



# Bloomfield Collegiate News

Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

School Photographs

Years 8 & 9 Parent Consultations (1pm-3.20pm)

ReadOn Assembly (Years 8-10)

ReadOn week

## Pupil Success



In Friday's assembly, we were able to celebrate the success and endeavour of a number of our pupils who have excelled in a range of activities recently. They were:

- **Alex Blain** (Year 8), who is fundraising for Assisi animal sanctuary by selling her own handmade hair scrunchies.
- **Emily Flynn** (Year 9), who we have reported before is Irish U13 table-tennis champion.
- **Grace Ross & Sophie King** (Year 11), who were both third in Freestyle and Backstroke respectively at the Ulster Grammar Schools swimming competition. **Beth McCullough** also reached the breaststroke final.
- **BCS Dance team @DanceBCS**, who swept the boards at last weekend's NICMAC competition in Lisburn. They "came home" with Junior duet 1<sup>st</sup>, Junior trio 1<sup>st</sup>, Junior dance Team 2<sup>nd</sup>; Intermediate hip hop duet and dance duet both 1<sup>st</sup>, Senior hip hop duet 2<sup>nd</sup> and Senior dance team 1<sup>st</sup>. These are remarkable achievements, and we wish them well in Friday's Ulster Championships.

- **Rebekah Murdock** (Year 8) is a member of the Michelle Johnston School of Highland Dance. Competing in recent Highland Dancing competitions, she has been awarded five 1<sup>st</sup> places, three 2<sup>nd</sup> positions, overall highland winner and overall national winner; she will compete in the UK championships in Edinburgh next year – an amazing achievement.



Since the assembly, we have been informed that **Ella Scarah, Mia Cardwell** and **Morgan Neill** have been selected to represent Northern Ireland at the Dance World Cup in Portugal in July. What talented pupils we have in Bloomfield!

### **Lockers**

You will be aware that lockers are provided for all pupils in school. All valuables should be safely stored in these lockers until leaving school. It would be helpful if parents could remind their daughters/wards not to ask to use another locker and not to share their locker/locker key when asked. Please note that in the case of a key being forgotten or lost, the lock will now not be cut off without the permission of a parent. Do not forget that valuables can be left at reception for storage if preferable.

### **Sports Fixtures**

In light of GDPR and Child Protection concerns, and in line with most other post-primary schools, our main point of contact with parents regarding cancellation of sports fixtures is Twitter. You can follow a range of school accounts by setting up a private account – your personal details need not be shared in doing so. Advice on setting up an account can be found here: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Twitter-Account>. Please be aware that some teams have set up unofficial Whatsapp groups for communication; all formal notices will appear on Twitter, and so membership of these groups is at parents' discretion in line with age limits. Follow the school @bloomcollegiate and sports on @pedeptbcs

### **Brand Bloomfield**

Friends of Bloomfield are launching a new range of products for pupils, parents and friends of the school.

Branded travel mugs and the water bottles will go on sale to pupils on Monday 25th March in conjunction with the Geography department's Reuse week.

Prices are £6 for the water bottle and £7 for the travel mug. We only have 100 of each so they should sell out fast.



### **Uniform**

Our pupils are aware that they are the public face of our school. As ambassadors, we expect them to look their best and follow our rules and guidelines at all times, both in school and travelling to and from school, and they almost always do. However, we are aware of the pressures of fashion so, in assembly this week, we have outlined clearly the following and the reasons for them:

- No fake nails;
- Only one plain stud/earring in each ear;
- No other visible piercing jewellery/retainers;
- Skirts not rolled up;
- Natural coloured hair.

In consultation with our pupil-led School Council, we have agreed that scarves may be worn in school on cold days, and that cardigans be permitted to be worn by all girls in the new academic year. Please help us by reinforcing these guidelines at home.

### **Ski Trip**

Any pupil wishing to go on the ski trip should note that all forms must be returned by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.