



# Bloomfield Collegiate News

Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

A level Results  
GCSE Results  
Year 13 Registration 1pm  
Bank Holiday  
Staggered return to school begins (see Calendar)

## Communication

We will be introducing a new app system for parents next year. It is important that all details are up to date. If you have changed or are changing e-mail address, mobile phone number or address, please contact the school with details. Keep following us on twitter and facebook.

## Pupil News



Congratulations to our newly appointed prefects, captains and mentors. Pictured are our new Head Girl, Fodhla Beard (centre) with Deputies, Jessica Roose (left) and Polly Cochrane (right). Thanks to Kathryn, Olivia and Abbie, and all of our other outgoing office-bearers, for their contribution to school life last year. A full list of new office-bearers is attached.

So much has been going on in the last few weeks of term that it is impossible to name everything, but one highlight stands out. The Young Enterprise team – the Rag Dogs – represented Northern Ireland at the UK finals at County Hall, London in June. They were amazing! Competing against much larger private schools, they scooped second prize in the HSBC Company of the Year Award and won the Delta Pursuit of Opportunity Award. Well done and thanks to the girls, teachers Mr Irvine and Mr McEvoy, and business partner Mrs Clare Templeton.

### Staff News

We sadly bid farewell to our Pastoral Vice-Principal, Dr Lindsey Finch, after 13 years in the role. Lindsey joined Bloomfield from Strathearn School, teaching Geography and, latterly, introducing GCSE LLW. But it is in her pastoral role that she will be remembered; pastoral to her core, she has ensured that the safety and well-being of all pupils is central to the ethos of Bloomfield Collegiate School. A caring and attentive mentor and friend to pupils and staff alike, she will be missed.

Also leaving us will be Dr Bill McBride (Physics), Mrs Melissa Patterson (Maths), Miss Rebecca Murray (History), Mrs Kathy Bradford (Biology), Mrs Lynda Lane (Languages) and Mrs Sharon Wilson (Geography); we wish them all every success as they continue their careers elsewhere.



### Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

For pupils completing the scheme, the following must be included in the report: a start date; a completion date (make sure it is exactly 3 or 6 months); the name of the assessor. Also, reports need to be a few sentences, not just one. Please carry on uploading all reports over the summer months.

### Free School Meals & Bus Passes

The links below can be used to access information related to FSM and transport assistance. Please note that these should be claimed annually. If you are entitled to FSM, but do not claim it, it would be helpful for the school to know as it can impact on our examination statistics and funding formula.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-school-uniform-allowance>

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/home-to-school-transport/how-to-apply-for-transport-assistance-for-my-child>

### Examination Results

A2/AS results will be issued online from 7am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August using the online pin distributed to pupils. Please note that we do not have a copies of these pin numbers. School will be open from 9am for pupils to collect their results in person.

GCSE results, including Year 11 Unit results, will be available in school from 9am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please note that results cannot be issued over the phone, but can be posted out if you supply a stamped addressed envelope for that purpose.

### Thank you

Having now completed six months as Principal, I wish to thank parents, Governors, members of staff and, particularly, the pupils of this wonderful school for their warm welcome, words of encouragement and, importantly, kind forbearance when things have not gone as smoothly as wished for. I am extremely proud to lead Bloomfield Collegiate, and look forward to moving forward in partnership with you all to ensure that every pupil receives the highest quality education and best opportunities possible in what are choppy financial and social waters.

I wish you all a peaceful, happy and, hopefully, sunny summer.