

*Lurgan Junior High School*



*The Principal's  
Annual Report*

2016 / 2017



**Enrolment** - 651 pupils (as at 01/06/2017)

**New pupils into Year 8** - 230 (as at September 2016)

**Leavers** - 194 (as at 30/6/2017)

**Attendance** - 92.5% (as at 01/06/2017)

### **KS3 Results**

#### **TEACHER ASSESSMENT: Level 5 and above**

	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>
Using Communication	67%	67%	81%
Using Mathematics	88%	74%	80%

### **School Policies**

Copies of all school policies are available in the office and at [www.ljhs.co.uk](http://www.ljhs.co.uk)

## Our School Successes in 2016/2017

### Music

Throughout the year, many of our pupils have had music tuition from the EA Music Service, and successfully passed their exams in a variety of instruments including flute, trumpet, clarinet and violin.

In December many of our pupils took part in the LIP SYNC BATTLE, which was enjoyed and appreciated by parents and pupils alike.

In June, some of our talented musicians and singers performed at our annual Prize Distribution Ceremony, including our newly formed Junior Ensemble.

We are looking forward to hosting our Monster Music Marathon in October, after a two-year absence.

### BBC School Report

During February, 9BY had the opportunity to showcase their journalistic and technical skills as part of the nation-wide BBC School Report News Day.

Pupils worked over several weeks to produce stories and recorded pieces on a variety of issues, such as fair trade, the significance of the new defibrillator which is situated on the school grounds and this life saving equipment is available for the public and sport.

The video crew recorded an interview with Glenavon Academy coach, Chris Hamilton, during which he expressed thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts of the Lurgan JHS pupils. The pupils raised over £400 for Glenavon FC's chosen charities; Angel Wishes and the Southern Area Hospice. The pupils raised the funds by raffling off a signed Glenavon shirt, guess the number of sweets in a jar competition, had a bun sale and collected for the charities at one of Glenavon's home matches.

Pupils had the opportunity to go to Blackstaff studios where they were able to be part of the audience in a live broadcast which was hosted by Barra Best. The panel discussed some of the topics that had been raised by various schools which had taken part in the BBC school Report.

We wish to thank Mr D. Johnston for all of his help and support in the making of the reports.

### National Heroes' Day

Way back in October our Year 8 pupils participated in "National Heroes' Day". This annual event celebrates HEROES in our world today. Our pupils and staff came to school dressed as their Hero. We love this day as it tells us such a lot about the lives of our pupils and staff. Such interesting stories are told that day. Parents who serve our community in so many different capacities... medics, charity workers, the Armed Forces, Fire-officers and then those who became Heroes in adversity, facing difficult illness and hardship but still making a difference to others around them.

This year the money raised through the non-uniform event was donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

## **Ski Trip – San Valentino, Italy (January/February 2017)**

In January this year a group of 40 pupils and staff left for the Italian, ski resort of San Valentino. The outbound journey was via Milan with a half day exploring the historical city of Verona where our pupils managed to find a Wi-Fi hotspot in the main plaza. Later we transferred to our hotel, the Bucaneve, just a few steps from the chair lift and nursery slopes.

Ski lessons began the next morning. Snow was in short supply but everyone managed and very quickly progressed to skiing down the mountains. On the final day it rained and the slopes were closed so undeterred a bus was booked and everyone headed for the Museo di Arte Moderna in Trento.

If any pupil is interested in next year's ski trip to Ehrwald in Austria / Germany, see Mr Black.

## **Liverpool**

In April fifty pupils, parents and staff travelled via Wales for an overnight trip to Liverpool. The first afternoon was spent shopping and dining at L1 in Liverpool city centre. That evening we were driven to Anfield to see Liverpool v Bournemouth. For those fortunate pupils seated in the Kop they got to join with 12000 other fans making a crowd mosaic to commemorate the anniversary of the Hillsborough Disaster. Lurgan Junior High School also received a mention in the official match programme. The match finished 2-2. Next day on the homeward journey the coach stopped for a few hours shopping at Cheshire Oakes in Chester.

## **Scotland**

Next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we plan to take approximately 50 of our Year Tens for a day at Soar Extreme Sports Centre and Braehead Shopping Centre in Glasgow. The Scotland trip has become a well-established Junior High tradition for pupils to have an action packed day out before they bid us farewell.

## **Drama**

Drama Club began with a bang in September with over 30 students attending weekly. Throughout the terms we have played games, improvised, laughed, read scripts, role-played and generally enjoyed ourselves. Many of the Drama students took part in the fabulous Lip-sync at Christmas.

In January students performed an extract from the Lip Sync for Open Night. We also took part in the Sampler Days when pupils from surrounding Primary Schools had an opportunity to enjoy a Drama Class taken by other pupils. In Term two a Bun Sale was organised by a number of very enterprising students to raise funds to refurbish the Drama Store. Over a hundred pounds was raised.

We were also very fortunate this year to have two of our very talented former pupils, Michaela McNally and Rheanna McKinley join us each week to help out in Drama Club and share their expertise in acting, dance and musical theatre.

Our biannual Drama Department trip to London took place at the end of June. This much anticipated trip, which is still on-going, has been fabulous fun, even in a heat wave.

Highlights included two West End shows, The Imperial War Museum, a bus tour of London, The London Eye and Dungeons, a Thames Cruise and various shopping trips to Convent Garden and Westfield. The trip will conclude with an exciting and thrilling day at Thorpe Park. A big thank you to all the staff that organised the trip and spent five busy days in London with 30 students. A WhatsApp group was created to inform parents about the highlights of each day and this has proved to be a great success.

A Drama Club Instagram account was also started this year which has allowed the Department to highlight good practice in both Drama Club and class.

## **REACH Team**

The REACH Team continue their work in our school throughout the year on a weekly basis. Whether it is through the Mentoring Programme, which this year has provided support to over forty of our pupils, or during the termly sessions for each of our Year Groups, our pupils have benefitted greatly from the pastoral development and guidance provided by the team.

Our thanks go to Rick Preston and his team for the vital support in the Pastoral work of LJHS.

Our Yr8 Mentoring Programme has enabled those pupils who may need support to avail of the pastoral care required at a much earlier stage of their time at LJHS. The Yr9 and Yr10 Mentoring days continues to provide social and emotional support to our senior pupils throughout the year.

It is always good to see so many of our past-pupils taking a year out of their studies in order to work with the REACH Team in our school. On social occasions and fun events, such as Christmas Parties, Sports Day, Fun Day and The Semi-Formal, it has been wonderful that the members of REACH joined with our staff in making the experience of our pupils a memorable one!

## **MISSION4YOUTH**

This year the RE/PD department continued their links with Jonathan Smith & Mission4Youth developing a programme of support for our Yr9 C Band pupils. Based around the theme of our school Motto, 'RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY', Jonny and his team have worked with our RE teachers, once again challenging our young people in the areas of Positive Self-Regard, Building Good Relationships & Communication.

We look forward to next term and continuing the work with these classes and beginning new work with our Yr8 Pupils.

## **Love For Life**

Our Yr8 & Yr10 pupils attended presentations by Love for Life this year. Each group really enjoyed the interactive sessions and the feedback from pupils was very positive indeed, many pupils found the issues addressed to be extremely relevant to their lives.

Love For Life presentations are focused upon the building of positive relationships & attitudes for life. We want our pupils to be equipped for whatever the future holds for them. This includes having the emotional capabilities to make healthy and informed relationship decisions.

## **PSNI Community Safety Education**

We are most grateful to the PSNI for their on-going work in LJHS around the area of Crime-education. The sensitivity with which they approach some very difficult issues with our pupils is enlightening. We have had PSNI sessions on "Drugs & Alcohol Awareness" and "Cyber-Safety Training". Together we hope that the education programmes offered by our own staff and the PSNI at LJHS will help our children recognise the dangers they face, and assist them to avoid these dangers.

## **ADOPT-A-STREET Litter Project**

The PD Department have been engaged with Craigavon Borough Council through the Adopt-a-street Project for the second year in succession. This encourages our pupils to take an interest in their community, in particular with the litter that is found in and around our school.

Craig Council provided LJHS with litter collecting equipment. In return our PD Classes have been using these to collect litter around out school and just outside the gates at Mourne Road and Toberhewney Lane. Pupils have been shocked at the levels of litter simply discarded by the public.

Many of our pupils have been very proactive in this project and many have volunteered for litter-picking duties with Miss Hanna throughout the year! This simple process of picking up litter has enabled pupils to value their own environment and dispose of litter in a responsible way inside school and out in the community. As a direct response to these Litter Duties... an ECO TEAM was formed in the Autumn term. Miss Hanna has been heading up the work throughout the year.

## **ECO Schools Conference**

The LJHS ECO Team represented our school at the ECO SCHOOLS CONFERENCE @ Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, in March. This event showcased the excellent ECO work which is happening across the CALC schools in nearly every sector and level of education. Our team impressed the Mayor of the ABC Council and many of the visitors to this event with their maturity and informed discussion about their work.

All of the team were able to speak about the initiatives they had introduced within LJHS, including, bird-feeding stations in the garden, planting shrubbery around school, litter duties and promoting Fairtrade across the school.

As a result of their contribution to the ECO ethos of LJHS, our school has very recently been awarded the "Fair Aware" status by the Fairtrade Foundation. We are delighted to have helped Mrs Kennedy in achieving this recognition for our school!

## **Water For Swaziland**

In May we had the joy of welcoming a choir of young people from Swaziland to our school. They presented a concert to our Yr8 Pupils. It was such a fantastic event enjoyed by all.

Following the concert, Miss Hanna launched the "Water Bottle Challenge". A charity event to raise as much money as possible to provided clean drinking water in Swaziland.

We were delighted to welcome CHALLENGE MINISTRIES to our assembly at the beginning of June and presented them with a cheque for £1000 towards this essential work.

Thanks to our Yr8 Pupils for their generous efforts in collecting this money. They were all rewarded with a Pizza afternoon last week!

## **Boys' Football**

### U14 Boys

The footballers in Lurgan JHS had successful season, with the U14 team bringing home silverware. Jesse Carson was an outstanding leader throughout the year and he was himself rewarded with numerous appearances for the Northern Ireland Elite Squad. The season started poorly a defeat to Lismore that saw the boys knocked out of the Northern Ireland Cup. From that point on, the boys went on an outstanding run. Wins over Newry and St Pats Dungannon set up a semi-final rematch v Lismore. Lismore proved to be too strong once again and progressed to the final at our expense. Wins over Clounagh, Killycomaine, Dromore and a draw against Tandragee set up a league decider versus Lismore. It was 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky for Lurgan JHS as they defeated Lismore 3-1 to clinch the league in what was their performance of the season. An outstanding run in the Northern Ireland Plate defeating Foyle and Londonderry College, St Joseph's Belfast and St Pat's Lisburn at Mourneview Park allowed Lurgan to make the finals day at Ballymena Showgrounds. In front of a combined support of 400, Lurgan JHS won 3-1 to lift the Northern Ireland Plate and finish an outstanding season. Jesse Carson was player of the season closely followed by Shane Adamson and Rhys Gregory. Rhys picked up the Golden boot award for top goal scorer with 21 goals.

### U13 Boys

The Year 9 football team, captained by Jamie Rusk, finished second in the Mid Ulster League after a win against Clounagh, a draw against Lismore and a defeat to Killicomaine. The team also reached the final of the Mid Ulster Cup where they finished runners up after falling to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of a strong Killicomaine team, who completed the league and cup double.

### U12 Boys

The U12 squad also have a successful Year with A, B and C teams regularly competing against other schools. The B team had the opportunity to enter a competitive league for the first time and held their own against numerous teams in the Mid Ulster Small schools league. The A team went unbeaten up until Christmas. This saw them top of the Mid Ulster League with wins over Dromore, Lismore, and Killycomaine. Wins over Markethill, St Paul's Bessbrooke and Edmund Rice College set up a Mid Ulster Cup semi-final and a Northern Ireland Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> round game. A poor run of game in January and February however ensured an abrupt end to the season as the boys lost their league decider v Clounagh, their MU Cup semi-final v Killicomaine and their N Ireland Cup match against Ashfield Boys. Consistency is the key for next year! 3 members of the squad Harry Norton, Mackenzie Craig and Callum Marsden had an outstanding day out at the District tournament as Mid Ulster Schools select defeated Lisburn Schools, Belfast Schools and South Down to win the Northern Ireland District Cup.

## **RUGBY**

Another exciting year saw the U'12 and U'14 teams both reach the High Schools' Cup Semi-finals. The U'14 team captained by Harry Bird recorded some memorable wins over

Ballymena Academy, Wallace, RBAI and local rivals Banbridge Academy. A number of players deserve a special mention including Rhys Gregory for his ability to score tries from anywhere on the pitch, most improved player Bartlomiej Tzack and indeed player of the year Harry Bird.

The U'12 year group were able to field three teams with the 'A' team co-captained by Peter Bird and Matthew Conn. They would start their rugby journey with wins over Armagh Royal, Friends and Killicomaine before a successful cup qualifying campaign saw them come back from 4 tries to 1 down to defeat a strong Tandragee team by 5-4. The finals day at Lurgan Rugby Club saw the team win their three group games before drawing their semi-final and being eliminated on tries scored. A special mention should go to player of the year Noah Parks, centre Callum Fitzgerald and full-back Sam Stevenson for their tireless work for the team throughout the season.

The U'13 team captained by Angus Cunningham improved throughout the course of the season with excellent performances coming against Friends and RBAI 'A' in their last game of the season. Simon Cartwright, Charlie Williamson and Angus Cunningham would all see themselves promoted to the U'14 Cup Squad by the conclusion of the year.

Thanks to Grant Martin and former pupils James Patterson and Ryan Osborne for their additional help throughout the course of the season.

## **Boys' Volleyball**

It was an outstanding year for all the boys' volleyball teams with the U'13 team captained by Jamie Rusk winning the N. Ireland Schools' Tournament defeating Campbell College in the final. The U'14 and U'12 teams would go close to matching them but they would both finish as runners-up in their respective Tournaments. In three tournaments our teams would lose only two games with those both being in the final – well done on an excellent achievement!

## **Boys' Cross Country**

The Mini Boys' Team would win silver medals at the District Championships at Lurgan Park with Daniel Scott also qualifying as an individual for the Ulster Schools' Championships in the Minor Boys team.

## **Boys' Athletics**

The District Track and Field Championships would see the boys' win 3 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals and qualify for the Ulster Schools' Athletics Championships.

At the Ulster Championships Lexx McConville would win Gold in the Mini Boys' High Jump in a new school record of 1m 50cm beating the previous best held by his brother Troy. Rhys Gregory would win Silver in the 100m and qualify for the Irish Championships where he would finish 5<sup>th</sup> in Ireland. Finally, the Junior Boys' 4 X 100m Relay Team of Shane Adamson, Harry Bird, Alex Wheelan, Rhys Gregory and Travis Barr would win Bronze medals. Well done!

The highlight of Sports' Day at Mary Peters Track in Belfast would be the achievement of Lexx McConville who would win his three individual events in three new school records in the 200m, long jump and high jump – a fantastic achievement and definitely one to watch out for in the future.....

## **Girls' Volleyball**

The Volley Ball Club takes place on a Wednesday afternoon. Amy Wethers, Development Officer with Aztecs Volleyball Club coaches an enthusiastic group of fifteen girls. Two teams were selected for the Inter Schools U15 Volleyball Competition at Craigavon Leisure Centre.

## **Girls' Hockey**

It has been another exciting and rewarding year for Girls' Hockey in Lurgan Junior High School. Practices commenced early September for all three age groups and there was an enthusiastic response from girls after school and on Saturday mornings. Teams were fielded in Mid-Ulster Cup and League competitions at U12, U13 and 14 levels.

LJHS has a strong tradition of Hockey and our Saturday morning programme gives our pupils the opportunity to compete at a high level playing. We welcomed teams from Dalriada, Sullivan Upper, Omagh Academy, Ballyclare H.S. and Cookstown H.S and those close to home such as Banbridge Academy, Friends', Wallace and The Royal Schools' of Armagh and Dungannon.

We are most appreciative of Parents and L.J.H.S. Staff who support us throughout the season. As always, a huge thank you is extended to Cyril Vennard and Sue Gibson who assist with our Saturday morning programme and to Ivor Lennon for his help on Mondays after school.

The Under 14s Squad had another fantastic run in the Ulster Schools' Junior Cup competition and for the second successive year reached the Final of this prestigious competition. This time, however, we were beaten finalists, losing 2-1 to Killicomaine J.H.S. The path to the final saw the team defeat Victoria College, 1-0, (Lydia McNeill) and Banbridge Academy 1-0, (Lydia McNeill) in the first and second round of the competition. In the third and fourth rounds Dungannon and Friends' School took us to extra-time and penalty strokes, 'Keeper Julia Anderson was superb in both games. (Dungannon Royal 4-2 penalty strokes; Lydia McNeill, Anna Cowan, Jessica Wheelan and Isabelle Urwin. Friends' 3-0; (Anna Cowan, Lydia McNeill, Isabelle Urwin). The semi-final, played at Banbridge Academy against Wallace H.S was a re-run of last year's Cup final and a 3-0 victory gave us an opportunity to play in a second successive final.

The Under 13s team played in both the Mid-Ulster League and Cup competitions and the talented Under 12 team won the Killicomaine Tournament and finished runners-up in the Mid-Ulster league.

Congratulations to Lydia McNeill, Captain of the Under 14 Hockey Team on her selection to the Ulster U-16 squad for the second successive season. Next weekend (16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June) Lydia will play in a three match series against Scotland. The School Community is so proud of her achievements and wish her much success.

Well done also to Anna Cowan and Julia Anderson, both talented players, both have been training with the U-15 Ulster Development squad.

The P.E. Department would also like to celebrate the success of a number of the Year 8 and 9 girls who have been taking part in this year's Ulster's Under 13 Development Squad. Congratulations to Leah Gibson, Alisha Knowles, Lucy Lyttle. Lily May Hall, Katie Thompson, Sophie Gordon and Danielle Ervine.

## **Tennis**

Tennis continues to be an enjoyable after school activity and a six-week session is offered to girls and boys from mid-September until late October and again during the summer months. Thank-you to coach Roy Hollywood and to Andy Barr from Lurgan Youth Annexe for providing funding through the 'Extended Learning Programme'

## **Girls' Cross Country**

Cross Country practices were held in preparation for the Cross Country Championships held in Lurgan Park in February.

Mini Girls' Team Event: 5<sup>th</sup> Overall - Katie Thompson, Anna Lawther, Rachel Wilson  
Jasmine Bell, Ellie McBride, Zara Crooks.

Minor Girls' Team Event: 14<sup>th</sup> Overall - Laura Cregan, Serena Mitchell, Eva Corr,  
Grace McKinley, Hollie Abraham, Kacey Caldwell.

Year 10 Girls' Individual Event: Amber Cairns.

## **Girls' Athletics**

District 'D' Schools' Track and Field Championships

An enthusiastic group of girls took part in the District Championships at the Antrim Forum and for many it was their first experience of a major competition. Events were held throughout the day with medals and qualification to the Ulster Championships going to the first three in each event.

## **Netball**

It has been a busy and rewarding season for the Year 9 and Year 10 Netball teams playing in the local Craigavon Area 'Vista' League and Cup and also for the first time the Southern Area 'B' league for the Year 10 Team.

The Year 10 girls had a really brilliant start in the Southern Area League beating St. Patrick's Academy Dungannon 15-4, but after a close match against Banbridge Academy were unable to secure any further success. The girls enjoyed the competition at this level and gained valuable playing experience.

In the Vista League, this team had great success, winning all their games until they met a very talented Killicomaine team and despite playing a super game with great determination, they lost narrowly, with a final score of only 8-4. This meant they finished second in the league.

In the 'Vista' Cup the Year 10 team had a clear run to the final only to be faced again with Killicomaine JHS. We knew from previous games that this would most certainly be a tough match, and Lurgan did give a great performance in the first half but conceded too many goals in the second half and were defeated. The team were presented with silver medals as runners-up in both the 'Vista' League and the 'Vista' Cup.

In November seven girls attended trials for the U15 Future Internationals Academy which were held in Gilford Community Centre. Congratulations to Anna Cowan and Ellie Taylor

on their selection to this Academy. They attended eight specialised training sessions to enhance their skills and game play. A fantastic opportunity and experience for the girls!

The Year 9 girls were relatively inexperienced at the start of the season and had a few disappointments as well as excellent success. They did progress however and won three of their five games in the 'Vista' League. They were put out of the 'Vista' Cup in the semi – final by an improved Tandragee JH team. They have been a lovely group of girls to coach this year and I look forward to seeing improvements in skill and confidence next season.

Congratulations to Zohar Sohail who successfully trialled for the U13 Netball Development Academy and attended training to enhance her skills and game application.

There was amazing interest in the Netball Club for Year 8 girls this year and training had to be split into two groups. Mrs Graham, Miss Boyd and Mrs Dougan coached and prepared the girls for the 'Vista' Year 8 Tournament in March and it was difficult to select from such an enthusiastic and talented group. Miss Boyd attended the Tournament with the team and they were delighted to be placed third overall.

Watch out next season as these girls have all the potential to be a high achieving team

## **Girls' Football**

The Girls' football got great news in September when Lurgan Town Football Club provided funding to promote the development of Girls' football and we were delighted to have Mr Phil McKinley to coach for six week sessions. After last year's success we were now set for an exciting season especially as new talent had arrived in Year 8.

Twenty girls signed up for the first training session and two teams were selected for the Futsal N.I. Armagh/South Down Heat in October. The Year 8/9 Team had a pleasing day with two draws and one defeat which was an encouraging start to the season. The Year 10 team were entered in the Year 10/11 age group, but this talented group of girls took on challenge of older opponents and won their section without conceding a goal. They played Laurehill in the semi-final and won confidently 3-0, then faced a tough final against Forthill which resulted in a scoreless draw. It was so disappointing to lose 2-1 on penalty kicks after such a fantastic day of football. The girls were presented with silver medals as Runners up.

The Year 10 team did progress to the National Finals in November but with the physicality of the older players they were not able to win their section.

In January four of our most talented girls were given the opportunity to trial for the Elite Irish Football Schools Squad.

In March Year 8 / 9 players attended an UEFA Football Roadshow in Chainey Park Banbridge where they enjoyed skill drills, small sided games and competitions and a goodie bag, all to help raise the profile of women in football.

Our most successful competition of the year was in the NI Junior Cup which was 11 aside and open to years 8/9 and 10 which meant we could combine all of our talent into one strong team. The team enjoyed success with every round beating Cross & Passion Ballycastle.

## **Shared Education**

In total 113 Year 8 pupils were involved in a shared education launch event at Brownlow House in September 2016.

8A6 were involved in shared lessons with 8 John from St Ronan's College. In total this group met on 11 different occasions, which involved shared history, ICT, music and art lessons around the topic of the US troops being based in Lurgan during WW2 followed by a community celebration event at Brownlow House and a shared sports event involving Glenavon FC, Lurgan Tigers and Clan na Gael GAA. Throughout the pupils developed the skills and attitudes to engage effectively in shared education. Also, all activities allowed for pupils to develop their thinking skills and personal capabilities.

In addition, 80 Year 9 pupils spent time at Brownlow House at another shared history event involving St Ronan's College and St John the Baptist College.

We look forward to 2017-2018 which will see two Year 8 and two Year 9 classes directly involved in shared lessons on a regular basis.

## **Careers**

The Careers Department had a very enjoyable and successful year all in all. In class, pupils had the opportunity to explore their own skills and qualities, set short and long term goals, experience the job application process and discover many areas of work with the relevant qualifications needed in each. Young Enterprise again played a large role in Employability by delivering 5 very successful seminars across the three year groups. The Army Careers officers have also been in school this year giving a presentation on Army jobs to our year 9's and delivered extremely successful STEM sessions to all our Year 10s. This entailed designing and building hovercrafts and taking part in a forensics lesson. Our biggest event of the year was probably the Year 9 STEM Day in conjunction with W5. 8 STEM ambassadors provided a carousel activity in their specialised area of STEM and W5 put on a very entertaining and interactive Science show. Mr Guy would also like to thank individual departments for organising numerous subject specific careers events.

## **Charity**

Once again pupils and parents of LJHS have been very generous at giving to charity. Successful again this year, as it is every year, bringing in lots of money for several different charities. This year we have enjoyed the fruits of sponsored walks, non-uniform days and of course, our very popular 'Bun Sales.' Celebrating special days such as 'Help For Heroes' gives pupils an awareness of the importance of giving to others. The MS Walk held just recently has once again raised a considerable sum. The contribution of pupils, staff, families and the local community contribute to making this school one of the highest charity collecting schools in Northern Ireland. The amount raised this year was £6,233.24.

## **School Semi Formal – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Our ninth Year 10 leavers' semi-formal was held at Grace Hall, Dollingstown on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. This was an opportunity for our Year 10 pupils to celebrate three years at the Junior High School in real style. Photographs will appear on the school website in due course. The School Leadership Team would like to thank the Prefects and other year 10s who organised this event.

## **Lip Sync Battle**

Before Christmas, Mrs McCrory, Mrs Derby, Mrs Gilbert and Mr Lunn decided to initiate an LJHS Lip Sync Battle!

We had around twenty different acts audition, whittling it down to twelve! From Robot Dolls, Matilda, High School Musical to the dubious Teachers' Boyband, it was a truly enjoyable end to the term.

The event was so successful, that there was a demand for it to run on an evening for parents. In total £100 was raised for the REACH team. Our pupils displayed charisma, passion, humour, respect and togetherness. Thanks all involved in organising the event, including Mrs King who helped with the set, but the biggest thank you must go to our talented pupils who made both shows the highlight of the year.

# School Calendar 2017-2018

<b>AUGUST 2017</b>		
Thursday	31	Year 8 Pupils Enrol (half day to 12.30pm)
<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b>		
Friday	01	Year 8 Pupils ONLY (full day)
Friday	01	Year 8 Pupils - Photographs
Monday	04	Years 8, 9 and 10 Pupils
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>		
Tuesday	17	Cyberbullying Talk – LJHS and SRC at LJHS
Thursday	26	Year 10 Subject Meetings 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Monday	30	Mid Term
Tuesday	31	Mid Term
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>		Assessment Week wc 27.11.17
Wednesday	01	Mid Term
Thursday	02	Mid Term
Friday	03	Mid Term
wc 27.11.2017		Exams in Form Rooms
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>		
Friday	08	Swimming Gala
Monday	18	Cinema Trip Year 8
Tuesday	19	Cinema Trip Year 9
Wednesday	20	Cinema Trip Year 10
Thursday	21	Christmas Break (pupils finish half day 12.00pm)
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>		
<b>SPRING TERM BEGINS 05.01.18 (INCLUSIVE)</b>		
Wednesday	03	Form Teacher Meetings
Thursday	04	Form Teacher Meetings
Friday	05	Spring Term Begins
Thursday	11	P6/P7 Open Evening
Friday	12	School Development Day – School closed to Pupils
Saturday	27	Ski Trip to Austria
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>		
Monday	12	Mid Term
Tuesday	13	Mid Term
Wednesday	14	Mid Term
Thursday	15	Mid Term
Friday	16	Mid Term
<b>MARCH 2018</b>		
Monday	19	Bank Holiday
Friday	23	Pupils finish for Easter
Monday	26	School Development Day – School closed to Pupils
<b>APRIL 2018</b>		
<b>SUMMER TERM BEGINS 09.04.18 (INCLUSIVE)</b>		
Monday	09	Summer Term Begins
Wednesday	11	Year 10 Examinations – ending Wednesday 25.04.18
<b>MAY 2018</b>		
Monday	07	Bank Holiday
Monday	28	Bank Holiday
<b>JUNE 2018</b>		
Monday	04	Year 8 and Year 9 Examinations – ending Friday 15.06.17
Tue 19 or Wed 20	TBC	Sports Day
TBC		New Year 8 Parents Information Evening
Thursday	28	Last day of Term – Pupils finish 12.00pm
Friday	29	Prize Day