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DECEMBER	Time	Event
Mon 5 th	9.00-11.00 lunchtime	R8-R11 Jackie Burke Talk, Centenary Building Scholastic Book Fair, Jackson Hall (until Friday)
Tue 6 th		Silver Duke of Ed Training, Killeleagh (return: 8 th Dec) R14 Rock-Climbing, Belfast Activity Centre
Thu 8 th	15.30	Interm. netball team V Grosvenor Grammar, Aurora
Fri 9 th	17.00-22.00 16.00	R11-R12 GCSE Music Trip, Ulster Hall 6 th Form Centre "Open House"
Sat 10 th		GL Supplementary Test

Headmaster's Headlines

Spreading the Cheer: Well done to the children in the Junior Choir who entertained parents, teachers and hotel guests at the Culloden last Sunday. This was a lovely event and provided a good dry-run for the choir's upcoming visits to local residential homes.

Stocking Fillers: The 2017 School Calendars have now arrived in school and are for sale in the Office (or at the Ladies' Lunch today). They are a snip at only £6.00 each (4 for £20) and a must-have for the relatives at Christmas.

Many a Good Tune... I have counted at least 13 first places achieved by Rockport pupils at the recent Hollywood Music Festival. Well done to all our singers who took part in this year's competition and thanks to Mrs Catherine Hunter for so expertly tutoring them upstairs on such an old piano which is clearly past its best.

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On that Note: We are now officially on the hunt for a good piano to replace one in the music practice rooms, so if you know of one that is going begging, please do contact the school office.

Ladies' Lunch: I am about to leave school to (briefly) visit the Ladies' Lunch at the Culloden Hotel. I have never really fully recovered from my ordeal two years ago when I had to speak at this event but I am now donning the Kevlar and steeling myself as I head once more into the Lionesses' Den. Seriously, this is a great event and putting it on is a mammoth task which only happens as a result of a lot of planning and hard work by the PTA and their volunteer helpers. And as well as being great fun, the lunch also raises much-needed funds for a number of charities as well as for the school. This year's worthy beneficiaries are *The Boom Foundation* and *Reverse the Trend*.

George Vance
Headmaster



GENERAL

Sixth Form Centre

As you will be aware, the MORE campaigners have been creating a new space for the 6th Form, which enhances their social area and provides a bespoke learning environment which will facilitate independent study. The work is now complete and we would like to invite anyone who is interested in seeing the 6th Form Centre to come and have a look around the new facility on Friday 9th December at 4.00pm.

Mrs Rhonda D. Palmer
Deputy Head

Scholastic Book fair

The year 11 Business Studies class will be hosting our annual book fair in the Jackson Hall at lunchtimes from Monday 5th until Friday 9th December. There will be books for all age groups along with stationery and we will be running various competitions throughout the week. Students should bring along a small amount of money to purchase any books. A leaflet should arrive home with all pupils today. We hope to see you all there.

Christmas Logs

Here's a few pictures of the R11 young enterprise group making their customised Christmas logs. Please support our students in their new venture – small logs priced at £6 and large logs £8.

Well done to the class for organising and running their stall at the ladies lunch today. They had a successful day of selling their Christmas logs.



Heather McBride
Teacher of Business Studies





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All R11 students attending the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Residential should meet at the front of the school on Tuesday morning at **8.00am**. Rain has been forecast, so it is essential that all students bring lots of warm layers and a waterproof coat. We aim to return to school, on Thursday 8th December, for 4.00pm.

Sarah Parke
Head of ICT
ICT Co Ordinator

Missing clothing

A pupil in R7 has mislaid a grey shirt and two green sports socks. Last seen in the R5 – 7 boys changing room on Wednesday. Please check all clothing at home, and return any incorrect clothing to Mr Reid.

Mr Colin Reid
R7 Form Teacher

GCSE Music trip to Ulster Hall

Pupils in R11 and 12 GCSE Music classes will be visiting the Ulster Hall next Friday 9th December, to watch the City of Belfast School of Music Christmas Concert. Arrangements are as follows:

- Train to Belfast – 4.29pm
- Dinner in Red Panda (£13.50 two course Pre-theatre menu) – 5.30pm
- Concert – 7.30 -9pm
- Train to Seahill – 21.32pm
- Non weekend boarders to be picked up at school at 10.15pm

Pupils will be responsible for their own money.

Date for your diary: Junior Choir to Glenraig Community Carol Service, Monday 12th December. Time to be confirmed in next week's newsletter.

Melanie Carr
Teacher in Charge of Music and Drama



Hollywood Festival Results 2016

Music Theatre 9 Years and under F1a

1st Jamie Anderson-Orr
2nd Teddy Geddis
3rd Eva Hill

Music Theatre 9 years and under F1b

1st Evelyn Brammer

Music Theatre 9 years and under Set Piece.

1st Tara Curry
2nd Jamie Anderson-Orr

Music Theatre 12 years and under

2nd Georgia McKissick

Music Theatre 12 years and under set piece

2nd Eve Naysmith

Music Theatre Duet 14 years and under

1st Georgia McKissick and Tamzin McMullan

Boys and Girls under 7

2nd Arielle Allen

Boys and Girls 7 & 8

1st Teddy Geddis
2nd Jamie Anderson-Orr
3rd Eva Hill

Boys and Girls 9&10

1st Clara Waterworth
2nd Evelyn Brammer

Boys and Girls 11 & 12

1st Georgia McKissick
3rd India McNellis

Non-Prizewinners 12 and under

1st Eve Naysmith
Joint 2nd Clara Waterworth and Aissa Nugent

Confined class Boys and Girls 12 and under

Joint 2nd Teddy Geddis and Jamie Anderson-Orr
Joint 3rd Clara Waterworth and Evie Brammer

Folk Song Accompanied 12 and under

1st Teddy Geddis
2nd Evelyn Brammer
Joint 3rd Georgia McKissick and Ciara West

Folk song unaccompanied 12 and under

1st Jamie Anderson-Orr
2nd Penelope Brammer

Folk song accompanied 13 and 14

2nd Anna Thomson
3rd Alexander Hook

Folk song unaccompanied 13 and 14

1st Alexander Hook
2nd Anna Thomson

Boys Open

1st Alexander Hook

Duet in the Classical Style 14 and under

1st Anna Thomson and Teddy Geddis

Photo Shoot REMINDER

Unless you have already done so, could all the prize winners, please bring in their cups, medals and certificates on Monday 5th December for a photo shoot in front of the school. Many thanks.

Catherine Hunter
Singing Tutor



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PTA

Dates for your diary:

Santa Claus visit – Thursday 22nd December

Easter Bunny visit – Thursday 6th April

Dad's Day Out – Friday 28th April

Belfast Marathon – Monday 1st May

School Fete – Sunday 7th May

Speech Day – Thursday 15th June

Thank you for your continued support for all our events. Together we raise much-needed and appreciated funds for our school which benefit each and every child.

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