

# School Newsletter

December 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

As our calendar year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for all of your support in such challenging times. It has been encouraging to see the school get back to more normal activities such as our sporting fixtures and practices and our practical classes, many of which you will see in this newsletter.

At Christmas I think it is important for all of us to reflect on what has been achieved throughout the year, to be thankful for all the many blessings we have and to consider how we will approach the challenges yet to come.

Within school there have been many wonderful achievements throughout 2021, despite the challenging circumstances our pupils have had to endure. These did not just happen but are as a result of hard work by our pupils, invaluable support from home and the expertise and commitment of staff.

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the pupils, to extend thanks to all teaching and support staff for their continued effort and dedication to City of Armagh High School and those whom it serves.

I wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a happy 2022.

K. Mulholland  
Principal

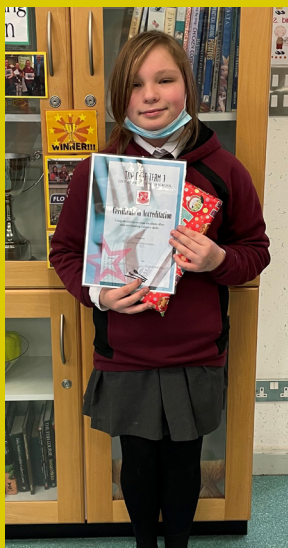
Welcome

## Pastoral



It has been great to be able to have speakers back in school. Over the past few months we have had, YENI, PIPs Hope & Support, Mood Matters, CAFRE, MOD and Love for Life working with different year groups.

## Home Economics



Congratulations to the following KS3 Home Economics students, who were awarded 'Top Chef of the Term', for displaying outstanding culinary skills. These students demonstrated highly competent organisational skills, effective time management, self evaluation and produced quality outcomes in their practical work. Well done Olivia Kromane, Ruby Zwecster and Braiens Ivchenkova.

# Year 10 Monster Pots

During Art, Year 10 pupils took part in a clay project that involved making 'monster pots'.





# Sponsorship

This term, the school were so pleased to have a number of new sponsors who provided football kits for our pupils.

Below is Linda Allen, from LA Image who came into the school to present our U.16 girls football team with a fantastic new kit. Thuge thanks to Linda for such generous sponsorship.



# Sponsorship

Below is Derek Livingstone from DJL School of Learning who came into school to present Josh Camblin and Billy Wilson the U16 boys football team with their new kit. A big thanks to Derek for your sponsorship.





# Sponsorship

Below are Rebecca, Emma and Sarah McCauley from Bounce-A-bout presenting the new U14 boys football kit to Brooklyn Knipe and Elliot Robinson with Principal Mrs Mulholland in attendance. A big thanks to three past pupils for giving back to their school community.



# Sponsorship

A big thanks for Dessies Clothing for sponsoring the U13 boys football kit. The picture below shows Dessie Feeney presenting the sponsored jersey's to Charlie McCarten and Marcus Armstrong. A big thanks is also given to Raymond Steenson (pictured beside Principal Mrs Mulholland) who was instrumental in securing the sponsorship for our football teams.





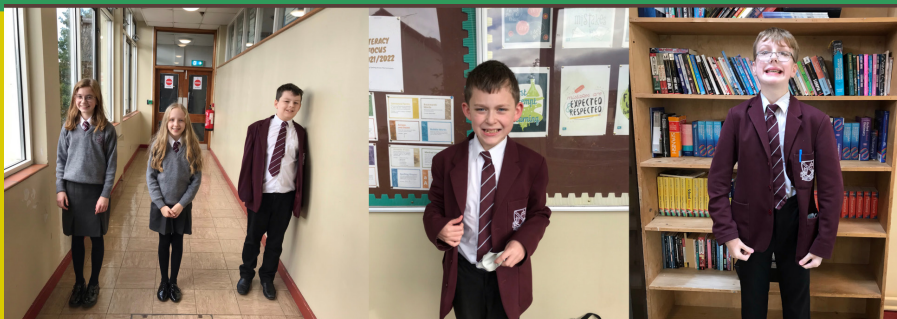
## Pre-Loved Uniform

Armagh Food Bank, along with Vineyard Church, will run a Pre-Loved Uniform Pop Up Shop, to provide pre-loved uniforms free of charge in the Mall Shopping Centre (opposite Sainsbury's Shopping Centre). It will take place 11am to 3pm, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th January.



The school will be supporting this venture throughout 2022. If you have any items of school uniform that your child has grown out of, but which would still be good enough for any child to wear, please consider donating these. You can donate these by sending them into form class any time in the new year.

## English



Our focus this year in school is on improving spelling across the curriculum. In October we looked at 'tricky' words, November was the correct use of homophones while in December we looked at using mnemonics to help spell words. Competitions have been running each month and here we have just some of our worthy winners.

## Christmas Card



Congratulations to Year 9 pupil Tia Henry for designing the school's Christmas card.

Four Year 8 pupils: Eve Gibson, Phebe Beaver, Sophie Stewart and Ellie Diffin attended a Carol singing event with Ms Freeburn, for the opening of a new Charity Shop, Vincent's, in Armagh on Friday 26th November. The girls joined with four pupils from St Catherine's College to serenade customers with favourite Christmas carols, appropriately celebrating the opening of the new charity shop in the former Dorothy Perkins store in Armagh. Well done and thank you to all involved!



# Prize Night 2021

The annual prize giving took place in City of Armagh High School on Thursday 11th November 2021.

Year 12 and 13 past pupils and guests were warmly welcomed to the school to celebrate their success.

Commenting on external examination results it was reported that, as in previous years, the results continue to improve, with over 77% of pupils achieving 5 A\*-C grades or equivalent. This reflects the high quality of teaching provided and the bespoke key stage 4 pathways provided for pupils.

Joy Armstrong with her LSC attainment prize at City of Armagh High School's Prize Night.



Congratulations to Alex Bradley for winning the ASC attainment prize.



Congratulations to Mrs Black, Mr Ross and Principal Mrs Mulholland in receiving their 20 years service prize at the school's Prize Night.



# Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 4th January	- P7 pupils visit (1pm - 2.45pm)
Wednesday 5th January	- Pupils return to school
Thursday 6th January	- P7 pupils visit (7pm - 8.30pm)
17th - 20th January	- Year 8 Shannaghmore Trip
24th - 28th January	- Year 12 Tracker Tests
Wednesday 9th February	- Year 12 Interview Skills Day
14th - 18th February	- Pupils 1/2 Term Holidays
24th - 28th February	- Year 12 Mock Exams
Tuesday 15th March	- Year 8 Parent's Meeting
17th - 18th March	- Pupils Holiday
14th - 22nd April	- Easter Holidays

## Future Planning

6th - 10th June	- Year 8-11 Exam Week
Thursday 30th June	- Last day of term