



SHIMNA INTEGRATED COLLEGE



ANOTHER VIEW - RESHUFFLED A LEVEL IRISH STUDENTS.

A Celebration of a Very Integrated Year

We sometimes underestimate the wonderful opportunities an Integrated education offers for staff and students to bring each other to the places that matter to us. The gorgeous bunch above are Eve, Fiadhnaid, Caoimhe and Ellie May, our Irish Medium clever clogs who have just sat their AS in Irish even though they are only in year 11. With them are Robbie Keenan, head of Irish and Rev Ross Harte of Newcastle Methodist Church. The photo was

taken as a reminder of Irish language St Patrick's Day service we held in the Methodist Church. Our students have also celebrated Harvest in Newcastle, Presbyterian Church, attended Advent mass in St Mary's Catholic Church in Newcastle and rounded off 2011 with our traditional carol service at St John's Church of Ireland, Newcastle. Our A level students of Religious Studies also headed down to Dublin to visit an Orthodox Church. Among the A level

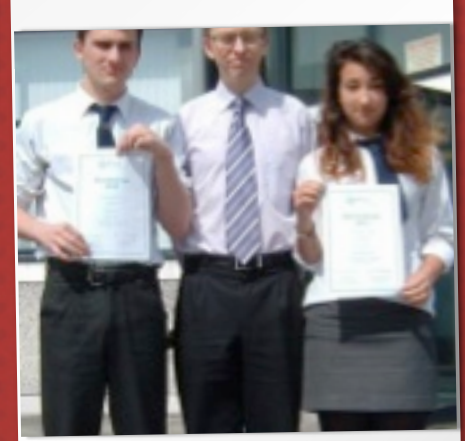
class was Eve's big sister Gemma, who is the student tutor for our after school Russian group. Through the year, our Scripture Union also hosted a workshop on liturgy and our brand new Alternative Chaplaincy made a particular focus of supporting our Gay/Straight Alliance, and also offered medication sessions coming up to the examinations to help anyone who needed a bit of calm.



SPOT JAMIE AND GREG

A level science student Ariz Sterne, seen here on the left with head of science Alasdair Spence, and fellow student Carly Green, has won himself a place on a prestigious mathematics course in Cambridge, which takes place over the Hallow E'en break in October. Well done you!

SORRY I CHOPPED YOUR HEAD!



Girls' Sports Report

Netball

Well done to the Year 8 girls in the East Down Netball Tournament. Team members were: Laura Barr; Emily graham; Rachelle Connolly; Sarah McGlynn; Emily Forte; Lucy O'Connor; Kenzi Dickenson; Emma Maxwell; Laura Maxwell.

Congratulations to the Year 9, 10 and 11 girls who plaed a friendly match againt touring side Ballycastle and won 10-7. Team members were: Claire Malone; Georgia Reid; Katie Ireland; Anna Monteith; Fiadhnaid Brady; Emma Addis; Shannon McKibben; Chloe Parke; Chloe McDonald; Aoife Rooney.

Girls' Track and Field

The events this year were completed in class as building work meant that a Sports' Day wasn't possible.

Year 8 Results

800m 1st Tara Findlay
 2nd Rachelle Connolly
 3rd Carys Mitchell

100m Sarah McGlynn
 Kenzi Dickinson
 Emily Forte

Long Jump 1st Sarah McGlynn
 2nd Annie Finnegan
 2nd Rachelle Connolly
 3rd Emily Forte

High Jump 1st Sarah McGlynn
 2nd Lucy O'Connor
 2nd Emma Maxwell
 3rd Rachelle Connolly

Shot Putt 1st Sarah McGlynn
 2nd Kenzi Dickinson
 3rd Sara Doherty

Year 8 Sports Girl Award went to Sarah McGlynn

Year 9 Results

800m 1st Julia McCabe
 2nd Chloe Rooney
 3rd Toni Quayle

100m 1st Ciara Collins
 2nd Amber Jennings
 3rd Camille McGennity

Shot Putt 1st Leanne Ferguson
 2nd Amy Donald
 3rd Amber Jennings

Long Jump 1st Cora Keown
 2nd Ciara Collins
 3rd Toni Qualye
 3rd Amber Jennings

High Jump 1st Ciara Collins
 2nd Toni Quayle
 3rd Hollie Graham

Year 9 Sports Girl Award went to Ciara Collins

Year 10 Results

800m 1st Dara Herron
 2nd Katie Paryag
 3rd Carolina Ehrhardt

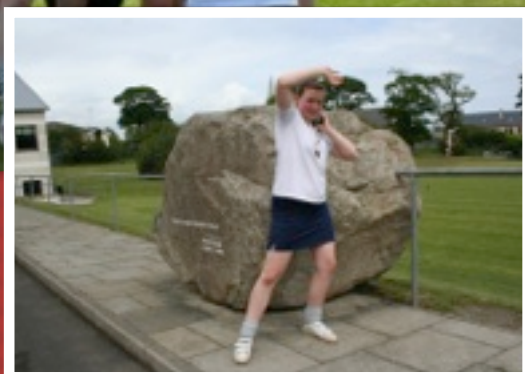
100m 1st Dara Herron
 2nd Kyla James
 Carolina Ehrhardt

High Jump 1st Dara Herron
 2nd Carolina Erhardt
 3rd Katie Paryag

Long Jump 1st Dara Herron
 2nd Kayla James
 3rd Leanne Hanna



YOU'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE, BUT OUR PRIZEWINNING GIRLS DESERVE ANOTHER SHOWING.



NETBALL AND HOCKEY TOUR

Not ours, but what a good idea! The touring side was from Ballycastle High School, who came to stay at the fairytale Castlewellan Castle, and had organised themselves both hockey and netball matches in nearby schools. We were delighted to host them in the second last week of term, and were very proud to win 10:7, particularly after the difficult year all our sports have had with budget restrictions in all schools limiting travel to fixtures and matches.

Year 10 Sports Girl Award went to Dara Herron

Year 11 Results

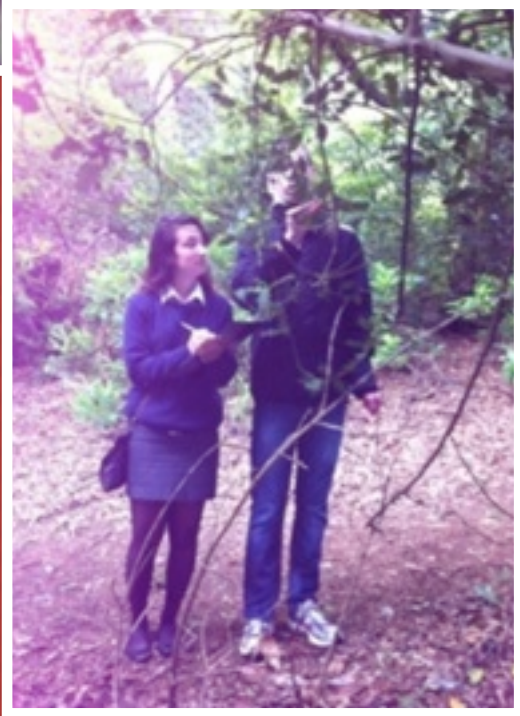
High Jump	1 st Emma Addis 2 nd Aideen Hanna 3 rd Lauren Chambers
Long Jump	1 st Georgia Reid 2 nd Chloe Parke 3 rd Claire Malone
100m	1 st Georgia Reid 2 nd Chloe Parke 3 rd Claire Malone
Shot Putt	1 st Lauren Sloan 2 nd Georgia Reid 3 rd Emma Addis 3 rd Chloe Parke

Year 11 Sports Girl Award went to Georgia Reid.

We can't let our Sports Report go by without recording our grateful thanks to Rory Friel for seventeen years service to Shimna athletes. Rory moves on from his post as head of boys' PE, to further his specialist athletics coaching. This year Newry, next year the US. We wish him all the very best of luck and hope that he will always keep in touch. Jamie Meaklim joins us from Grosvenor Grammar School as head of boys' PE in September.

Heading off to Lagan College as head of Spanish is another Shimna sportsperson, Miguel Navarrete. He will still be firmly in the Integrated camp and will definitely keep in touch through our joint Spanish work experience.

PERFECT SETTING FOR BIOLOGY



AND THEY CALL THIS WORK! AS SOON AS THE AS EXAMINATIONS WERE OVER, OUR INTREPID A LEVEL BIOLOGY STUDENTS WERE OUT IN THE FOREST AND DOWN ON THE BEACH MAKING A START ON THE OBSERVATIONS THEY NEED FOR THEIR A2 PRACTICAL WORK. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM, THOUGH. AS YOU CAN SEE THEY DID FIND SOME TIME TO SNOOZE UP A TREE!

ONE GOES TO HUNGARY



OUR INSPIRATIONAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT LEADS THE WAY WITH ENTHUSIASTIC TEACHERS. ALAN MCDONNELL, HEAD OF CHEMISTRY, HEADED OFF TO HUNGARY TO EXPERIENCE FACILITIES AND NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES NOT AVAILABLE TO US LOCALLY. HE IS CURRENTLY STUDYING SOME MORE AT YORK UNIVERSITY, AND THEN HE JOINS ALASDAIR SPENCE, HEAD OF PHYSICS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TO TOP UP ON A COURSE RUN BY THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY.

And Here's What He Had to Say

Alan McDonnell, Head of Chemistry, travelled to Budapest, Hungary on June 18th to participate in a science industries visit organised by the Science Learning Centre in York, England. Over the course of three days Alan visited a MOL oil refinery, a nuclear power station and a world leading pharmaceutical plant.

The course was attended by eleven other UK science teachers with the intention to improve their understanding of STEM subjects.

On 18th June the group visited a large oil refinery run by MOL, a Hungarian based petrochemical company. They refine crude oil into several essential fractions needed for modern society. The trip involved touring several sections of the refinery along with a discussion with one of MOL's chief engineers.

Teachers were shown the methods used to refine the crude oil and the quantities of coke produced in the refining process. The desulphurisation process was discussed and the company's focus on environmental issues was evident.

On the 19th June the group visited Paks nuclear power station. This station supplies 40% of Hungary's power

supply and visiting this site was an invaluable experience. The company have a visitor centre and frequently allow tours around the plant, albeit with very tight security. The teachers were allowed through the security and were brought through the turbine halls, the main operation room and were brought to a viewing area to see the nuclear reactor itself.

The tour was very professional and detailed information about the pros and cons of nuclear energy were discussed with the teachers.

The visit to Budapest concluded with a visit on the 20th to Richter pharmaceutical plant in Budapest. The company is a world leader in pharmaceuticals but exports most of its products outside

Europe. Richter were very helpful, allowing the teachers to tour their research labs and were given detailed information about the instrumentation used in their labs. Their instrumentation is of the highest quality and is seldom found in other laboratories.

The course is in two parts with the second trip to York, England to visit a polymer company and a day to allow teachers to discuss the benefits of the visits to their teaching. The experience was amazing and the feedback from all the teachers was very positive.



Ulster Rugby U16 Development Squad

Hard work ahead for Ryan Johnston and James Aiken who have been selected for the squad. It is a terrific opportunity for the two Ballynahinch players, and will be music to the ears of Jamie Meaklim, our new head of boys' PE who will be delighted to hear that he has two on a potential Shimna squad who are playing at this level. Well done you two.

OUR FABULOUS STUDENTS' COUNCIL ROUNDED OFF A VERY ACTIVE YEAR BY DRAGGING US ALL OFF FOR A SPONSORED WALK IN THE WOODS, AND VERY GOOD FOR US IT WAS TOO.

Fundraising Walk in the Woods

Our Students' Council has the long term goal of raising money for Eco projects in the school, both to shrink our carbon footprint and to save us money in these days of shrinking budgets. The original plan was to buy solar panels, but research has suggested that our roof isn't ideal. The next suggestion is to provide benches in the grounds, to make sure all our students benefit from all the eco work that has been going on, litter picking and biodiversity work. The benches will be sourced from a local firm which manufactures from recycled plastics. All of KS3 staff and students took part in the walk, paying £1.00 each and being rewarded at the end with a delicious Morelli's ice cream. We truly believe that we all walked off the ice cream on the lengthy route with plenty of uphill slopes. Thanks to the Students' Council, to Jo Rodgers and to Mr Morelli.



TRIPLE CHAMP

OUR RYAN HAS JUST WON HIS THIRD IRISH HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP AT TULLAMORE. RORY AND HE WERE OUT THE BACK TRAINING EVEN ON 11TH JULY. RYAN HAS NOW BEEN SELECTED FOR TO REPRESENT IRELAND AGAINST SCOTLAND AND WALES IN THE CELTIC INTERNATIONAL IN ABERDEEN ON AUGUST 11TH. BEST OF LUCK!



RYAN AND GOLD

THAT'S HIM ON THE PODIUM RECEIVING HIS GOLD MEDAL. EVEN WORTH THE UNBELIEVABLY EARLY START HE HAD TO MAKE TO GET TO TULLAMORE.



THAT'S HIM AGAIN

ALL THE FINALISTS CLEARED 1.78, THE BAR WENT TO 1.81. RYAN CLEARED IT FIRST TIME, A NEW PB OUTDOORS. THE OTHER THREE FAILED TO CLEAR IT. WHAT WILL I DO WITHOUT RORY'S DEATHLESS PROSE - I REALLY MEAN THAT - GREAT SPORTS WRITER MANQUE.