



Ballyclare High School

Headmaster: Mr D A Knox BA (Hons) MA Dip AS Ed Grad Cert Ed

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES



**In the Montgomery Hall
On
Thursday 22nd September 2005
At 7.30pm**

Chairman: Dr R McMillen M Phil MB FRCOG

***Guest of Honour:*
Professor Peter Gregson
President & Vice Chancellor of Queen's University**

Programme

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Processional March

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers, in distress;
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of Grace.

Prayers

Chairman's Remarks

Headmaster's Report

Distribution of Prizes: Mrs R Gregson

Address: Professor Peter Gregson

President & Vice Chancellor of Queen's University

Vote of Thanks

Proposed by Head Girl - Rebecca Mairs

Seconded by Head Boy - Stuart Marks

Chamber Choir

Recessional March

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*Parents and friends are asked to remain standing until the Platform Party,
Board of Governors, Staff and Guests have left the Hall.*

All are invited to have a cup of tea in the School Canteen at the conclusion of the Ceremony.

Board of Governors

Dr R McMillen (Chairman)

Mrs C Coburn (Vice Chairman)

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Teaching Staff—September 2005

Headmaster: Mr D A Knox

Vice-Principals: Mr W R Hollinger, Miss M P Stewart, Mr R T Wallace

Dr R J Acheson	Mr E B Griffith	Mrs R H Moore
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Mrs J Cree	Miss C McCready	Miss A P Spence
Mr J R Dallas	Miss E McConnell	Mr T Stewart
Mrs A Dempsey	Mrs A McCullough	Mrs C Thompson
Miss J E Dickey	Mrs C McGaffin	Mr S Thompson
Mr M Dickie	Mrs R McKee	Ms J Thomson
Mr J C Dougan	Mrs M McKeown	Mrs L Todd
Mrs A Duke	Mrs P McKeown	Ms T Walsh
Mr M Farley	Mr E McKinney	Mr C Waring
Mr J M Farquhar	Mrs D McMillan	Mr J B Whincup
Mrs J Fullerton	Mrs J McQuoid	Mr A Wilson
Mrs J Gaston	Dr A W Millar	Dr P Wilson
Mr F Gault	Mr R Milliken	Miss J Woods
Mrs L Gilmour	Mrs F Moore	Mrs L Woods
Mrs H Graham	Mr S R Moore	Mrs H Wynn
		Mr T S Young

Form Prizes

Year 8: Rachel Brolly, Claire Cinnamon, Heather Gault, Michelle Gault, Suzanne James,
Rebekah Logan, Hayley Magill, Clare McBrien, Harry McConnell, Sarah McIlwrath,
Alexander McKee, Peter McMechan, Anna McQuitty, Joanna Mills, Amy Mullan, Vicky Nevin,
Megan Patterson, Lauren Penman, Laura Welsh, Hollie Wilson

Year 9: Hannah Cuthbertson, Susanne Dalton, Philip Dickson, Frances Downey,
Carys Fleming, Steven Forbes, David Irvine, James Irvine, Craig Kennedy, Grace Kennedy,
Catriona Luney, Lauren Mawhinney, Jennifer McBrien, Gareth McKee, Rachel McMillan,
Jessica Preston, Zoe Scott, Danielle Smyth, Michael Stirling

Year 10: Rebecca Beattie, Alistair Bell, Felicity Cinnamon, Hannah Coleman, Susanna Gawn,
Peter Glasgow, Laura Heaton, Clare Hunter, Ciara Knowles, Matthew Hunter, Victoria McCartney,
John McCracken, Helen McKinsty, Ryan McMillan, Andrew McNeill, Riona Tweed,
Katharine Reaney, Martha Watson, Joanne Williamson, Claire Wright

Year 11: Lynsey Adams, Gareth Carmichael, Natalie Clements, Claire Cully,
Sarah Davidson, Claire Gaffney, Ryan Glass, Amy Hunter, Suzanne Lee,
Matthew Luney, Laura McCaughey, Steven McConnell, Lesley-Ann McCullough,
Robert Millar, Christine Smith, Sarah Tilbury, Adam Tweedie, Mark Wilson

Achievement in AS Examinations

Year 13: Richard Adams (Further Mathematics), Victoria Backus (Art),
Paula Browne*, Rachel Clements* (Government & Politics), Elaine Clugston* (History),
Rachael Copeland (Art), Linda Duddy (ICT), Emma Erwin (Spanish),
Louise Forsythe (German), Jeanine Hamilton*, Rachael Hamilton (Music), Amy Hilditch*,
Sarah Leckey (English Literature), Jennifer Lilley* (Business Studies),
Hannah Lynn (Home Economics), Andrew Mahon* (Mathematics), Rebecca Mairs* (Chemistry),
David McCracken*, Hayley McWhirter*, Laura McWhirter* (Biology & Geography),
John Millar *(Physics), Jonathan Reid (Religious Studies), Leanne Trainor* (French & German),
Ryan Wilson (Physical Education), Emma Wright* (Design & Technology)

* Obtained 4 A Grades

Special Prizes

JD Williams Memorial A level: Steven Crowe, Joanne Graham, Jonathan Guy
James Johnston, Lindsay McMorran, Iain Sedgwick

Fowweather Prize GCSE: Joanna McCunn

McMullan Cup GCSE: Valerie Williamson

Roberta Weatherup Memorial Bursary Emma Lloyd

Old Ballyclarians' Prizes

Excellence in A Levels

Claire Abraham, Ryan Annett, Jonathon Backus, John Busby, Sarah Coburn,
Alix Cusick, Graham Forsythe, Aisling Gillespie, Robert Henderson,
Elizabeth Johnston, Emma Lloyd, Joanne Martin, David McCoy,
Hazel McFarland, Stacey Mellon, Lauren Owens, Catherine Tilbury,
Neil Wallace, Lee Watson, Kerry Young

Excellence in GCSE

Rachel Aiken, David Annett, Simon Baxter, John Cameron Bell, Beth Brown,
Laura Buchanan, Edward Cormack, Christine Craig, Nicole Craig, Jane-Ann Daniels,
Aaron Graham, Andrew Graham, Deborah Graham, Sharon Graham, Iain Holmes,
Jillian Hoy, Sarah Johnston, Nevan Joyce, Chris McAllister, Julie McCormick,
Jamie McMillan, Kim Montgomery, Andrew Sedgwick, Emma Wilson

Brann Medallions - Year 11

Literary: Sarah Davidson

Scientific: Lynsey Adams

Russell Prizes (Chemistry)

A Level: Lindsay McMorran

GCSE Level: Valerie Williamson

Grainger Prizes (Physics)

A Level: Iain Sedgwick

GCSE Level: Valerie Williamson

Dr H McNeilly Prizes (Biological Sciences)

A Level: Lindsay McMorran

GCSE Level: Valerie Williamson

S M Bell Bursary (Combined Sciences)

A level: Lindsay McMorran

J H Lindsay Cup (Combined Sciences)

GCSE: Valerie Williamson

McCracken Prize (Mathematics)

A Level: Joanne Graham

Chesney Cup (Mathematics)

GCSE: Sarah Johnston

Bury Prizes (Home Economics)

A Level: Hazel McFarland

GCSE: Linzi Bell

Henderson Bowl (Child Development)

GCSE: Linzi Bell

Physical Education Prizes

A Level: Jonathan Montgomery

GCSE: Lyn Brown

Dr Millar Prizes (German)

A Level: David McCoy

GCSE: Joanna McCunn

S N Caldwell Award (History)

A Level: Kerry Young

Michael Prize (History)

GCSE: Joanna McCunn

Politics Prize

A Level: Robert Henderson

French Prizes

A Level: Joanne Martin

GCSE: Adrian Kennedy

Spanish Prizes

A Level: Sarah Coburn

GCSE: Adrian Kennedy

H A Mudd Memorial Cup (English)

A Level: Aisling Gillespie

Hunter Prize (English Literature)

GCSE: Beth Brown

Jamie Gault Memorial Cup (English)

GCSE: Valerie Williamson

Creative Writing Prize

..... Leah McQuitty

Geology Prizes

A level: Graham Forsythe

GCSE: Emma Wilson

Irvine Cup (Religious Studies)

A Level: Jenny Rooks

Religious Studies Prize

GCSE: Sharon Steele

Laird Prize (Geography)

A Level:.....Emma Lloyd

Robinson Memorial Cup (Geography)

GCSE:..... Aaron Graham

Douglasland Shield (Double Award Science)

GCSE:..... Christopher McAllister

McClintock Cup (Technology & Design)

A Level:..... Paul Kennedy

Clifford Bell Memorial Plate (Technology & Design)

GCSE:.....John Curran

Ferris Cup (ICT)

Advanced VCE:.....Matthew McComb

Buchanan Shield (ICT)

GCSE:..... Aaron Graham

Bailie Bursary (Business Studies)

A Level:.....Emma Lloyd

Brotec Cup for Economic Awareness

GCSE:..... Aaron Graham

Roy McKay Cup (Music)

A Level:..... Lauren Owens

Meulien Music Shield

GCSE:..... Jamie McMillan

The Allen Cup (Contribution to Junior Music) Laura Jamison

Old Ballyclarians' Shield (Year 11 Music & Drama) Laura McCaughey

Irene Green Memorial Cup (Art)

A Level:..... Claire Abraham & Christine Leathem

Newtownabbey Borough Council Cup (Art)

GCSE:..... Carolynne Dougan

Simpson Rea Memorial Cup (Media Studies)

A level:Peter Tweed

Lunn Cup (Debating)

.....Amadeus Finlay

Public Speaking Cup

Senior: Emma Wilson

Allen Trophy (Orchestra)

Lauren Owens

Ballyclare Flute Band Cup (Opera)	..... Ben Galloway
McCreary Trophy (Opera)	Rachael Haugh
Armstrong Trophy (Progress)	
	Junior School:..... Ryan Tweed
Montgomery Prize (Progress)	
	Senior School: Ashleigh Coulter
Catherine Nicholl Memorial Prize (Progress in Biology)	..... Sarah Davidson
Stevenson Prize (Progress in Mathematics)	..... Ashleigh Coulter
Bamford Shield (Progress in Technology)	..... Andrew Alexander
Tesco Abbey Centre Shield of Merit	
	Year 10: Ciara Knowles
Chess Trophy	..... Alan Finlay
Pupil Librarian Trophy	Scot Dunlop
Workman Cup (Community Service)	..... Jenyth Gill
RAF Cup	..... Jenny Rooks
Russian Studies Certificates	Robert Logan, David Knape
RADA Shakespeare Certificate Award (Bronze):	..... Rachel Aiken, Grant Cartwright, Christine Craig, Nicole Craig, Jane-Ann Daniels, Lauren Foster, Ruth Herron, Stafford Houston, Christopher McAllister, Joanna McCunn, Simon McIntyre, Keith Millar, Natalie Johnston, Emma Speers, Susan Starrett, Valerie Williamson.

Special Sports Awards

Lowe Family Globe	International Representation..... John Busby, Andrew Cowden, Jonathan Montgomery
Lindsay Cup	Most Outstanding Girl in Sport Leigh Whiteside
R E Russell Cup	Most Outstanding Boy in Sport..... Andrew Cowden

2005 General Certificate of Education—Advanced Level

Abraham, Claire	Guy, Jonathan	McFerran, Emma
Agnew, Andrew	Hackney, Stuart	McGookin, Andrew
Annett, Ryan	Haggan, Alyson	McGookin, Laura
Archbold, Emma-Louise	Harris, Anna	McIlroy, Laura
Backus, Jonathon	Harvey, Shirley	McIntyre, Simon
Baxter, Susan	Haugh, Rachel	McKeown, Jonathan
Beverland, Victoria	Henderson, Kathryn	McKinstry, Colin
Black, Stephen	Henderson, Mark	McManus, Megan
Blain, Jemma	Henderson, Robert	McMechan, Andrew
Blair, Ruth	Herron, Ruth	McMinn, Simon
Boyd, Jane	Heyburn, Rachel	McMorran, Lindsay
Branagh, Kristine	House, Philip	McQueen, Ben
Brittain, Amanda	Houston, Stafford	Meharg, Grahame
Brown, Cherith	Hoy, Iain	Mellon, Stacey
Burns, Peter	Innes, Victoria	Millar, Keith
Busby, Christopher	Jamison, Clair	Millar, Robin
Busby, John	Jennings, Lisa	Monroe, Lynsey
Caldwell, Emma	Johnston, Elizabeth	Montgomery, Jonathan
Campbell, Linzi	Johnston, James	Montgomery, Laura
Chambers, Alan	Kennedy, Brian	Montgomery, William
Chapman, Christopher	Kennedy, Paul	Murdock, Gemma
Coburn, Sarah	Kennedy, Victoria	Neish, Laura
Colhoun, Amanda	Kenny, Ruth	Norris, Stephanie
Cowden, Andrew	Law, Karen	Owens, Caroline
Creighton, Jordan	Leathem, Christine	Owens, Lauren
Cromie, Andrew	Letson, Gareth	Patterson, Daniel
Crothers, Matthew	Lloyd, Gary	Pike, Lauren
Crowe, Gillian	Lloyd, Emma	Purce, Christopher
Crowe, Steven	Logue, Jack	Quaite, Christopher
Cully, Tory	Loughridge, Joel	Reid, Jason
Cusick, Alix	Magee, Craig	Rooks, Jenny
Duff, Jennifer	Magill, Ellen-Louise	Scott, Craig
Dundee, Clare	Magowan, Paul	Sedgwick, Iain
Dunlop, Scot	Marshall, Rosy	Shufflebottom, Holly
Faulkner, Elaine	Martin, Joanne	Smith, Heather
Finlay, Amadeus	Mawhinney, Christopher	Smith, Paul
Flanagan, Philip	Maxwell, Jayne	Starrett, Daniel
Forsythe, Graham	Mayne, Christopher	Starrett, Susan
Foster, Mark	McAdams, David	Stevenson, Michael
Gaffney, Sharon	McCartney, Adam	Taylor, Jill
Gault, Alix	McClay, Katharine	Tilbury, Catherine
Geddis, Colin	McCloy, Alan	Todd, Caroline
Gillespie, Aisling	McClune, David	Tweed, Peter
Gilmour, Claire	McComb, Matthew	Wallace, Neil
Goodchild, Joanna	McCoy, David	Watson, Lee
Graham, Jessica	McCullough, Ashley	Whiteside, Leigh
Graham, Joanne	McDermott, Gillian	Wilson, Kelli
Greer, Emma	McFarland, Hazel	Young, Kerry

2005 General Certificate of Secondary Education (Year 12)

Adrain, Shalana	Dyer, Conor	Kyle, Hannah	Preshaw, Jonathan
Agnew, Trevor	Emery, Laura	Laird, Tanya	Purce, Suzannah
Aiken, Rachel*	Faulkner, Craig	Lane, Andrew	Rea, Paul
Alexander, Andrew	Finlay, Alan	Lavery, Paul	Redmond, Alex
Anderson, Paul	Fleck, Amy	Leslie, Adam	Rehbein, Hannah-Ruth
Annett, David*	Foster, Lauren	Lilley, Brooke	Reid, Tania
Baxter, Simon*	Gardiner, Grant	Lindsay, Arran	Ross, David*
Bell, Louise	Gault, Jayne*	Lipton, Hannah	Scott, Alexander
Bell, John Cameron*	Gilbert, Matthew	Livingstone, Laura	Sedgwick, Andrew*
Bell, Kirstie	Goulden, Catherine	Livingstone, Sarah	Shanks, Andrena
Bell, Kirsty*	Gracey, Charley	Logue, Patrick	Skillen, Lauren
Bell, Linzi	Graham, Aaron*	Lorrimer, Katherine*	Smith, Helen
Boomer, Nicola	Graham, Andrew*	Lutton, Amy*	Smyth, James
Boyd, Gareth	Graham, Deborah*	Lyons, Sian	Sowney, Megan
Boyd, Adam	Graham, Sharon*	Magee, Nicola	Speers, Emma
Bradbury, Erin	Gregory, Catie	Marshall, Rachel	Steele, Sharon
Brady, Alison	Grimason, Keith	Mawhinney, Christine	Stenson, Jonathan
Brady, Jenny	Hacking, Louise	Mayne, Jennifer	Stevenson, Lorna
Brown, Beth*	Hackney, Ross	McAllister, Christopher*	Stevenson, Nicky
Brown, David	Hagan, Ashleigh	McAllister, Lynsey*	Stewart, Craig
Brown, Emma	Haggan, Teri	McBride, Ashley	Templeton, Michelle
Brown, Lyn	Hall, Matthew	McCann, David	Thompson, Mark
Browne, Paula	Hamilton, Christopher	McClurg, Jonathan	Todd, Colin
Buchanan, Laura*	Hamilton, Hannah	McCombe, Jourdan	Totten, Simon
Burgess, Lyndsay	Hamilton, Jenna	McCombe, Katharine	Walker, Kathryn
Caddoo, Adam	Hamilton, Rebecca	McConnell, Tyler	Walker, Sarah
Cairns, Stephen	Harris, Andrew	McCormick, Julie*	Wallace, Rachel
Carson, Michael	Harrison, Lauren	McCunn, Joanna*	Warwick, Steven
Cartwright, Grant	Harrison, Stacey	McDonald, Ryan	Watson, Natasha
Christie, Alex	Hegarty, Sarah	McKenzie, Heather	Weir, Gareth
Clarke, Jenni	Heyburn, Robert	McKenzie, Craig	Whincup, Sarah
Cody, Samantha	Holmes, Iain*	McKeown, Stephen	Whitten, Alyson
Cormack, Edward*	Hoy, Jillian*	McMillan, Craig	Williams, Murray
Coulter, Ashleigh	Irwin, Ross	McMillan, Jamie*	Williamson, Valerie*
Coulter, Ross	Jackson, James	McMullan, Heather	Wilson, Carolyn
Craig, Christine*	Jamison, Stewart	McNair, Justine	Wilson, Colin
Craig, Natalie	Jennings, Christopher	Meek, Katrina	Wilson, Emma*
Craig, Nicole*	Johnston, Lauren	Meharg, Sarah*	Wilson, John
Crawford, Carolyn	Johnston, Louise	Montgomery, Emma	
Crowe, Lauren	Johnston, Natalie	Montgomery, Kim*	
Curran, John*	Johnston, Sarah*	Moore, Aaron	
Currie, Jonathan	Johnston, Scott	Morton, Daniel	
Daniels, Jane-Ann*	Joyce, Nevan*	Mulholland, James	
Davidson, Jonathan	Kelly, Rachel	Oliver, Kyle	
Davison, Stephanie	Kennedy, Adrian*	Oliver, Lynne	
Dickson, Andrew	Kennedy, Anne	Pattison, Francis	
Dodds, Gary	Kenny, Bill	Pauley, Dean	
Donnelly, Colin	Kim, Beulah	Pollock, Linzi	
Dougan, Carolynne	King, Graeme	Porter, Emma-Jane	

GCSE Certificates and Records of Achievement will be distributed later in the year. Pupils who are starred () obtained eight or more A or A* Grades*

Higher Education Places Gained by A Level Students

(Based on information available to the school at the time of going to press)

Belfast Institute of Further & Higher Education

Philip Flanagan Foundation Studies in Art & Design

Cambridge University

Elizabeth Johnston Natural Science

Lindsay McMorran Natural Science

Dundee University

Jane Boyd Law

Sarah Coburn Law

Iain Hoy History & International Relations

Durham University

Jack Logue Computer Science

Kerry Young Modern Languages

East Antrim Institute

Emma Caldwell Care Practice

Gillian Crowe Childcare

Edinburgh University

Amadeus Finlay English Language & History

Joanne Graham Medicine

David McCoy German & European History

Gillian McDermott Primary Education

William Montgomery Computer Science

Glamorgan University

Andrew Cowden Sports Studies

Glasgow University

Steven Crowe Veterinary Medicine

Joanne Martin French & Psychology

Lynsey Monroe Psychology

Glasgow Caledonian University

Paul Andrew Physiotherapy

Ruth Kenny Marketing

Glasgow School of Art

Christine Leathem Fine Art/Painting

Heriot-Watt

Ashleigh McCullough Actuarial Mathematics & Statistics

Daniel Mawhinney Engineering

Leeds University

Susan Starrett English & French

Liverpool John Moores University

Katherine McClay Law

Liverpool University

Laura Montgomery Leisure & Tourism

London College of Communication

Ben McQueen Foundation Diploma in Graphic Design

Manchester Metropolitan University

Adam McCartney Fashion Buying

Newcastle Northumbria University

Rachael Haugh Physiotherapy

Newcastle University	
John Busby.....	Mathematics
Robert Henderson	Law
Rosy Marshall	French & Politics
Gemma Murdock.....	Animal Science
Jenny Rooks	Speech & Language Science
Jill Taylor.....	Speech & Language Science
Oxford University	
Iain Sedgwick.....	Engineering
Queen's University, Belfast	
Andrew Agnew.....	Biochemistry
Ryan Annett.....	Pharmacy
Emma Archbold.....	Education with Geography
Jonathon Backus	Engineering & Architecture
Steven Black.....	Computer Science & Mathematics
Kristine Branagh	Sociology
Cherith Brown.....	Early Childhood Studies
Christopher Chapman.....	Civil Engineering
Matthew Crothers	Product Design & Development
Tori Cully	Management with Spanish
Jennifer Duff.....	Food Quality, Safety & Nutrition
Clare Dundee.....	Education with Religious Studies
Scot Dunlop.....	Education with Physical Education
Graham Forsythe	Chemistry
Alix Gault.....	Pharmacy
Aisling Gillespie.....	Law & Accounting
Jonanthan Guy	Medicine
Ruth Herron	English
Rachel Heyburn.....	Education with Religious Studies
Stafford Houston	Business Information Technology
Clair Jamison.....	Education with Religious Studies
Lisa Jennings.....	Architecture
Brian Kennedy.....	Pharmacy
Paul Kennedy.....	Mechanical Engineering
Victoria Kennedy	Education with English
Gareth Letson.....	Physiology
Emma Lloyd	Law
Joel Loughridge.....	Accounting
Paul Magowan	Biological Science
Jayne Maxwell.....	Education with Art & Design
Christopher Mayne	Engineering
Alan McCloy.....	Business Information Technology
David McClune	Biochemistry
Matthew McComb.....	Computer Science
Colin McKinstry.....	Pharmacy
Andrew McMechan	Computer Science
Graham Meharg.....	Politics
Stacie Mellon.....	Psychology
Laura Neish.....	English
Daniel Patterson.....	Architecture
Lauren Pike	German
Jason Reid	Business Information Technology
Heather Smith.....	English & German
Daniel Starrett.....	Civil Engineering
Catherine Tilbury	Mathematics
Peter Tweed.....	English & Film Studies
Neil Wallace.....	Applied Mathematics & Physics
Lee Watson.....	Psychology

Strathclyde University	
Alix Cusick.....	Forensic & Analytical Chemistry
Joanna Goodchild.....	Primary Education
University of Alabama	
Shirley Harvey.....	Golf Scholarship
University of Ulster	
Claire Abraham.....	Speech Therapy
Susan Baxter.....	Psychology
Jemma Blain.....	Sociology
Ruth Blair.....	Management
Amanda Brittain.....	English & French
Peter Burns.....	Foundation Studies in Art & Design
Emma Caldwell.....	Food & Nutrition
Linzi Campbell.....	Software Engineering
Alan Chambers.....	Foundations Studies in Art & Design
Amanda Colhoun.....	Nursing
Jordan Creighton.....	Business Studies
Andrew Cromie.....	Sociology & Criminology
Elaine Faulkner.....	Occupational Therapy
Colin Geddis.....	Foundation Studies in Art & Design
Jessica Graham.....	Foundation Studies in Art & Design
Alyson Hagan.....	Foundation Studies in Art & Design
Anna Harris.....	Psychology
Katie Henderson.....	International Management & Hospitality
Mark Henderson.....	Mechanical Engineering
Philip House.....	Law with Criminology
Victoria Innes.....	Health & Social Care Policy
James Johnston.....	Optometry
Karen Law.....	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Craig Magee.....	Property Investment
Ellen-Louise Magill.....	English
Christopher Mawhinney.....	Accounting
David McAdams.....	Building Surveying
Hazel McFarland.....	Speech & Language Therapy
Emma McFerran.....	Nursing
Andrew McGookin.....	Environmental Science
Laura McGookin.....	Nursing
Simon McIntyre.....	Communication with Public Relations
Jonathan McKeown.....	Property Investment & Development
Andrew McMechan.....	Architectural Technology & Management
Simon McMinn.....	Architecture Technology & Management
Graham McMullan.....	Nursing
Keith Millar.....	Business & Related Studies
Robin Miller.....	Sport & Exercise Science
Jonathan Montgomery.....	Sport & Exercise Science
Stephanie Norris.....	Communications with Public Relations
Christopher Purce.....	Management
Christopher Quaitte.....	Business Studies
Craig Scott.....	Foundation Studies in Art & Design
Holly Shufflebottom.....	Business & Computing with Languages
Paul Smith.....	Journalism
Leigh Whiteside.....	Physiotherapy
Kelli Wilson.....	French & German
University of Wales	
Sharon Gaffney.....	Education Studies in Early Childhood
York University	
Lauren Owens.....	Music

Honours Plaques

Head Girl	Rosy Marshall
Head Boy	Steven Crowe
Captain 1st XV Rugby.....	Christopher Busby
Captain 1st XI Hockey (Girls)	Clare Dundee
Captain 1st XI Hockey (Boys).....	Andrew Harris
Captain 1st XI Cricket.....	Andrew Cowden
Captain Badminton (Boys)	Jordan Creighton
Captain Table Tennis.....	Paul Kennedy
Captain Netball.....	Christine Leathem
Captain Football.....	Jonathan Montgomery
Captain Cross Country.....	Andrew Agnew

Representative Honours 2004-2005

U15 Ulster Athletics Team	Jodi Robinson
U17 Ulster Athletics Team	Ross Hackney, Rosie Kenny
U13 NI Athletics Team.....	Joanna Mills
U15 NI Athletics Team.....	Jennifer McBrien
U17 Irish Badminton Team.....	Andrew Shannon
U15 Irish Cricket Team.....	Robert Smith
U17 Irish Cricket Team.....	James Jackson
U19 Irish Schools Cricket Team.....	John Busby, Andrew Cowden
U19 Ulster Schools Cricket Team	John Busby, Andrew Cowden
U15 Irish Cross Country Team.....	Jennifer McBrien
U15 Ulster Cross Country Team	Jennifer McBrien
U18 NI Cross County Team	Andrew Agnew
U18 NI Football Team.....	Jonathan Montgomery
U15 Ulster Golf Team	Rachel Stronge
U19 Ulster Golf Team	Lucy Simpson
Senior Ulster Golf Team	Shirley Harvey
U16 Ulster Hockey Team	Linzi Pollock, Rebecca Smith
U16B Ulster Hockey Team	Sharon Graham, Amy McConnell
U17 NI Netball Development Team	Nicole Magee
U18 Ulster Schools Rugby Team.....	Robert Logan
U15 Ulster Swimming Team	Laura Heaton
U17 Ulster Swimming Team	Wilson Logan
U17 Ulster Table Tennis Team.....	Ashley McBride
U21 Ulster Table Tennis Team	Emma Wilson

Outside School Sport Activities

U15 Ulster Boxing Team	Matthew Crawley
U17 Fell Running Team.....	Kirstie Bell
U15 NI Equestrian Mounted Games Team.....	Alison Crothers

Sports Awards 2004-2005

Headmaster's Cup	U12 Boys' Athletics Champion.....	Christopher McIntyre
P.E. Cups	U12 Girls' Athletics Champion.....	Joanna Mills
	U13 Boys' Athletics Champion.....	Joe McAllister
	U13 Girls' Athletics Champion.....	Hannah Todd
Hill Cup	U14 Boys' Athletics Champion.....	Rory Henderson
Staff Cup	U14 Girls' Athletics Champion.....	Rebekah Mills
Darraha Cup	U15 Girls' Athletics Champion	Jayne Cluff
East Antrim Harriers Cup	U15 Boys' Athletics Champion	Nigel Black
Fowweather Cup	Senior Girls' Athletics Champion.....	Leigh Whiteside
Montgomery Cup	Senior Girls' Athletics Runner-Up	Karen Law
Old Pupils Cup	Senior Boys' Athletics Champion.....	Christopher Mawhinney
Fenton Cup	Senior Boys' Athletics Runner-Up	Andrew Agnew
Caldwell Cup	Best Individual Athletics Performance - Boy.....	Christopher Mawhinney
Kirkpatrick Cup	Senior Boys' Athletics Relay	Dixon
The Allen Cups	Senior Girls' Badminton Champion.....	Lisa Tweed
	Senior Boys' Badminton Champion.....	Grant Gardiner
	Minor Girls' Badminton Champion	Nicola Abernethy
	Minor Boys' Badminton Champion	Ryan Tweed
Minor CC Cup	U13 Boys' Cross Country Champion.....	Josh McIlroy
Minor CC Cup	U13 Girls' Cross Country Champion.....	Joanna Mills
Parent Teacher Assoc Cup	U15 Boys' Cross Country Champion	Joe McAllister
Junior CC Cup	U15 Girls' Cross Country Champion.....	Jennifer McBrien
Intermediate CC Cup	U17 Boys' Cross Country Champion.....	Ross Hackney
Intermediate CC Cup	U17 Girls' Cross Country Champion.....	Kirstie Bell
Senior CC Cup	Senior Boys' Cross Country Champion	Andrew Agnew
CC Handicap Cup	Boys'	Nathan Mooney
CC Handicap Cup	Girls'	Jennifer McBrien
RUC Cricket Cup	Best Junior Cricketer	Josh Dailly
O'Hara Cup	Best Senior Cricketer.....	Andrew Cowden
Ferguson Shield	U15 Hockey Team Member of the Year	Lynn Taylor
Ballyclare Ladies Hockey Club Cup - Most Promising Junior Hockey Player	.....	Caroline McGookin/Clare Holmes
Parkview Cup	Most Improved Hockey XI.....	1st XI
Ballyclare Ladies Netball Shield - Best Achiever		Nicole Magee
Longwell Cup	Most Outstanding 1st XV Player.....	Chris Mawhinney/Jonathon Backus
Craig McMillan Cup	Most Dedicated 1st XV Rugby Player	Michael Stevenson
Lamont Cup	Most Improved Junior Rugby Player	Andrew Close
J Millar Cup	Highest Rugby Try Scorer	Jordan Annett
Ballyclare Rugby Club Shield - Most Improved Rugby XV		1st XV

Former Pupils Graduating 2004-2005

(Based on information made available to the school at the time of going to press)

Edinburgh University

Gemma Greenaway..... BSc (Hons) Geology
Christy McAleese.....MA (Hons) Social Anthropology with Development
Willena McAuley.....BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience

Glasgow Caledonian University

Andrea Cunningham.....BSc (Hons) Podiatry

Glasgow University

Kathryn Cochrane..... MA (Hons)
Ian Cunningham..... MBS HB (Hons)
Colleen Magee..... BA (Hons)
Claire Parkinson..... MSc (Hons)
Emma Watton.....BSc (Hons) Medical Science

Heriot Watt

Cathy McKee MA (Hons) Interpreting & Translating
Rebecca Wilson..... MA (Hons) Management & Marketing

Lancaster University

Christopher Jones..... BA (Hons) French Studies

Liverpool University

Conrad ChapmanPhD Marine Chemistry

Newcastle Northumbria University

Sara Acheson..... BL Barrister at Law

Nottingham University

Wilby Williamson MB, BCh, BAO Medicine

Oxford University

Matthew GrayBA (1st Class Hons) English
Fitzgerald Prize for English

Queen's University, Belfast

Julie AllenMB, BCh, BAO
Dean ArbothnotM Sci (1st Class Hons) Mathematics
David BeardBSc (Hons) Geography
Victoria Beattie Cert Education
Catherine Bell.....MB, BCh, BAO
Richard Bell..... BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
Dawn Blain..... BEd (1st Class Hons) Religious Studies
Victoria Booth BA (Hons) European Area Studies
Jason Bosket.....BSc (Hons) Architecture
Alan Boyd..... BSc (Hons) Biochemistry
Amber Boyd..... MA Modern Literacy Studies
Hazel Bradbury..... BSc (1st Class Hons) Economics & Management
Mark Broadhurst..... Cert Professional Practice
Lois Brown..... BEd (Hons) Mathematics
Jill Campbell..... Cert Education
Karen Coulter LLB Law
Melanie Drummond.....MSci (1st Class Hons) Mathematics

Former Pupils Graduating 2004-2005

Queen's University, Belfast Cont'd

Graham Elliott.....	BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering
Gary Ervin.....	BEng (Hons) Aeronautical Engineering
Michael Ewart.....	Cert Education
Susan Featherston.....	MPharm (1st Class Hons) Pharmacy
Brian Fleck.....	PhD
Gillian Fryer.....	MB Medicine
Leann Graham.....	BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies
Anna Gray.....	LLB Law
Emma Hall.....	BA (Hons) Modern History
Catherine Hamilton.....	BA (Hons) English & Psychological Studies
Victoria Hamilton.....	BEd (Hons) Geography
Andrew Hassard.....	Cert Communication
Stewart Hindley.....	Cert Professional Legal Studies
Tracie Logue.....	BSc (1st Class Hons) Nursing Sciences
Andrew Lyness.....	PhD
Zoe Lynn.....	Cert Professional Legal Studies
John Magee.....	BSc Genetics
Julie Magee.....	MPharm (1st Class Hons) Pharmacy
Lynsey Marks.....	MB Medicine
Claire Martin.....	MB Medicine
Lynda McCaw.....	BEd (1st Class Hons) Business Studies
Rachel McKendry.....	MB Medicine
Wilson McMahan.....	BD (1st Class Hons) Theology
Elizabeth McMillen.....	MSc Computer Based Learning
Gary Mehaffy.....	BEd (Hons) Computing & Information Technology
Paula Millar.....	Cert Education
Stephen Miller.....	Cert Education
Ashleigh Morgan.....	BA (Hons) English & Modern History
Jennifer Morgan.....	BA (Hons) Modern History
Eileen Parkes.....	MB Medicine
Ruth Robinson.....	BA Combined Studies
Alana Rodgers.....	BA (Hons) Spanish
Catherine Smyth.....	BSc (1st Class Hons) (Top Student Award) Medicinal Chemistry
Victoria Smyth.....	BA (Hons) French & German
Andrea Stanfield.....	Cert Higher Education Training
Gregg Stewart.....	BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
Ryan Stewart.....	BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
Colin Wharry.....	BSc (Hons) Architecture
Jonathan White.....	BSc (Hons) Microbiology
Judith Wright.....	Bed (Hons) Mathematics

Stirling University

Simon Elliott.....	BACC (Hons) Accountancy
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Former Pupils Graduating 2004-2005

University of Ulster

Judith Anderson.....	BSc (Hons) Applied Biochemistry
Karen Ashe.....	BSc (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice
Deborah Bell.....	BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Studies
Victoria Cahoon.....	BA (Hons) Business Studies
Stephen Canavan.....	BSc (Hons) Construction Engineering & Management
Nicola Chapman.....	BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology
Joanne Coulter.....	BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology
Mark Curlett.....	BA (Hons) Business Studies
Lauren Dawson.....	Dip Foundation Studies in Art
Ruth Ferris.....	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
Elizabeth Hagan.....	BA (Hons) Business Studies
Suzanne Irvine.....	BA (1st Class Hons) Media Studies
Ricci Jackson.....	BA (Hons) Business Studies
Kathryn Jackson.....	BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition
Joyce Kennedy.....	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
James Kerr.....	BA (Hons) Accounting
Norman Maxwell.....	HND Business & Finance
Victoria McCartney.....	BA (Hons) English
Trevor McDonald.....	BA (Hons) Business Studies
Craig McMillan.....	BSc (1st Class Hons) Construction Engineering
David McWilliams.....	BA (1st Class Hons) Leisure, Event & Cultural Mgt
Cheryl Moore.....	BA (1st Class Hons) Business Studies
Gillian Smyth.....	BSc (Hons) Social Psychology
Lauren Spiers.....	BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology
Lewis Stevenson.....	BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science
Kenneth Walker.....	BSc (Hons) Computing Science

Sport 2004-2005

Athletics

Ballyclare High School athletes continue to maintain their prominent position at the Ulster Schools' District Championships, which were held this year at the newly refurbished track at Antrim Forum, on Wednesday 11th May. Twenty individuals and five relay teams were placed in the first three in their respective events guaranteeing their qualification to the Ulster Schools' Championships. Seven individuals, Vanessa Surgeoner, Joanna Mills, Jennifer McBrien, Hannah Todd, Rosie Kenny, Peter McMechan, Christopher Mawhinney, along with the Minor Girls' and the Intermediate Boys' Relay Teams were all District winners.

Senior sprinter Leigh Whiteside proved to be in outstanding form at the Ulster Championships, winning gold medals in both the 100m and 200m. The School's other gold medallist was Senior discus thrower, Christopher Mawhinney, who also won a bronze medal in the shot. Minor sprinter, Joanna Mills and Junior 800m runner Jennifer McBrien were silver medallists, as was the Minor Girls' Relay Team of Joanna Mills, Jennifer Hoy, Vanessa Surgeoner, and Jennifer McKeown. Rosie Kenny was a bronze medal winner in the Intermediate triple jump.

Unfortunately, the four athletes who travelled to Tullamore to the Irish Schools' Championships were unable to attain medal position, but Leigh in the 200m, Christopher in the discus and Rosie in the triple jump were all just pipped into fourth place.

At the NEBSSA Championships, once again it was the girls who were dominant, winning three team trophies and achieving best overall school. The under 15 boys were the only other age group champions. Nigel Black and Joanna Mills both won a hat-trick of gold medals.

The wealth of talent amongst girls, especially in the Junior school, was reflected in the year 9 success in the under 14 competition, in which the team of Hannah Todd, Brooke Cully, Lauren Mawhinney, Hollie Thornton, Jennifer McBrien, Alison Boal and Rachel Campbell were runners up in Ulster.

Congratulations to the following athletes who gained Provincial or International selection:

Triple jumper, Rosie Kenny, competed for Ulster in the Inter Provincial and her silver medallist position was good enough to secure her selection for the Irish Schools' team for the Home International at Tullamore on the 16th July. Distance runner Andrew Agnew, sprinter Leigh Whiteside and middle distance runner Ross Hackney all represented Northern Ireland at various levels of competition.

Archery

The Archery Society meets on a Wednesday afternoon and provides coaching in the oldest competitive sport in the world to a very enthusiastic membership. Since formed two years ago the club has concentrated on developing shooting skills in the indoor freestyle recurve category, and will extend the skill of the pupils with the introduction of compound shooting in the future. The ASS proficiency award scheme will also be offered this year.

Senior Boys' Badminton

The Ballyclare High School senior squad had a rocky season this year in Division 1 of the Ulster Schools' Badminton League. Grant Gardiner who played in the number 1 position this season was a valued player, attaining many victories aiding greatly the success of the team. Jordan Creighton, Stephen McGookin, Matthew Holmes and Andrew Lane were the other team members. Good performances against Belfast HS (5-1), MCB (on points) and Friends (on points) resulted in a creditable fourth position in Division 1. Four of this team will be in contention for team places next year and much has been learned from playing at this high standard.

In the Ulster Schools' Cup competition the team progressed to the quarter finals with a walk over against Methodist College. Unfortunately the team could not lift themselves after losing two very close doubles matches against Bangor Grammar in the semi-finals and lost 6-0.

The senior boys' badminton team travelled with the school's language group to Anatole Bailly College in Orléans for a week in December. We met at Aldergrove Airport early on Wednesday 15th December to fly to Paris and then to travel the two hours to Orléans by coach. This was the second European visit for the senior boys' badminton team, the first in 1998 was to Dorsten, Germany. We played our first match against a very competitive club based in Orléans. Our opponents were adults and the boys did exceptionally well to compete. An addition to the group was Lyn Brown, an U16 school player who played a few mixed doubles matches and had success in her games. The night ended up on a high despite us losing overall.

The second night's play was based around a 3 hour coaching session and the coach, although he spoke only a little English, was superb. He was one of the top coaches in the area and showed us a lot of new and interesting techniques. The trip was excellent and, as well as getting some good play, we also saw a beautiful area in France and had an enjoyable day trip to Paris.

Junior Boys' Badminton

On the back of a poor league showing the Ulster Schools' U16 Cup was eventually going to prove a very successful one for the team. The boys seemed more fired up for their games and their will to win was very noticeable, particularly as captain and Irish U17 champion Andrew Shannon and senior team player Grant Gardiner were available for all matches. The team was seeded number 1 which meant they were straight through to the quarterfinals to play Bangor Grammar. The boys ran out convincing winners winning 6-0. Coleraine Inst. was next in the semi-final and again the team showed their all round ability winning 6-0. This set up a final with Royal and Prior which resulted in a 4-2 success for Ballyclare to be crowned U16 Ulster Cup winners. Junior League Team: Andrew Shannon, Philip Ross, Matthew Lynch, John Hanley, Shay McCann. Junior Cup Team: Andrew Shannon, Grant Gardiner, Philip Ross, John Hanley.

Minor League

The first match against Friends resulted in a heavy defeat 6-0 but bouncing back the next match against Royal & Prior was won 6-0. The Wallace match ended up with a 4-2 defeat but again resilience against CAI resulted in a 6-0 win. The final opposition that the team would be facing was Bangor Grammar, but unfortunately our number 1 player S Shannon was unable to play and we lost 5-1.

Ulster Schools' U14 Cup

In the Cup Competition Year 10 pupil Ryan Tweed came in to strengthen the team and Belfast High School were convincingly defeated 6-0. Bangor Grammar were opponents in the semi final and the team played well to reverse the previous league result to win 4-2. Progression to the Ulster Schools' finals saw the Ballyclare team being faced by a brilliant team from Wallace who had three of the highest ranked players in Ulster playing for them. Sadly we lost 6-0, but the team went home with silver medals after a most enjoyable day out at the National Badminton Centre in Lisburn.

The team consisted of: Simon Shannon, Ryan Tweed, Jordan Annett, Alistair McCormick, Regan McCann and Chris Jamison.

U12 Boys

This year's U12 squad did not have any outstanding players but did have loads of enthusiasm and turned up regularly for practice. The squad travelled to Friends' School Lisburn for the annual round robin competition and played much better than expected. The U12 Ulster Schools' cup match was against Sullivan Upper and despite losing again played well and learned much about singles play. The team consisted of: Kevin McClean, Jonathan McCrea, Alan Hanna, Ryan Stewart, Ross Kane.

Both NEBSSA competitions were, for the third year in a row, won by Ballyclare High School. The Year 9 team was Jordan Annett, Regan McCann, Luc Bailie, Philip Dickson, Ben Scroggie and the Year 11 team was Matthew Lynch, Shay McCann, Aaron Grimason and Steven McCammond.

The Allen Cups singles competitions had a large number of entrants. U19 singles winner was Grant Gardiner who defeated John Hanley in the final. The U14 singles winner was Ryan Tweed who defeated Jordan Annett in their final.

Girls' Badminton

All of the team players worked hard all year, producing some excellent performances of which they can be extremely proud. Many of the girls benefited from the coaching skills of Mr Harry Douglas.

Senior Girls' Badminton

The Senior Girls' Badminton Team: Lisa Tweed, Kristine Branagh, Karen Law, Lyn Brown,

made it through to the quarter-final of the Ulster Schools' Senior Girls' Cup competition after defeating Cookstown High School. Despite playing with great skill and determination, they were narrowly defeated by Royal and Prior School, Raphoe.

In this year's Allen Cup competition, the winner in the U19 competition was Lisa Tweed.

Junior Girls' Badminton

The Junior Girls' Badminton Teams had a very successful season in the Ulster Junior League, Division 1. The team played with great determination and remained undefeated throughout the year to make it through to the semi-final playoffs. Despite their best efforts, they were beaten by Hunterhouse. In the Ulster Schools' Junior Cup competition, they progressed through to the quarter-finals, after defeating Friends' School, Lisburn, but despite a close match, lost out to Royal and Prior School, Raphoe.

Junior League Team: Lucy Simpson, Suzanne Weir, Rebecca Edgar, Rachael Smyth.

Junior Cup Team: Kim Montgomery, Lucy Simpson, Suzanne Weir, Linzi Pollock,

Reserve: Rachael Smyth.

Minor Girls' Badminton

In the Ulster Minor League, Division 2, the girls worked hard and produced some fine individual and team performances, remaining undefeated to make it through to the semi-final playoffs. Despite determined play, they lost out to Sullivan Upper. In the Ulster Schools' Minor Cup competition, the team played with committed effort and were a credit to the School. Unfortunately they were knocked out by a very strong side from Royal and Prior School, Raphoe. The Allen Cup winner in the U15 competition was Nicola Abernethy.

Minor League Team: Nicola Abernethy, Rebekah Mills, Alison Boal, Emma Gault,
Reserve Lisa Armour.

Minor Cup Team: Nicola Abernethy, Rebekah Mills, Emma Gault, Hannah McCalmont

Under 12 Girls' Badminton

This year's U12 team represented the School at the Round Robin Competition in Lisburn against Friends' School, Sullivan Upper, Wallace High School and Bloomfield Collegiate. They displayed some very encouraging skills and progressed through to the playoff final. The girls also made it through to the semi-finals in the Ulster Schools' Year 8 Cup competition where they played against Bloomfield Collegiate. Despite a 3-3 draw, they lost out due to fewer points.

Year 8 Cup Team: Joanna Mills, Jane Kennedy, Penny Brown, Jane Croskery,
Reserve Claire Cinnamon.

Cricket

1st XI

The 1st XI prepared for the first competitive fixture of the season by undertaking a tour to Christ's Hospital School in Sussex. The hosts provided excellent hospitality and keen competition in idyllic surroundings.

Ballyclare won the first of two games by 6 wickets against an Invitational XI selected from several neighbouring Schools.

Christ's Hospital 1st XI were the opponents for the second game. Jackson bowled with pace and control as the hosts reached 140/8 from their 40 overs, and he continued to play a prominent role as Ballyclare recovered from an early innings collapse. Eventually he was unlucky to be dismissed for 59, and despite the valiant efforts of the remaining batsmen, the reply fell a mere 4 runs short.

An away win against RBAI confirmed the squad's considerable potential. RBAI were dismissed for only 70 runs, largely due to a controlled spell of bowling from Chris Busby whose five wickets cost only nine runs.

The 1st XI continued their good form with a 79 run away win over BRA. Christopher Busby (55) and Mark Thompson (32 not out) helped to build a sizeable total and the BRA reply fell well short as Cowden took two wickets and Busby claimed another four victims.

The first round of the Ulster Schools' Cup resulted in a deserved win over Bangor Grammar, to which Cowden contributed an excellent innings of 63 not out. However the team was bitterly disappointed to lose by 3 runs at home to Ballymena Academy in the second round. A combination of determined Ballymena bowling and some injudicious batting contributed to this defeat.

Cricket Cont'd

The increasing number of players who gained representative honours testifies to the continued development of cricket in School. Andrew Cowden and John Busby were both delighted to be chosen for the Ulster and Ireland Schools' Under 19 teams. James Jackson fully deserved his recognition on the Ireland Under 17 team, while Robert Smith represented both Ulster and Ireland at under 15 level.

Under 12XI

The Under 12 XI provided the highlight of the 2005 season by winning the Wesley Ferris Cup for the first time in the School's history.

Cross Country

Once again this year the cross-country teams in Ballyclare High School have enjoyed considerable success in the various events in which they competed.

The new School year witnessed many young and promising athletes joining the School and they were most enthusiastic, training with great dedication, at least twice a week. The School competed against Ballyclare Secondary School, Belfast Royal Academy, Coleraine Academical Institution, Coleraine High and St Mary's Grammar, Magherafelt.

Joanna Mills in Year 9 had a great season. She won the District Championships held at Coleraine in February and thus qualified for the Ulster Finals at Mallusk where she became Ulster Minor Champion, a fantastic achievement. Joanna was well supported by Jane Kennedy, Vanessa Surgeoner, Rachel Campbell, Megan Thompson and Kristina Gibson who, as the Minor Girls' team, had outstanding success, winning the Craigavon Races - a very large cross-country meet - as well as the District and Ulster Championships.

Congratulations to Josh McIlroy in Year 8, who finished third in the District Championships and thus qualified for the Ulster Finals held at Mallusk. The Under 14 team were winners at Wallace Park in November.

Jennifer McBrien (Year 9) also had a very impressive season. She finished second in the Stormont International Cross-Country Championships in January and followed this excellent achievement with first place in the District Championships. Jennifer finished fifth in the Ulster Finals and at the All-Ireland Championships in Dungarvan she came ninth, thus gaining selection for the Irish team to compete in the Home Countries' International Races in Denby, Wales. There, despite being the youngest member of the team, she finished an excellent twelfth, being the third Irish finisher. Jennifer also won the Year 9 NEBSSA Championships. Hannah Hamill (Year 10), Joanna Mills (Year 8) and Ross Hackney (Year 12) were also individuals at this event. In addition, the Year 9 boys won their age group and Ballyclare High were awarded the Best Overall School.

Intermediate runner Kirstie Bell (Year 12) has also had a good year, qualifying for the Ulster Schools' Finals. She finished 25th in her race.

Other highlights of the season included the Senior Boys' team being placed second in Ulster, and therefore qualifying for the All-Ireland Finals in Dungarven. The team consisted of Andrew Agnew, Jonathan Backus, David Browne, David McClune, Dale Morgan, Neil Halliday and Gareth Letson. A particular word of congratulations should go to Ross Hackney, who, although still in the intermediate category, ran as a senior and finished in fifth place in the Ulster Finals. He followed this up with an impressive 30th at Dungarven. Many thanks also to Neil Halliday, without whom the team adventure would not have been possible at all.

However, the real stars are those pupils who have shown commitment and dedication over the course of the year. It is great to see the fruits of such perseverance in the enhanced performance of these young athletes. Thanks are due to those members of staff who help train the pupils and assist in the organisation of races.

Football

The team that enjoyed most success over the last year was the Under 14 XI, captained by Nathan Gray. The addition of three Under 13 boys, Joe McAlister, Matthew Thompson and Matthew Johnston strengthened the side and enabled them to reach the quarter-final of the Belfast Cup, before losing to La Salle. They also reached the semi-final in East Antrim.

The Under 13 boys also achieved some good results, winning the East Antrim Cup. They had a very easy victory over Larne High at Dixon Park.

Jonathan Montgomery, Year 14, gained another collection of Schoolboy International caps at Under 18 level, to add to those gained since he first became an international at Under 15 level.

Unfortunately he was unable to assist the Senior boys to achieve any success in Cup competitions despite having good quality players like Craig Magee, Joel Loughridge, Mark Foster, Robin Millar and Jonathan McClurg. I would expect to hear these names mentioned in local senior football over the coming years. There are also a number of promising junior players, so we may have the chance of picking up some silverware over the coming seasons.

Golf

The Senior Boys' golf team participated in the Irish Schools' Championship stroke play competition in September with an excellent round from Adam Leslie who had the winning individual score of 74 gross. They took part in the Winter League Competition, proving to be formidable opponents in their section and qualifying for the quarter finals. Unfortunately they were narrowly defeated by Sullivan Upper who had the number 1 Ulster Schools' competitor, Rory McIlroy. A splendid performance by the boys at Royal Belfast Golf Club regrettably did not enable them to qualify to the next stage.

The Girls have had good success this year with Lucy Simpson, Shirley Harvey, Rachel Stronge and Grace Carson competing in the Irish School Championship for girls. Lucy Simpson was selected as second reserve on the Ulster Junior Interprovincial Team to play in Killorgan Golf Club, Co.Kerry. Shirley Harvey has also been selected to play reserve at Interprovincial level at Killorgan and has achieved a scholarship to study in America in the academic year 2005-2006.

Boys' Hockey

The past season has been one of development. Many of our more experienced players have moved on and while the current squad shows enthusiasm it will take time to build on the basic skills. The team did play two competitive fixtures but were defeated in both. The second game against Ballycastle was played on an artificial surface, a first time experience for many in the squad.

Girls' Hockey

Congratulations to all members of the Hockey Club in showing great commitment and enthusiasm throughout the 2004/5 Season. We had quite a successful year and were able to field 11 teams during the year.

The 1st XI had a terrific season only narrowly missing out on reaching the semi-finals of the Schools' Cup, losing to Victoria in the last 12 seconds of a replay. However, the girls were able to bounce back in time to beat the Munster U16 Team in Cork.

Our 2A side had a mixed season losing out in their McDowell Cup Section, but competing well on Saturdays. The 2Bs had a similar season defending strongly throughout. The U15XI squad started to gain more fixtures towards the end of the season and we will continue to expand this. Their games were exciting end to end encounters.

Unfortunately the U14A squad made an early exit from the Junior Cup but they went on to have a credible run just missing out on a quarterfinal place to Kilkeel in the Junior Plate. The U14B squad had a good season with solid defending and adept goal scoring.

The U13A and B squads also had good steady seasons with more winning results and lock tight defenses. The U13As gained physical strength over the season and played excellent hockey but at times failed to capitalize on their pressure.

A talented and large pool of players made themselves available for the U12s. We could easily field 3 teams. The U12 A squad were winners of the North Eastern Area Board Tournament, and were awarded the Lindsay Waller Trophy. They were unbeaten in any fixture.

Representative Honours were gained at Ulster U16 level by Linzi Pollock and Rebecca Smith. Sharon Graham and Amy McConnell represented Ulster at U16B level while Rachel Aiken, Amy McConnell and Sharon Graham gained selection for the North Eastern Board Team. Finally, the U15 Development Squad: Helen McKinstry, Lauren Mawhinney, Jennifer McBrien and Hannah Hamill worked throughout the year and played in the Youth Games.

Thanks go to all the Team Captains who worked so well throughout the year. Also to all the team coaches who support their teams so well during the year. Finally thank you to the parents who have accommodated our departure to the Valley Leisure Centre on Saturdays.

Netball

Years 9, 10 and 11 worked hard all through the season with matches in the NI League before Christmas and the NEBSSA Leagues afterwards. Years 9 and 11 were runners-up in their sections to our old rivals Magherafelt High School. However in the NEBSSA League Year 9, ably captained by Brooke Cully, won on Finals Day at St. Louis Grammar School. The year 11 team were not so fortunate and finished runners-up. Again, however, there was some outstanding play from individuals, namely Cheryl Wilson and Rebecca Smith. Well done to all for the hard work throughout the year. Year 8 trained hard before the first year tournament in Coleraine and came away with the winners' trophy for the NEBSSA tournament, so this is encouraging for the future of netball in the junior School.

The Senior netball team have had only moderate success this year and were knocked out of the Cup by Aquinas and from the Plate by Glenlola Collegiate. Many good friendly and league matches are played on Wednesday afternoons against a variety of Schools across the Province.

Individuals who have achieved success are Nicole Magee (Year 13), selected for the N.I. U17 Squad, Cheryl Wilson (Year 11), selected for the Area Team and Regional Development Squad and Claire Gaffney (Year 11) and Brooke Cully (Year 9) also selected to train with the Regional Development squad.

Rugby

Unfortunately this season was overshadowed by the serious spinal injury to Andrew Kelly in the first round of the Medallion Shield on Saturday 29th January. Andrew has made a remarkable recovery and has been able to return to School to resume studying for his GCSE examinations.

All senior teams enjoyed good runs in their respective Cup competitions. The 1st XV produced an outstanding performance in the second round of the Schools' Cup to defeat a fancied Rainey side and lost narrowly 20-17 away to Wallace in the next stage. In the Subsidiary Shield, victories over Omagh Academy and CAI saw the team progress to the final at Ravenhill against BRA, losing 16-12 in a highly competitive game. The 2nd XV made the quarter-final and the 3rd XV the semi-final of their respective Cups. The Under 14 XV's notable progress was duly rewarded when they won the Plate competition at the O'Kane tournament at Ballymena Academy.

Congratulations to Robert Logan who, following a series of trial matches during the Easter Holidays, succeeded in being selected for the Ulster Schools Development Squad to go on a two week tour to South Africa during the summer. Scrum-half, James Jackson has attended regular training sessions during the summer with the Ulster Under 19 squad and was recently selected to play in the team against the Under 18 Ulster XV. Ross Hackney has taken part in regular Under 16 Development Training sessions.

It is pleasing to note that last year's captain, Adrian Saunderson, has been capped twice for the Irish Under 19 team and was in the squad for the Under 19 World Cup in South Africa, held over the Easter period. Adrian and past pupil Jamie McGrugan were both selected for the Ulster Under 21 team to play against Munster.

Show Jumping

Each year the School equestrian calendar begins at the end of October with the most prestigious show-jumping event of the season, held at the 'Royal Showgrounds Balmoral'. This competition is hosted by the North Down Pony Club, and generally attracts around thirty School teams in each of the intermediate and senior classes. Traditionally the School equestrian teams have performed well in this event, often ending up with high placings in both the jumping classes and 'tack and turnout'.

This year, however, the intermediate team reached a pinnacle in its success by winning the coveted Balmoral Shield as well as taking a creditable fifth place in the 'tack and turnout'. This only added to the School's reputation for 'meticulous preparation' at presentation of both themselves and their ponies at these yearly competitions.

The annual six month league at Mossvale Equestrian Centre began in October. Team members committed themselves to travelling to Dromara on the last Saturday night each month until March and the return trip to Ballyclare on many occasions was well after midnight. The league was hard fought and one of our teams finished a very well deserved 4th place out of a total of 22 teams.

Easter saw the annual Silverwood Schools' competition, where we had several successes. One team achieved a 5th place overall with 3rd in Tack and Turnout out of more than 25 teams and Grace Gilmour won 1st place in the individual competition out of 110 competitors.

The last event of the year was in June at Danescroft in Lisburn. This was the annual charity event which this year raised funds for the Red Cross. Again, this was a very successful outing with the team winning both the 90cm and the 1 metre classes. Also there were individual wins for Nathan Gault, who was first in the 90cm and second in the 1 metre and Kara Johnston, who won the 1 metre class. The amount raised was over £300. Well done to all who represented the School in show jumping last year.

Ski Trip

The School party comprising four members of staff and 41 pupils enjoyed another excellent week's skiing during the first week of the Easter holidays. Austria was the destination for the third year in a row and our base was Zell am See, which is a sizeable town on the shores of a large lake in the heart of the Alps. This high altitude ski area provided good skiing conditions and plenty of runs of varying degrees of difficulty to suit all levels of ability within our party. The sun shone brightly throughout the week and with the help of our Austrian ski instructors everyone had great fun on the slopes. By the third day our beginners had made such good progress that the whole group was able to spend a day on the Kaprun glacier which provided a different kind of skiing experience for everyone including spectacular views and some challenging runs for the best skiers. A slalom race at the end of the week generated great excitement and resulted in another brilliant win for Paul Robinson (year 13) who recorded the fastest time for the second year in a row. Darren Turkington (year 10) was the fastest beginner. Off-piste activities included ice-skating, a quiz night, disco, bingo and a ski presentation. Once again the staff on the trip were ably assisted by some senior pupils who acted as Pupil Leaders and their work before and during the trip was greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Swimming

A small group of talented swimmers continue to make waves in the competitive world of swimming. In February three swimmers qualified for the Irish Championships in Limerick. Wilson Logan (Year 11) and Laura Heaton (Year 10) swam in the Freestyle and Butterfly events and Gavin Williamson (Year 11) swam in Freestyle and Breast-stroke. Laura reached the Butterfly final, Gavin had two personal best times and Wilson achieved 2nd in the 400m Freestyle in the Open Age Group along with 4th place in the U16 100m Freestyle.

Wilson is now a well established Ulster and Irish swimmer and has recently been invited to train with a group of potential Youth Olympic swimmers in 2006. Laura successfully brought home two bronze medals from the Ulster Schools' Swimming Gala and prior to Christmas was the Grammar Schools' Girls' Freestyle Champion. Gavin was 7th in the Grammar Schools' and 5th in the Ulster Schools' Championships, so he shows much potential in his current age category.

There are many others who participate in School galas on a regular basis, train hard several times a week and have not yet been medal winners. However, their efforts do not go unnoticed and in time each swimmer will benefit and achieve results to be proud of.

Towards the end of the academic year Wilson Logan secured a place in team Ireland due to his time in the 1500m Freestyle which puts him among the top 150 in his age group in the world. Laura has also secured a place in the Ulster team for the year ahead. Congratulations to these swimmers who spend an increasingly large number of hours in the pool.

Table Tennis

This has been a very successful year for our teams as well as for individual players. The most notable success was when Emma Wilson was selected for the Ulster Inter-Provincial Under 21 team and Ashley McBride for the Ulster Under 17 team.

In the Ulster Schools' League the Senior Girls' team, Ashley McBride, Emma Wilson, Jane-Ann Daniels and Nicole Craig, won the cup by beating Ballymena Academy in the final 4-2 after playing some exciting games.

Great enthusiasm was shown by the Minor Girls' team, who were runners-up in the Ulster Schools' League after losing to Enniskillen Collegiate. Team members were Hollie Wilson, Lauren Penman, Suzanne James and Michelle Gault.

Table Tennis Cont'd

Since September the Friday afternoon club has been very popular, especially with Year 9. The first competition was in December, the Ulster Schools' Cup Competition, when four teams entered. The three boys' teams all were put out at the semi-final stage after playing very close matches.

The Intermediate Girls' team, Ashley McBride, Emma Wilson, Jane-Ann Daniels Nicole Craig, Christine Craig, and Lisa Armour, played two excellent matches to reach the final. They beat Knockbreda HS 5-3 but were beaten by Ballymena Academy 5-4 in a very tense final.

In January the Ulster Schools' Individual Competition was held at the start of the term with some notable success. Craig Martin, Matthew Lok, Jordan Annett, and Lisa Armour all reached the quarter-finals. Emma Wilson battled to the semi-final, but was beaten by the eventual winner. Ashley McBride played some superb matches to reach the final, but lost in 3 sets. These two pupils continue to play in many tournaments.

Very good results were obtained in the Co. Antrim tournament. At Under 14 level, Craig Martin was a runner-up, Simon Baxter was a semi-finalist in Under 17, in Division 3 and in the Mixed Doubles and Emma Wilson was a semi-finalist in the Mixed Doubles and she won the Ladies' Singles.

There continue to be many wins for the two teams entered in the County Antrim League. The B team in Division 3 of Simon Baxter, Andrew Harris and Alan Blain (reserves Alistair Bell, Harry Glover and Craig Martin) have had great success by winning both the Cup and the League, a tribute to their dedication. The A team in Division 2 consisting of Paul Kennedy, David Boyd and Emma Wilson have played well against strong competition in their group and reached the final of the Junior Cup.

Many thanks are due to Gary Crawford, a founder member of the club who has been coaching some pupils, to Paul Kennedy for his dedication as captain, to Mrs Kennedy and Miss Edgar for their invaluable help and to Mr Hollinger for the organisation of the evening matches.

Boys' Tennis

Unfortunately, Mr E McKinney was unable this year to continue with his involvement in tennis. The School is greatly indebted to him for his enthusiasm, commitment and effort, which has had a considerable effect on raising the standard of tennis in recent years.

Four teams, Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior were entered in this year's Ulster Cup competitions, the Seniors having potentially the best chance of progressing through to the final stages. The senior team of Aaron McCullough (Captain), Robert Henderson, Simon McIntyre and Paul Kennedy were successful in three of their matches winning 4-2 against Down High, 6-0 to RBAI 'B' and 4-2 to Larne Grammar, but their 5-1 defeat in the crucial match against MCB ensured the latter's progress to the next stage of the competition.

The Intermediate team of Matthew Gilbert, Andrew Shannon, Christopher McNeill and Simon Glover, captained by Number one seed Bill Kenny, lost two and won two. Their best performance was on the Astroturf courts at Dalriada, winning convincingly 5-1. Undoubtedly the most improved player this season was number 4 seed Christopher McNeill.

The Juniors, Alistair McCormick, Alistair Bell, Josh Dailly and Jordan Annett were in a difficult section and won only one of their three matches. The Minor Boys, Chris McIntyre, Jamie Richardson, Stephen McArthur and Conor Crowe, captained by Kevin McClean lost all three matches.

Girls' Tennis

This year two age categories were entered in the Ulster League. The Junior team won three out of their four fixtures and went forward to play Sullivan in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, due to two injuries, the strength of the team was reduced considerably and they were defeated 5-1. The Minor team progressed to the Semi-finals of the Ulster Knockout Tennis Competition.

The intermediate section was abandoned due to industrial action. However, these girls did participate in match play within School for our annual tennis tournament. In this tournament, each year group plays for the title of boys' and girls' champion in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. An annual tennis tournament is run during P.E. classes and after School for all pupils in years 8-11. This is an extremely popular event and it is always a major challenge to get all the matches played before the end of term. It is however a very valuable experience for those who may otherwise get little opportunity for match play. Trophies and medals can be won by winners and runners-up in singles, doubles and mixed doubles competitions in each age group. Well practiced players always come out on top in a knockout competition of course and so there are always some exciting matches to spectate just as Wimbledon is also heating up.

Clubs & Societies

Achievers International

A group of 5 Year 14 students from Ballyclare High School travelled to Berlin to attend the Achievers International Award Ceremony on Friday 17th June 2005 to celebrate a very successful year with the Achievers International Programme. This programme is organised by 'Achievers International' in Scotland and overseen by the NEELB. Through this programme the students are encouraged to be involved in 'enterprise' by setting up and running their own business. In order to introduce the element of exporting and importing goods, they have been linked with the Gottlob Munsinger Oberschule in Berlin.

The 5 students who attended the ceremony were Jane Boyd, Andrew Cromie, Ruth Heron, Stephanie Norris and Jill Taylor. These students gave a fantastic Powerpoint Presentation on what they had been doing throughout the year and were greatly applauded for their efforts. Andrew Cromie opened the presentation by speaking in German to the invited guests, who included the British Ambassador to Berlin, the Head of Achievers International, Head Teachers and many other dignitaries – he received tremendous applause for this.

Mrs Branagh (Teacher/Co-ordinator) was extremely proud of these students who have worked tirelessly throughout the programme and have proved to be great ambassadors for Ballyclare High School during their stay in Berlin – they are to be commended for their commitment and dedication.

BAYS/Salters/Walk for Wildlife

The British Association of Young Scientists club provides junior pupils with the opportunity to engage in investigative activities not normally encountered in science lessons. An enthusiastic group of about sixteen Year 8 pupils attended BAYS each week, most of them successfully achieving the BAYS Bronze Award. In May 2005 a team of four Year 8 pupils represented the School at the annual Salters' Chemistry Festival at the University of Ulster, Coleraine.

On Saturday 9th October 2004, more than fifty pupils took part in the 9th Annual 'Walk for Wildlife' at Ballyboley Forest. This was a most successful event resulting in over £1200 being raised to help protect declining tiger populations around the world.

Charity Report

The School continues to support a wide range of charities based locally, nationally and internationally. We are grateful to those charities who continue to keep the School informed about their excellent work. Although we have many traditional links with established charities, the list is constantly reviewed, reflecting the changing needs in the world. For example, the William Keown Trust, a Northern Ireland based charity which recognises courage and achievement in people affected by significant disability, was the special charity at our School Opera Gala Night in 2004. A sum of £800 was passed on to help in their excellent work. Two people given awards in 2004 have strong links with the School: Jonathan Adams a current Year 11 pupil and Craig McMillan a former prefect of the School.

Individual year groups continue to support a number of charities: e.g. Year 8 support Save the Children Fund through the sale of Christmas Gifts and a Shoe Box Appeal supports children overseas through the Blythswood Trust. Individual School organisations have formed excellent links with charities: e.g. the Scripture Union hosts a Bread and Cheese Lunch each year for the work of Tear Fund.

Once again the "Read On" by the English Department proved most successful with almost £5000 being raised for the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. Since 1993 over £55,000 has been raised for this excellent charity.

Charity Report Cont'd

The three Christmas Carol Services along with the Senior Choir at Junction One, meant we were able to forward over £1850 to two excellent charities: UNICEF's Children of Sudan Emergency Appeal and the work of the Samaritans. Their work is studied within School and so it seemed appropriate to give something back in return especially at Christmas whenever so many people feel alone and distressed while we are enjoying the festivities.

The Jeans for Genes Charity was enthusiastically supported this year. The Biology Department with a special interest in this area of research were to the fore in this fund raising event: £660 was forwarded to this excellent charity.

For the tenth year the work of the Walk for Wildlife Charity has been generously supported. Over £1200 was raised by the pupils, who were keenly interested in this year's special project: research into the declining population of tigers in the world.

The Tsunami disaster on Boxing Day 2004 touched the hearts of many. The School was involved in raising money in a variety of ways: e.g. the Scripture Union held a Gospel Concert with the talented group "Clay". A total of £1300 was donated for work in Sri Lanka.

The generosity of pupils, staff and parents has enabled the School to empower many worthy charities to do excellent work both in Northern Ireland and overseas.

Chess Club

The Chess Club continued to meet regularly during the first two terms of the School year. The club had around 16 members who ranged from complete novices through to some capable senior players. Any standard of player is welcome to come, and the aim is to offer interested pupils the opportunity to improve and develop their standard of play while not forcing anyone to wade through the depths of chess theory unless they are keen to do so!

The club often enters teams into the Ulster Schools' Chess league and has enjoyed some success over the years. Through such competitive matches, pupils learn to play under pressure and get the opportunity to meet players from other Schools across the province.

There has also been an increase in the number of pupils choosing to use chess to complete the Skill section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The introduction to a game such as chess is very much within the spirit of this part of the Award scheme and the participation of pupils in the club via this route is welcomed.

Creative Writing

Some of our pupils from last year's year 8, took part in a creative writing competition, run by the charity Children in Crossfire. Having submitted pieces based on the theme 'I have a dream...' Mitchell McComb, Kayleigh Ward and Rebekah Logan were all chosen to have their work published by the charity in a book which will be available later this year.

Debating Society

Over the year the debating society was involved in a wide range of debates. These included competition debates on topics such as the National Lottery. The more relaxed School debates were generally held in the lecture theatre on a Friday at lunch time and were attended by a large number of pupils from all year groups.

The debating society's secretary for the year was Amadeus Finlay who along with Lynsey McAllister reached the semi-finals of the annual Civic Trust Debating final at Stormont, (with an invitation from the Rt Hon. David Trimble M.L.A.) only to be narrowly defeated by the winners, BRA. Nikki Boomer and Peter Tweed made up the other competition team who were defeated by a very tight margin in the early rounds. Amadeus Finlay won the Peter McLaughlin prize for Best Seminar Speaker, while the team of Lynsey and Amadeus won the semi-finalists prize, with £250 for the School and certificates for each speaker. The School was awarded the prestigious prize of "Best Contribution to the Competition". The Debating Society, as a whole, is very sad at the departure of Mr L Reid and will miss his contribution.

Drama

In April, Ballyclare High School became the first School in Northern Ireland to host the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art's Shakespeare Certificate examinations. Eighteen pupils from Years 12 and 14 gained their bronze RADA awards and will now progress to silver. The awards culminated in a busy programme of rehearsals from "The Merchant of Venice" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Renowned RADA voice coach, Adrienne Thomas was delighted by the standards achieved. Visitors from surrounding Schools also sat their voice examination on the same day. The award carries valuable UCAS points.

Year 11 were given the opportunity to perform street theatre at the May Fair as a result of a generous grant from the Fair's committee. Five pupils performed "The Mad Scientists" to acclaim.

The Junior Drama Club proved to be an extremely popular after-School activity. Their hard work culminated in lunchtime performances of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' and a series of short sketches to raise awareness for Comic Relief. The latter also resulted in an impressive donation to the charity.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

During the year 235 pupils participated in practice and qualifying expeditions between April and June, in the Antrim Hills, the Mourne Mountains and the Donegal Mountains. This has not happened without the commitment of a large number of staff outside of School hours. On Friday afternoons, from October, 11 members of staff were active in preparing pupils for Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions. Others also helped with the supervision and assessment of groups of pupils who accepted mental and physical challenges in all types of terrain and weather. Home was much appreciated after these experiences!

In October we had the overwhelming challenge of nearly 140 Year 10 pupils wishing to enter the Bronze Award. While this was a daunting task it is pleasing to report that nearly 120 of those pupils have now gained their badge and certificate. At Silver level 60 pupils took up the challenge and many have already handed in their completed books, having gained a wide variety of experiences in physical activities, service in their community and the development of new skills, along with their expedition.

At Gold level 37 pupils took up the ultimate challenge. This involves one year of service in their community, a residential activity for at least 5 days and a self-reliant 4 day expedition, with 8 hours of planned activity and walking each day, added to which each participant took part in a physical activity and a skill for an extended period of time.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Cont'd

As each individual chooses, plans and achieves personal goals there is a great sense of achievement, developing self-belief, self-confidence and a new understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses. Young people develop leadership skills and this is the reason why so many staff give willingly of their own time.

During the year pupils attended silver award presentations in Queen's University, Belfast, Belfast City Hall, Craigavon Civic Centre and Balmoral Conference Centre. Past pupils and several members of staff attended Gold award presentations in St James' Palace, London, where pupils received their gold certificates from the Duke of Edinburgh.

Our award group were pleased to respond to the appeal of the Northern Ireland Award family and donated £300 towards the rebuilding of homes in Sri Lanka following the Tsunami disaster. At the same time £300 was forwarded to Christopher Irwin, a past pupil and Gold Award holder, who was in Sri Lanka for three months this summer. This was used by the Agape Home, an orphanage, in Tissamaharama, in the South East of Sri Lanka, near Yala National Park, to dig a Tube Well and buy a pump so that the inhabitants of the area can have fresh water regularly.

Congratulations to the following pupils who gained awards during the last School year:

Gold

Marian Baxter, Susan Baxter, Jane Boyd, Richard Campbell, Matthew Crothers, Lorna Elliott, Gemma Forsythe, Rachel Haugh, Adam Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Cathy Leatham, David McAdam, Alan McCloy, Pamela McCloy, Clarke McKenzie, Rosalind Marshall, Audrey Montgomery, Erin Peoples, Heather Smith

Silver

Richard Adams, Rachel Aiken, Cheryl Armstrong, Caitlin Bailie, Kirstie Bell, Louise Bell, Sian Blair, Rebecca Burrell, Alex Coleman, Edward Cormack, Carolyn Crawford, Stewart Cussick, Jayne Gault, Gareth Glendinning, Catherine Goulden, Aaron Graham, Sharon Graham, Andrew Graham, Neil Halliday, Laura Henderson, Robert Heyburn, Lauren Johnston, Asha Khanna, Russell Keers, Hannah Kyle, Aaran Lindsay, Katherine Lorrimer, Lynsey McAllister, Ashley McBride, Hannah McCarley, Robert McConnell, Julie McCormack, Matthew Foster, Laura French, Nathan Galloway, Andrew Gault, Susanna Gawn, Peter Glasgow, Simon Glover, Ben Graham, Stuart Greer, Katie Gregory, Robyn Halliday, Daniel Harvey, Rory Henderson, Charlotte Higgins, Ashleigh Holmes, Matthew Hopper, Adam Humphreys, Claire Hunter, Matthew Jackson, Christopher Jamison, Matthew Johnston, Rosie Kenny, Emma Kissock, Matthew King, Sian Lamont, Christopher Lennon, Edward Lockhart, Megan McAllister, Hannah McBride, Hannah McCalmont, Shay McCann, Victoria McCartney, Stephanie McCollum, Craig McConnell, Daryl McConnell, Megan McConnell, Steven McConnell, Alister McCormack, Rebecca McCoy, Andrew McCunn, Laura McCaughey, Caroline McGookin, Christopher McGrath, Jonathon McIlroy, Stephen McKeown, Timothy McMillan, Rebecca Mairs, Katrina Meek, Caroline Meeke, Erin Peoples, Hannah Ruth Rehbein, Paul Robinson, Emma Speers, Jenny Telford, Valerie Williamson, Emma Wilson

Duke of Edinburgh Award Cont'd

Bronze

Stuart Abraham, Kerri Adair, Jennifer Baxter, Alister Bell, James Bell, Peter Blair, Peter Branagh, Gareth Bryce, Rebekah Buchanan, Robert Buchanan, Hannah Buckley, Sarah Burch, Rebecca Calderwood, Peter Campbell, Victoria Campbell, Amy Camlin, Sarah Cardwell, Grace Carson, Felicity Cinnamon, Andrew Close, Alastair Coleman, Hannah Coleman, Dawn Comins, Ryan Cooke, Lee Coupe, Gary Couser, Johanne Craig, Kathy Craig, Catherine Crawford, Michael Crothers, Claire Cully, Keri Cummings, Evan Cusick, Sarah Cuthbertson, Murray Dalzell, Sarah Davidson, Benjamin Davis, Joanna Davis, Joshua Davis, James Edgar, Rebekah Fenning, Ciara Field, Joanne Williamson, Cheryl Wilson, Nicholas Wray, Claire Wright, Ruth Wightman, Scott Wylie, Matthew Wylie

French Debating

Over the last number of years Ballyclare High School has been participating in the Northern Ireland Post-16 French Debating Competition organised by NICILT and sponsored by the Alliance Française. In 2004 – 2005, the School had its most successful year. The team consisting of Rosy Marshall (captain, Year 14), Joanne Martin (Year 14), Aisling Gillespie (Year 14) and Sarah Coburn (Year 14) beat Methodist College, Belfast in the final at the Queen's University, Belfast. The team had already beaten Wallace High School, Lisburn and Limavady Grammar School in order to reach the final and Aisling Gillespie was also awarded the prize for best speaker. Mademoiselle Nathalie Brégier, Mr Maxwell and Mr Wilson were the teachers involved.

European Computer Driving Licence

ECDL continued this year with the following pupils successfully completing the course: Graeme Anderson, Victoria Backus, Stephen Clelland, Alex Coleman, Rachel Copeland, Edmund Davis, Rachel Gault, Caroline Gilmore, Aaron Hamilton, Hannah Lynn, Andrew Mahon, Robert McConnell, John Millar Karl Rainey, Andrew Robb and William Rosbotham.

International Links

Pupils encounter the International dimension in both the formal and informal work of the School, and thus we hope to give them a greater understanding of themselves and the world in which they live and will eventually work.

In the past year pupils, have participated in exchange visits with our partner Schools, hosting students and staff from Lycée Camille Sée in Colmar and visiting Gymnasium Petrinum in Dorsten. Earlier this month we welcomed a group from Gymnasium Petrinum and pupils will go to Colmar in November. These links have become firmly established and give our pupils a real opportunity to experience another culture first-hand.

A new link has developed as a result of a teacher exchange. In December, Mr Moore and Mrs Moore accompanied a group of pupils to Collège Anatole Bailly in Orléans and Mme Renard, who taught with us for a year, led a return visit in the Spring term. This new link is designed with younger pupils in mind.

International Links Cont'd

There have been other links and visits abroad. Some have been recreational, such as the annual Ski Trip, whilst others have had a more serious purpose. Lower Sixth pupils again spent time in orphanages and Schools as part of the School Aid Romania programme, whilst other Sixth Formers worked with French, Irish and Polish Schools in the European Studies Programme. A group of senior pupils were linked with a School in Berlin in the Achievers International business project. In the Junior School, Year 8 pupils visited Germany at the end of the summer term, and Year 9 pupils were involved in a crepe-making competition.

The European Day of Languages was celebrated in September. European food was served in the cafeteria with menus in 3 languages; pupils produced posters and badges; and teachers of subjects other than modern languages demonstrated their language skills in class. In November, the Spanish Department organised a Spanish Day, with exhibitions, food-tasting and music. Year 8 pupils enjoyed the activities of the Language Club after School.

A team of Sixth Form pupils won the N.I. Post-16 French Debating Competition, and Louise Forsythe visited Germany after winning a Scholarship which enabled her to do so. In November 2004 Stuart Marks and Jack Logue attended an international conference in Berlin on Climate Change. They were the only Northern Ireland representatives in the twelve strong UK delegation.

Jazz & Blues Club

Every Friday after School, the club kicks into gear like a broken robot and we jam along to many old classic songs which can range from Lady Madonna to Night in Tunisia and even Girls Aloud! The band has played live on a number of occasions, in and out of School, to showcase the talent in the group. In School we have played on Open Night to the delight of passers-by and we have put on lunchtime recitals for those who wish to hear us. Outside of School we have tried our hand at playing in shopping centres, with the most successful 'gig' for us which was playing for the BBC's Music Live in 2004. When performing outside of School we do it solely for the music and any money we collect we donate to charities like the WWF (World Wildlife Fund). A CD has also been produced by the group which was a huge success. What the future will hold, we don't really know, but hopefully for the Ballyclare High Jazz and Blues Club, it will continue to get better, even if it isn't 'Later with Jools Holland'.

Mathematics Department

Maths Table Quiz - The Maths Departments Annual Table Quiz was held in November and was extremely well attended by members of Years 8 and 9.

Mathematique Sans Frontieres - Three classes from our Sixth form entered this competition which was held in School on 3rd March 2005.

Junior Maths Challenge Year 9 - This is the UK's biggest Maths competition and is organised by the University of Leeds. There were 93 entries from Year 9 and they performed as follows: Best in School was Emma Fleming (who was placed in the top 1000 pupils in the U.K. and invited to take part in the Junior Maths Olympiad). Gold Certificates were obtained by Suzanne Bell, Frances Downey, Lucy Finlay, Emma Fleming and Lauren Mawhinney. Ten pupils received Silver Certificates and 28 received Bronze certificates.

Intermediate Maths Challenge Year 11 - There were 46 entries from Year 11 and they performed as follows: Best in School was Matthew Luney. Gold Certificates were obtained by Thomas Baird, James Bell and Matthew Luney. Twelve pupils received Silver certificates and 15 received Bronze certificates

Senior Maths Challenge Year 13 - There were 34 entries from Years 13 and 14 and they performed as follows: Best in School was Mark Henderson. Six pupils received Silver certificates and 8 received Bronze certificates

Model Railway Club

The Model Railway Club has continued to meet each week to work on the model of the narrow guage line which ran through Ballyclare until 1950. The highlight of the past year was in November, when our model was transported to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum at Cultra for exhibition. There were about 50 other groups present, including a few from England and the Republic of Ireland, so it was encouraging for the members of the School group to be a part of such a large exhibition. The team received several favourable comments on their efforts so far.

Music

The Opera was yet again successful - it was the School's second production of "Orpheus in the Underworld" by J Offenbach. The operetta has a large cast, which was filled with enthusiastic students. The part of Jupiter deserves special mention, as it was learnt in 2 weeks by Ben Galloway. Of the girls' parts, Rachel Haugh and Rachael Hamilton sang exceptionally well, while Stuart Marks was a suitable 'demonic' Pluto. There are many different scenes in 'Orpheus' and Mr Stewart and Mr McMaw from the Technology Department along with Mr Coleman and Mr Reid in the Art Department created imaginative scenery, including a real flying balloon. Mrs McMillan was responsible for the creation of dozens of costumes and Miss McClelland trained the dancers for the Minuet and Galop. The Make up and lighting, supervised by Mrs Thompson and Mr Stewart, added to the visual success of the show.

The Carol Services (now three of them) continued to attract vast audiences and inspired those who came. All the School choirs and orchestra contributed to the success of the Carol Services and Mr McKinney organised the readers from various year groups. Again it was a pleasure to welcome past choristers into the choir for the end of the Carol Service.

The Spring Concert was another successful event featuring the School choirs and various ensembles. The Senior, Junior and Chamber choirs sang a varied selection and the orchestra and wind band also contributed enjoyable numbers. Of the soloists, last year's Leader of the Orchestra, Lauren Owens, deserves mention, as she was successful in her grade 8 voice, grade 8 piano, grade 8 flute and grade 8 violin examinations proving what a versatile musician she is. Rachel McMillan was a big hit with the audience, playing 'A Little Too Cheeky' on her clarinet. The Music Department is grateful to those staff from other departments who have always encouraged and supported us in what we are trying to do.

Outdoor Pursuits

Pupils in Sixth Form can choose Outdoor Pursuits as their option in Senior Games. We started the year with wetsuits and buoyancy aids as the group began an eight – week course of Canadian Canoeing in the Six Mile river and Lough Neagh. Mr Gordon Dunlop assisted with the training in basic canoeing skills and all members of the group were successful in achieving their British Canoe Union 1- star award for Open Canoe.

Over the winter period pupils were introduced to kayaks as they attended Pool Sessions at the Six Mile Leisure Centre. They enjoyed learning the different types of paddle stroke needed to control a kayak on their own. We will take the kayaks onto open water this year and the pupils can work for their star awards in this discipline. There is also the opportunity to visit some assault courses and ‘high ropes ‘ facilities which should prove very popular.

Romania

This year, fourteen Year 13 pupils were selected for the Romania visit, along with the same numbers from Methodist College and St. Patrick’s College, Maghera. The aims of School Aid Romania (SAR) are to bring together Schools from different sides of the religious divide and to raise funds, take aid and show love to the children in hospitals, orphanages and Schools in Brasov, Romania. For the first time this year, and one of the highlights of this trip, the team visited an old people’s home which will last long in the memories of the pupils. Ballyclare pupils alone raised in the region of £8000 which was used to provide supplies for children homes, maternity hospitals, stereos, food, kitchen utensils, toiletries, games, books, sports equipment, video cameras and stationery. This fundraising also contributed to the purchasing of a mini bus for the work of some children’s homes in and around Brasov.

This year’s group was outstanding both as individuals and as members of a team and they were all a real credit to themselves, their parents and to Ballyclare High School.

Public Speaking

Two pupils took part in the Soroptomist's Public Speaking Competition, with Emma Wilson (Year 12) being awarded second place and Emma Porter (Year 12) receiving a commendation. Both pupils were highly praised for their content and animated delivery.

Junior Scripture Union

We have been greatly encouraged with attendance at Junior Scripture Union. We met for one period at lunchtime on Wednesdays in the lecture theatre and most weeks there were at least fifty pupils from Years 8 to 10. These meetings were organised by Mr Black, Mr Milliken, Mrs McKeown and Miss Dickey. Activities included quizzes, games and Bible studies and such topics as evolution and creation were explored. We also engaged in a series of studies of Bible characters, followed by a look at some ‘Heroes of the Faith’ including David Livingstone, Gladys Aylward and Corrie Ten Boom. The pupils were given the opportunity to buy biographies of these role-models at our end of term book sale.

Some pupils expressed an interest in further Bible study through the week. In response to this an extra group known as SALT (studies at lunch time) was started. Attendance at this was again very encouraging with up to 20 pupils meeting every Friday in Room 129. Mrs Kennedy, Mrs McQuoid and Miss Dickey led a series of studies on the book of James and the issue of ‘Looking Good’. Scripture Union materials were used for this. At the end of the year many pupils were willing to conduct these Bible studies themselves and both teachers and pupils gained great encouragement from this.

We are thankful to God for His blessings over the past year and seek His help for the session that lies ahead.

Scripture Union

Senior scripture union (SU) is a weekly gathering of pupils in Years 11 – 14. However, just because it is Scripture Union, doesn't mean it is strictly reserved for Christians! From week to week, there is an original and varied programme, which is designed to cater not only for young Christians seeking encouragement, but also for others who have questions or just seek company with friendly faces at lunchtime. Last year, Senior Scripture Union met each Tuesday from 1-1.40pm in the Lecture Theatre. A good number of pupils attended each week. Throughout the year issues such as suffering and evolution were addressed and speakers included teachers and outside visitors. One of the most memorable lunch times involved a visit from Craig McMillan to speak about his accident and his faith.

A student committee of ten pupils (voted in by their peers) planned the year's programme. A selection of Christian teachers from the School also attended the gatherings. We, at SU, aim to reach out to those who need God, and be there for those who need encouragement or company. A prayer meeting is held for twenty minutes, once a week, for those who want to pray together for the School or any other topic on their mind.

A night out at the Odyssey proved that when bowling females tend to have a greater need for bumpers than males! The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Clay concert in April. The 'Street Team' put in hours of hard work and the result was a fantastic night attended by a large number of pupils. The year finished with a barbeque out on the rugby pitches one beautiful sunny evening in June!

Scouts

The Aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The 1st Ballyclare (High School) Scout Group has now active all five sections of the movement – Squirrel Scouts, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts (formally Venture Scouts). All sections welcome into membership any boy from the local community. Adults who wish to become Leaders, Helpers or Instructors are much needed and particularly welcome.

Scout Section: This section caters for young people aged between 10 - 15 and is therefore the most closely linked with the pupils who attend the School. The troop consists of small units (Patrols) of six to eight scouts, one of whom is the Patrol Leader and shares with the leaders the responsibility of maintaining standards and training other members of the patrol. Together all the Patrol leaders form a Patrol Leaders' Council which takes their acceptance of responsibility a stage further by covering aspects of the running of the troop, awarding badges and planning activities.

Activities on troop nights included badge work from the Scout Progressive Awards and the Proficiency scheme. Scouting skills, navigation exercises, cooking, and lots and lots of games are a regular part of our weekly program.

Squirrel Scout Section (Age 4 – 6)	Mondays 5-00 - 6.30pm
Beaver Scout Section (Age 6 - 8)	Mondays 5.00 - 6.30pm
Cub Scout Section (Age 8 - 10)	Fridays 7.00 - 8.30pm
Scout Section (Age 10 – 14/15)	Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm
Explorer Scout Section (Age 14/15 - 18)	Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm

The Williams Library

The new state of the art Library, which has been widely acclaimed as “Brilliant” opened for business in October 2004. It has been very well supported by pupils from each year group and has provided them with a bright, stimulating environment for various activities. It is also encouraging to see members of staff giving their classes the opportunity to use the facilities on offer.

We are very grateful to Library Headquarters for the generous allowance of new books and also to the staff and pupils who donated books. The Resource Centre/Library Open evening, organised by the English Department, which involved the Year 8 pupils and their parents was a great success.

The pupil librarian scheme continues to thrive and the help given by these enthusiastic pupils is very much appreciated. It is worth noting that the pupil librarian certificate which is awarded to these helpers forms part of their record of achievement and can be used for the service and skills section of the bronze, silver and gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.



Dates for your Diary

Opera 2005

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This year's Ballyclare High School Opera production will run from Monday 24th to Friday 28th October 2005 in the School Hall.

The Gala Night will be held on Wednesday 26th October 2005, and will be in aid of The Mitre Trust, a hospital based charity, to improve facilities and equipment for patients at Musgrave Park Hospital.

Tickets for the Opera, including the Gala Night, will be available from the School Office.

Christmas Carol Services

The Annual Christmas Carol Services will be held on Monday 19th (afternoon and evening) and Tuesday 20th December 2005, (evening only).

Spring Concert

The Annual Spring Concert will be held on Monday 10th April 2006, in the Montgomery Hall.

Full details of the above events can be obtained from the school office and website.