus is **Reading Across the Curriculum**. Pupils will get the chance to delve into the Subject Book Boxes in all their areas of study and we would encourage all our pupils to get involved and contribute to these boxes e.g. books, magazines, leaflets and articles. Our pupils will also be learning the importance of reading around their subject as they will be set specific reading/research homework which will deepen their understanding of the topics they are studying.

Show me a reader and I’ll show you a leader!



Enterprise Week: Joanne Gallagher with year 8 pupils.

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