

1XI HOCKEY REPORT

The girls had an excellent season this year. They were runners up in the West of Ulster League being narrowly defeated 1-0 by Omagh Academy who they had beaten earlier in the season. The team also played in the High Schools Cup and they performed to a very high standard as they were successful in beating Killeel High School 8-0 and Belfast Royal Academy 4-2. They also reached the quarter finals of the High Schools' Plate where they lost



1-0 to Bloomfield Collegiate in the last minutes of the match.

Margaret Henderson, Chairperson of the Western League, praised all the hockey teams for their excellent performance this year as she remarked on the improvement in the standard of hockey in Castlederg High School.

2nd XI GIRLS HOCKEY REPORT

The 2nd XI Girls Hockey team had a very encouraging year of results and progress and were able to end the season with a victory over Strabane Grammar.

They also played out a number of hard fought draws and had the pleasure of honing their skills at the new Meadowbank Indoor Arena in Magherafelt.

UNDER 14 HOCKEY REPORT

The U14 hockey team had a very successful year as they reached the quarter final of the schools cup and they were runners up in the West of Ulster League. In the West of Ulster League the girls were undefeated throughout the season beating Omagh Academy, Omagh High School,



Drumragh Integrated and Enniskillen Collegiate. However in the final they were narrowly beaten 2-1 by

Omagh Academy but they played an excellent match and they gave 100%, right up until the final whistle. Well done to all the girls who played this year!

UNDER 13 HOCKEY REPORT

The U13 hockey team played in the West of Ulster league this year. The girls were very dedicated and always attended practice. They had a mixed season this year as they beat Strabane Grammar School, Strabane High School and Enniskillen Collegiate. However they were narrowly beaten by Cookstown High School and Omagh Academy.

The girls played very well throughout the season and hopefully they will have a successful year next year.



FOOTBALL



Year 9 team which won the Fermanagh and Western Blitz beating Omagh High in the finals.



U14 team which won the McMullan Shield beating Drumragh College in the final.



The U16 team which won the McKee Cup beating Lisnaskea High School in the final.

RUGBY

The U14 rugby team which won the Western area Blitz competition and qualified for the Ulster U14 schools Finals.



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PRINCIPAL REFLECTS ON ANOTHER YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT

As the end of another school year approaches and with term examinations complete, I'm sure the thoughts of both pupils and teachers will now turn to the summer holidays.

The past year has been a challenging and busy one as usual but also a very rewarding one. The school got off to a great start with exceptional examinations results, 67% achieving 5 or more A*-C grades – breaking the schools record once again.

Of course, irrespective of academic achievement, **every** pupil at our school is valued as a unique **individual** with their own talents. Provision for those with learning difficulties is meticulously planned through our Learning Support Department.

Our Form 8 intake and our 6th Form continue to expand with the overall total now expected to be at full capacity with **over 470 pupils – the highest number for 20 years.**

You will see reports in the news sheet of the various activities enjoyed by our pupils. All of this clearly reflects on the hard work, commitment and dedication of the staff of Castlederg High School.

Tremendous progress continues to be made in improving school facilities. The last two school years has seen the completion of a new 3G football pitch, Technology Suite and our £1m floodlit Astro Turf pitch, tennis court and pavilion. The 'old' Technology area has also been completely refurbished with provision of a 6th Form recreation area and three more teaching spaces. Our new Music Suite was officially opened on 17th June 2010 by Michael Bradley, one of the famous 'Undertones'. Another top class facility for Castlederg High School!!

All in all, the future certainly looks bright for Castlederg High School – with much to look forward to in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Congratulations to Mr D.A. Williamson OBE!!!

Our Principal was recently honoured with an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. This was very fitting as he was awarded this in recognition for his service to education in N. Ireland. The staff and pupils of the school pass our congratulations and best wishes to our Principal and his family.

Mr Burn's Super Teams 2010!

Its not very often that a team makes it to the front of the newsletter but this edition it has never been



more thoroughly deserved! Not only did the school U18 side win the **Bruce Cup**, the U16 won the **McKee Cup**, the U14 the **McMullan shield** but the U13 won the **Fermanagh and Western blitz!** The photograph shows the U18, U16 and U14 teams in a historic photo with a very proud Mr Burns.

Health Promoting Schools Award

The school has just completed the first year of the Health Promoting

Schools Award. The process involved completion of 3 action plans: Child Protection, Physical Activity and Infection Control.

- A review of lunch-time activities for pupils including consultation with the Pupil Council
- First aid training for staff
- Organising a Year 8 Fun Day
- Improving security arrangements regarding visitors to school
- Production of a pupil version of the Anti Bullying Policy

Many staff and pupils were involved. We are now planning topics for next year as this is a 3 year programme.

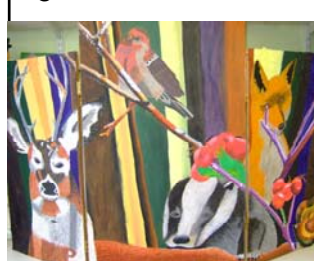


Important Dates

June	
30th	School Closes
August	
19th	AS/A Level Results (After 9.30am)
24th	ALL GCSE Results (After 9.30am)
28th	Yr13 Study Skills Day
September	
1st	Year 8 Start School
2nd	Rest of School Start Back

GCSE Art & Design Exhibitions

Parents and friends of GCSE, AS & A2 Art and Design students were invited to attend exhibitions of



the work completed by the pupils for their courses.

The Exhibitions were



held in the Art and Design rooms and were well attended

by parents and friends. These evenings were excellent opportunities to showcase the talent of pupils in Art & Design and display the results of their hard work



Religious Education Department

The Scripture Union and Religious Education department welcomed many visiting speakers this term. We welcomed four ministers from neighbouring churches, who included, Rev Peek, Rev John Beacom, Pastor Ronnie Fyffe, and Pastor Andrew Lucas. Pastor Ronnie Fyffe also brought some trainee Baptist pastors with him who spoke at the two Scripture Unions and some Religious Education classes.



Of course, our own staff provided an exciting programme from September.

We welcomed David Porter from the local Baptist Church and Esther Hay-Rodgers made a welcome return

to Scripture Union as well. Rick Hill from the SU headquarters spoke in some RE classes as well as Scripture Union and Sam Smyth from the Leprosy Mission made a welcome return to Castlederg High School.

The Scripture Union trip in June, which is now an annual event, and includes fun-packed activities which include swimming and shopping and of course important messages from The Bible.

The Students' Council

The Students' Council has had a very successful year of monthly meetings bringing forward new initiatives and projects on behalf of their peers. The Council have revised the Anti-Bullying Policy making it pupil friendly.

The 'Castle Schools Project' has been an on-going challenge whereby the council have been involved in workshops to re-generate 'The Castle' as a Heritage and Educational centre. Other ideas in the pipeline are to hold open air concerts, a nature reserve, children's play park and coffee shop.

Official Opening of the Music Suite

On Thursday 17 June 2010 the new music suite was opened by Special Guest: Mr Michael Bradley



(Radio Foyle Presenter / Producer & Bass Player / Songwriter with The Undertones.

The guests were presented with a variety of music forms. We were treated to African



drums, versions of The Undertones hits including My Perfect Cousin and Here comes the Summer, and Naomi Campbell

singing The Journey hit from Glee. It was a very entertaining after-



noon. Mr Williamson said "I am sure you will be overwhelmed at the variety of musical equipment on display in the room, but I can assure you, it does not stay on display for too long and is used on a frequent basis by the pupils of the school."

Geography Field trips

This year all of year 9 enjoyed a fieldtrip investigative study of The Pollan Burn in Gortin Glen. All

year 9 classes went individually and carried out various investigations which they then produced in a project back at school.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Nine sixth year students, Mr Small and Miss Teague headed to Gortatole for a camping and training expedition in preparation for their Silver Expedition in August. Five of the group will be doing



their 30 mile three day expedition in the Sperrins during the summer months. We wish them all the best!



Sports Day 2010



The 52nd School Sports Day took place on 1st June. A very good turnout of athletes and supporters ensured one of the most closely contested house competitions in the last couple of years. Several school records were broken by Andrew Baird Year 8 Javelin, Stacey Johnston Year 8 Javelin and Kyle Donnell Open shot.

Strule	1st
Derg	2nd
Mourne	3rd