



# Bloomfield Collegiate News

Thursday  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Non-uniform day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (inc.)	Half-term holiday
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Half-day and Year 11 Parents (1pm-3.20pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	ReadOn Assembly (years 8-10)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	ReadOn week

## Absence notes

Please be aware that we are required to collect a written note explaining each occurrence of absence. This should be submitted by pupils on their first day back at school following being off school for any reason. Failure to submit a note may result in an unexplained absence being recorded.

## Junior Disco

The Junior Disco for Years 8 and 9 will be held this evening, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, from 7pm until 9pm in the Assembly Hall. Tickets will be on sale at the door, and Bloomfield pupils are welcome to bring a guest from Year 8 or 9 from a different School.

## Sports Update

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI were very unlucky to lose to a much improved Grosvenor GS team in the Senior Plate quarter-final last Saturday. Despite dominating the first half, the home side were more clinical in front of goal and won 4-0. We wish them well in the semi-final.

Athletics Club takes place on Tuesday evenings in the Sports Hall between 5pm and 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and try the events.

Congratulations to Emma Flynn, Year 9, who is ranked number one in Ulster and Ireland at U13 level in table Tennis. Emma won an Irish Championship tournament in Connacht last weekend.

## “Nil Obstet” Bursary

Our Former Pupils’ Association is making available an award of up to £500 for any pupil of school-leaving age who has made a clear contribution to the wider life of the School and who intends to embark on a project which will promote her own personal development. Past Bursary awardees have included pupils buying specialised equipment for higher study, taking part on mission teams and helping fund voluntary service. Interested pupils can find application forms with the Principal’s PA.

### Learning Cafés

A number of revision classes will be held on Monday-Wednesday of half-term for Years 12-14. After school sessions will also continue in some subjects after half-term. Details have been distributed to the pupils involved.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Year 10 pupils involved in the Bronze Award who have not entered activities on the eDofE website must ensure that this is uploaded and saved over half-term

### Young Enterprise Competition

The Ragdogs Young Enterprise team had a very successful day at the recent Young Enterprise Belfast Area Trade Fair in Victoria Square. They won 3 awards: Best Customer Service, Best Digital Presence and Best Overall Company. The girls now progress to the NI Finals for which they will have to submit a company report, give a presentation to business leaders and face an interview. The overall winner of the Company Programme will then be announced at a formal dinner in Belfast City Hall in mid-April. Well done to the girls, not only for their hard work but also for being excellent ambassadors for our school as they engaged with both the judges and the public.

### Public Speaking

Congratulations to the Public Speaking team who finished runners-up in the Irish Federation of University of Women Public Speaking Competition in Queen's University last week. Olivia Porter won Best Overall Speaker, and will travel to Dublin for the All-Ireland finals. Other team members were Martha McKinney and Sarah Ewart. Well done to all of them.



(Top) Rag Dogs YE team; (Bottom) Public Speaking team; (Right) Emma Flynn