



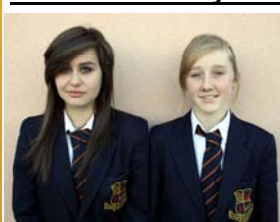
**1ST XI Hockey**

1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey team started their cup campaign with a tough home draw against Down High School. This match went to a 2 – 2 draw so extra time was on the cards. The girls battled on in spite of gale force winds to unfortunately concede a goal in the last minute. The final score 2 – 3 to Down High. The girls are now waiting for the plate draw. The West of Ulster league campaign is off with a good win against Strabane Grammar but unfortunately a loss against Omagh Academy. This league will continue into the New Year. Captain: Aimee Nethery; Vice-Captain: Gemma Spratt.

**Under 16 XI**

The Under 16 hockey team have progressed to the quarter final of the High Schools' cup with a good win (1- 0) against Dromore High School at home. They will now play either Ballyclare Secondary or Omagh High School in the next round. Captain: Amy Semple; vice Captain: Lyndsay Rankin

**Under 15 Hockey Honours**



Savannah Lecky and Jennifer Rankin have been selected for the Ulster U15 Development squad.

**Under 14 XI**

The U14 hockey team are having a successful season so far. They are undefeated in the Western league having beaten Omagh Academy,

Drumragh Integrated and Omagh High School. They have one more league match to play and hopefully this will see them into the final of the West of Ulster league. Due to the weather, their Cup match against Ballyclare has still to be re-arranged. Throughout all their games the girls have been very motivated and they have shown great team work.



**Under 13 XI**

The U13 hockey team have only played one league match and they lost to Omagh Academy. However they showed an excellent team performance when they defeated Strabane Grammar School 4-0 in a friendly. The girls are very committed and they always turn up for practice.

**Under 12 XI**

The year 8 girls have been training well after school on a Monday showing lots of interest and with some excellent potential emerging. The team will play in the Henderson Cup next term.

**Honours for Castlederg High Pupils**

Year 11 pupils, Victoria McCormack and Darren Long have been selected and trained as Young Ambassadors for sport. The primary aim is to promote the Olympics in London in 2012 and this highlights the values that are placed on the Paralympics and Olympics. Castlederg High School is the only school in Co. Tyrone to have pupils involved in this scheme this year.



**FOOTBALL REPORT**

**Under 16 McKee cup**

Results so far  
Castlederg 2 Omagh High 1  
Castlederg 7 Erne IC 0  
Castlederg 2 Fivemiletown 3  
Games to be played Devenish college this Thursday and Drumragh IC 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

**NI Cup Under 18**

1<sup>st</sup> Round Castlederg 5 De La Salle 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Round v Wellington college this Wednesday

**Under 14**

1<sup>st</sup> round Castlederg 3 CBS Belfast 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> round Castlederg 1 Holy Cross 4

**Under 12**

Friendly Castlederg 3 Fivemiletown 2  
1<sup>st</sup> round Castlederg Bye  
2<sup>nd</sup> round Castlederg 0 Holy cross 6

**Under 18 team win The Bruce Memorial Cup**

The under 18 team retained the Bruce Memorial cup beating Erne 3-2 in a nail biting penalty shoot out. They had earlier beaten Devenish College 3-0, Fivemiletown 3-0 and Erne in the Group stages 2-0.



**Under 16 Rugby**

The under 16 team this year consists mainly of Year 11 boys, so this year has been seen as a development year. The boys have gained valuable experience in three competitions. Firstly the Pollock Cup where the boys played in a qualifying day at Letterkenny Rugby club. Secondly there was a development day at Clogher Valley rugby club. Finally, The boys have played a number of teams from across Tyrone and Fermanagh. The recently played Sperrin IC in the first round of the High Schools' Cup. Unfortunately the boys were beaten on the day. However, they can look forward to the Bowl Competition early in the new year.



January		EVENTS 2011	
Thursday 6th	First day of term		
Wed 26th	Open Night for new intake		
February			
Thurs 10th	Year 10 Parents' Night 7.00 pm		
Mon 14th-Wed 16th	Mid term Holiday		
March			
Wed 16th-Fri 18th	<b>REVISED HOLIDAY DATES PLEASE NOTE</b>		
April			
Friday 15th	Last day of term Year 9 & 11 parents morning.		
May			
	Tuesday 3rd First day of term		



**Welcome from Mrs Moore.**

This first term of 2010 has seen many challenges, the most significant being Mr Williamson's transplant operation. We wish both he and his wife Shirley a speedy recovery and we hope to see him return in the summer term. During his absence I have been appointed Acting Principal and Mr Mowbray has been Acting Vice Principal and with the support of staff, we have continued to deliver the excellent provision established over the last 10 years.

There are in any school many staff whose crucial contribution can be understated. Unfortunately we are losing one such long serving and valued member of staff. Mrs Yvonne Clarke, senior secretary, is retiring after 32 years. Not only will she be missed for her office management expertise, but also as a dedicated, hard working and loyal member of staff. We wish her happiness for the future. Mr Robin Liggett (Maths Dept) will take up a post in Fivemiletown Community College in the New Year. In the 3 years that Mr Liggett has been with us, he has also proved to be a valuable and conscientious member of our teaching staff. Finally, January brings the greatest challenge of all to our pupils—external AS, A2 and GCSE examinations. The poor weather conditions forced us to close for 3 days in December, delaying the mock examinations but staff have worked hard to get reports out before Christmas. We would ask you to check if your child is involved in exams and encourage them to revise over the holiday period. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. **On behalf of the staff, I wish you a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.**

**Fashion Show**

Yr 14 Leisure Studies girls and the PTA organised and ran a very successful fashion show to raise money for school funds. Participating shops included Horizons, Menary's, Barry's, Vogue, S & K's and a selection of formal wear from S.D. Kells. W. Loughlin, L. Smith, S. Marshall and Z. Bogle would like to thank all who helped for their support.



**Year 10 Sponsored Walk**

Yr 14 Leisure Studies boys S.Hetherington, C. Gray, P. Wallace, R. Burke and R. Kidd raised over £2,200 for MacMillan Cancer by organising a sponsored walk to Gortin Glen. Top collectors were S. Torrens, A. Kidd and J. McCrossan.



**OBE honour for Principal. Mr D. A. Williamson.**

A very proud moment for the school and Mr Williamson as he receives his OBE from Her Majesty the Queen for his services to Education in N. Ireland. He was accompanied by his wife Shirley and daughter Amy to Buckingham Palace for the big day.

**Yet again Castlederg High celebrates CCEA top achievers in N. Ireland at GCSE level**

Each year, CCEA give out certificates to the top candidates in each subject in Northern Ireland. Despite stiff competition from pupils in larger schools, it is quite amazing that 6 of our pupils from Castlederg High School feature in these awards.



In GCSE Applied Business, Robert Keatley, recognised as one of the top achievers at the recent school prize night, was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In GCSE Leisure & Tourism Jacqueline Hunter came 1<sup>st</sup>, Candice Cathers 2<sup>nd</sup> and Denver Lecky 3<sup>rd</sup>. In GCSE Manufacturing Mark Hamilton

came 1<sup>st</sup> and Philip Buchanan came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Single Award Science. What a proud achievement for the school and their teachers, Mr N. C. Moore, Mrs V. Mowbray, Mr S. Hill and Mrs D. Moore.

**Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

Five Sixth year girls, A. Foster, M. Wallace, G. Spratt, L. Smith and A. Crockett successfully achieved their Silver awards in November.



They received their awards recently in School assembly, and will receive their certificates later at a civic function. They are all to be admired having completed their 3 day 50km expedition during some of the worst "summer" weather!!!



# Castledearg High School Formal 2010

**Year 9 Robotics Day**  
Year 9 took part in a Robotics Day as part of their Technology & Design project work. James Connor, from Sentinus, trained the pupils how to programme small robots (Sumobots) to navigate a difficult obstacle course.



**Business Studies Department**



In September Year 13 had an industrial visit to Bite Group in Enniskillen for their A Level Business Studies Assignment. This was an extremely interesting and beneficial industrial visit as the pupils were given a guided

tour of the factory.

In October the Year 14 Business Studies class organised a very successful table quiz for Years 8 and 9. The company set up by the seven budding entrepreneurs was known as 'Dynamite Ltd'.



**European Day of Languages**

Our European Day of Languages this year gave everyone in the school a real flavour of European life, with the canteen staff pulling out all the stops to provide delicious dishes from countries all over Europe. The pupils were surprised to find some unfamiliar chefs behind the counter at lunch time!



Years 8 and 9 also took part in a European Quiz. Congratulations to the prize-winners in each class: Hayden Doherty, Kirsten Watson, Dylan Whittaker, Robert Danni, Jamie Marshall, David Roulston, Gemma Wilkinson and Sarah Allen. Teachers Ms Lake and Mrs McKane won the staff prize. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a success.

**History Department**

Year 10 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Ulster American Folk Park in early November. 10A1 and 10B1 had been studying the Irish potato famine and emigration in History.



**Geography GCSE Fieldtrip**

Once again the Geography department spent three days on



the north coast studying hard for their GCSE Controlled Assessment. Good food, good craic and hard work made this a very memorable trip.

**Schools Equestrian Team**

Pupils have represented the school in 2 show jumping competitions so far, both raising money for Omagh RDA. In the Novice Team Competition Jill Pinkerton, Rachel Baird, Brandon Dean and Emma Rankin were 5<sup>th</sup> and Rachel Baird was placed 4<sup>th</sup> individual. In the Open Team Competition Olivia Roulston, Jenny Rankin and Alice Foster were the outright winners and Olivia also claimed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> individual places out of over 40 competitors.



For the second competition. Emma Rankin competed as an individual and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of over 50 competitors. The Open Team remained the same, with Olivia, Jenny and Alice being narrowly beaten and finished in a creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Individually, Jenny also picked up 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Alice finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of over 40 competitors.

**Art and Design Department**

The Art and Design department has had two year 8 field-trips to date. 8A1/2 spent a day at the Argory and 8B1/2 spent a day at the Ulster American Folk Park. Students from year 13 & 14 went to Silverdale Residential Home to paint Christmas scenes on the windows to create a festive atmosphere for the residents.

**Students Council**

The Student Council elections took place again in October of this year. The newly elected body of 23 representatives, one from each class convenes every 3 weeks and gives pupils a real and meaningful opportunity to influence and shape the school structures and activities. Issues addressed this term were the possibility of wireless connection in the sixth form study room, new and approved PE kits for Sept 2011. Congratulations to A. Colhoun the new Chair person and Secretary R. Donnell.



**Charities**

Castledearg High School Year 9 pupils present Jessica Perry, Health Promotion Co-ordinator from Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke with a cheque for £250 which was money raised during a Non-Uniform Event. NICHS visited the school to deliver a presentation on the dangers of smoking as part of a Connected Learning Day with the theme 'Your Health is your Wealth'.



Head Girl Lucy Forbes presents a cheque for £250 to Dr. M. Brown representing The Rotary Club in aid of "End Polio Now" campaign which provides support for immunisation in the Developing World.



This year's school formal returned to The White Horse Hotel in Eglinton. The night was enjoyed by all and thanks must go to the organisers, Year 14, Mrs Mowbray Miss Kelly and all the staff who attended.