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# Principal's Message

**I** take great pleasure in commending to you the 2021-22 edition of the Rainey Endowed School Magazine, the publication that records all the key events of our school year.

In doing so, I must pay tribute to Miss Bingham, the production team and everyone who has worked so hard on the magazine to give a small snap-shot of life at the Rainey.

As the green shoots of normal life begin to emerge from a landscape of Covid the one thing which remains strong is the "Rainey family". This year has seen the return of full face to face teaching however the staff have never deviated from the sole purpose of fulfilling the potential of every pupil. We aspire for our young people to become confident individuals and responsible citizens who are adaptable to life and its challenges in Northern Ireland, the UK, Europe or further afield. We strive for our pupils to be well-rounded, tolerant, respectful, resilient and proud of their roots, proud to say they were educated at "the Rainey". This is evidenced in wonderful detail throughout this magazine, which reflects a caring school which is pastorally astute and where everyone is made to feel welcome.

Any highly successful Grammar school will have its roots in academic success. Academic excellence is one of the hallmarks of the Rainey, but it is not the defining feature.

The Rainey strives to go one step further to fulfil the potential of every pupil both inside and outside the classroom. The Rainey aims to broaden pupils' perceptions and understanding of the wider world, ensuring our pupils become global citizens in the 21st century, and to encourage pupils to

develop morally, socially, spiritually and physically, as well as academically. Success at GCSE, AS or A2 level examinations does not define a pupil, but rather the skills and qualities that pupil has gained during their time being educated at the Rainey.

As the clubs and societies begin to emerge from the barren Covid landscape the true vitality and life of the Rainey is now beginning to flourish, we have also welcomed the return of school trips to Paris, Scotland, Italy and Austria to name but a few.

This magazine really does give a clear insight into the hard work, pastoral care, leadership and dedicated support of all involved at the Rainey. It also highlights the strengths of the 3-way partnership. As we continue to embed and further develop best practice via our School Development Plan and new action plans, we are committed to helping our pupils to become successful learners and aspire for our young people to become confident individuals and responsible citizens.

We continue to look to the future and the enhancement of the school site, with the new library and foyer areas all at their final stages of completion.

Rainey Endowed School is an outstanding place to work and study and I am truly honoured to have been Principal for the past two years. It has been a pleasure to work with the Governors, all staff, parents, pupils, former pupils and other stakeholders throughout this time.

I know that you will enjoy the magazine.

**Mr N McClements/Principal**

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# Magazine Editorial



Once again I find myself writing a school magazine editorial which refers to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, in this case, it is to note that the school magazine begins to take on a more normal flavour. While this year has proved challenging to both pupils and staff, particularly in the early months, normality is slowly returning. The usual school activities have started to run and it is lovely to see fully functioning sports and clubs sections appearing once again, although pupils have been less enthusiastic about the reappearance of external exams! We have decided to maintain our electronic version of the magazine this year although we hope to return to print in the near future. It is with pleasure I welcome you to an almost fully restored edition of the Rainey Magazine.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As always, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the magazine. It has been a very pressurised year for staff and pupils as they have continued to juggle blended learning and the return of external exams; I appreciate the time and the effort they put into their articles.

## MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM

Catherine Bell  
Daisy Campbell  
Caoimhe Cudden  
Anna Eakin  
Kyle Fleming  
Sara Henderson

I would also like to thank the enthusiastic magazine committee who returned this year to bring organisation and discipline to the school photo day; it was great to see both returning to action! To Mr John Dunlop, our designer, thank you for again for making the compilation of the Rainey Magazine as painless and seamless as possible. It is a huge undertaking and your professionalism and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Finally, to all the businesses who willingly support us with advertising every year, we have always appreciated your support and again this year, we felt it very unfair to place any further financial strain upon you by asking for advertising. We thank you once more for your support in the past and look forward to it again in the future when we will hopefully be able to return to a full print edition.

**Miss C Bingham**

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# Rainey Board of Governors 2022-2026

In January 2022 a new board of governors was constituted to oversee governance of the Rainey until 2026. We are pleased to introduce our new governors:



**Mr David Henry**  
Department of Education Representative

I have been Managing Director of Henry Brothers (Magherafelt) Ltd. since 2000. The company generally operates in the commercial construction market for a variety of government and private clients and forms part of the Henry Group of Companies. I have lived in Magherafelt all my life and am married to Diane, we have 3 children. I joined the family business on completing my formal education and have achieved Fellowship status of the CIOB and gained the Institute of Directors Certificate in Company Direction. I have served on the Board of Governors since January 2014.



**Mrs Sandra Overend**  
Parents' Representative

I am honoured to represent parents on the Board of Governors. My youngest son, Nathan attends the Rainey, with Courtney and Joshua having both achieved GCSEs and A Levels here. The school community has always been a welcome place for me as a parent and I hope to encourage others to get involved. I believe that our children will thrive better at school if parents take an active interest in their education, to provide a supporting environment to live and learn.

As a champion-rugby-mum, I am also involved in rugby fundraising and in the Parents' Forum. I currently work within a local construction company as Training & Development Manager, supporting the workforce to ensure they continue to develop and increase their skill set. Prior to this I spent nineteen years working for the Northern Ireland Assembly, six of those as an elected Member. Through my various roles within the Economy, Employment & Learning, Environment and Education, I gained valuable experience in developing legislation, amending policy and advocating for families and for local schools. I believe that it is important to ensure that our young people are schooled in a safe, educational and caring environment and it is my honour to hold this role on our school's Board of Governors.



**Mr John Clayton**  
Department of Education Representative

Now in his fourth term as a Governor, John is deeply committed to Rainey and the continued success and even further improvement of the school. He is privileged to serve as Secretary to the Board and Trustees. Married with six grown up children and six grandchildren, some living in this community, he feels it is very important to support a school that has been a hub of tolerance and good relations over the years. John is a former Headteacher with a lifetime of experience of schools and wishes to do what he can to support the Staff and Students of Rainey Endowed.

# I Rainey Board of Governors 2022-26



**Miss C Bingham**  
**Teachers' Representative**

I started my teaching career at Rainey Endowed in 2004 when I came to cover a maternity leave and never left! I have been Head of Religious Studies since 2006. I am very proud to work in a school with such a unique history in delivering non-denominational religious education. I believe in allowing pupils to have a broad range of educational experiences and have led trips to Rome and Israel as well as helped support the musical life of the school through assisting with the junior choir. This is my first term on the Board of Governors and I look forward to my new role as Teachers' Representative.



**Dr Neil Black**  
**Department of Education Representative**

I joined the Board in 2015, appointed by the Department and feel it a great honour to serve my school again. The academic and family ethos here has supported me well through life and my career. My grandfather taught here, my father, several aunts, uncles and three of my brothers and sisters studied here, so I feel a strong family bond to the school. I was head boy from 1992-1993 and moved on to study medicine at QUB, graduating in 1999 and returning to graduate MD in 2005. I have been a consultant physician in Altnagelvin Hospital since 2009 and specialise in Endocrinology & Diabetes with General Internal Medicine. I was Assistant Director of Acute Services at Altnagelvin Hospital from 2017 to 2021 and am currently the Clinical Lead for Endocrinology & Diabetes and Chief Clinical Information Officer for the Trust. I chair the regional steering group for the NI Electronic Care Record and will lead the replacement of this in the Trust with the NI-wide encompass EHCR, provide by EPIC, due to be rolled out between late 2023 -2025. I continue in active clinical practice, both dealing with those admitted acutely along with their continuing care while in hospital as well as consulting on the care of those admitted under other specialists with issues related to diabetes or endocrinology. I also do clinics in endocrinology and diabetes, including antenatal care and insulin pumps and other technology to help people live with their diabetes. I have lived in Derry/Londonderry since 2009, with my wife and three sons. There is a lot to be proud of in the Rainey and a lot to protect. I'm glad to be part of that again.



**Mr Jonathan Brooks**  
**Presbytery of Tyrone Representative**

As the youngest member of the Board of Governors, my journey at the Rainey started rather recently in 2005. Since leaving in 2012, I studied and graduated in Computing and Information Technology at Queen's University, Belfast. Since then I have worked as a Legal Technology Solutions Specialist at a 'Magic Circle' Law Firm based in Belfast. After 7 fantastic years at the Rainey, during which I met my wife (on the Rainey Israel trip!), I am delighted to have been nominated as a Presbytery of Tyrone Representative on the Board of Governors. The Rainey has played a major part in my life over the past 16+ years, and I am committed to its Christian ethos, vision of excellence, and success for its pupils in the local community and the wider world.

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**Rev Dr J A Curry**  
**Minister of First Magherafelt Presbyterian Church**

I have served on the board since the start of 2004 when I became the minister of First Magherafelt. I am married to Lorna and we have four children who have all studied at the Rainey. At school I enjoyed sport and in particular Table Tennis and my favourite subject would have been... mathematics! After studying engineering at QUB I worked in England for ICI plc as a control electrical engineer. As is reflected in the ethos of the Rainey I have a passion for the complete development of young people which includes; emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development.



**Mr Aidan Donnelly**  
**Parent Governor**

I've been part of the extended Rainey family since I walked through the doors for the first time in 1986. I met my wife and many good friends during my time at the school and was deputy head boy in the 1992-93 year. Having studied electrical and electronic engineering at Queen's University, I went on to work in the telecoms industry and I've been running my own business locally for the last few years. My 3 children are all past and present Rainey pupils so I'm pleased to be able to contribute as a governor towards helping the school maintain the high standards and welcoming environment for which it's renowned.



**Mr B Kerr**  
**Presbytery of Tyrone**

I am delighted to be nominated to serve on the Board of Governors this term. I am a former pupil of the Rainey Endowed School and graduate in engineering from the University of Edinburgh. I have served on the management team of a number of local businesses and I am keen to use my experience to support the Rainey School in its endeavour to equip its pupils with skills for the future, develop resilience whilst displaying tolerance and respect.



**Mrs C Keatley**  
**Armagh Diocesan Council Representative**

I graduated from UJJ in Manufacturing Engineering. Since leaving college I have worked in the manufacturing and the small business sector. Work is now part time in a self - employed capacity. Home life is kept busy with my husband, a former Rainey student and my two sons. I have always endeavoured to play an active role in our community, as I strongly believe in the importance of volunteering, and have served on the Rainey Board of Governors since September 2016. The Rainey school is central to the lives of our children and the community it serves. It has a strong tradition of child centred education, where each child has the opportunity to be nurtured to reach their full potential. It is my privilege to sit with my fellow governors on the school board.

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**Prof D Leach**  
**Presbytery of Tyrone**

Having moved to Magherafelt in 2015 to take up the post of minister in Union Road, Magherafelt and Lecumpher Presbyterian Churches, I very quickly sensed the key role that Rainey Endowed played in the local community. I have often been impressed in casual conversations, and in more formal settings, by the commitment of staff, and pupils, from the school. As a former classroom teacher (with experience of teaching in two inner-city schools in East Belfast) I recognise the ongoing passion, enthusiasm and commitment that is required to maintain high standards of education alongside creating an atmosphere conducive to learning.

In August 2021 I took up a new post in Union Theological College where I have responsibility for our trainee ministers and teaching in areas such as preaching, pastoral care and leadership. Lifestyle, culture, the demands of a digital age, and expectations, have changed dramatically in the last 20 years and this has been accelerated by the covid pandemic.

I am grateful that 'The Rainey' continues to play a vital role within our locality and thankful that our children have been involved, and supported, in every aspect of life at the school.

I believe it is important for churches to be engaged in the community as we continue to pray for, and support, those involved in education across Mid-Ulster. I wholeheartedly endorse the vision statement of the school which desires 'to educate its pupils to be Global Citizens of the 21st Century' as it seeks to serve the whole community.



**Mr P Lennox**  
**Presbytery of Tyrone**

I have been nominated to serve a second term as a representative of the Presbytery of Tyrone to Board membership of Rainey Endowed School. I have lived all my life in the local area. I have worked in Translink as a driver, educational tours and an Inspector in the Magherafelt depot for the last 25 years. I have a real awareness of the role, impact and heritage 'the Rainey School' contributes to our community. I am married to Heather, our eldest son, Sam, will soon complete Year 13 at Rainey Endowed and our younger boy, Joel, finishes year 11 this year. I previously served on the Board of Governors at their Primary School for 10 years and have an active role in the youth work of our Church as BB Officer, youth leader and committee member. I look forward to contributing my experience to promote the best interests of the young people at the school with its sound values and ethos.



**Dr Allen McKay**  
**St Swithin's Select Vestry Representative**

This is my second term as a governor. I am a past pupil of Rainey Endowed School. After leaving school I studied pharmacology at Edinburgh University, and then medicine at Queen's University, Belfast, graduating in 1999. I now work as a local GP and am involved in teaching medical students and training GPs. The Rainey has helped shape who I am today and I want to be able to contribute something back to a school and community that aims to provide an environment for pupils to be able to attain their full potential. I am proud to be part of this community again.

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**Mrs Oonagh McKay**  
**Department of Education Representative**

This is my second term as governor at Rainey Endowed and I am delighted to be in a position to contribute to the school and have the opportunity to help in its continued future success. My background is in finance - I am a chartered accountant and chartered tax advisor and work for a multinational firm providing UK and overseas corporate tax advice. I am a firm supporter of diversity and inclusion in schools, the workplace and in society - an ethos echoed in Rainey's Vision Statement and something which Rainey Endowed successfully champions for and in its pupils.



**Archdeacon Terry Scott**  
**Rector of St Swithin's Parish Church**

I have been a governor throughout my time as the Church of Ireland rector of St Swithin's Magherafelt. My 3, now adult, children are all past pupils, and my wife has in the past taught in the school, - so The Rainey is kind of in our family DNA! It's been a great privilege to serve as a governor of a school that has such a long and rich history. I look forward to continuing to play a small part in the future.



**Mrs Naomi Thorogood**  
**Teachers' Representative**

My days within these warm red bricks began in 2015, fresh out of my PGCE course. During my time at Rainey Endowed, I have enjoyed teaching Music, English, and ICT. For me, Rainey life offers more than just an academic education and some highlights for me include the annual Spring and Christmas concerts, Rainey's Got Talent, a number of ski trips, and getting to know our new Year 8 pupils at Ganaway. It is always a joy to watch how our pupils flourish through these extra-curricular activities. As joint Head of Sixth Form, I am privileged to work closely with our Sixth Form Committee in their commendable fundraising efforts each year, including for our school charity, Abaana. I am looking forward with anticipation to my new role within the Governors.



**Mr Christopher Walls**  
**Department of Education Representative**

Originally from Magherafelt, I attended the Rainey between 1968/1972. I now live in a place called Carnalea, near Bangor. I was the Senior partner in a firm of solicitors in Belfast, although I have now retired. For many years I was closely involved with the Old Boys Rugby Club as player and administrator. I am delighted to be a member of the Board of Governors of this iconic school and hope that I can contribute in some way to the upkeep of its excellent reputation.

# News from the Staffroom

**T**he Rainey staff has once again had a busy year with a number of changes. We were sad to bid a fond farewell to Mr Robert Henderson from the Maths Department and Mr Glenn Henry and Mr Matthew Fields from their roles in the office and technology technician respectively. We wish Robert a long and happy retirement and Glenn and Matthew well in their future careers in the civil service and wedding photography. Mrs Anita Kenning is also leaving us after a two year period in Geography. Anita has a long association with the Rainey, both as a past pupil and teacher. We wish her all the best in her future career.

We were joined by some new support staff; Mrs Heather Spillane in the office and Ms Samantha Jarvis as Biology Technician. This year saw an extension in our Learning Support staff as

we welcomed new LSAs into the classroom including past pupils Miss Grace Rainey, Miss Alison Brown, Miss Rihanna Woulahan and Miss Caitlin Patterson alongside Mrs Ciara Birt, Mrs Dawn Greer-McGlone, Mr Conor Fitzsimons and Miss Annie O'Neill. We bid them a warm welcome and wish them many happy years at the Rainey.

We were also glad to welcome some temporary teaching staff including past pupil Miss Kirsty McLarnon (Science), Mrs Shauna Ireland (Business Studies), Miss Alison Alexander (Modern Languages) and Mr John Allen (Maths).

The Rainey continues its commitment to supporting new teachers in their training and we were happy to welcome past pupil, Miss Emma McLaughlin (RE); Miss Adele Brisbane

(HE) and Miss Blanthard Mullan-Young (Biology) to complete their teaching practices with us.

We were happy to celebrate two engagements on the staff; Miss Emma Badger to Mr Chris Beverland and Miss Caitlin Patterson to Mr Andrew Brown and the marriages of Miss Pamela Irwin to Mr Neil Young in July and Mr Scott Harris to Victoria in November. We also welcomed a number of new arrivals: Mrs Laura Stewart welcomed baby Ruth in February while Mrs Gemma Dunlop gave birth to Olivia in March and Mrs Sarah Crawford welcomed a baby boy in May. Other notable achievements included Mrs Naomi Thorogood and Miss Morgan Perkins completing the Belfast Marathon.

**Congratulations to all of them!**

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# Staff Leaving



**Glenn Henry**  
(Administrative staff 2014-2022)

Glenn first joined the Rainey Office in May 2014 when he came to 'help out' over the summer after graduating from Magee University with a Degree in Music, he quickly became a permanent fixture and stayed for nearly eight years.

As well as his many office duties which ranged from the school accounts to sorting queries from staff and pupils he was always willing to help out in extracurricular school events such as the Spring and Christmas Concerts where he was able to show off his amazing musical talents. Glenn was also a very keen history buff and would have treated anyone who wanted to listen with his vast knowledge of World War II.

During his time at the Rainey, Glenn made many friends and will be missed by both the staff and pupils, we wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

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# Staff Leaving



## Mr Matthew Fields Technology Technician 2014-2022

In April, our Technology & Design Technician, Matthew (Matty) Fields told me he had decided to pursue his talents and become a full-time photographer. It was at that moment I began to list in my head all the things that I didn't know very much about in the department. Things that Matty just got on with in a way that seemed so easy. Straight forward, effortless even. Yet, doing without Matty wasn't going to be any of those things.

For almost eight years, Matty had been the rudder that made sure we stayed on course. The person who sometimes looked at me sideways and told me straight, no – that won't really work, will it? The guy who I could rely on not to panic when coursework and controlled assessment submission deadlines loomed. The chap who could always supply that quality photograph for the latest social media post.

Having been Head Boy at Rainey Matty knew the school inside and out. He grew up in it and eventually became a member of staff. From schoolboy to husband and in time to Dad, Matty simultaneously gave the school all that he had. The Technology Department was not the only beneficiary of Matty's talents, he was unswerving in his commitment to Junior SU and the Christmas shoebox appeal not to mention the amazing assembly and social media videos he produced from sometimes shaky beginnings!

To say I will miss him hanging out on the bench during lunch on sunny summer term afternoons would not quite be enough. Who else would be so willing to discuss the latest offerings from the middle aisle? That not to be missed Parkside product or maybe to share the best video to be posted to YouTube that week.

From sixth form pupil, to colleague and now close friend, Matty, thank you sincerely for all you did for us over the years. Your contribution to the life of our school will live long in the memory of all those whom you helped and encouraged.

Matty, we all wish you complete success with your next chapter.

Mr J Palmer

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Thank you!

# Staff Leaving



## **Robert G Henderson** Member of the Mathematics Department 1990-2022 Head of year 2006-2022

Another school year is over and it brings to a formal end the thirty-two year teaching career, though we hope not the relationship, which Robert Henderson has enjoyed with Rainey Endowed School. He was the longest serving member of staff and has served under five Headmasters; Mr Tughan, Mr Flanagan, Mr Robinson, Mr McCullough and Mr McClements. Robert was educated at Bangor Grammar School before studying Mathematics at Queen's University, Belfast. Upon graduating he worked in an accountancy practice before taking up the post of Teacher of Mathematics at Rainey Endowed in 1990.

On his first morning in the school his induction lasted for about one minute. He was handed a copy of each textbook and told he was teaching in Hut C – roughly where Drama is now located. It didn't take Robert long to find his bearings and he quickly planted his roots in the Rainey. Robert's passion for outstanding teaching was one of his many great characteristics throughout his long career. His meticulous approach to the subject meant that he enthused his students and they always experienced outstanding teaching. He always found imaginative ways to break down even the most complex mathematical problems. Robert also took a traditional approach so that all pupils were versed in mathematical principles and had maximum exposure to all possible types of examination questions. He passionately believed that pupils weren't just in his class to learn mathematics but to be educated in the widest possible sense. An algebra lesson could easily end up with a discussion on world affairs, the origin of a Latin phrase or the latest developments in a TV soap opera. Robert also had that quality not always found amongst mathematicians – a real passion for the correct use language and grammar. Pupils quickly realised that asking "Can I go to the toilet?" was not the correct way to request permission to leave the room. Robert's 'life lessons' weren't just restricted to pupils. The staffroom was often treated to his musings on practical household, gardening and shopping issues or reflections on the world in general. It often started with "As my granny used to say."

When Robert arrived at the Rainey there were two staffrooms. Despite him being the youngest member of the Upper Staffroom his wit and sense of humour ensured that he kept his colleagues entertained and grounded. Robert was a loyal friend and always had the tea ready for the staff room each morning – obviously in a teapot rather than a mug. He was never stuck for a comment and one of his oft used phrases was "No one is indispensable".

In 2006 Robert became a Year Head and thoroughly enjoyed the enhanced interaction with pupils throughout Key Stage 3 and 4 and his door was always open to each pupil. Robert's support and advice was always much appreciated by pupils and parents alike.

Robert also had a passion for foreign languages and this was never more evident than in his involvement in the Year 9 Paris Trip. A frenetic four-day tour of the French capital gave pupils a flavour of French language, culture and cuisine. The Eiffel Tower, Louvre, L'Arc de Triomphe, Stade de France and Champs d'Elysee were all visited – and that was just the first day! For him boarding and disembarking the metro was a precise military operation, as was the management of the pupil 'banque'!

Despite these many accolades Robert will be remembered for one thing more than anything else – his teaching. The paperwork, the staff training, SIMS and the reports came and went, but Robert's first love was for teaching. He just loved being in front of a class discussing some complex mathematical issue or putting the world to rights. He had a real passion for mental maths and excelled in Countdown at the School Open Evenings. Parents and pupils were all amazed at his ability to compute even the largest numbers mentally. Although Robert's heart has always resided in North Down we hope he has also left a small part of it in Magherafelt.

As a school we thank him for everything he has done and everything he has been to his pupils and colleagues. We all wish him a long and happy retirement and hope that he will be able to get the rest that he deserves.

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# Staff Leaving



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Robert's 'life lessons' weren't just restricted to pupils. The staffroom was often treated to his musings on practical household, gardening and shopping issues or reflections on the world in general.



# Heads of School 2021-2022



## Head Boy

Nathan Hutchinson

## Deputy Head Boys

Michael Kelly  
Caleb Ross

## Head Girl

Johanna Causby

## Deputy Head Girls

Jenna Brown  
Rebekah Semple



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# Prefects



## Senior Prefects

Eli Barclay, Samuel Bruce, Ben McCrystal, Katie McHugh, Katie Neil, Sophie Stewart

## Prefects

Molly Beattie, Jacob Bell, Caitlin Bloomfield, Ben Brown, James Campbell, Anna Clements, Erin Coyle, Ellie Donaldson, Conor Donnelly, Emer Donnelly, Jack Fenton, Lewis Francis, Grace Fullerton, Rosanna Fullerton, Sarah Goodwin, Nicola Gordon, Maia Heaney, Alice Houston, Rachel Lawrence, Maya Marron, Hannah Martin, Dawson McCammon, Aimee McClure, Jake McConnell, Keisha McGovern, Lee McGucken, Taliesin McLaverty, Adam Montgomery, Grace Moore, Abbie Morton, Michael O'Neill, Kirsten Paul, Louis Regan, Amber Rogers, Anna Short, Cameron Smyth, Lucy Thomson, Katherine Wilson



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# Salvete



Mikey Averell  
Mya Barry  
James Bell  
Meghan Bentley  
Adam Bolton  
Hannah Briggs  
Connie Brimley  
Peter Broderick  
Eppie Brown  
Joel Brown  
Lily Brown  
Lucy Brown  
Emily Bruce  
Sophie Burns  
Elizabeth Cahoon  
Corey Campbell  
Eoghan Campbell  
Jake Chambers  
Jessica Clarke  
Abigail Dawson  
Aoibheann Devlin  
Annie Diamond  
Keir Donaghy  
Freddie Dowie  
Remy Duncan  
Miya Ekin  
Rhys Elliott  
Ellie Ferris  
Lily Foster  
Adam Fullerton  
Kendra Gilmore

Ellie-Mae Graham  
Molly Grant  
Zak Greer-McGlone  
Anna Gribbin  
Eoghan Griffin  
Isla Haruna  
Rafe Hastings  
James Hatrick  
Lucia Heaney  
Zach Herron  
Emily Higgins  
Dara Hughes  
Mya Hughes  
Paddy Hughes Scullion  
Klara Jackson  
Gary Kane  
Ashley Kelly  
Cara Kelly  
Laura Kelly  
Matthew Kelso  
Kyle Kennedy  
Jack Kerr  
David King  
Jack Kyle  
Ruairi Larkin  
Eve Leacock  
Lucy Linton  
Patrick Loane  
Anna Maciaszek  
Freya Martin  
Grace Mawhinney

Jessica Mawhinney  
Lachlan Mawhinney  
Ruth Maybin  
Calvin McCahon  
Ruby McCahon  
Daniel McCavana  
Rory McCrea  
Cillian McDonnell  
Donal McGoldrick  
Aoife McHugh  
Lilly McIvor  
Daniel McKinless  
Kathleen McLernon  
Aoife McNally  
Adam McNicholl  
Caitlin McVey  
Philippa Millar  
Hannah Miller  
Lewis Montgomery  
Blathnaid Moon  
John Murphy  
Caidin Nealon  
Emily Nelson  
Ellie Nicholl  
Ksenia Nowak  
Caoimhin O'Kane  
Joseph O'Kane  
Katie O'Kane  
Lucy O'Neill  
Oscar Orr  
Jack Overend

Ross Paul  
Shania Pitts  
Isabelle Regan  
Michael Reid  
Reegina Rentmeister  
Eva Robb  
Tayler Robb  
Katie Rowe  
Abigail Scott  
Georgia Scott  
Logan Scott-McKinley  
Lilly Seffen  
Erin Shanker  
Georgia Sherwood  
Zachary Silutins  
Ellen Smyth  
Tymon Sobieraj  
Lisa Spillane  
James Stevenson  
Carly Stewart  
Laura Stroganova  
Henry Suiter  
Daniel Tomb  
Katie Walker  
Katie White  
Cora Wiener  
Jonas Wiercioch  
Zak Wilkinson  
Krzysztof Wisniewski  
Sophie Young



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# Year Eight Class Photos: 8C



## Class 8C

Mikey Averell, Mya Barry, Connie Brimley, Joel Brown, Lily Brown, Lucy Brown, Kendra Gilmore, Rafe Hastings, James Hatrick, Lucia Heaney, Emily Higgins, Gary Kane, Ashley Kelly, Laura Kelly, Ruth Maybin, Ruby McCahon, Rory McCrea, Cillian McDonnell, Aoife McHugh, Katie McLernon, Caitlin McVey, Philippa Millar, Caoimhin O'Kane, Joe O'Kane, Katie Rowe, Lilly Seffen, James Stevenson, Henry Suiter, Zak Wilkinson



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# Year Eight Class Photos: 8P



## Class 8P

Hannah Briggs, Pete Broderick, Sophie Burns, Corey Campbell, Eoghan Campbell, Annie Diamond, Adam Fullerton, Ellie-Mae Graham, Molly Grant, Zak Greer-McGlone, Anna Gribbin, Eoghan Griffin, Paddy Hughes Scullion, Jack Kerr, Patrick Loane, Grace Mawhinney, Lachlan Mawhinney, Lilly McIvor, Aoife McNally, Blathnaid Lil Moon, Johnny Murphy, Emily Nelson, Ross Paul, Isabelle Regan, Michael Reid, Eva Robb, Erin Shanker, Tymon Sobieraj, Carly Stewart, Katie Walker



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# Year Eight Class Photos: 8S



## Class 8S

Meghan Bentley, Emily Bruce, Jessica Clarke, Abi Dawson, Aoibheann Devlin, Freddie Dowie, Remy Duncan, Miya Ekin, Ellie Ferris, Isla Haruna, Dara Hughes, Matthew Kelso, Kyle Kennedy, David King, Jack Kyle, Anna Maciaszek, Daniel McCavana, Donal McGoldrick, Adam McNicholl, Hannah Miller, Lewis Montgomery, Jack Overend, Shania Pitts, Georgia Scott, Logan Scott-McKinley, Laura Stroganova, Daniel Tomb, Katie White, Cora Wiener, Krzysztof Wisniewski



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# Year Eight Class Photos: 8W



## Class 8W

James Bell, Adam Bolton, Eppie Brown, Beth Cahoon, Jake Chambers, Keir Donaghy, Rhys Elliott, Lily Foster, Zach Herron, Mya Hughes, Klara Jackson, Cara Kelly, Ruairi Larkin, Eve Leacock, Lucy Linton, Freya Martin, Jessica Mawhinney, Calvin McCahon, Daniel McKinless, Caidin Nealon, Ksenia Nowak, Katie O'Kane, Oscar Orr, Regeena Rentmeister, Abigail Scott, Zac Silutins, Ellen Smyth, Lisa Spillane, Jonas Wiercioch, Sophie Young



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# Year Twelve



## Year 12

Billy Allen, Chloe Baras, Keziah Barclay, Rossa Bell, Mollie Booth, Amy Brown, Michael Brown, Zara Browne, Alex Bruce, Glenn Caldwell, James Cappell, Nathan Cartin, Abbie Caskey, Charlie Caskey, Emma Caskey, Frazer Clarke, James Cowan, Alex Craig, Peter Craig, Michael Curtis, Demi-Lee Dallas, Enya Diamond, Ciara Donnelly, Zach Downey, Jessica Drennan, Jamie Ewart, Luke Francis, Hollie Fullerton, James Gilbert, Amy Gordon, Ray Grant, Chloe Greer-McGlone, Harry Harkness, Jude Hassan, Jamie Henry, Katie Henry, Leah Henry, Abbie Hessin, Kasia Hogg, Kaitlyn Houston, Lauren Hurrell, Jack Hutchinson, Jemma Johnston, Nico Karicos, Julia Kelly, Gabriel Lappin, Amy Leach, Gareth Linton, Rebecca Linton, Steffan Lloyd Evans, Anna Lockett, Oliver Logan, Isabella Love, Mia Lynch, Brian Martin, Sophia Martin, Charles Mawhinney, Maddie Mawhinney, Noah McCahon, Isaac McCammon, Jude McCann, Robin McCarroll, Carson McClay, Robyn McClung, Carly McConnell, Damian McCourt, Emma McCracken, Emily McErean, Naiomh McGee, Georgina McGuckin, Ronan McGuckin, Orlaith McHugh, Seth McKeown, Harry McLean, Catherine McMullan, Conall McNeill, Callum Moore, Darcy Morris, Zara-Lilia Murdoch, Curtis Neill, Isaac Nelson, Nathan Overend, Euan Panoviciu, Ellie Patterson, Lucy Pattison, Charlotte Pitts, Tom Pitts, Aoife Quinn, Oisín Quinn, Scott Redfern, Johnny Regan, Ryan Robb, Charlie Ross, Michael Shiels, Mia Silutina, Sophia Simpson, Callum Smyth, Archie Stewart, Ben Stewart, Ben Stockman, Chara Tang, Emma Thompson, Emma Ussher, Tilly Vandenburg, Daniel Walls, Lois Weir, Rory Wilson, Rhiannon Wilson-Morrow



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# Upper Sixth



## Upper 6th

Cathryn Arrell, Samuel Ballantine, Eli Barclay, Molly Beattie, Jacob Bell, Caitlin Bloomfield, Jonnie Boyle, Ben Brown, Jenna Brown, Lauren Brown, Kerri Bruce, Samuel Bruce, James Campbell, Johanna Causby, Anna Clements, Erin Coyle, Harry Currie, Ellie Donaldson, Conor Donnelly, Emer Donnelly, Nicole Dunlop, Matthew Evans, Jack Fenton, Lewis Francis, Grace Fullerton, Rosanna Fullerton, Alanagh Gibson, Molly Glendinning, Sarah Goodwin, Jamie Gordon, Nicola Gordon, Kerry Graham, Odhran Harney, Maia Heaney, Jordan Henry, Alice Houston, Nathan Hutchinson, Michael Kelly, Rachel Lawrence, Molly Lee, Hannah Lipscomb, Eve Logue, Eva Loughlin, Maya Marron, Hannah Martin, Oisín McCabe, Sarah McCaffrey, Dawson McCammon, Aimee McClure, Jake McConnell, Matthew McCracken, Jordan McCready, Ben McCrystal, Keisha McGovern, Lee McGucken, Caoimhe McGuckin, Katie McHugh, Amy McLroy, Emily McKeown, Taliesin McLaverty, Joseph McMillen, Adam Montgomery, Katelyn Montgomery, Grace Moore, Abbie Morton, Callum Murray, Katie Neill, Callum Nugent, Megan O'Connor, Michael O'Neill, Kirsten Paul, Louis Regan, Amber Rogers, Caleb Ross, Rebekah Semple, Ella Shaw, Anna Short, Cameron Smyth, Reagan Spence-Gilmour, Sophie Stewart, Matthew Thom, Lucy Thomson, Jenna Wilson, Katherine Wilson



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# Valete

Cathryn Arrell  
Samuel Ballantine  
Eli Barclay  
Molly Beattie  
Jacob Bell  
Caitlin Bloomfield  
Jonnie Boyle  
Ben Brown  
Jenna Brown  
Lauren Brown  
Kerri Bruce  
Samuel Bruce  
James Campbell  
Johanna Causby  
Anna Clements  
Erin Coyle  
Harry Currie  
Ellie Donaldson  
Conor Donnelly  
Emer Donnelly  
Nicole Dunlop

Matthew Evans  
Jack Fenton  
Lewis Francis  
Grace Fullerton  
Rosanna Fullerton  
Alanagh Gibson  
Molly Glendinning  
Sarah Goodwin  
Jamie Gordon  
Nicola Gordon  
Kerry Graham  
Odhran Harney  
Maia Heaney  
Jordan Henry  
Alice Houston  
Nathan Hutchinson  
Michael Kelly  
Rachel Lawrence  
Molly Lee  
Hannah Lipscomb  
Eve Logue

Eva Loughlin  
Maya Marron  
Hannah Martin  
Oisin McCabe  
Sarah McCaffrey  
Dawson McCammon  
Aimee McClure  
Jake McConnell  
Matthew McCracken  
Jordan McCready  
Ben McCrystal  
Keisha McGovern  
Lee McGucken  
Caoimhe McGuckin  
Katie McHugh  
Amy McIlroy  
Emily McKeown  
Taliesin McLaverty  
Joseph McMillen  
Adam Montgomery  
Katelyn Montgomery

Grace Moore  
Abbie Morton  
Callum Murray  
Katie Neill  
Callum Nugent  
Megan O'Connor  
Michael O'Neill  
Kirsten Paul  
Louis Regan  
Amber Rogers  
Caleb Ross  
Rebekah Semple  
Ella Shaw  
Anna Short  
Cameron Smyth  
Reagan Spence-Gilmour  
Sophie Stewart  
Matthew Thom  
Lucy Thomson  
Jenna Wilson  
Katherine Wilson



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Highlighting our successful students from the past year



# Rainey Student Success

# Rainey Endowed Examination Success

**W**e were delighted with our pupils' examination results this year. At A level our results were outstanding with 31% of all passes at A\* grade while 63% of results were A\*/A grade. We wish all our A level pupils well as they embark on the next stage of their careers, whether in education or employment. Our AS results were also excellent with 63% of results at grade A and 90% were A/B grades. Our 6th form pupils have built a strong foundation to pursue their A2 studies.

The GCSE results at Rainey Endowed were excellent. 30% of all passes were at A\* grade and 66% at A\*/A grade. 100% of all pupils achieved 7 or more A\*-C grades including English and Mathematics.

Over 60 pupils in the year group had at least 6A\*/A grades.

This is a fabulous display of the ability of our pupils. Year 12 pupils should be proud of their achievements in these challenging circumstances.



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# A2 Results

**W**e would like to commend all our students for their achievements in this difficult year. Every pupil is encouraged to achieve the best results they can and we are proud of every one of them. Normally our pupils would have photos taken on results day to celebrate their success. This was not possible this year so we would like to list some of the outstanding achievements below.

## 4 A\*/As

Marc Scott

## 4 As

Lucy Stevenson

## 3 A\*s

Lara Bell  
Leah Clements  
Zara Glendinning  
Honor Graham  
Zach McCahon  
Kathryn McClure  
Ellie Stewart  
Catherine Turkington

## 3 A\*/As

Daniel Barfoot  
Charlotte Beggs  
Sam Clarke  
Kara Gilmour  
Ellen Henderson  
Callum McCullough  
Jessica O'Neill  
Thomas Toner  
Katie Booth  
Matthew Cowan  
Alex Crawford  
Evie Doherty  
Zuzanna Gabrysiak  
Darcey Harkness  
Maeve McHugh  
Ella McMenemy  
Stephen Phillips  
Reuben Ranchoux  
Katie Scott  
Matthew Walshe

## 3 As

Kate Hamilton  
Shannon Houston

## 2A\*/As

Jane Bell  
Reuben Bell  
Bethany Caskey  
Ethan Coey  
Chloe Curtis  
Laura Hall  
Adam Huey  
Mark Kissick  
Ian Lennox  
Naomi McBride  
Joshua Overend  
Kelly Stewart  
Charlotte Wilson  
Tara Bergeron  
Matthew Dripps  
Poppy Kelly  
Amy McKeown  
Alexandra McKinlay  
Sabrina Pickering  
Morgan-Nicole Purvis  
Ben Taylor  
Holly Weir

**We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all our students!**



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# AS Results



## 4 As at AS

Johanna Causby, Katie McHugh, Adam Montgomery



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# AS Results



### 3 As at AS

Eli Barclay, Molly Beattie, Caitlin Bloomfield, Samuel Bruce, Ellie Donaldson, Grace Fullerton, Rosanna Fullerton, Alanagh Gibson, Kerry Graham, Alice Houston, Hannah Lipscomb, Hannah Martin, Aimee McClure, Jordan McCready, Keisha McGovern, Grace Moore, Abbie Morton, Katie Neill, Michael O'Neill, Kirsten Paul, Amber Rogers, Caleb Ross, Rebekah Semple, Ella Shaw, Anna Short, Reagan Spence-Gilmour, Sophie Stewart, Lucy Thomson, Katherine Wilson

# AS Results



## 2 As at AS

Jenna Brown, James Campbell, Anna Clements, Emer Donnelly, Matthew Evans, Lewis Francis, Sarah Goodwin, Nicola Gordon, Odhran Harney, Michael Kelly, Eve Logue, Eva Loughlin, Maya Marron, Sarah McCaffrey, Matthew McCracken, Lee McGucken, Amy McIlroy, Katelyn Montgomery, Louis Regan, Jenna Wilson

# GCSE Results



## 10 A\*s

Beth Cunningham, Jane Hutchinson, Jonathan Kelso, Lucia Ross



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# GCSE Results



## 10 A\*/As

Louise Boone, Ethan Hobson, Sam Hutchinson, Lucy Irvine, Amy McCombe, Harry McKenna, Caitlin McVeigh, Imogen Millar, Louise Porte, Elisabeth Ranchoux, Gabriella Scott, Anna White, Rachael Zeelie



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# GCSE Results



## 9 A\*/As

Hannah Bolton, Alexander Branagh, Daisy Campbell, Peter Clark, Will Crawford, Kyle Cunningham, Daniel Deery, Kyle Fleming, Imogen Graham, Sara Henderson, Alex Hunter, Sam Lennox, Ella-Rae McConnell, Elena McCrum, Molly McErlean, Naomi McLean, Shane Shiels, Kirsty Stevenson, Olivia Stewart, Keitija Storastite

# GCSE Results



## 8 A\*/As

Alexandra Allen, Jack Atkinson, Catherine Bell, Ellen Bleaks, Ben Chambers, Peter Clarke, Aoife Doyle, Jonathan Dripps, Thomas Kyle, Ella McElhatton, Emma McKay, Mary Payne, Mia White, Rebecca Wilson



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# GCSE Results



## 7 A\*/As

Cillian Gribbin, Mikki Kelly, Alena McKeown, Lucie Rowe



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# GCSE Results



## 6 A\*/As

Jonathan Bates, David Doole, Charlotte Dowie, Sam Dripps, Tom Henry, Romeo Jiang, Shea McIvor, Callum Speirs



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# Rainey Graduates

## Harper Adams University

David Galway BSc (Hons) Animal Production Science 1st

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## Queen's University, Belfast

Carrie Convery BA (Hons) Archaeology 2:1

Gemma Gregg PhD Medicine Molecular Cell Biology and Genomics (Prostate Cancer)

Leanne McKinley BSc Mathematics and Statistics & Operational Research 1st

Caitlin Rose McPeake LLB (Hons) Law 2:1

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## Stranmillis University College

Roseanna Hunter BEd (Hons) Primary Education 1st

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## Liverpool Hope University

Joshua Evans MEd QTS (Hons)

Charlotte McCallion BA (Hons) Education and Special Education Needs 2:1

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## Liverpool John Moores University

Danielle Norton BA (Hons) Journalism 1st

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## Loughborough University

Ryan Smyth MSc Finance

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## National College of Art and Design, (NCAD), Dublin

Alex Burns BA Honours in Visual Culture (The Culture of Fashion and Dress) 1st

Visual Culture Student of the Year

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## University of St Andrews

Laura Stewart MA (Hons) in Psychology 1st

The Dean's List for Academic Excellence

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## University of Exeter

Niamh Scullion BMBS Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

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## University of Edinburgh

Erin Boyle (McIvor) BSc (Hons) Physics 1st

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# Rainey Graduates

## University of Glasgow

Jethro Barclay MA (Hons) in Central and East European Studies 1st

## University of Oxford (Magdalen College)

Martin Cudden BA (Hons) in Ancient and Modern History 1st

## University of Strathclyde

Hannah Leacock BA(Hons) in Human Resource Management and Marketing 2:1

## University of Ulster

Emily Brown MOptom (Hons) Optometry 2:1  
Victoria Walls BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) 1st

We love to celebrate your successes as Rainey Graduates, however, due to GDPR regulations we cannot get a lot of information from universities. When you graduate please let us know at [magazine@raineyendowed.com](mailto:magazine@raineyendowed.com)



# Former Pupils' Success

## Adam Kyle

**Well done Adam Kyle** on being awarded the Dale Farm bursary. Adam, a former pupil of Rainey Endowed School, is currently studying on the Ulster University validated Foundation Degree in Agriculture and Technology at Greenmount Campus.

Adam was awarded the bursary based on an essay he submitted discussing the knowledge, skills and technologies required to run a profitable dairy enterprise.



| Adam Kyle

## Adele Farmer

**Congratulations to Adele Farmer**, a former pupil of Rainey Endowed School, who has been awarded a bursary by the Dunbia Group. Adele is currently studying for an Ulster University validated BSc (Hons) Degree in Food Innovation and Nutrition at Loughry Campus. In addition to the money received, Adele will complete a period of paid work placement with Dunbia as part of the bursary award.



| Adele Farmer

# Former Pupils' Success

## Karl Warner and Bryn Davies

Congratulations to Karl Warner and Bryn Davies (Past Rainey Endowed School 1st XV players) who now represent Loughborough University in the British Universities and Colleges Championship. **Well done guys and best wishes for next season.**



Karl Warner & Bryn Davies

## Charlotte Beggs

Huge congratulations to Charlotte Beggs, last year's 1STXI Captain and current member of our coaching staff, on her selection to the Irish Women's Hockey squad that faced France in three test games. **Well done, Charlotte!**



Charlotte Beggs

# Former Pupils' Success

## Mark Kissick

Based on a report into the "Role regenerative farming principles have in helping beef and sheep farmers become more sustainable", Mark Kissick was awarded with the Dunbia Bursary. Mark, a former pupil of Rainey Endowed School, is currently studying at CAFRE for a BSc (Hons) Degree in Agricultural Technology awarded by Queen's University. **Well done Mark.**



## Rachel Burns

**Congratulations to Rachel Burns** RES 1STXI Captain 2017, who played in the Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Hockey match to gain her Cambridge Blue on 6th March. We think this is a bit of hockey history for Rainey Endowed as she is possibly our first hockey Blue as a school! @camunihc



# Former Pupils' Success

## Jenna Bowman

Huge congratulations to past pupil Jenna Bowman on her selection to the NI Netball Team to compete in the Commonwealth Games! **Fantastic, Jenna!**



## Jack Hunter

Jack Hunter, one of our past music students has been awarded the Robert Simpson Award for Music from Stranmillis University College, Belfast. This accolade is awarded to the student who is adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to the Music Department at the University College. We are delighted for him and wish him every success in his future career! **Well done, Jack!**



# Former Pupils' Success

## Charlotte Beggs

Huge congratulations to past pupil Charlotte Beggs who has been selected for the Ireland Women Hockey Squad for July's World Cup in the Netherlands. Charlotte is a former Rainey 1st XI Captain, here she receives her world cup jersey from her mum, Head of Physics, Mrs Beggs! **Congratulations, Charlotte!**



| Charlotte Beggs

# Former Pupils' Success

## Angila Chada, MBE

**Angila Chada**, Executive Director of Springboard Opportunities Limited has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2022 for services to Children and Young People.

Born in Magherafelt and a pupil at Rainey Endowed School from 1975-1982, Angila subsequently attended Queen's University before travelling to work in London in 1988. After a few years, she returned to Belfast to take up a job with the charity Springboard; ([springboard-opps.org](http://springboard-opps.org)) which works across disadvantaged communities dealing with the legacy of the conflict, to empower young people build mutual understanding and capacity. Currently celebrating its 30th year, Angila has successfully led Springboard to facilitate local and international life-changing opportunities for over 14,000 individuals. In 2011 she established the Raj Darshna Chada Foundation, in tribute to her parents Raj Kumar and Sudarshan Chada who currently reside the Magherafelt, underlining her personal long-term commitment to charitable giving. In 2013 she was recognised as a Beacon Fellow following her award as a Philanthropy Advocate, which celebrates passionate advocates for philanthropy who inspire people to become involved in giving to charitable causes. She currently serves as an Ambassador for Community Foundation for N Ireland and sits on the Board of the Mary Ann McCracken Foundation.

Previously she served on Belfast City Council's Good Relations Partnership, on the Board of Terra Nova Productions, an intercultural theatre company and as a Charity Commissioner with the Charity Commission for N Ireland.



# Current Students Success

## Charity fundraising

Very well done to **Zak Wilkinson** in 8C for his fundraising efforts. He grew his hair during lockdown and donated 7 inches to a cancer charity to make a wig, raising £2300 for Marie Curie. On Friday 1st October he made a cheque presentation to Heather Miller, a representative from Marie Curie. What a fantastic achievement for a very worthwhile cause.



## Chloe McLean

Well done to Chloe McLean who competed in the 2nd competition at the Tri Inter-Schools Showjumping League at the Meadows Equestrian Centre.

Chloe competed in the Novice 85cm individual, jumping a double clear on 'A Class Act' for Chloe's first school show jumping outing. **Well done Chloe!**



# Current Students Success

## Craig McKeown

Congratulations to **Craig McKeown** who was part of the NI Juniors team who took 3rd place in the Home Countries International and British Open Down the Line shooting competitions in September. This is a really good effort by the team as the Junior category is for shooters up to 21 years old and the NI Juniors are all 13 - 16 years old! In the British Open, Craig took 4th in his Colts Category and then won a bronze medal in his class. A successful weekend for NI Junior shooters!



| Craig McKeown

## Curtis Neill

All Rainey fingers were crossed for **Curtis Neill** as he formed part of the Cycling Ulster Team for the 2021 School Games. The event includes track racing at Manchester Velodrome and a selection of road based events at Loughborough University.



| Curtis Neill

# Current Students Success

## Ellie Stewart and Gabi Scott

Massive congratulations to Ellie Stewart and Gabi Scott who were part of the Ulster team who beat Wales 4-0 to become School Games Champions!



Ellie Stewart and Gabi Scott

## Equestrian

Well done to Adam Sossick and Megan McKay who competed in the first Tri Inter-Schools Showjumping League at the Meadows Equestrian Centre. Both riders competed at Novice 85cm. A fantastic double clear on Lily for Megan's first school jumping outing. **Well done!**



Adam Sossick

# Current Students Success

## Erin McCoy

Huge congratulations to Erin McCoy who travelled to Wales to represent Ireland at the British Dressage Youth Home International. The Irish Team finished in 3rd place, with fantastic performances from everyone. **Well done Erin!**



| Erin McCoy

## Hannah Briggs

Hannah Briggs in Year 8 took home 2 silver medals in trampoline and double mini trampoline at the first Gymnastics Northern Ireland Regional Qualifying Competition since Covid that took place in Ards Blair Leisure Centre in Newtownards. In addition, she achieved the qualifying score in trampoline required to compete in the Northern Ireland final. **Congratulations Hannah!**



| Hannah Briggs

# Current Students Success

## Poppy Hastings

Huge congratulations to Poppy Hastings who was selected to compete for Ulster Cross Country on 22 January as N. I. hosted The World Athletics Northern Ireland International Cross Country at the Billy Neill MBE Country Park, Comber Road, Dundonald.

Poppy was a member of a team of four which contested the under 17 Celtic Games event between Wales, Ireland, Scotland and N. Ireland and Ulster over 4000m.

The N. Ireland and Ulster team were placed 3rd overall with Poppy running a great race to achieve 13th position in a large field of International runners with an impressive time of 15.41 minutes. **Fantastic achievement Poppy! Well done!**



| Poppy Hastings

## Rebecca Linton

**Well done to Rebecca Linton**, Year 12 who competed in the Junior Inter-Regional Orienteering Championships at Southgare, Redcaron & Coatham Dunes on the 25th and 26th September. Rebecca achieved personal bests in both the individual event and the relay on Sunday.



| Rebecca Linton

# Current Students Success

## Olivia Currie

Congratulations to Olivia Currie (Royal Portrush) winner of the Ulster Under-18 Girls Championship in April.

Olivia finished the 18-hole qualifier as second seed, behind Edmondstown's Evelyn Park, but reached the final to defeat Sinead Ni Cheilleachair. The Tullamore golfer knocked out Park on her way to the Final, but proved too strong, winning 4&3 in Portstewart to win the Fred Daly Trophy. **Super job, Olivia!**



## Lewis Francis

**Congratulations to our Year 14 pupil, Lewis Francis**, who has just signed a professional contract with Irish League team Dungannon Swifts FC. Lewis made his first team League debut at the end of the season and was part of the first Dungannon Swifts team to win the Harry Cavan Youth Cup defeating Glenavon 3-1 in the final played at the National Stadium. We wish Lewis every success in his future Football Career.





**Taking Rainey around the world...**

# Rainey Abroad

# Rainey: ABAANA



**Abaana continues to be our main school charity. We are delighted to support a charity which has the education of children, as a route out of poverty, at its core.**

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Our monthly support for our 28 sponsor children has been unaffected by the disruption of the last two years and we want to thank all our Rainey families for their support through our monthly registration class collection. It was lovely to receive letters, cards and photos during the year of our sponsor children and get updates from Abaana regarding their ongoing practical support for the children and

their families. This has continued even when the children were at home during lockdown. Educational materials were delivered to the villages and gifts of basic household items, like blankets and saucepans, were received by the families. This was made possible through the sponsorship programme. Earlier in this school year we got news that a new toilet block had been built at Rainey Summit View Primary School. This is in addition to the classroom block that our first Abaana team had begun building in the Summer of 2019. It is so encouraging to hear that the building work is continuing, even if we cannot witness it for ourselves.

In the 2022/23 school year we hope to launch some new fund raising initiatives to support our building fund as well as begin the process of formulating our next Uganda team. You can also be sure that when the Abaana New Life Children's choir start to tour again, they will be stopping off at the Rainey for a concert! **We will keep you posted!**

| Rainey Summit View Primary School



# Rainey Kindergarten, China

**R**ainey Kindergarten, Hangzhou has continued to flourish this year where the children are able to enjoy learning and improve their English skills. This year has seen the Kindergarten grow with an additional class joining their cohort.

The first enrolled class will be saying their 'farewells' to Rainey Kindergarten this year and we wish these children all the very best for their future success. We are confident that they will move into the next chapter of their lives with the excellent foundations and values they have built and developed during

their time in Rainey Kindergarten. In order to strengthen the links between our school and the Kindergarten, some of our Year 8 pupils created a video to send to the children in China explaining to them what a typical day is like here in Rainey in Northern Ireland. Through their RES classes with Mrs Ireland, our pupils enjoyed getting an insight into life in the Kindergarten and the children in Hangzhou were thrilled to see around the red brick walls of Rainey Endowed, thanks to our budding Year 8 stars.

Some willing RES staff also joined together to create a video to send to

the Kindergarten on World Hello Day which brought a little taste of 'the Rainey' to our Kindergarten on that special day of celebration.

We look forward with anticipation to what next year holds for this international link.



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A photograph of children in rain gear playing on a grassy field. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. In the foreground, two boys are hugging. In the background, other children are playing on a field. A dark blue rectangular box is positioned over the middle of the image, containing white text.

Enjoying time away from the classroom...

# Rainey Trips & Visits

# Year 8 Jungle Trip



A few weeks after starting at The Rainey we went to The Jungle in Moneymore with all the Year 8 pupils. Along with us were our Form Tutors, Year Heads and 6th Form Mentors. There was a wide range of activities for us to do like paintballing, group team building games, rodeo riding, pedalos, quad bike rides, archery, a climbing wall and many more. The team building activities were really fun and they really helped us get to know each other better and make new friends from different classes.

Our favourite activity was walking, and chilling with the llamas. We even saw some reindeer too! Between the main

activities, the 6th Form Mentors played some games with us which were really fun. This was a really great experience and we are sure that next year's classes will enjoy it every bit as much as we did. We would like to thank our teachers for taking us on the trip and the staff at the Jungle for a great day.

**Lucy Brown, Ruth Maybin and Zak Wilkinson - Year 8**

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# Year 10 Ski Trip

**T**he morning we had all been waiting for had finally arrived! We all met at school at 6:45am on Saturday, got on the bus and set sail for Dublin at 7:00. We collected our suitcases off the bus and headed straight to check-in. After receiving our boarding passes and going through security, many of us made a pit stop at Burger King to refuel before the flight ahead of us. We flew to Verona, Italy and then piled onto a bus which took us to the ski resort in Axamer Lizum, Austria. We were allocated rooms when we arrived and then headed down for supper. It was then straight to bed to be ready for skiing in the morning.

We all appeared for breakfast on Sunday morning, followed by a ski fit. We were split into groups and met our fantastic ski instructors, then we hit the slopes! Well, most of us fell and hit the slopes! After a tiring first day, we all enjoyed our games night, where lots of intense games of Uno took place.

On Monday, after perfecting our snowploughs and gaining confidence, we were acing our ways down the

nursery slopes. In the evening we went back out for some competitive bum boarding, followed by hot chocolate to warm us up!

Tuesday came and we progressed onto the larger nursery slopes. Most of us took a few tumbles but quickly discovered how to stay up-right! Later in the evening, the teachers organised a quiz for us. Each round was on the topic of a teacher's school subject: Science, Sports, Geography, Maths, H.E. and Music.

Great progress was made on Wednesday. Most of us advanced to the larger slopes, of which we were required to use chair lifts to get to! When it got dark, for our evening activity we participated in a candlelit night walk around the forest at the bottom of the slopes. We then ended the evening with some hot chocolate.

Thursday was spent developing our skills on the big slopes, which exhausted us all, but we were picked up by the delight of pizza night! After devouring the hotel's supply of pizza, we went out

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It was a trip none of us will ever forget!

for another evening of bum boarding, completed with hot chocolate.

Friday came and we didn't want it to end! Our last day of skiing was full of fun, some of us even had a mini snowball fight at the top of a slope! We thanked our instructors for a fabulous time and concluded the day by watching 'Shrek' for our movie night.

Saturday arrived and after breakfast we headed to Innsbruck for some souvenir shopping and of course, a trip to McDonald's for lunch. We then made the bus journey from Innsbruck to Munich, Germany. We flew to Dublin and then loaded onto a bus and arrived at the Rainey very early on Sunday morning!

The trip was made so wonderful by Mr. McClements, Mr. Laughlin, Mrs. Thorogood, Miss. Badger, Miss. McLarnon, Miss. Darragh and of course, Dr. Henderson with his miles of tubular bandages! It was a trip none of us will ever forget!

**Natalie Rowe**



# Year 10 Ski Trip



*slip-skiing away!*

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# Year 10 Ski Trip

**I think it's safe to say, none of us will forget the "ski trip Austria 2022"**

**O**n the 5th of March 2022, in the early hours of the morning, 70 year 10 Rainey pupils gathered, all eager to go to Austria on the school ski trip. We were accompanied by 6 members of staff - Mr Laughlin, Mrs Thorogood, Miss Badger, Miss Darragh, our principal Mr McClements and our resident doctor -Dr Henderson. After we piled our suitcases onto the bus, we made the 2-and-a-half-hour journey to Dublin airport, we all got through security and now it was time to eat! The plane journey from Dublin to Verona (Italy) was around 3 and a half hours. Everyone was extremely tired and hungry, then we had 4 hours travelling on a bus to our accommodation Hotel Olympia- Axamer Lizum (Austria). When we arrived, the hotel had prepared supper. After supper we did our bedroom allocations averaging 5 pupils in each room. Then everyone got

to bed after our busy and hectic day travelling.

On our first day skiing we all got dressed in our ski gear and went and got breakfast. We were split up into 2 groups and the first group got their skis fitted while the other group ate breakfast. Once we were all on the slopes it was the best feeling ever (minus trekking up the massive slope with your skis on your shoulder). After a hard first session, it was finally lunch time when we had the opportunity to travel up in a Gondola Lift to the café. Then our afternoon session began. When a day of skiing was over, we had dinner and then après ski activities. The activities included- bum boarding, quiz night, pizza night, movie night, board game night and a woodland walk. Most nights were topped off with a hot chocolate.

By the end of our ski trip, we were skiing down slopes we would never have imagined, even though we had plenty of falls and injuries we thoroughly enjoyed skiing. On our last day, we had the opportunity to have some time shopping in Innsbruck (Austria). From there, we took the bus across the border to Munich (Germany). It's safe to say, due to covid we really did get a 3 in 1 holiday.

I want to thank the staff of Hotel Olympia and the many ski instructors that taught us this life lasting skill. I would also like to thank the staff and Dr Henderson for accompanying us on this trip. We really couldn't have done it without you all. I think it's safe to say, none of us will forget the "ski trip Austria 2022"

**Beth Gordon, 10P**



# great fun... & snow joke!

## Ski Trip - Bormio

### April 2022

The Rainey ski trip to Bormio, Italy, found seventy excited Year 9, 11 and 12 pupils arriving at school in the middle of the night ready for a week-long adventure. Despite our tired eyes, we eagerly climbed onto the bus and headed for Dublin airport. On arrival, we were greeted by a dauntingly large queue but not even that could dampen our spirits. After a long morning of queuing, we eventually boarded the plane, ready for take-off. Pilot announcements made, engines ready to go, and we're off...

Once in Italy, we were shocked to find ourselves swapping ski coats for sunglasses as we were welcomed by a very hot, snowless Venice. However, after a three-hour bus journey, our confusion was replaced by excitement as we were met by snowy mountains which looked a lot more like ski conditions.

Our first night was spent settling into our cosy, 4-star hotel. After such a long journey, there was only one thing on our minds, 'I hope dinner is nice'. Well, we certainly weren't disappointed. After devouring a bowl of pasta, many of us were surprised when we were informed that that was just the starter! We then feasted on pork and chips and topped it all off with a new favourite for many...

gelato! After dinner it didn't take long for most of us to make friends with our pillows.

The next morning, we awoke ready for our first day of skiing. After travelling by bus to Bormio, we were given our skis and boots and soon we were ready for action. Up the gondola we went to Bormio 2000. The snowy white views were simply breath-taking. After being greeted by our friendly ski instructors, we spent our first day learning how to stop and made it onto our first slope which, at first, seemed daunting but by the end of the week, looked flat to us!

After a successful first day of skiing, we headed back to the hotel for yet another delicious dinner, followed by a rather tense games night. From Uno to Snakes and Ladders, a range of games were enjoyed, each as competitive as the last. Once the winners emerged victorious, it was time for bed.

Our second day skiing was just as exciting as the first. After conquering the carpet lift slope, we progressed to the next slope. After a few falls and laughs along the way, we started to progress and soon we were skilfully making our way down the slope, despite only having one day

of experience! Of course, this hard work deserved a lunch where each day we had our choice of pasta or a pizza slice which proved a struggle to get our mouths around. That night, we enjoyed watching Big Hero Six together.

Day 3, the day some of us managed to get onto chair lifts...! Despite it taking a few attempts to get used to how to approach getting onto the lift, the views at the top were completely worth it. I turned to my friend and exclaimed that it looked like a painting. The ski back down to the bottom was simply amazing and, despite a few scary cliff-edges, we successfully made it to the bottom in one piece, each with a beaming grin of accomplishment plastered across our faces. Our only words were, "Can we do it again?"

On days 4 and 5, after getting more familiar with the higher slopes, we became much more confident as skiers. We also enjoyed another movie night and a very competitive quiz night including skiing anagrams, general knowledge and guess the celebrity. Despite some failed attempts at bribing the teachers, it was a 5th year team who took the prize of a rather large bag of sweets.



# Ski Trip - Bormio April 2022

Unfortunately, day 6 was our final day of skiing. All week we had been preparing and, finally, we reached Bormio 3000. We thought the views at Bormio 2000 were breath-taking but, 1,000 metres higher, Bormio 3000 was simply phenomenal. After a long but enjoyable ski back to the bottom, we thanked our instructors and returned our skis and boots for the final time. A celebratory evening of shopping in Bormio town was well deserved. Although, I'm sure the locals wondered why there was such a long queue at the gelato shop! They were probably as confused as we were when we were trying to work out what each Italian named flavour was! Souvenirs bought, ice cream eaten, it was time for home.

Overall, we had a fun action-packed week. We ate pizza after pizza, learnt some new Italian phrases and Mr Laughlin even showed us how to ski on our backs (completely on purpose)! We created memories that will stay with us forever, even long after our Rainey days are over.

**Emma Caskey, Year 12**



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**Some of the activities from the past year...**

# **Rainey Events**

# Welcome Year 8



**I**t was a pleasure to welcome our new year 8s to school at the end of August. This allowed them to familiarise themselves with the school building, get to know some of their teachers and of course take the traditional year 8 photo!



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# European Day of Languages

**B**onjour tout le monde! Congratulations to the following promising year 8 linguists: Isobelle Regan, Adam McNicholl, Regeena Rentmeister and Caitlin McVey, winners of the recent European Day of Languages 'Happy Birthday' challenge. They managed to research this greeting in a huge variety of languages! Bravo!



# Year 8 Virtual Quiz



**O**n Thursday 30th September, we hosted a Virtual Quiz night for Year 8. Not only did it allow students to receive house points but it also presented them with the opportunity to become familiar with the application, Google Meet. The quiz was made up of 5 rounds: the world around us, general knowledge, The Rainey, sports and entertainment and some members of staff took part to help ask the questions.

## The winners were:

Zak Wilkinson (Calvin) 100 points

## Runners up:

Eppie Brown (Walker) 50 points

Katie Walker (Parker) 50 points



# National Poetry Day



**T**o celebrate National Poetry Day 2021, Year 11 and Year 12 Literature classes entertained classes and friends on social media with some ponderings and a powerful performance of Robert Frost's well-known poem 'The Road Not Taken' on the theme of choices. The entertaining and inspiring video, available on School social media was expertly filmed by our talented technician, Mr Matthew Fields. Enjoy reading the poem and ponderings from it here.

Happy National Poetry Day! The theme for 2021 is 'Choices' Life is filled with choices. Let the poems we are going to share inspire you and remind you that the choices you make determine your life - whether you are happy or sad, whether you look forward or back, whether or not you find success and fulfilment.

The choices we make impact on our lives and the lives of those around us. We hope these poems motivate you to make wise choices - ones that you will look back on later in life and give thanks that you made the decision that you did.

Some life choices are very difficult to make and it can be a challenge to see which choice is the better one. In those situations, ask for the help and advice of a mentor or someone you look up to. Sometimes even just talking through it helps us make our decision.

Finally, if you make a wrong choice and it will happen us all at some point, don't beat yourself up about it. Some of the best lessons in life come from mistakes - it's how we learn. Pick up the pieces, fix what you can and move on. You are now armed to make a better choice the next time.

Choose a Poem  
**National  
POETRY**  
Day 7 October  
2021  
#NationalPoetryDay  
www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk



## The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

**Robert Frost**



# Make Poetry Your 'Choice'



In the days leading up to National Poetry Day on 7th October 2021, Year 8 pupils worked enthusiastically crafting their haiku for the Year 8 poetry competition, centred around this year's theme of 'Choice'. With such a wide 'choice' of excellent haiku, our A Level English Literature student judges were presented with a particularly difficult challenge. Well done to all our prize winners, with special mention to the overall winner, James Stevenson:

## Calvin (Yellow)

1st: James Stevenson (Overall House Winner: 1st)  
2nd: Ruby McCahon  
3rd: Caitlin McVey  
Highly Commended: Lily Brown, Aoife McHugh



Melting, burning world,  
Our planet is on the edge:  
Make your CHOICES count.  
James Stevenson: Calvin House

## Walker (Red)

1st: Lily Foster (Overall House placing: 2nd)  
2nd: Regeena Rentmeister  
3rd: Beth Cahoon  
Highly Commended: Jake Chambers and Lucy Linton



Blindly I chose it,  
And it was my worst mistake,  
But time carried on.  
Lily Foster: Walker House

## Salters (Blue)

1st: Kyle Kennedy (Overall House placing: 3rd)  
2nd: Cora Weiner  
3rd: Freddie Dowie  
Highly Commended: Shania Pitts and Jack Kyle



The right choice  
Choice affects us all.  
It's the butterfly effect.  
What's the best option?  
Kyle Kennedy: Salters House

## Parker (Green)

1st: Patrick Loane (Overall House placing: 4th)  
2nd: Katie Walker  
3rd: Eva Robb  
Highly Commended: Michael Reid and Aoife McNally



Choice  
Choice is like the sea.  
It can be a nice, calm sea,  
but watch out for storms.  
Patrick Loane: Parker House

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# Rainey's aspiring young poets



Congratulations to our young poets who have had their poems published in the Young Writers 'Empowered' Poetry Anthology:

Anna Foster, Emma Getty, Kayden Griffin, Philippa McClay, Joe McKeown, Raphael Ranchoux, Sophie Wilson, Olivia Young.

# Wellbeing week

## WELL-BEING WEEK – OCTOBER 2021

Thank you to all pupils who took part in last week's Well-Being Activities.

Congratulations to Cora Wiener, 8S who won the Treasure Hunt and received her prize from Catherine McMullan one of our Well-Being Ambassadors.



Results of our Well-Being Quiz are as follows:

1st – Miya Eakin 8S

2nd – Sophie Wilson 9P

3rd – Isabella McCracken 10C

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### Results of our wellbeing quiz:

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- 2nd - Sophie Wilson 9P
- 3rd - Isabella McCracken 10C



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# Table tennis competition



**R**ainey SLT made the decision to purchase some new table tennis tables for the school to help the pupils interact with each other better and enjoy the outdoors. Mrs McClay was tasked with ordering the tables which arrived just before the start of term. With so much interest in these tables, it was decided to run a competition that ran over break and lunchtime. All matches were very close with some great skill displayed.

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### The following pupils won in their year group:

- Year 8-Joe O'Kane
- Year 9-Tom Riddell
- Year 11-Poppy Hastings
- Year 13-Sam Hutchinson

Mr Gilmour would like to thank both Harry McKenna and Sam Hutchinson for their help with refereeing the matches.



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# Christmas Shoe Boxes

Once again the Rainey community has responded with enormous generosity to the shoebox appeal. This year 75 gift wrapped shoeboxes were donated to Samaritan's Purse who will distribute these boxes to children across many disadvantaged countries in Europe and beyond.

As a school we could like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents and staff who contributed to such a worthy cause which will bring so much joy to a child's life this Christmas.

**Thank you.**



# E-safety Posters

In December junior pupils took part in a house competition designing posters to highlight e-safety. Congratulations to the following year 8 and 9 pupils who won house points for their work:

## Year 8

- 1st: 100 points Emily Nelson 8P
- 2nd: 75 points Freya Martin 8W
- 3rd: 50 points Georgia Scott 8S
- 4th: 25 points Lilly Seffen 8C

## Year 9

- 1st: Amelia McCallion 9W
- 2nd: Loricka Valdez 9P
- 3rd: Tom Riddell 9C
- 4th: Philippa McClay 9S



# Christmas Art Competition

The Art and Music Departments ran a competition at the start of December entitled "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!" Students were invited to enter pieces of art work in any form they liked based on this theme. We were very impressed at the variety of work submitted!

1st place was awarded to Keziah Barclay, 2nd to Molly Grant and joint 3rd to Emily Batykova Da Silva and Abby McLean.

**Well done to everyone who entered!**



# Rainey Taster Tours



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## Taster Tour

Thursday 13 January 2022

Invitation is open to pupils currently in P6 and P7.  
Only one adult can accompany their child and is  
strictly by appointment using the following link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-day-tickets-218811540207>

Booking opens 10am Wednesday 5 January 2022  
and closes midnight Tuesday 11 January 2022.

**I**n January, Rainey was delighted to welcome p7 pupils back to experience a little of life in the Rainey through a 'taster tours' programme. While it was not like traditional open nights, pupils had the opportunity to tour the school in small groups and see the different classrooms and try some covid safe activities. They also received a small goody bag on their way home. It was great to see pupils and parents back in school again and we look forward to seeing some of you back as Rainey pupils in September!



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# Safer driving



**M**any thanks to Emma Duffy from New Driver NI who came to speak to our Year 13 and 14 students in January about safe motoring. Emma not only provided some useful practical help about choosing the right car and finding the right insurance but also invaluable advice about how to stay safe on our roads. The students also received a copy of New Driver NI magazine.



*'You Are A Reader'*

# World Book Day 2022

**I**n the week leading up to World Book Day 2022, on Thursday March 3rd, excitement was building as pupils engaged in a number of literary activities coordinated by the English Department. Pupils and staff enjoyed the relaxation of some D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) periods.

In registration Year 8 and 9 pupils were busy completing their designs for our Book Cover Competition.

With so many creative and inspiring book covers to choose from, selecting winners was a challenge. Well done to all who engaged enthusiastically in the competition and congratulations to the winners.

**Year 8 winner:** Lucia Heaney 8C

**Year 9 winner:** Madeline Ranchoux

**Class winners:** 8P - Hannah Briggs; 8W - Eve Leacock; 8C - Joel Brown; 8S - Kyle Kennedy

**Class winners:** 9S - Philippa McClay; 9W - Sara-Jane Coogan; 9P Peri Russell-Smith;

To celebrate World Book Day 2022, form classes rose to the challenge of a book Kahoot during registration, while English classes showed their love for books as they engaged in book-related activities, including exploration of the A-Z of Reading.

At lunch time in celebration of World Book Day 2022, enthusiastic book swappers met their match at our World Book Day 'Blind Date A Book' event.



# World Book Day 2022



# RES Remarkable Writers



Congratulations to the creative writers who had their 100 word 'Wicked Stories' published in Young Writers 'Twisted Tales' anthology. Well done to Megan McKay, Sarah Kane, Donal McGoldrick, Fionn McPeake and Isla Haruna.

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# Blind date with a book



# Drop Everything And Read Time

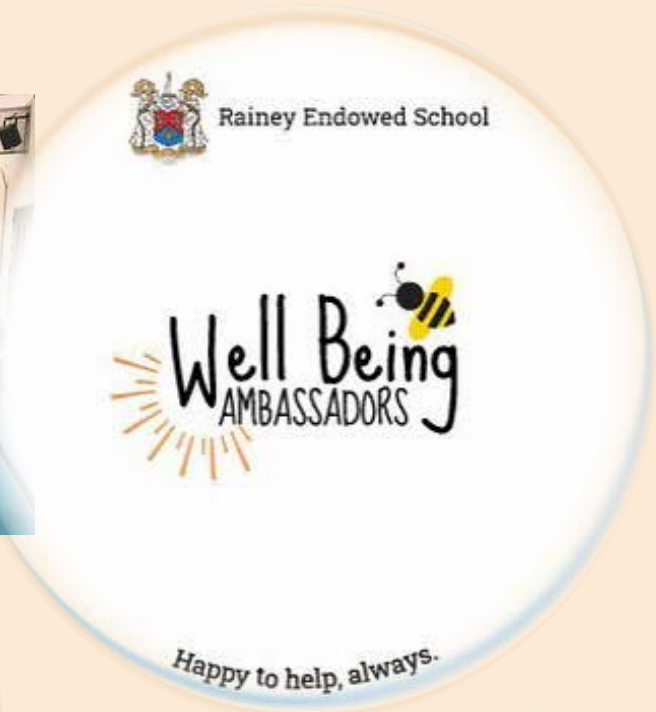


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**DEAR**  
DROP EVERYTHING AND READ  
TIME!

# Year 10 Wellbeing day

**W**ednesday 9th March saw the Year 10s take part in the first ever Well-Being Day organised and run by the Well-Being Ambassadors (WBAs). The day was based on the Take 5 Steps to well-being which involves Keep Learning, Connect, Be Active, Give and Take Notice. The WBAs consist of students from Years 12 to 14 and they organised and ran all the events. Pupils took part in quizzes, learnt a new dance routine, created banners, puzzle solving games and basketball. The day was enjoyed by Year 10 and WBAs alike.

**A big thank you to everyone who took part!**



# Year 9 Languages Spelling Bee 2022

**F**or four weeks, in the Spring Term Year 9 pupils take part in the Languages Spelling Bee. This is a House competition with the four year nine classes competing against each other to see who will be awarded the title of winning class and overall winner and win maximum points for their House. For four weeks, in class time and also at home, pupils dedicate time and effort to learning 25 words in either French or Spanish and by the end of the four weeks, they have learnt to spell 100 words! The effort was exceptional from this year's pupils! The grand finale took place on Thursday 8th April and after a fiercely contested battle, 9S were crowned overall class winners with points for Salters House and Conor Bothwell was crowned overall individual champion winning points for Parker House! Bon courage, Conor!

**Conor shares his experience of this year's spelling bee below:**

The year nine Languages spelling Bee was absolutely fantastic. The nerve of competing against your peers and speaking out in front of the entire year may seem pressurising at first but it truly adds to the experience. Everyone can enjoy delicious traditional French food as well such as croissants and Pain au chocolat. Personally, I found it as a way to also socialise with people from different form classes outside of my own. No matter how good or bad you are at speaking French or Spanish, the languages spelling bee is great fun for all.

**Conor Bothwell, 9P** | Overall individual winner of the Year 9 Languages Spelling Bee 2022.



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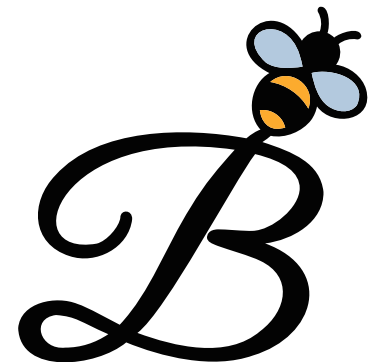


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# Year 10 Chocolate Champions



**W**ell done to year 10 pupils who delivered such imaginative and professional pitches on their Easter egg creations to our formidable Year 14 panel of judges. This was a great opportunity for the Chocolate Champions to work on their planning and presentation skills in English and gave year 14 pupils an insight in the stressful process of assessing work and choosing winners!

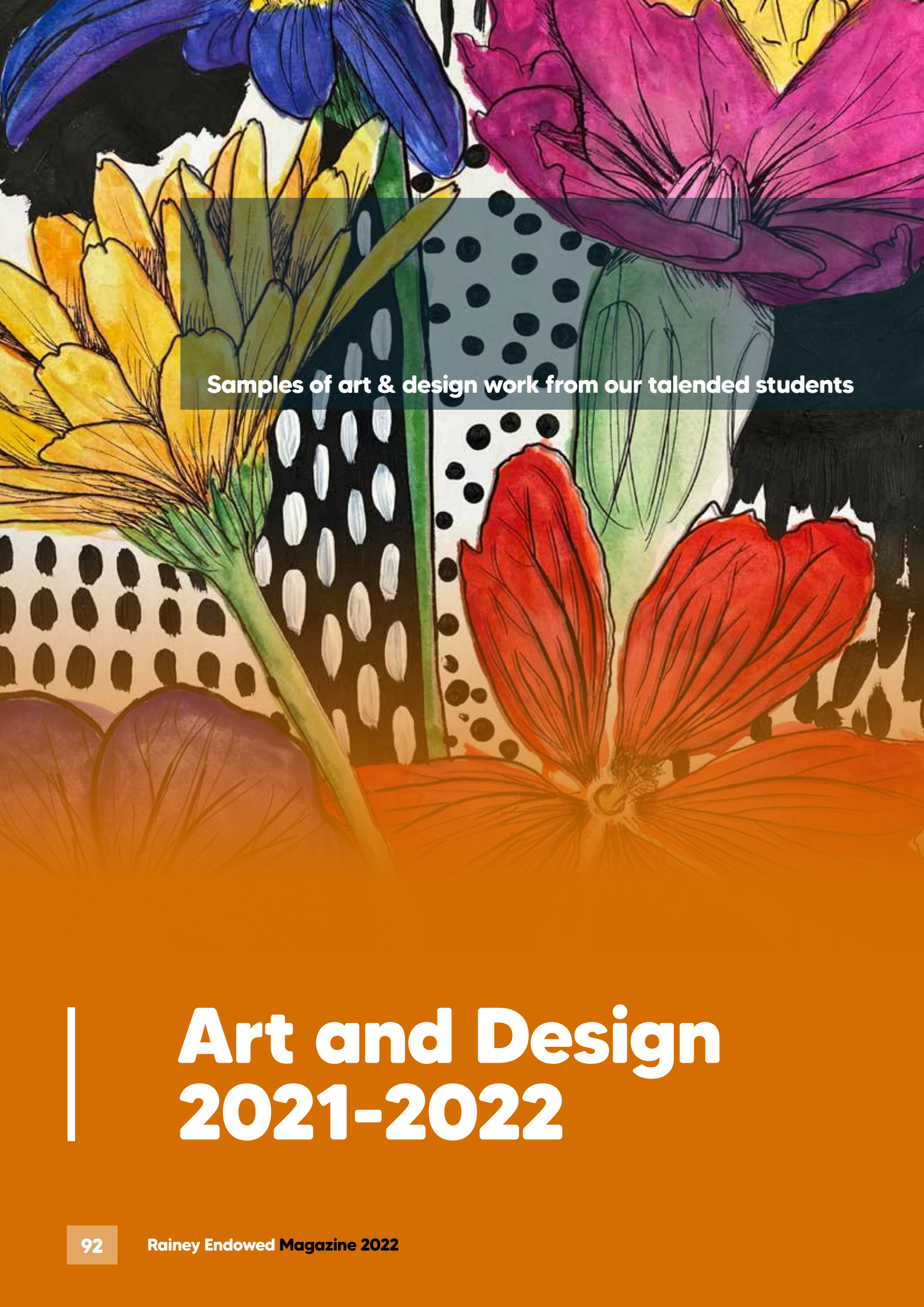
# Year 10 Chocolate Champions



# Eco Club Tree Planting

**I**n November the Eco Club were delighted to take part in the planting of an Italian Alder tree to mark the centenary of Northern Ireland. Thanks to Mr McClements and Mr Gilmour for all their help!





Samples of art & design work from our talented students

# Art and Design 2021-2022

# Art and Design A2: 2022



Jordan McCready - Upper 6



# Art and Design A2: 2022



**Maia Heaney - Upper 6**



# Art and Design A2: 2022



**Maya Marron - Upper 6**

# Art and Design A2: 2022



**Molly Beattie - Upper 6**



# Art and Design A2: 2022

Keisha McGovern - Upper 6



# Art and Design A2: 2022



**Rosanna Fullerton - Upper 6**



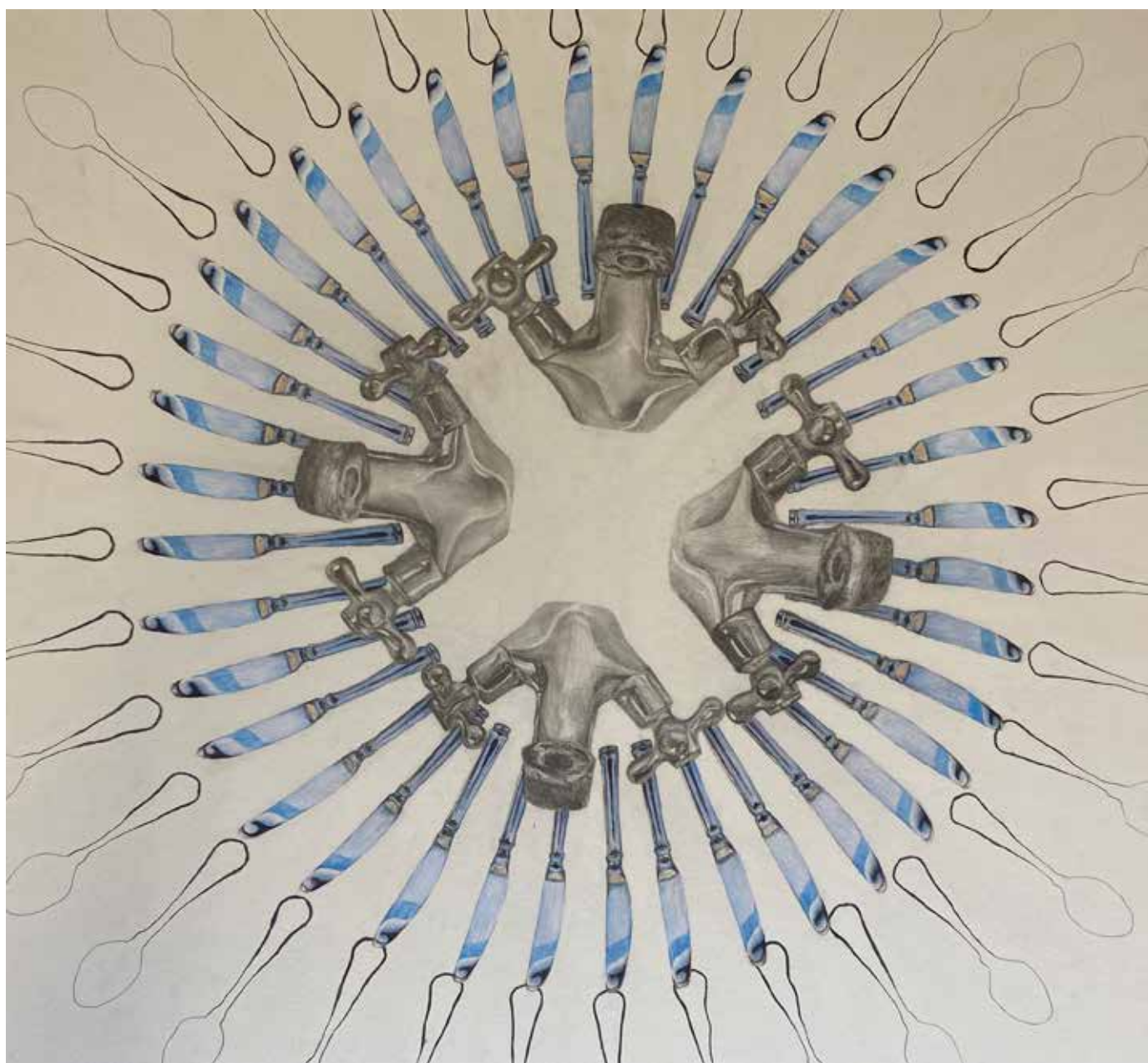
# Art and Design AS: 2022



**Katie Wilkinson - Lower 6**



# Art and Design AS: 2022



**Lucie Rowe - Lower 6**

# Art and Design AS: 2022



**Catherine Bell - Lower 6**

# Art and Design AS: 2022

Lucy Irvine - Lower 6



# Art and Design AS: 2022



**Molly McErlean - Lower 6**

# Art and Design AS: 2022

Lucy O'Neill - Lower 6

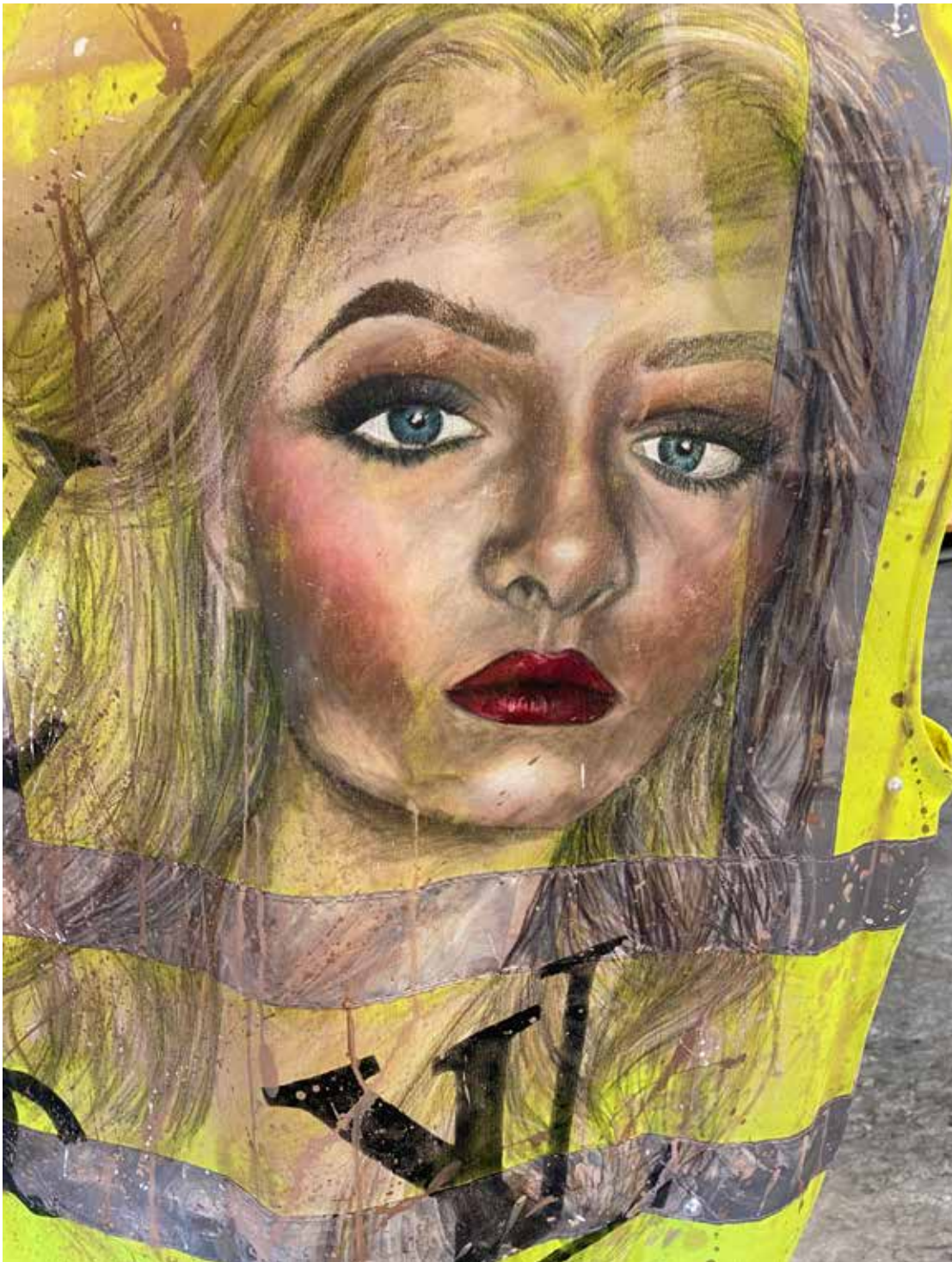


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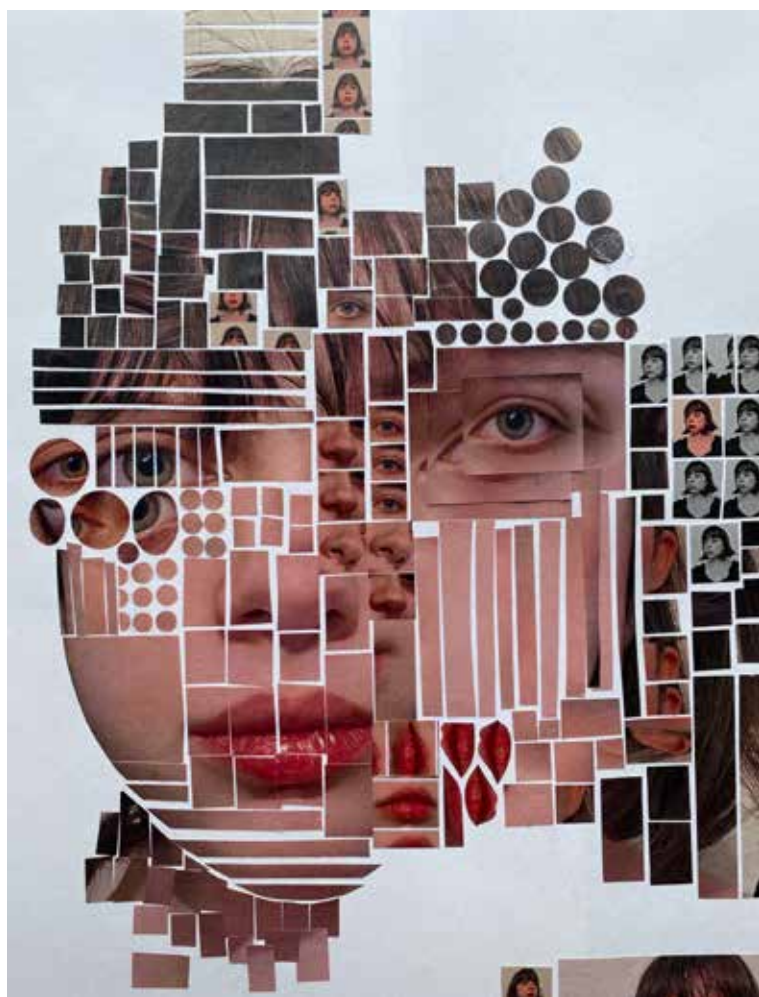


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**Erin Hastings - Lower 6**

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**Rachael Zeelie - Lower 6**



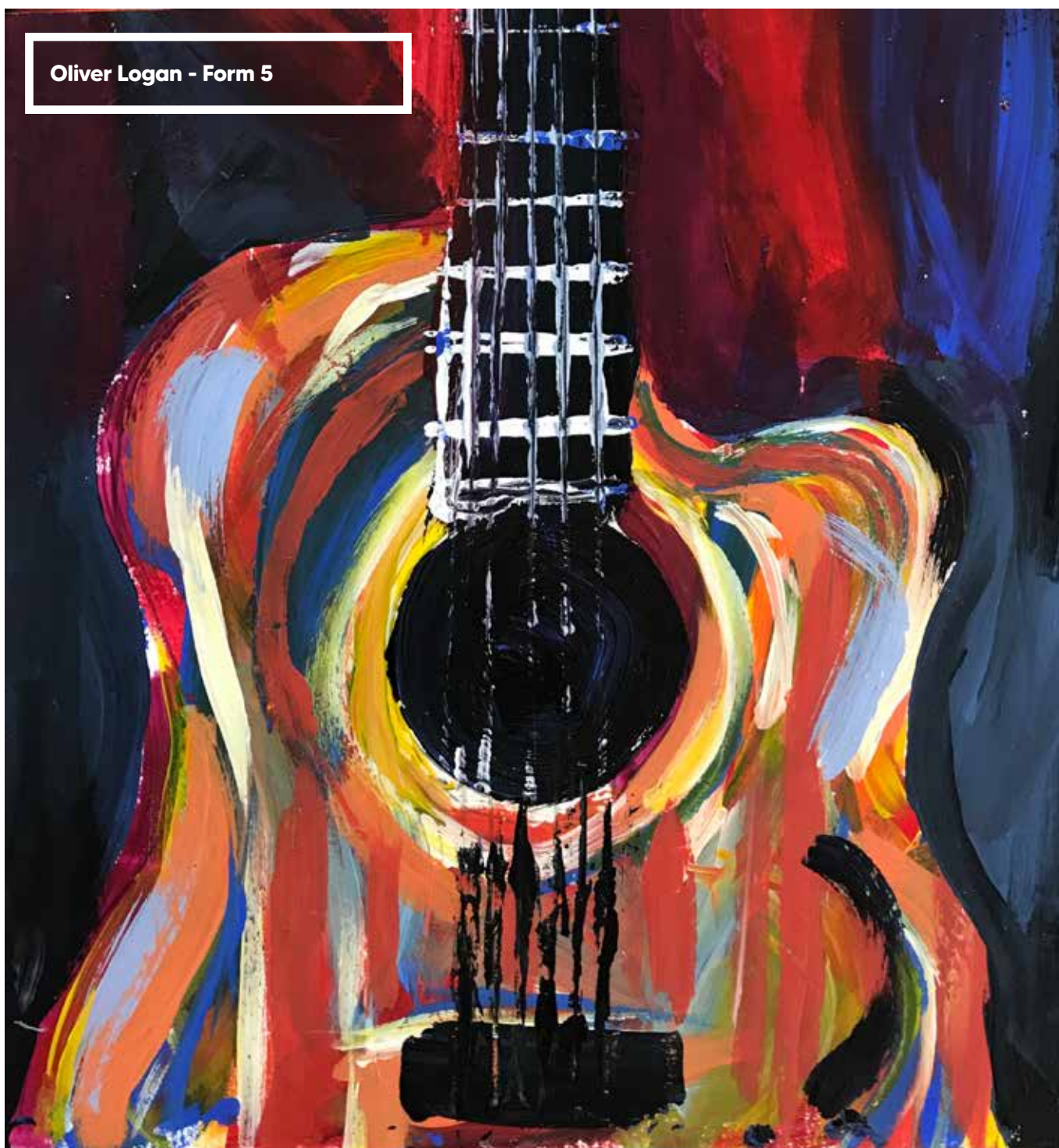
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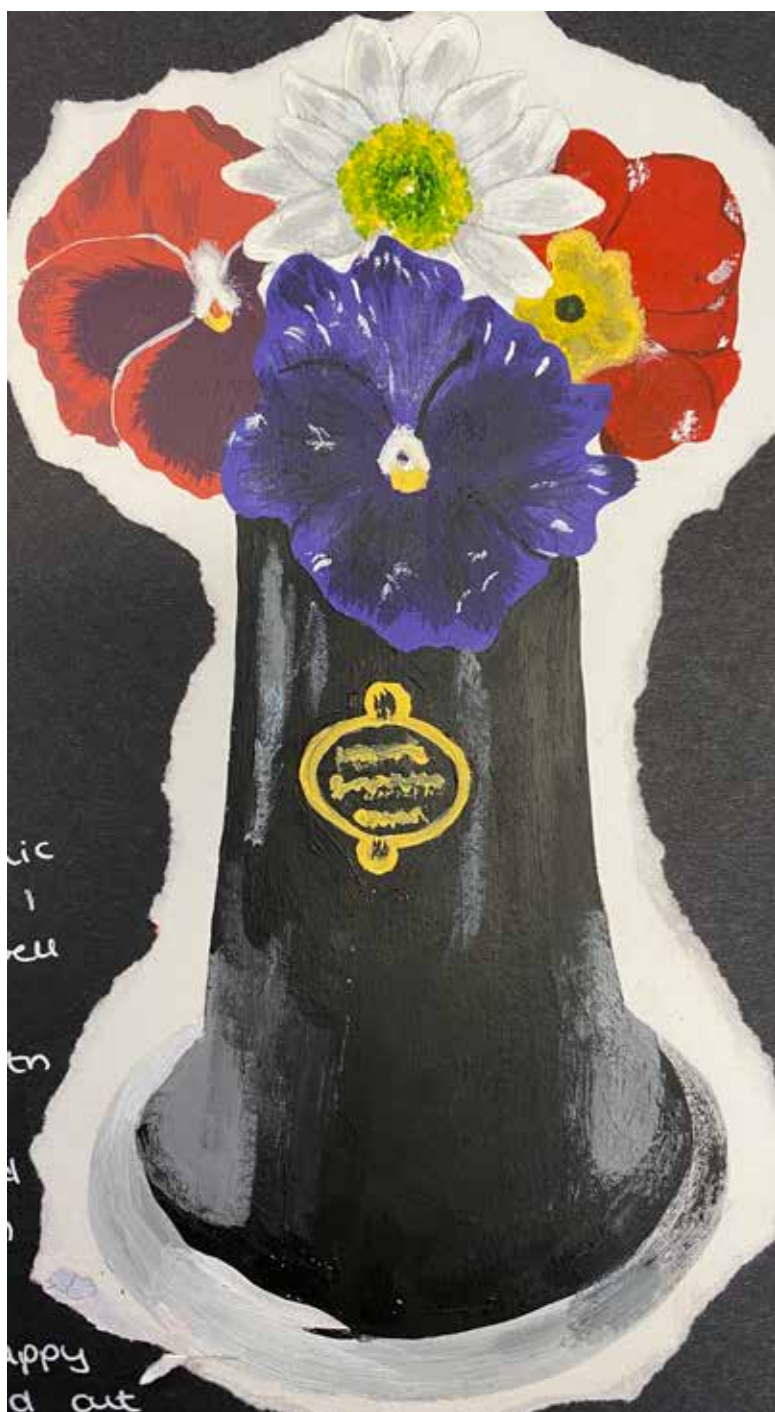
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Darcy Morris - Form 5

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Ellie Patterson - Form 5



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Enya Diamond - Form 5

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**Julia Kelly - Form 5**

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**Kasia Hogg - Form 5**

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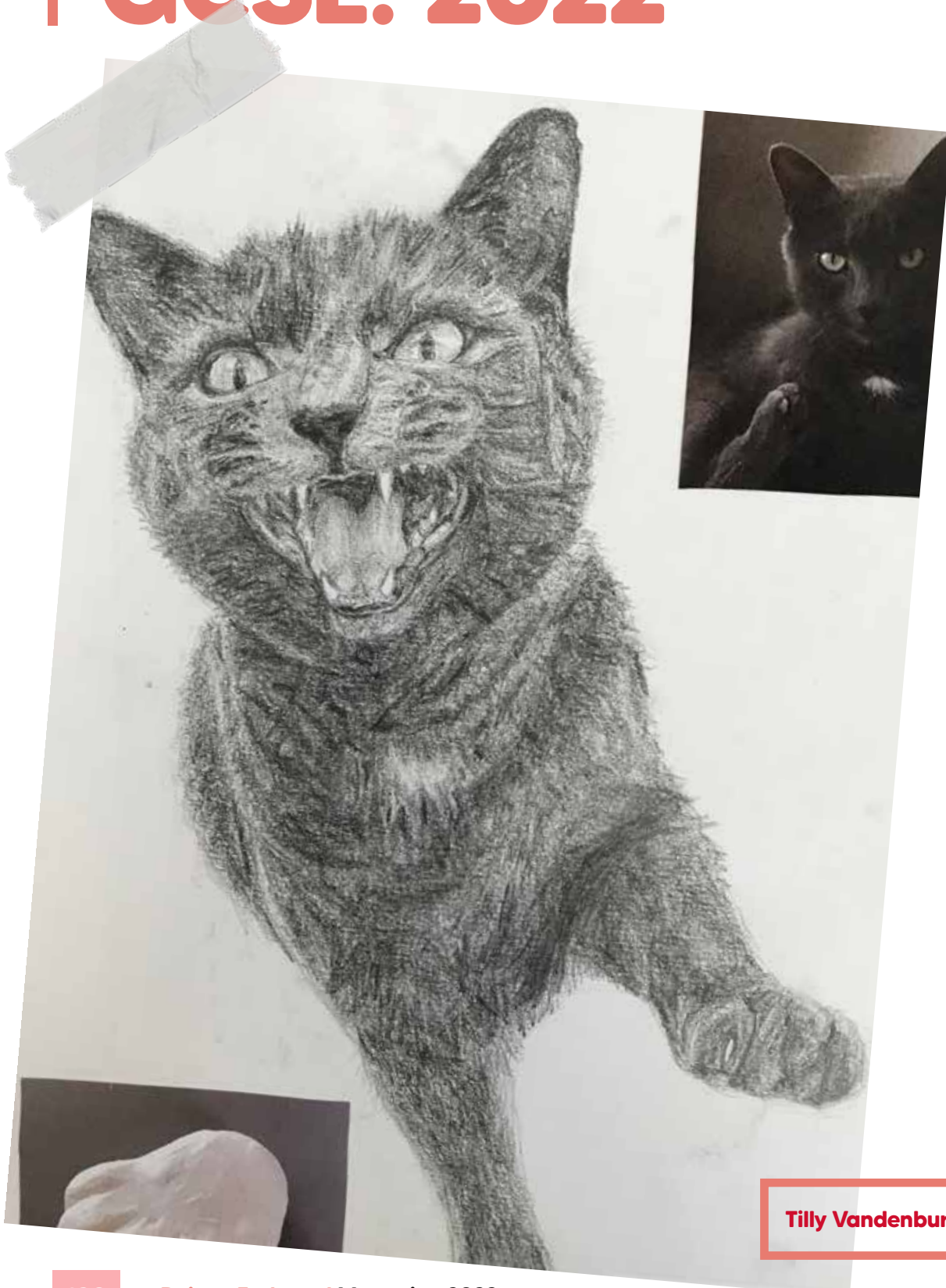
**Mia Lynch - Form 5**

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Sophia Simpson - Form 5

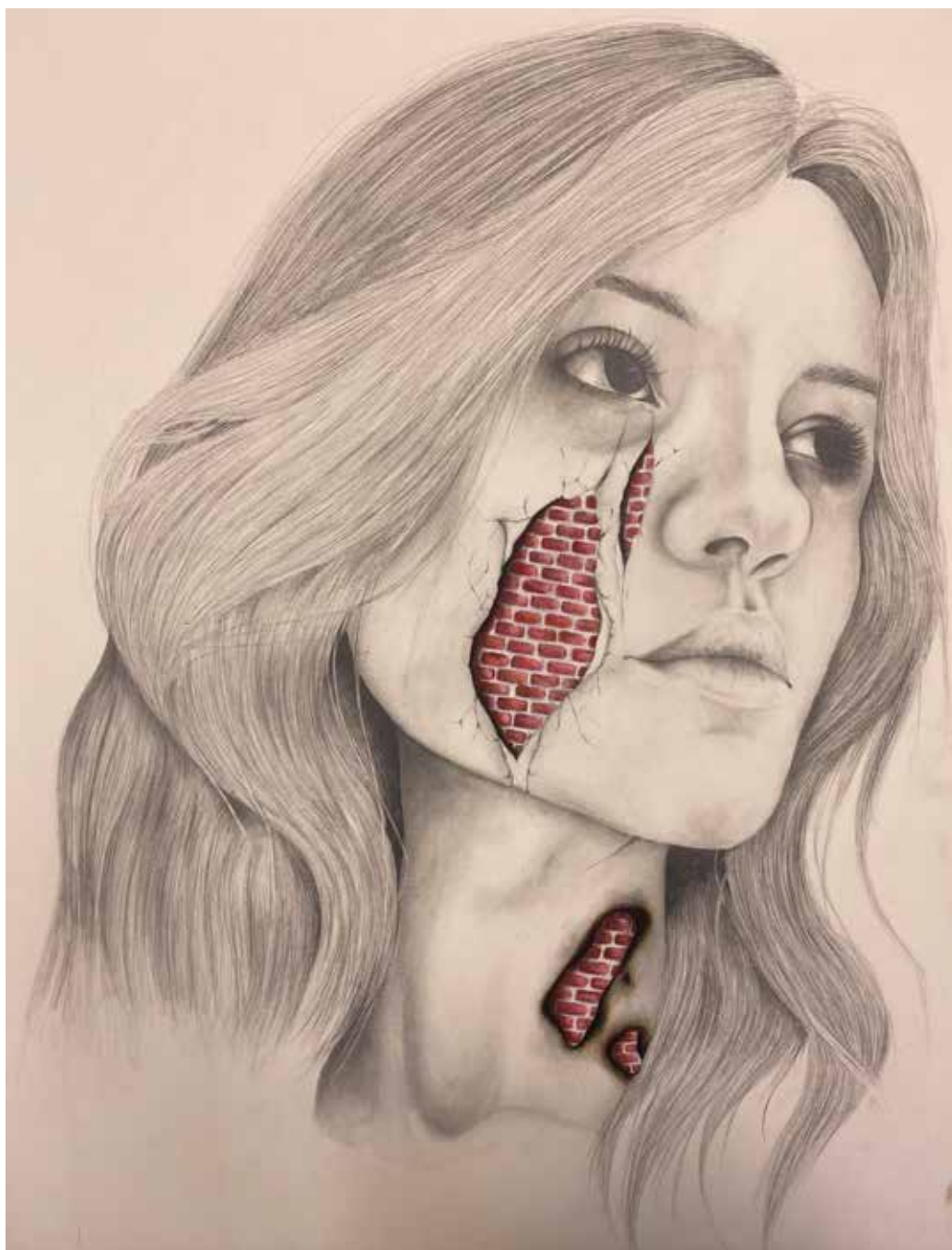
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**Tilly Vandenburg - Form 5**

# Art and Design GCSE: 2022

Charlie Caskey - Form 5



# Art and Design GCSE: 2022



**Chloe Baras - Form 5**



**Musically speaking we always hit the right notes...**

# **Rainey Music**



# Music Report 2021-2022

**A**s I reflect on another academic year, I am once again in awe of our pupils whose enthusiasm and determination infects and inspires. Even though the year has passed with less disruption, it has been rather uncertain. However, we are pleased to say that music making within the department has continued and while we were unable to have our Carol Service and Spring Concerts, we have not been idle!

Our students continue to be creative as they compose and perform their own pieces of music at Key Stages 3 and 4. Year 8 were very much engaged with our 'house project' for music and delighted us once again with their endeavours! We had many wonderful creations from our winning ocarina to harps, whistles, guitars and drum kits! Our congratulations must go to our winners - Donal McGoldrick, Ruth Maybin, Lilly Seffin, Ruairi Larkin and Johnny Murphy who have earned points for their houses.

**Well done, Year 8!**

At Christmas, we were delighted to be able to produce "The Rainey Days of Christmas" which was able to showcase a number of our extra-curricular instrumental and vocal ensembles. There was great excitement within the musical bubbles which in turn helped to highlight and raise some money for our Abaana project. Many thanks to those who contributed to this cause helping us to raise £633.12.

In October, BBC NI invited entries from all our singers in school to compete for a place in the heats of the BBC School Soloist of the Year Competition. Congratulations go all of our students who entered. Out of thousands of entries, we were delighted that Phoebe

McIvor (Year 10) was selected by the BBC judging panel to go through to the heats. She then went on to obtain a place in the final which was televised on BBC One at the beginning of March. Phoebe has documented her experience which you can read in this section.

Just before the Easter holidays, we took some of our musicians along to Meadowlane Shopping Centre to perform for the public. They were very well received by members of the public who donated very generously to our bucket collection. We had performances from members of our GCSE Music class, Year 10 singers, Traditional Group, HOLLLO, String Group and String Quartet. Thank you to Meadowlane for accommodating us and to the public for helping us to raise just under £300. Alongside this, we launched our first ever Practice-a-thon! This was to encourage our musicians to develop their practice skills and to focus on improving some of their performances. A challenge was set for pupils to practice 500 minutes across a period of two weeks in return for sponsorship. Once again, a huge thank you to family and friends of our students who have help us raise around £2000 which will go towards purchasing a new piano for our school community.

This year has seen the largest number of candidates entered for Associated Board and Trinity College graded music examinations. At the time of writing, 48 pupils have already been awarded a grade and an additional 23 students are due to take an examination before the end of the Summer term. A huge well done must go to all of these students who work consistently throughout the year and to the

peripatetic staff who encourage each and every one of them, helping to make these examinations possible.

As a Department, we would thank you, parents and friends of the Music Department for your continued support and encouragement. We hope to welcome you back to our concerts very soon!

**Mrs L Glenn**



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# External Music Examinations 21/22

## Grade 1

Zoe Fleming  
James Fullerton  
Natalie Rowe  
Mya Hughes

## Grade 2

Remy Duncan  
Grace Maybin  
Isla Clarke  
Katie O’Kane  
Megan McKay  
Jonathan Graham  
Klara Jackson

## Grade 3

Amelie McConnell  
Rhiannon Wilson Morrow  
Lucia Henry  
Tom Wilkinson

Flute  
Cello  
Piano  
Violin

Violin  
Cello  
Voice  
Piano  
Piano  
Piano

Voice  
Voice  
Flute  
Violin

## Grade 4

Eunan Doyle  
Amy Fleming  
Beth Gordon  
Rebecca Greer  
Phoebe Mclvor  
Sophia Morrissey  
Grace Baay  
Sophie Young  
Natalie Rowe

## Grade 5

Amy Brown  
Phoebe Mclvor  
Eunan Doyle  
Bethany Mawhinney  
Sam Lennox  
Phoebe Mclvor  
Kevin Cheung

Clarinet  
Clarinet  
Clarinet  
Clarinet  
Voice  
Voice  
Violin  
Voice  
Piano

Voice  
Voice  
Voice  
Cello  
Flute  
Piano  
Piano

## Grade 6

Heidi White  
Mia White  
Phoebe Mclvor  
Olivia Stewart  
Kirsty Stevenson  
Orlaith McHugh  
Eunan Doyle  
Ella Rae McConnell  
Alex Bruce  
Amy Brown

## Grade 7

Heidi White  
Mia White  
Katie Henry  
Olivia Stewart  
Kirsty Stevenson  
Orlaith McHugh

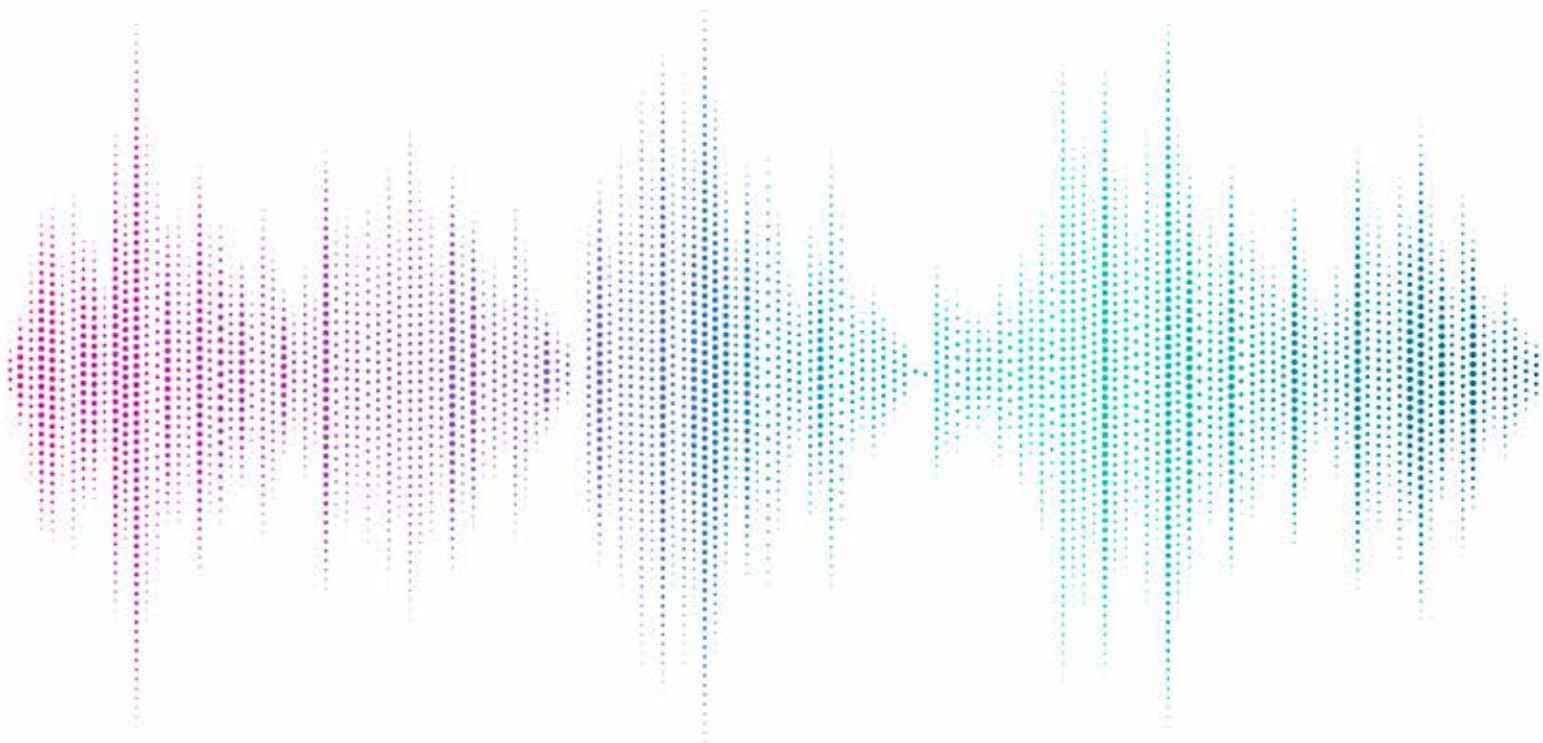
## Grade 8

Katie Henry

Cello  
Cello  
Voice  
Voice  
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Violin  
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Voice





# Senior Choir



## Senior Choir

Billy Allen, Molly Beattie, Catherine Bell, Rossa Bell, Alex Bruce, Glenn Caldwell, Daisy Campbell, Abbie Caskey, Emma Caskey, Caryn Causby, Johanna Causby, Ben Chambers, Peter Craig, Ellie Donaldson, Anna Donnelly, Eunan Doyle, Zach Downey, Jonathan Dripps, Amy Fleming, Grace Fullerton, Roseanna Fullerton, Katie Henry, Jane Hutchinson, Lucy Irvine, Romeo Jiang, Jonathan Kelso, Sam Lennox, Hannah Lipscombe, Anna Lockett, Eva Loughlin, Bethany Mawhinney, Jude McCann, Carson McClay, Rowan McClay, Ella Rae McConnell, Jordan McCready, Ella McElhatton, Molly McElean, Orlaith McHugh, Emma McKay, Emily McKeown, Caitlin McVeigh, Grace Moore, Sophia Morrissey, Katie Neill, Lucia Ross, Rebekah Semple, Sophie Shaw, Anna Short, Sophie Stewart, Bethany Thompson, Caitlin Thompson, Jenna Wilson, Katherine Wilson



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# Junior Choir



## Junior Choir

Emily Batykova Da Silva, Hannah Briggs, Eppie Brown, Beth Cahoon, Eliza Cameron, Ella Campbell, Emily Caskey, Harry Dawson, Anna Dempsey, Annie Diamond, Anna Foster, Lily Foster, Beth Gordon, Sophie Holmes, Anna Kelso, Jessica Mawhinney, Amelie McConnell, Allyssa McIvor, Phoebe McIvor, Megan McKay, Abby McLean, Maia Nowak, Max Overend, Naomi Paul, Aimee Patterson, Jessica Ranchoux, Madeline Ranchoux, Raphael Ranchoux, Isabelle Regan, Natalie Rowe, Erin Shanker, Sophie Young, Bianca Zeelie



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# Orchestra



## Orchestra

**1st Violin:** Lucy Irvine, Romeo Jiang, Molly McErlan, Emma McKay

**2nd Violin:** Grace Baay, Ryan Bruce, Anna Foster, Jessica Ranchoux, Allyssa McIvor

**3rd Violin:** Madeleine Ranchoux, Raphael Ranchoux, Cadhla McPeake

**Cello:** Annie Diamond, Grace Maybin, Bethany Mawhinney, Jack Kyle

**Double Bass:** Katherine Wilson

**Flutes:** Johanna Causby, Ella McElhatton, Ella Rae McConnell

**Clarinets:** Beth Gordon, Eunan Doyle, Amy Fleming, Jessica Mawhinney

**Percussion:** Ben Chambers

**Piano:** Natalie Rowe



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# Flute Choir



## Flute Choir

Lauren Bates, Johanna Causby, Beth Gordon, Sam Lennox, Oliver Logan, Ella Rae McConnell, Ella McElhatton



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# String Group



## String Group

Grace Baay, Annie Diamond, Anna Foster, Lucy Irvine, Romeo Jiang, Anna Kelso, Bethany Mawhinney, Grace Maybin, Molly McErlean, Allyssa McIvor, Emma McKay, Cadhla McPeake, Aimee Patterson, Jessica Ranchoux, Madeline Ranchoux, Raphael Ranchoux, Katherine Wilson



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# Traditional Group



## Traditional Group

Mr McDonnell, Grace Baay, Molly Beattie, Eliza Cameron, Brianna Crilly, Annie Diamond, Anna Foster, Roseanna Fullerton, Sarah Goodwin, Beth Gordon, Lucy Irvine, Romeo Jiang, Anna Kelso, Ruairi Larkin, Eva Loughlin, Jordan McCready, Christy McDonnell, Cillian McDonnell, Ella McElhatton, Phoebe McIvor, Cadhla McPeake, Jessica Ranchoux, Lewis Ross, Lucy Thomson, Bianca Zeelie



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# Music House Winners 2022



**Y**ear 8 pupils have once again excelled themselves in their production of their own instruments! We had a range of creations from harps to guitars, whistles and zithers! The object of the task is to produce an instrument which can make two different pitches or sounds, using materials which are to be recycled.

It was, as usual, very difficult to reach a decision but this year's winners are: Donal McGoldrick (1st - Salters), Lilly Seffin and Ruth Maybin (2nd - Calvin), Ruairi Larkin (3rd- Walker) and Johnny Murphy (4th- Parker).

**Well done to everyone who took part!**



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# BBC NI School Soloist of the Year 2022

**T**his year I was fortunate enough to have reached the finals of the BBC School Soloist of the Year competition. In October, I saw a notice inviting pupils to record a video with two contrasting pieces in order to enter the competition. I had never heard of this before, but it wasn't an opportunity I was going to pass up on! I then found out this competition was similar to the BBC School Choir of the Year competition which had taken place many times, before COVID! There were two categories for Secondary Schools - Junior (Years 8-11) and Senior (Years 12-14). Schools could enter up to three people for each category, then the panel of judges would make the final decision as to who would compete in the heats. As you might imagine, I never would have thought I would ever make it to the finals!

Fast forward to November, "You're in the heats!" That alone, was more than enough for me to feel so proud to have been chosen out of all the other amazing performers and competitors, and of course, to be able to represent our school. The first round was nerve-wracking, heading off to the BBC Studios in Belfast after a busy morning of exams. Having my exams helped to

take my mind off the competition and then it didn't seem that scary anymore! My song choices for the heat and the semi-finals, were the two pieces I used to enter the competition initially. I sang "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" from My Fair Lady and "Home" from Beauty and the Beast- The Broadway Musical. Two of my absolute favourite songs! Once placed in the final, I had to choose a new song to perform along with one of my original choices. I decided to sing "I Could Have Danced All Night" again, from My Fair Lady.

Everyone at Blackstaff Studios was so helpful, which made the whole experience so enjoyable! Meeting other pupils, in the same position as myself, was really inspiring. They were all so friendly and it's super when you get the chance to see them again because you have more in common than you would have thought!

The highlight of the whole event would have to be the final! It was absolutely amazing! "I Could Have Danced All Night" was arranged for piano and string quartet and so the opportunity to be accompanied by this, perform for a television broadcast in the "Grand Finale", as they liked to call it, was

such an experience! I have learnt so much - right from the start of this whole experience, both personally and also in terms of my singing techniques. Being given the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious competition not only helps to give you more confidence to perform in front of others, it also gives you the confidence to try things which you never would have done before! I now know, I really love performing and want to do more if the opportunity comes around! It was just such a surreal experience that it is difficult to put into words just how incredible it was! I would just like to thank my singing tutor, Dr Culbertson and Mrs Thorogood for all their support and advice on this journey. I also say the biggest thank you to Mrs Glenn for all her support and guidance because I would never have been able to do it without her!

She also did the best job each time she accompanied me; she is just so amazing! Thank you also to everyone who supported me on this journey! I hope that if the competition runs again that other pupils will be inspired to have a go themselves! It's an opportunity you don't want to miss!

**Phoebe McIvor, year 10**





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# Meadowlane Performances





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**Developing our pupils beyond the classroom**

# **Clubs & Societies**

# Autism and Friends Club

**A**utism and Friends' is a lunch time for pupils of the Rainey on the autism spectrum and their friends. It is a safe and fun space for all students to unwind and play a variety of games such as board games, chess, Jenga, Lego and more. It is held every Monday at lunch time in the P.E classroom in the sports hall. Autism and Friends provides a calm environment for all pupils to connect with one another and relax during lunch time. This year, Autism and Friends has become quite popular amongst the new year 8s, who often describe how much they enjoy their time spent here. This club helps to develop the pupils' social skills as well as helping students with autism express themselves and help their friends understand them.



# Animal Club



**A**nimal club is held in B1 every Wednesday and Friday at break time. It gives pupils the opportunity to cuddle, hold and feed our wonderful school animals, which include Guinea pigs, Fudge the gecko and of course Conrad our corn snake. Pupils can also volunteer to take the animals home over school holidays which both the pupils and animals love as they get extra cuddles and attention.

Sadly, this year we lost one of our much loved guinea pigs, Cookie. However, to make up for the heartbreak we all felt, Cookie was replaced with not one but two new baby Guinea pigs. They arrived at only 11 weeks old and were so small they could easily fit in Ms Jarvis' hand. There was a lot of excitement around picking names for the new tiny arrivals but finally Ed and Elvis became official members of the Rainey family and they have settled in really well with the help of Coco.

The door to animal club is open and everyone within any year group in the school is welcome to attend this is what one of our members has to say about their time at animal club:

There is no other place I'd rather be on a Friday break time. It's so much fun to play and pet the animals. It's fun to watch the guinea pigs cuddle up in your blazer. You will always get a wee kiss from Fudge, the gecko. Conrad, the snake always makes for a good scarf on those cold days. Ms Jarvis is really good with all the animals and makes sure you are too. I wouldn't miss animal club for the world, it always brightens up my day.

**Mya Hughes, 8W**



# NI Business Challenge Champions

**F**our of our Year 13 Business Studies pupils, Sara, Mary, Shay and Lewis, undertook the task of participating in the Northern Ireland Business Challenge, hosted by QUB Management School, sponsored by Henderson Group and BDO. CCEA created a case study based on information from Henderson Group and as part of the task pupils had to research and create a 15 minute presentation based on a range of issues including how businesses and consumers can reduce their footprint, whether Henderson should invest in additional stores and how accountants can support businesses in long term sustainability. Our pupils worked extremely hard in the weeks leading up to the event undertaking extensive research, as well as speaking with people who work for Henderson Group, to ensure they had detailed and accurate information to present.

Sara, Lewis, Shay and Mary travelled to Belfast with Mrs Ireland to present their findings at the event at the QUB Management School. There were 18 other schools from Northern Ireland in

attendance with 22 teams participating and competition was stiff. Our pupils presented firstly to a range of judges in a private room and then had an agonising 2 hour wait to find out if they had made it to the final. A nervous but excited team were then ready to present their findings to all of the teams, as well as all of the judges in the final. They each spoke with confidence and were able to deliver a fantastic presentation; they did Rainey Endowed School proud. After a short wait, our team was announced as the overall winners and received their prize of Belfast Giants tickets, money for the school, as well as a trophy which they display proudly in the Business Studies classroom.

In April, the team were invited to Henderson Group to meet with the senior team as well as meeting the senior partners of BDO. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils as they got the chance to re-deliver their presentation and have in depth conversations with senior members of two exceptionally successful Northern Ireland businesses. They were also

treated to a tour of the Henderson distribution facilities as well as a lovely lunch and goodie bag to take home. The pupils found this an invaluable experience and have really learned a lot from the process. They are keen to see Rainey Endowed retain their title next year.



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# Chess Club

**T**he game of chess has been around since the seventh century and is played by millions of people worldwide, however, in the Rainey, it is a much more recent addition to the range of lunchtime activities on offer. The chess Club, which is open to all year groups and all playing abilities, ran this year on Wednesday lunchtimes in B2 and had a solid core of faithful attendees.

Chess can be described as a metaphor for life as it teaches pupils how to make decisions, train memory and strengthen will power. It motivates pupils to win and teaches them how to deal with defeat. What makes chess so fascinating is that no two games will ever play out the same. Players can open a game with a gambit (a move in which a player sacrifices a piece with the aim of achieving a subsequent positional advantage) and before 'Check mate' is declared, 'Castling' and 'Queening' can occur. Many of the junior players, when they first learned chess, tried to make the first move with their castle, but this rook-ie error was not repeated.

**Mrs W McAlister**



# Community Group

Since 2013, the Rainey Community Group has been an important feature of our school extra-curricular programme. It embodies everything that we want to instil in our pupils - an appreciation of 'community', a care and respect for others, a desire to develop their skills and abilities and a willingness to serve others. Therefore, we were delighted to get our Community Group up and running again after a temporary pause due to the covid restrictions.

This year Friends of Charis Charity shop & Agewell Mid-Ulster welcomed us back. We were able to send out 58 enthusiastic Upper 6th volunteers to one of these two community links. Most of our volunteers worked at Friends of Charis Charity shop and enjoyed the experience sorting clothes, engaging with customers in the shop or cataloguing books in the bookshop. They found that their 45 minute slots flew in! It was a welcome break from

working in the Study Centre and had the added bonus of making them feel that they had been productive and useful in the service of others. Five of our volunteers worked with Agewell on their 'Good Morning' programme. This involved them making phone calls to elderly residents in their homes to chat, check on their well-being and generally be a friendly and caring voice. It was a real privilege for our pupils to be involved in this crucial and worthwhile service that Agewell provide and our pupils loved the experience whilst also benefitting from the skills and challenge that the project gave. A special thank you must go to both these community links for allowing our pupils to work with them in this way. We were delighted to support Hope Magherafelt's Foodbank appeal at Christmas by organising food collections & donations. Once again we thank the wider Rainey community for all their generosity in supporting this appeal.

Being a member of the Community Group requires commitment, enthusiasm, resilience, the ability to show initiative and to embrace a new experience. I am very proud of all our volunteers this year and wish them well as they leave the Rainey. I hope that some of the skills they developed through being an active member of the Community Group will be of use as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

This year saw a 'stream-lined' Community Group in operation but next year we look forward to resuming normal service as we renew our links with Milesian Manor, Kilonan Special School and FACTS charity as well. From September 2022 we will be looking for volunteers from Lower & Upper 6th students who wish to meet the challenge of serving our community through active care and practical support.

**Mrs D Francis**



# Community Group



# Eco Club

**R**ainey Endowed's Eco Club students have been busy working on a number of small projects, improving our local school environment throughout the year. They have created a wildflower garden that will not only provide a tranquil space to be enjoyed in the summer term, but will also support our local bee population. The Eco Club were also involved in planting flowers to improve the aesthetics outside the sportshall and planted an Italian alder tree to mark the centenary of Northern Ireland. Eco Club also arranged a number of fundraisers, namely the 'Wear Blue' day in aid of ABAANA. Thank you to all our hardworking members of Eco Club this year.

**Mrs M Hunter**



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# Eco Club



# Rainey House System



**I**t is great to be back in school again and House competitions are starting to get back to normal! Year 10 have now joined together to become 4 classes so we do have a few new members in each house.

## This year's successful House Captains:

### Year 8:

Calvin - Ruby McCahon & James Stevenson  
Parker - Isabelle Regan & Tymon Sobieraj  
Salters - Anna Maciaszek & Kyle Kennedy  
Walker - Cara Kelly & Zac Silutins

### Year 9:

Calvin - Julia Currie & Raphael Ranchoux  
Parker - Chloe Leacock & Conor Bothwell  
Salters - Emma Clements & Jakub Gabrysiak  
Walker - Katelyn McClelland & Cole Henderson

### Year 10:

Calvin - Caitlin Gribbin & Bartek Maciaszek  
Parker - Katelyn Clarke & Cayden McKenna  
Salters - Phoebe McIvor & Joel Clarke  
Walker - Hannah Booth & Charlie Rafferty

Competitions have involved a Year 8 Virtual Quiz night run by Mrs Parke and special staff question hosts, Well Being week treasure hunts and quizzes, Languages Spelling Bee, Eco Club Meadow Planting, Table Tennis, Art & Music, 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' competition, ICT comic strips and posters, the annual English Haiku competition, musical instruments & the famous History Castle building.

Parker currently have 1056pts, Calvin 894pts, Salters 816pts, Walker 719pts after 11 competitions with the Summer term activities such as House Football and Orienteering to follow!

Thank you to all the staff who have created the competitions and encouraged the healthy competition inside and outside of their classrooms for Year 8-11. Well done to the pupils who all contribute to these competitions and get to show their many talents.

**Mrs J Quigley**



# Rainey House System



# Ichthus

**I**chthus (Senior Scripture Union) has, along with many other societies, seen the academic year of 21/22 as the first year where the members have been able to meet in person once again. The year began with the new Ichthus committee (a group of lower and upper 6th students led by Miss Darragh and Mrs Dunlop) joining together to create the reintroduction of our in-person meetings. Myself and the other members of the committee put together a range of Ichthus events. This included the prayer breakfast before classes start along with the general running of our lunch time meetings. This year we welcomed

a number of guest speakers which have included past pupils, Made for More NI and Gareth Black from SOLAS. Our meetings usually consisted of a talk along with praise, music and prayer.

We have held many special events throughout this year including a table quiz, pudding and praise and a pizza party to celebrate the markers throughout the winter and spring terms. These were great opportunities to invite friends along who don't usually come to Ichthus.

Ichthus is open for anyone from year 11 to 14, who have any level of faith.

Ichthus' goal is to reach as many pupils of the Rainey as possible with the Christian message of the Gospel.

Throughout the year Ichthus has helped me endlessly to strengthen my faith and to encourage me as I am able to dedicate time to see and encourage other Christians in school and to talk to like-minded people. I only hope the committee next year will be able to continue our meetings to grow in Christ and spread the message as I finish my journey through the Rainey.

**Catherine Bell | Year 13**



## Ichthus Committee

Jack Atkinson, Eli Barclay, Catherine Bell, Hannah Bolton, Lauren Brown, Johanna Causby, Daisy Campbell, Anna Eakin, Kyle Fleming, Imogen Graham, Sara Henderson, Sam Lennox, Sam McCulloch, Olivia Stewart, Caitlyn Thompson

# The Library



One place where you can keep in touch with us is our new Instagram page, @raineylibrary...

**T**his year at the Library we saw some major changes, starting with the COVID restrictions which limited us to 15 people at a time. Despite this we managed to introduce 17 Junior Librarians into our ranks. They are: Caoimhin O’Kane, Caitlin McVey, Abi Dawson, Krzysztof Wisniewski, Adam McNicholl, Logan Scott McKinley, Anna Maciaszek, Eva Robb, Annie-Grace Diamond, Eppie Brown, Abigail Scott, Peri Russell-Smith, Rebecca Greer, Natalie Redfern, Aimee Sweeney, Emily Sufferin, and Emmy Donaldson.

By the time we were able to get things going again, it was March, just in time

for World Book Day. We ran several events across the week, including a Comic-Con-style Book Panel, Recs Rock, and a Silent Reading event.

Possibly the most exciting part of this disrupted year was the news that construction has finally started on our new location! The Old Gym is being converted into the new Library, and we are set to open this September. The Senior Librarians have been given the opportunity to be involved in the planning for the Library, and we hope to share updates with you throughout the process.

One place where you can keep in touch with us is our new Instagram page, @raineylibrary, which is your source of information on all things bookish at the Rainey. We have also been using this platform to collect opinions and ideas for the new Library, so give us a follow and get involved in the discussion.

By May time, we had to say goodbye to one of our Senior Librarians, Lee McGucken, who has been part of the team since Year 10. Lee is off to study History at Queens, and we wish him all the best for his future endeavours.



## Librarians

Ms McMullan, Emily Batykova Da Silva, Lewis Boyle, Emily Caskey, Annie Diamond, Ellie-Mae Fullerton Bungay, Caitlin Gribbin, Romeo Jiang, Aimee-Leigh Henry, Paddy Hughes-Scullion, Anna Maciaszek, Ava Mawhinney, Amelia McCallion, Philippa McClay, Isabella McCracken, Caitlin McVey, Johnny Murphy, Caoimhin O’Kane, Jessica Ranchoux, Madeline Ranchoux, Rin Reid, Eva Robb, Lucia Ross, Abigail Scott, Logan Scott-McKinley, Ellie Stewart, Aimee Sweeney, Caitlyn Thompson, Katie Wilkinson, Krzysztof Wisniewski

# Junior Scripture Union

Junior SU recommenced in September for all junior pupils, it was great to be able to meet together again after the covid pandemic. Throughout the year we have had a variety of speakers share each week. The term kicked off with Danny and Lucy from Logos Ministries teaching us about the Armour of God. We also had local ministers Alan Dundas and John McDermott come to speak throughout the winter term. Each year SU NI produces a video series called 'Shine' which is always enjoyed by pupils and this year was no different. Following that series Crown Jesus Ministries spent 3 weeks sharing with us. Stephen Houston from Asialink is a regular in our programme each year and always provides a fascinating insight into the persecuted church in Asia, making us all very thankful how we can meet so freely here in Northern Ireland.

Thank you to all the speakers who have given freely of their time to speak at SU this year, it has been a true blessing to both pupils and staff.

**Miss E Badger**

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# Junior Debate Club 2022

Junior Debate Club started up again this year after Covid restrictions began to lift. It was great to see so many enthusiastic junior pupils get involved. We met at lunchtimes in E4 and the club was well attended once again. The first week began with some light-hearted debates as we got to know each other. After the fun “doughnut debating” activities, we then started into more serious topics. We debated a wide range of interesting and controversial topics over the next few weeks.

We debated issues ranging from “If we want to be healthier and save the environment then we should all go Vegan” to “Making children sit an exam at the age of eleven to decide on their future secondary school is unfair and ineffective.” There were many opinions, anecdotes, statistics and facts brought to the debates. It was impressive to see how maturely and sensitively all our Junior pupils dealt with these difficult debate topics. All in all, it was a fantastic opportunity to develop key communication skills and the pupils seemed to grow in confidence each week. Whilst there were many serious moments, there was also plenty of laughter and some sweet treats along the way. Thanks to all who took part and made it such a worthwhile club!

**Miss N McKay**



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# Language Mentors

**T**his year, the Upper 6th Language students had the opportunity to become language mentors. Language mentoring was a great experience for us as it enabled us to consolidate our knowledge whilst helping junior pupils in their studies.

We were all allocated a junior class and we organised different games, quizzes and other activities for our classes. We ran a lunchtime support club for KS3 pupils before their Christmas exams and we helped them with their revision and tried to help them with any problems they were having.

At Christmas, we created a fun and engaging experience for junior school students in the form of a Christmas quiz. This was a very successful event which we enjoyed as much as they did. A few of us also helped at the Year 9 Spelling Bee event before Easter, this was a really enjoyable opportunity as Year 9 were so enthusiastic and talented, we had a great time!

Overall, language mentoring was a rewarding and beneficial use of our study periods, and we would highly recommend for future language students!



# Minecraft Club



**M**inecraft club is a great club to relax and have fun at lunch. You can create your own Minecraft worlds or join your friends' worlds. You can build settlements, explore biomes and fend off monsters! The club is on Wednesday at lunchtime in CP4.

David King, 8S

# Rubik's Cube Club

**A**t Rubik's Cube Club we are having fun improving our cubing skills. Or you can just come for the craic! When you enter you'll find many intriguing activities, whether it's the Rubik's Race, the Rubik's Match, the original 3x3 cube or another puzzle. There are many nice people to meet and take part in games with. Plus, you can borrow puzzles weekly if you wish. Puzzles include: 2x2 cube, 3x3 cube, 4x4 cube, 5x5 cube, pyraminx, megaminx, penrose cube, skewb, square x1, Rubik's race and Rubik's match.

With so many puzzles to pique your interest, you'll never find yourself bored at Rubik's cube club.

Kyle Kennedy 8S



# School Council



**T**his year saw the election of an entirely new School Council. The election campaign began in mid-October with candidate posters, complete with catchy slogans, displayed around the school. Two representatives from each group were voted onto the council, by their peers, at the end of October. We were pleased to welcome the following pupils onto the council:

**Year 8:** Adam McNicholl and Jessica Clarke

**Year 9:** Harry Dawson and Philippa McClay

**Year 10:** Rowan McClay and Ellie-Mae Fullerton-Bungay

**Year 11:** Joshua Chapman and Eva Francis

**Year 12:** Damian McCourt and Emma Caskey

**Year 13:** Harry McKenna and Beth Cunningham

**Year 14:** Michael Kelly and Lucy Thomson.

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A special mention must go to Michael Kelly who has served on the council since year 8; many thanks for your contribution over the last seven years.

The council met twice this year in December and March. The focus of our meetings was to improve the recreational facilities for pupils around the school. The feedback from the council led to the purchasing of additional table tennis tables and

other outdoor games for use at break and lunch. These facilities have been well received by all pupils. The council also put forward ideas for the new library and how to encourage engagement with our school charity, Abaana. Mr McClements and Mrs Stewart would like to thank the council for all their hard work and great ideas over the past year. We wish our year 14 members every success for the future and look forward to working with the remaining members next year.

**Mrs L Stewart**



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# 6th Form Committee

**T**his year, the Sixth Form Committee decided to support our local charities Charis and The Olive Branch, in addition to the school charity, ABAANA. These are all wonderful organisations which provide a vital service to both our local community and within Uganda.

Friends of Charis is a local charity here in Mid Ulster, giving hope to families living with cancer through providing financial support, regardless of an individual's cancer stage. Charis would not be able to offer their same quality of support without the generous support of our local community. Charis makes effective use of donations for counselling, therapy and a large array of services to help those going through the pain of cancer, as well as families in bereavement. The Olive Branch were another

charitable organisation we were passionate to support this year. The Olive Branch is a local mental health charity that provides counselling services free of charge to anyone over the age of sixteen, in effort to provide wider access to counselling. The Charity is determined to assist anyone suffering with their mental health with free counselling which has become a priority in society today following the fear and confusion of COVID-19. Thanks to the wider community and our school support, The Olive Branch offer a drop-in service with no appointment necessary and without the need for a doctor's referral, allowing immediate access to their excellent free counselling services.

Our school has supported ABAANA for many years now and we are honoured to continue to support this brilliant

cause. They are a Christian charity that support young children in Uganda by providing them with a vital education, affording the opportunity to escape the chains of poverty. ABAANA tackle the issue of poverty in Uganda, through the building of schools and sponsoring individual children's learning who otherwise would not be able to have access to an education. They have undoubtedly changed the lives of the 4000 children they support.

This year, despite the COVID restrictions we have been truly delighted to support and fundraise for these well deserving charities.

**Michael Kelly & Eli Barclay**



## 6th Form Committee

Caitlin Bloomfield, Jenna Brown, Samuel Bruce, Sarah Goodwin, Nathan Hutchinson, Michael Kelly, Dawson McCammon, Jake McConnell, Kirsten Paul, Caleb Ross, Sophie Stewart, Lucy Thomson

# Rainey Zoom to Soroptimist Success!

**O**n Thursday 18th November 2021, the annual Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition Local Area Heat took place (with a twist this year!). Last year, the competition was sadly cancelled due to Covid and so we were delighted to see the return of this fantastic event, although for the first time ever, the Heat was conducted online via Zoom.

On Thursday night six Rainey pupils took part in the competition (the maximum number of students allowed per school is six.) The girls who took part were: Emma McCracken (year 12,) Chloe Greer-McGlone (year 12,) Georgina McGuckin (year 12,) Lucy Pattison (year 12,) Aoife Quinn (year 12,) and Lucia Ross (year 13.)

The girls had to deliver a speech lasting between four and six minutes on a topic chosen from a list of six possible topics that were provided by Soroptimist International Northern

Ireland. Emma and Lucy both chose to deliver speeches on, "It is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken adults," whilst Chloe and Lucia chose, "When women thrive all society benefits'-Kofi Annan." Georgina opted for, "Home schooling-beneficial or not?" whilst Aoife decided to go down the environmental route and delivered a speech on, "Rewilding-ensuring the future by preserving the past?" All six girls carefully researched their topics and put great effort into writing their speeches and then also practising the delivery of their speeches.

As the local area Heat was through zoom, the competition was split into two sessions. Rainey Endowed were in the second session from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. In total 24 pupils took part from a range of schools across the District. Congratulations to all six Rainey girls who represented the school so well on the night and were a credit to

themselves, their families and the school. They all presented thought-provoking and inspiring speeches and showed great courage on the night. Also, we are delighted that Lucia Ross was placed first overall in the Ballymoney and District Heat and will therefore go on to represent the area at the Northern Ireland Final which will be held as normal in February 2022 in Hillsborough. Congratulations also to the pupils from Dalriada and Sperrin who took the second and third placings. Of course, all the pupils who took part from all of the schools deserve great credit-they voluntarily gave up their free time to prepare for this competition in the midst of exams and controlled assessments-well done everyone!

Finally, we wish Lucia the best of luck at the final. The whole school is behind you and we know that you will continue to thrive!

**Miss McKay**



# Lucia takes part in NI Final

## Lucia takes part in NI Final of Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition!

**O**n Saturday 5th February 2022, Lucia Ross who is in Lower Sixth, took part in the Northern Ireland Final of the Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition. Lucia made it through to the NI Final after winning the Ballymoney and District heat back in November 2021.

In total, twelve competitors each representing the different clubs and areas of Northern Ireland took part in the final. Each finalist had to deliver a prepared speech of between four and six minutes on a topic from a choice of six possible titles. Also, each competitor had to deliver an extempore speech of between one and two minutes on a topic that they were given on the day. This year the title for the extempore part was, "Giving is good because...." Lucia delivered a thoughtful and inspiring speech on the topic, "When women thrive all of society benefits" - Kofi Annan. She included many fascinating case studies and emotive stories to back up her reflections. All of the speeches from the twelve students were engaging and powerful.

Lucia worked very hard in preparation for the final and although she did not gain a place in the top three, she represented the school brilliantly and the whole Rainey community is very proud of her achievements. As the judges pointed out, qualifying for the final is a massive achievement in itself. Congratulations to the student from Lisburn and District who was the overall winner and to the students from Portadown and Belfast who placed second and third respectively. The standard at the final was incredibly high and all twelve girls who took part deserve great credit.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all the members at Ballymoney and District Soroptimist for their continued support and help. Also, thank you to all the Soroptimists from the different regions in Northern Ireland for the time and effort involved in preparing such a fantastic competition. Thanks to the judges and sponsors and everyone involved in making the competition run so smoothly. It was a great experience for all the pupils and a most enjoyable day. The final was very well organised

and all the people involved were welcoming and encouraging towards the students.

Finally, thanks to Lucia for all her effort and hard work and thanks to her family and of course her friends here at Rainey who all helped, encouraged and listened to her speech... maybe more than once! As previously mentioned, Lucia's topic was, "When women thrive all of society benefits." I think it is fair to say that Lucia continued to thrive at the final and that consequently future Rainey girls shall thrive also and one day all of society will benefit from their public speaking talents. Well done, Lucia!

**Miss N McKay**



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# Rainey Wellbeing Ambassadors

**E**stablished in 2019, the Wellbeing Ambassadors is a pupil-led initiative with members from Years 12-14. After years of COVID disruptions which continued to affect how we worked, we tried to kick things off this year with a batch of new WBAs to add to our ranks. Our numbers now come to 30 WBAs, and we elected Shane Shiels and Lucia Ross from Year 13 as our co-chairs.

This year we relaunched our lunchtime club under a new name: "Recharge". Centring around the Take 5 initiative, we wanted to bring together every year group to have a relaxing and enjoyable lunchtime... and I think we did just that! We ran a session of just about everything, from Origami to Blookit, writing letters to people we appreciate in our lives to learning Chinese. To everyone who attended Recharge this year, thank you so much, you have been so enthusiastic

about the activities and eager to make friendships with people who would never have been on your radar otherwise. To everyone who didn't get to go, we will see you next year!

Quite late into this year we launched the Drop-In Room, which runs every break and lunch in Room 9 and CP3. With 2 WBAs on duty, pupils are given an opportunity to speak to one of our crew in a less intimidating and quieter format than in an open school environment. You can come and talk about anything, whether you are in a situation that you need to talk through, or you are just looking a chat. We are proud of how the scheme is working so far and hope to expand its use in the 2022/23 term.

One of the highlights of the WBA calendar this year had to be the year 10 well-being day. While half the year were away enjoying the slopes of

Austria the remaining 70 pupils got to take part in a day of dancing, brain-games, and team events (including the creation of merchandise to rally their team spirit). At the end of the day we crowned the winners of our tournament: Team Sigma. Proving highly popular, we hope to run this event again next year, possibly as a wider school event.

This year also saw the creation of an online presence for the well-being ambassadors. You can find us @raineywba where we post advice and information to promote positivity and keep you informed about what we are getting up to. We will be posting throughout the summer, so give us a follow.

...and that's all from us for now! We hope you have noticed us around the school this year, and if you haven't, look out for the blue badges and big smiles.

**WBA - Happy to help, always**



## Wellbeing Ambassadors

Ms McMullan, Molly Beattie, Lewis Boyle, Daniel Deery, Sam Dripps, Cillian Gribbin, Abbie Hessin, Nathan Hutchinson, Sam Hutchinson, Romeo Jiang, Jack Keatley, Amy McCombe, Harry McKenna, Catherine McMullan, Alexander Porter, Caleb Ross, Lucia Ross, Shane Shiels, Shay Shiels, Caitlyn Thompson, Katie Wilkinson



**Stickin' it to the opposition...**

# **Rainey: Hockey**

# Rainey Endowed Hockey Dinner 2022

## Senior awards

Keith Atkinson Memorial Cup Player for the Future  
Railway Hill Motorsport Cup Team of the Year  
Canterbury Cup Goalkeeper of the Year  
Quinn's Coach Hire Cup Commitment to Hockey

Evie Duncan  
2NDXI Team  
Aoife Doyle  
Abbie Hessin

## 1STXI Awards

Loughead Cup 1st XI Player of the Year  
Jo Weir & Jill Wilson Trophy 1st XI Personality of the Year  
Atkinson Shield 1st XI Coaches' Player  
Clarke Shield 1st XI Top Goal Scorer  
Weir Cup 1st XI Players' Player  
Spires Oral Care Cup 1st XI Most Improved Player

Gabi Scott  
Jenna Brown  
Kaitlyn Houston  
Imogen Graham  
Gabi Scott  
Amy Leach

## 2NDXI Awards

Doyle Cup 2nd XI Player of the Year  
Heath Shield 2nd XI Players' Player  
Regan Tiles Cup 2nd XI Top Goal Scorer

Kate Spillane  
Lucy Thomson  
Kirsten Paul

## 3RDXI Awards

Rainey Shield 3rd XI Player of the Year  
DC Coaches Cup 3rd XI Most Improved Player

Elena McCrum  
Anna McCavana

## U15 Awards

Menary Cup U15 XI Most Committed Player  
Burns Cup U15 XI Most Improved Player  
Mr Glendinning Shield U15 XI Players' Player

Emma Quigley  
Alyssa Frew  
Laura McLees



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## U14A

Railway Hill Motorsport Cup U14A XI Player of the Year  
Mulholland Cup U14A XI Top Goal Scorer  
McGrogan Kitchen Cup U14A XI Most Improved Player  
Menary Shield U14A XI Players' Player

Ciara Houston  
Erin Kelly/Evie Duncan  
Aimee-Leigh Henry  
Caitlin Gribbin

## U14B

Queen Bee award U14B v U13B (1-0 U14Bs)  
Corry Dental Care Cup U14B XI Most Improved Player  
Corry Dental Care Cup U14B XI Players' Player  
Laverty Shield U14B XI Most Committed Player

Sarah Jane Suffern  
Jenna Ekin  
Olivia Young  
Naomi Paul

## 13A

Heaney Motor Company Cup U13A XI Player for the Future  
Wilson Shield U13A XI Top Goal Scorer  
Taylor Cup U13A XI Players' Player

Ellis Porter  
Julia Currie  
Julia Currie/Amy Bothwell

## U13B

Matterson Cup U13B XI Player of the Year  
Steele Shield U13B XI Commitment to Hockey  
Brown Shield U13B XI Players' Player

Anna Young  
Sophie Wilson  
Madeline Ranchoux/Iona McKay

## U12A

JB Tyres Cup U12A Player of the Year  
Heaney Cup U12A Most Improved Player  
Rainey Shield U12A Most Committed Player

Emily Nelson  
Aoife McNally  
Cara Kelly

## U12B

Rainey Shield U12B Player of the Year  
DC Coaches Cup U12B Most Committed Player  
AJS Buildings Shield U12B Most Improved Player

Miya Ekin  
Ellie Ferris  
Georgia Scott

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# 1st XI Hockey Report

**A**fter a tough few years without hockey it was clear this season the girls were eager to get back on the pitch. Our girls started early in the summer months with intense training, consisting of running and gym sessions run by Dr Peggs. This was very beneficial for the team as everyone made huge improvements prior to the upcoming season. Consistent training built our strength on the pitch when keeping possession of the ball, especially in our back 5 who were initially Jenna Brown, Sarah Goodwin, Imogen Graham, Amy Leach and our goalkeeper, Aoife Doyle.

Following our training, the season commenced on the 28th August with our first game against Methody. As expected, this was a tough game which put our girls to the test from the start. As our first game it was the perfect time to practice playing together and trying to find the right positions.

Even though we lost 2-1 it was still an outstanding performance considering we were missing two of our most senior players. From here our hockey only improved. In the month of September, we faced 4 more games, starting off with 3 friendlies against Friends, BRA and Portadown. From each game to the next we improved dramatically as shown on the scoreboard where we either drew or won. The team was coming together and the girls were making connections and patterns all over the pitch. This was great to see as our next game was the first of our many league games throughout the season. During this game against Dalriada, all the newest members to our team; Amy Leach, Orlaith McHugh, Kate Spillane, Georgina McGuckin and Erin McCoy stepped up, helping to secure a convincing win of 3-0. In preparation for our first cup game we played a practice game against the Ulster U16 where 4 of our own girls were

playing against us. Both teams played exceptionally, despite missing a couple of players. In the end the 1sts won 2-1 giving us a great mindset for our upcoming cup game against Sullivan.

13th of November we faced Sullivan in the 2nd round of the Schools' Cup sponsored by Danske Bank. During a long 60 minutes, our team managed to hold back Sullivan from making any critical play. Instead, our mids linked up with our backs and forwards to make some beautiful play through the middle of the pitch which Sullivan had no chance of stopping. Gabi Scott was able to put huge pressure on the Sullivan defence and with some sneaky passes from Aimee McClure, we secured a 2-0 win on our home territory, sending us onto the quarter finals. After this game we weren't the same team we were before. It had finally clicked and from here on started our winning streak starting with a 2-0



## 1st XI Squad

Jenna Brown, Olivia Currie, Aoife Doyle, Evie Duncan, Grace Fullerton, Sarah Goodwin (Captain), Imogen Graham, Lola Henderson, Kaitlyn Houston, Amy Leach, Aimee McClure (Vice Captain), Erin McCoy, Georgina McGuckin, Orlaith McHugh, Hannah O'Neill, Gabi Scott, Kate Spillane, Lucy Thomson

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win against Foyle College. Up next was Cambridge House, where we secured an impressive 8-1 win which kept our team morale high as was displayed when we beat RSD 6-0. None of this would have happened if it wasn't for our demon of a goalkeeper Aoife Doyle, who made some fantastic saves throughout the season keeping us out of danger. However, it was this time of the season where we lost one of our key players, Imogen Graham. It was a no-brainer that Evie Duncan would step up and fill her boots. At only 14, Evie showed remarkable talent on the pitch as if she'd been playing there for years which gave us reassurance for our next big game.

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**Finally, we took on Sullivan U15 boys which was a shock for some of us to play. Not sure what to expect we put up a good fight and showed no remorse, despite them having a bit more pace.**

We were guaranteed a tough game playing away to Limavady in the quarterfinal. We had trained hard to prepare ourselves and kept a positive mindset when stepping onto the pitch. This was needed as the weather conditions weren't great making the game much more difficult to play, however, we responded well to this and were determined to win. In the first half our outer backs, Jenna Brown and Amy Leach, were vital and we managed to hold Limavady off. However, in the second half we stepped up and played our own game. Kaitlyn Houston and Jenna Brown were able to work the ball the whole way up the pitch to Hannah O'Neill who set up perfect play in the D. We finally went 1-0 up in the last quarter and yet the girls were all determined to get another goal. Hannah O'Neill took some beautiful reverses along with Grace Fullerton trying to put the ball around the goalie's feet which were just short of the goal line. A turn of play led to a short corner where, unfortunately, Limavady hit our back board and it was 1-1. Holding the score, our backs had to work tirelessly to keep the ball up the pitch. The final play was a Limavady corner where Aoife Doyle made a jaw dropping save which saved us the game. Finally, the game went to run ins where we won 4-1 and were heading to the semi-finals.

Two more games were played before our semi-final. Omagh Academy were our next opposition who unfortunately beat us 2-1, after a tough and aggressive game. Finally, we took on Sullivan U15 boys which was a shock for some of us to play. Not sure what to expect we put up a good fight and showed no remorse, despite them having a bit more pace.

The wait was now on, waiting to see who we had in the semi-final, which captain Sarah Goodwin would find out through a cup draw in Belfast alongside captains from Banbridge, Armagh and Methody. After many photos it was found that we'd play Methodist College in the semi-final.

Being beaten by Methody 2-1 at the start of the year gave the girls huge determination to go out and play one of our best games yet. Despite the crowds of supporters, the team were able to perform under pressure and quite literally put up a fight against Methody. It took the first quarter to calm our team which unfortunately was when it mattered most as Methody were able to secure a 1-0 lead from a short corner. However, we had our goalkeeper Aoife Doyle to thank for being just 1-0 behind after the first quarter, although there was little she could do to stop the goal eight minutes in. More penalty corners followed and it took a goal-line clearance from Sarah Goodwin to deny a second goal later in the quarter. Several times we broke upfield, once creating a good opportunity when Hannah O'Neill was played in where she did well to send a shot towards the bottom corner which was impressively saved by the Methody keeper. Again Hannah O'Neill, one of our biggest threats, fed in Aimee McClure on our most dangerous break and when the cross came in, a deflection off a Methody stick required a scrambling save from Methody goalkeeper, Enya Darby. Not long after, Methody received a yellow card putting them a player down. This pushed us to work harder and for the next 10 minutes we were in their half of the pitch. There was a growing feeling there would be one final chance and this was created by

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Gabi Scott who stole possession inside the opposition half and raced into the circle, where her strong shot was well saved by Enya Darby. Finally, the whistle blew and unfortunately that was our cup finished, losing 1-0 overall.

Before finishing our season, we had one final game against Ballymena. This was our final League match, so we had everything to play for. It was a very fast and physical game which after our months of hard work and training, seemed easy for our girls, winning 1-0. This final game meant we'd won all 7 of our league games, totalling to 28 points. After all the other teams played their league games we found out we were the Derry and Antrim League winners which is a great achievement for the girls, especially the upper sixth Aimee McClure, Jenna Brown, Lucy Thomson, Grace Fullerton, Kirsten Paul, Sophie Stewart and Sarah Goodwin who will be leaving this year.

As captain I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Rainey Hockey over the last 7 years. Without everyone it would not have been possible. I'd like to thank Dr Peggs and Kirsty McLarnon for taking gym and fitness sessions throughout the year as it has paid off, even though we mightn't enjoy running the legs off us. Finally, I'd like to thank Mrs Burns, Mrs Quigley and the remaining coaches who put so much time and effort into making hockey possible for the girls as it creates memories that will stay with us forever. Thank you for everything and we wish the best of luck to the girls next season!

**Sarah Goodwin | 1st XI Captain**



# 2nd XI Hockey Report

**T**his season has been very successful for the 2nd XI, finishing runners up in the McDowell Cup and Derry and Antrim League by very tight margins. Everyone played their part in order for us to achieve this. We lost a lot of players from previous seasons so this team was nearly entirely new to playing with each other. Therefore, we spent preseason really getting to know each other and this paid off for us.

We started this season with a 4-2 win against Methody which set us off on the right foot, Kaitlyn Houston played a pivotal role in this game scoring twice.

Our next two opponents were Friends, Lisburn and BRA. Both were tough games against good sides with both matches finishing 0-0 despite many opportunities especially in the Friends' game. After 3 away games, we were home to Portadown next which was a 2-0 win, 2 goals from Olivia Currie after a great performance in centre midfield secured this win. The next game was the beginning of our league matches, which was successfully won 3-0, a good game along with 2 goals from Kirsty Stevenson helped secure this. We had 2 games before our first Cup game, a very good game against Wallace ended in a 2-1 win and a tough

loss against Armagh which ended 5-1. Foyle College in the Cup was up next, a great performance from vice-captain Lucy Thomson, who also scored, helped us through to the next round in our 2-0 win. A 2-1 win against Victoria College followed this so we were feeling positive going into the next game which was a league match against Antrim. This game ended in a 10-0 win with 4 players getting on the scoresheet, Kirsten Paul (4), Leah Henry (3), Elena McCrum (2) and Kirsty Stevenson (1); this really displays the team performance shown in many of our games this year. Our next two games were also league with the opponents



## 2nd XI Squad

Kirsten Paul (captain), Lucy Thomson (vice-captain), Sophie Stewart, Kirsty Stevenson, Imogen Millar, Olivia Stewart, Elena McCrum, Abbie Hessin, Georgina McGuckin, Catherine McMullan, Emma Thompson, Leah Henry, Kate Spillane, Lola Henderson, Erin McCoy, Olivia Currie, Grace O'Kane, Alyssa Frew

### Goal scorers:

Kirsten Paul 15, Lucy Thomson 7, Kirsty Stevenson 7, Leah Henry 4, Elena McCrum 3, Olivia Currie 3, Kaitlyn Houston 2, Olivia Stewart 1

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being Coleraine (1-1) and Foyle (0-0), these two draws were unfortunate as we feel we could have won these especially when we had already defeated Foyle this season. The draws ended up being costly in the league as even a win out of one of these would have let us win the league. Up next was Regent House in the Cup which finished in a 0-0 draw but we won 3-1 on run ins, Lola Henderson did well to save many of Regent's run ins to help secure this win. This meant we were through to the quarter finals. We only had one game between the two cup games, this was league against Cambridge House, which was won 3-0, a great defensive performance from Sophie Stewart was evident in this match. Dungannon Royal were our next opponents and a 3-0 win with a good performance meant we were in great spirits for our Cup match that followed.

We were facing Victoria College, this game was also a 0-0 draw but we won 3-1 on run ins, this was a fighting performance from the team, especially Elena McCrum. A tough game against

Omagh followed which was a 2-1 win and then a 2-0 win against Limavady in the league. Our semi-final Cup game followed, this was against Portadown College who are always a tough game but great performances from Kate Spillane and Erin McCoy helped seal our 2-0 win with goals from Lucy Thomson from short corners.

Entering our last 2 games of the season we were on a high and feeling confident, our final league game of the season was against Ballymena Academy which was a very tough match but finished 1-0 with a goal from myself in the 3rd quarter and we held on through the final quarter. Unfortunately, this wasn't quite enough to win the league, even though we didn't lose a league match all season. Our final game of the season was our cup final against Armagh, the only team who had beaten us this season so we knew it would be difficult. It was a tough fight with great play from both sides and finished 2-2 with a notable good performance from Georgina McGuckin, it was time for run ins, which

evidently we had a good track record in this season. Unfortunately, they ended 2-1 with a questionable decision going Armagh's way giving them the win. We were unlucky that this was the result of the game but we took our silver medals with pride because the entire team gave it all they had. During the season everyone did what they could for the team and I am very proud of everyone involved and would like to thank all of my teammates for the great year and the memories made. I would also like to thank all the coaches who helped us this season and for all the effort they put in also.

**Kirsten Paul | 2nd XI Captain**

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# 3rd XI Hockey Report

**W**ith training and matches severely disrupted last season due to Covid-19, the entire new 3RDXI team were buzzing to be able to train and play again.

The season for the team began with a shaky start, which saw us suffer a 5-0 defeat in our very first match of the season against Friends' School. This encouraged us to work on communication as a team and once training fully began for the season, everyone gave it their all for us to improve. In our next match against Belfast Royal Academy, we drew 0-0, which showed our new attitude was working. Still determined to get a goal on the score sheet, we continued to train hard and this was clearly demonstrated in our following match against Wallace High, which we won

4-0 with some excellent hockey on display all over the pitch and goals from Alyssa Frew, Elena McCrum, Ciara Brown and Emma Thompson.

Unfortunately, our next match against Victoria College ended with a 2-0 defeat, but we did not let this discourage us as shown by the 1-0 win following an excellent goal from Olivia Stewart in our next match against Coleraine Grammar. Although this match was cut short due to an injury from the other team, we still were able to use this to determine what we were doing well and what we still needed to improve on before our first Gibson Cup match.

With the year 11s missing out on their opportunity last year to enter the Junior Cup, we were all quite nervous before

what was, for some players, their first cup match against Glenlola Collegiate in the Gibson Cup. From the starting whistle, we took off and were able to attack and defend skilfully, resulting in us scoring our first goal early. Seven more goals followed in this match, resulting in a strong 8-0 win to secure our place in the quarter finals of the Gibson Cup, with goals from Emma Thompson (3), Alyssa Frew (3), Louise Porte and Elena McCrum.

A friendly against Royal School, Dungannon before our quarter finals saw us win 1-0 with a goal from Olivia Stewart, which provided the whole team with confidence and belief in ourselves for our next match.

After suffering a 5-0 loss at the very beginning of the season from Friends'



## 3rd XI Squad

Louise Boone, Ciara Brown, Alyssa Frew, Poppy Hastings, Abby Hessin (Captain), Heidi Hutchinson, Anna McCavana, Elena McCrum, Laura McLees, Catherine McMullan, Imogen Millar, Emma Quigley, Sophie Shaw, Olivia Stewart, Emma Thompson

# 3rd XI Hockey Report

School, it was safe to say our team was fired up and ready to make a comeback in the semi finals against Friends'. It was a tightly fought match, but with excellent defending from Heidi Hutchinson, Emma Quigley, Imogen Millar and Poppy Hastings in our defensive line and excellent communication and skill in the midfield, we were able to successfully shift the ball up the pitch to our forwards, who ran circles around Friends' defensive line to keep the game tight and provide us with opportunities to score. With the score still 0-0 at half time, a motivational team talk saw Rainey come back onto the pitch fired up and ready to win, resulting in a goal from Ciara Brown in the third quarter. The match ended with a 1-0 win to us, meaning we had reached the semi finals of the Gibson Cup, which was something the 3RDXI team hadn't achieved in years.

Our final friendly of the year was played against Limavady Grammar School, in which every player on the pitch

displayed hard work and determination to achieve a 4-0 win with goals from Emma Thompson (2), Catherine McMullan and Alyssa Frew.

In the semi-final of the Gibson Cup against Strathearn School, we were unfortunately unable to progress to the finals following a 3-2 defeat. Strathearn scored their first goal in the first quarter of the match, which was unsettling for the team but we continued to play well and win a penalty corner just before half time, from which Emma Thompson scored, bringing the score to 1-1.

Remaining calm and continuing to play the way we usually would, we managed to keep the score even right up to the end of the third quarter. However, the final quarter saw Strathearn score 2 more goals, which was quickly followed by another from our own Emma Thompson, bringing the score to 3-2. Just as Rainey had managed to make a breakaway with the ball and were headed past Strathearn's defensive line, the final whistle blew which

ended the match at 3-2 to Strathearn. Although this wasn't quite the result the team had hoped for, it was clear that every player on the pitch had pushed themselves so hard and should be so proud of themselves.

I would like to commend each player of the 3RDXI for their hard work and dedication this year and on behalf of the team would like to massively thank Miss McLarnon for her commitment to coaching our team this year and Mrs Burns for her continued support. This season has been filled with many up and downs and I hope we can carry forward our successes and achieve even more as a team into the 2022/23 season.

**Abbie Hessin | 3rd XI Captain**

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# U14A XI Hockey Report



## Semi-Finalists, Ulster Junior Cup; Winners, Derry & Antrim League

**O**ur U14A squad has had a great year, getting back on the pitch again and developing our skills. Everyone loved training twice a week and playing a match every Saturday morning. All our hard work and training paid off as we became the Derry and Antrim League winners and made it to the semi-final of the Junior Cup. As well as only losing two matches the whole season, both by 1-0.

We kicked the season off to a great start by beating Methody 2-0 with great goals from Caitlin Gribbin and Isla Graham. For our first match as a team this year, we showed great potential

and that we could achieve lots. A few weeks later we had a very tough match against a strong Killicomaine team.

Unfortunately, we were defeated by 1-0 despite every single player giving it their all to the final whistle, even with wasp stings mid match! This then gave us the motivation to keep on training and focusing on our skills and game play. Next, we played our first League game against Dalriada. Our winning streak began when we managed to win this game 3-0. Caitlin Gribbin, Jenna Ekin and Evie Duncan getting on the score sheet. A great way to start off the League!

Our Cup journey started off with an away match against Larne. Despite all the nerves and excitement, we managed to come away with a 2-0 win

for our first Cup game. Goals scored by Caitlin Gribbin and Evie Duncan allowing us to advance in the next round. Cookstown were our opponents for the second round of Cup. In the first few minutes of the game, Erin Kelly managed to get the first goal into the back of the net. After that they just kept coming. The final score was 9-0 with an Erin Kelly hatrick, Julia Currie 2, Evie Duncan 2, Imogen Scott and Amy Bothwell getting their names on the score sheet.

The following week we played our next League match against Antrim Grammar, with another great score of 5-0. Then came Coleraine, a really tough match on an awful morning. Every girl fighting for the win. We fought very hard and came out with a 2-0 win even with the dreaded covid striking



### U14A Team

Evie Duncan (Captain), Imogen Scott (Vice-Captain), Amy Bothwell, Emma Buck, Eliza Cameron, Emma Clements, Julia Currie, Remy Duncan, Isla Graham, Caitlin Gribbin, Aimee-Leigh Henry, Lucia Henry, Ciara Houston, Cara Kelly, Erin Kelly, Sarah Linton, Emily Nelson & Ellis Porter

# U14A XI Hockey Report

the team. The wins kept on coming in the League as we defeated Foyle 9-0, Cambridge House 11-0 and Limavady Grammar 4-0.

In the third round of the Cup we faced Ballymena Academy at home. We knew this was going to be a tough match and, despite our best efforts, at the final whistle it was 0-0. This meant the match would be decided on run ins, but we were well practised and ready for the challenge. The nerves didn't get the better of us and we won the match 3-1 with Isla Graham, Imogen Scott and Ciara Houston skilfully defeating the Ballymena goalie. Aimee-Leigh Henry gave an excellent performance stopping 3 of the 4 Ballymena players.

Next, we played our quarter final match against Friends, who we had defeated previously in the season. This was sure to be a difficult match and everyone had to focus on the game to give us

the best chance of winning. We had opportunities but just couldn't find a goal resulting in a 0-0 draw at the final whistle. This meant more run ins. We had done it before, and we knew we could do it again. Successfully, we won 4-2 with goals by Evie Duncan, Isla Graham, Ciara Houston and Julia Currie guaranteeing us the win.

The semi-final of the Cup brought us our biggest challenge. Even though we had defeated Armagh earlier in the season 1-0 we knew this would be our toughest match yet. We fought as hard as we could and narrowly missed out on scoring twice. Regardless of this, Armagh managed to get a goal defeating us 1-0. We were devastated but so proud that we had achieved so much.

The final match of our U14 season was the League final against Ballymena Academy and we wanted to finish

the season on a high. The start of the match saw Ballymena come at us hard but after we exceptionally defended a short corner the game turned around and Rainey took control of the game from then on. After a few opportunities on goal, Ciara Houston scored the winning goal from a penalty corner and we were delighted to be the winners of the League.

Our team has had an outstanding season and the players have grown both individually and as a team, under the incredible coaching of Mrs Quigley. We will greatly miss Juniors next year but are looking forward to developing our skills as hockey players as we join the Senior squads.

**Evie Duncan | U14A XI Captain**

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	Played	Win	Draw	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
<b>U14a</b>	22	19	1	2	74	5

Goal Scorers	Goals
Evie Duncan	16
Erin Kelly	16
Ciara Houston	10
Imogen Scott	10
Isla Graham	5
Caitlin Gribbin	4
Amy Bothwell	3
Julia Currie	3
Sarah Linton	3
Ellis Porter	2
Eliza Cameron	1
Jenna Eiken	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>

# U14B XI Hockey Report

**H**ockey for the B Team this year has been full of memories, triumphs and losses but most importantly, we have had fun together as a team. Everybody worked hard and we have all improved our skills. Thankfully both training and matches were back to normal so we could make the most of this last year we all have together before joining the older girls in training.

I am really proud of our team this year because they have really improved

winning matches against Killicomaine Junior High, Dalraida, Wallace HS, Victoria College and Foyle College and only lost two matches this year. For me, hockey has been the highlight of my week, I love getting to spend time with my friends and grow together as a team, even through all of the rough patches. I hope for the same thing next year and wish it is just as amazing as this year.

**Sarah Jane Sufferin | U14B XI Captain**

Goal Scorers	Goals
Emily Caskey	3
Jenna Ekin	3
Amelie McConnell	3
Ella Campbell	2
Abby McLean	2
Eva Clarke	1
Grace Doyle	1
Anna Foster	1
Isabella McCracken	1
Jessica Ranchoux	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>



## U14B Team

Sarah-Jane Sufferin (Captain), Ella Campbell (Vice-Captain), Abby McLean, Grace Baay, Erika Boone, Hannah Booth, Emily Caskey, Eva Clarke, Grace Doyle, Jenna Ekin, Anna Foster, Beth Gordon, Jessica Junkin, Amelie McConnell, Isabella McCracken, Megan McKay, Naomi Paul, Jessica Ranchoux, Hollie Shiels, Robyn Shiels, Clare Wilson & Olivia Young

# U13A XI Hockey Report



## Winners, Derry & Antrim League

**T**he U13A has had an extremely successful year and they have progressed so much throughout the hockey season. I have watched the team grow as we train on Mondays and Thursdays. They have given 100% at training and put it into action on

Saturday matches. The girls show a lot of dedication to the sport as they are always eager to play no matter the weather!

One of the first matches was against Friends' School, Lisburn. We lost 4-1. We hadn't yet learnt to play as a team. Forward two months, we had made a lot of changes to our teams and it paid off as we beat Friends' 2-1.

This shows how passionate these Rainey girls are and their positive attitude towards training.

We worked extremely hard to get to the final of the League, with wins over Foyle College, Cambridge House, Coleraine Grammar, Antrim Grammar and Dalraida. We were against Ballymena Academy, an extremely tough competitor. We had never played



### U13 A Team

Julia Currie (Captain), Amy Bothwell (Vice-Captain), Maya Barry, Emma Buck, Emma Clements, Remy Duncan, Cara Kelly, Aoife McNally, Pippa Millar, Blathnaid Lil Moon, Emily Nelson, Katie O'Kane, Ellie Porter, Ellis Porter, Isabelle Regan & Katie White

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**We were Derry & Antrim  
League Champions!**

# U13A XI Hockey Report

them before at U13 so we were a bit apprehensive to play them. In the first half we gave it everything and still no goals. A few of my teammates were getting impatient and calling into action GK Emma Buck. Half-time arrived and we need a more positive attitude towards this game. In doing this, we upped our game with attacks coming from the left side of the pitch with Amy Bothwell making runs, then Ellie Porter and Ellis Porter applying the constant circle pressure from the right we scored two goals by Maya Barry and Emily Nelson. **We were Derry & Antrim League Champions!**

Huge congratulations to all the team as I have thoroughly enjoyed being their captain.

I would also like to thank all the hockey coaches, especially Mrs Quigley, as if it wasn't for them, none of our hockey would have ever been possible.

**Julia Currie | U13A XI Captain**

	Played	Win	Draw	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
<b>U14a</b>	17	13	1	3	48	12

Goal Scorers	Goals
Julia Currie	11
Emily Nelson	10
Amy Bothwell	8
Ellis Porter	6
Cara Kelly	3
Katie White	3
Emma Clements	2
Maya Barry	1
Aoife McHugh	1
Ellie Porter	1
Madeleine Ranchoux	1
Isabelle Regan	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>



# U13B XI Hockey Report

**T**his year the U13B team were extremely lucky with the amount of matches they got to play, especially returning to sport after covid! There are always so many happy faces when we find out we have a match. It's a chance to show your skills and hopefully bring home a win. We have had some tough competition this year from other schools, and it was a challenge that we all really enjoyed.

Teamwork in hockey is so important and because we are all around each other all the time I feel lifelong friendships have been made which is something I will never forget. In second-year

hockey, I find that you nearly become more adventurous when it comes to skills like trying something new on the pitch and taking that risk needs courage. I believe this led to good wins against Dungannon, Foyle College and Dalriada.

Training can be very tiring, but it is so worth it when others point out how much you have improved.

All in all, thank you to all my coaches and teammates, it has been a great year of hockey and I can't wait for next season to begin.

**Sophie Wilson | U13B XI Captain**

Goal Scorers	Goals
Madeleine Ranchoux	4
Leah O'Hagan	3
Ella Bell	1
Caoimhe Burns	1
Emily Mainwaring	1
Sarah McCann	1
Iona McKay	1
Sophie Wilson	1
Anna Young	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>



## U13B Team

Sophie Wilson (Captain), Ava Mawhinney (Vice-Captain), Sarah Bates, Ella Bell, Caoimhe Burns, Isla Clarke, Hannah Elder, Sophie Holmes, Sarah Johnston, Alexis Lagan, Chloe Leacock, Emily Mainwaring, Amelia McCallion, Sarah McCann, Philippa McClay, Hannah McClelland, Katelyn McClelland, Iona McKay, Tamzin Milligan, Leah O'Hagan, Aimee Patterson, Madeleine Ranchoux, Natalie Redfern, Beth Reid, Ellie Stewart, Emily Sufferin, Aimee Sweeney & Anna Young

# U12A XI Hockey Report



## Winners, Derry & Antrim Year 8 Tournament

The U12's hockey season began with many players given the opportunity to play hockey, with some trying it for the first time. We trained three times a week including Saturday mornings. This helped us learn and develop our skills and knowledge of the game, as well as letting us get to know each other and form strong friendships.

Our first match was before Christmas. It was an 8-a-side away match

against Larne. We won 6-0. It was a great result! After the winter break, we played another 8-a-side match against Coleraine Grammar. They proved to be tough opponents but once we settled, we managed a 4-1 victory. Due to Covid our next trip got cancelled but thankfully the only one this year.

Not long after we had a trip to Limavady Grammar who were hosting an eight-a-side tournament called the Derry and Antrim Tournament. We played against five teams beating, Foyle College, Limavady Grammar, Ballymena Academy and Royal School Dungannon but sadly we lost against Coleraine Grammar 1-0. However,

because of all our other great results it meant we qualified in first place and had to face Coleraine Grammar in the final, as they were second place! Despite our nerves we put up a very strong fight, working together really well as a team, and we won 4-0! What a comeback! We were all given medals and crowned the tournament winners.

Our first ever 11-a-side match was against Cambridge House and a solid performance of 3-0 sealed the game. Our final outing of the season was at Cookstown High School who hosted a tournament for schools in the Mid-Ulster area. We won the first match against Dungannon but sadly lost the



### U12A Team

Cara Kelly (Captain), Emily Nelson (Captain), Isabelle Regan (Captain), Remy Duncan (Captain), Maya Barry, Hannah Briggs, Ellie Ferris, Ellie-Mae Graham, Blathnaid Lil Moon, Aoife McNally, Pippa Millar, Ksenia Nowak, Katie O'Kane, Abigail Scott, Erin Shanker, Ellen Smyth, Lisa Spillane & Katie White

# U12A XI Hockey Report

next 1-0 to Lurgan JHS. The last two matches we drew against Clounagh JHS and Killicomaine JHS. Everyone played amazingly but sadly we did not win, the winners of our group went on to win. Although we didn't manage gold medals this time, it was still a great experience and helped us immensely in learning to play 11-a-side.

This year has been a great journey for the Rainey U12's hockey team, with our highlight definitely being winning the Derry and Antrim Tournament. All the coaches have helped us improve and develop throughout the year. We have all had fun learning new skills, making new friends, sharing our love of hockey and just having a laugh!

**Cara Kelly | U12A Hockey Captain**

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**This year has been a great journey for the Rainey U12's hockey team, with our highlight definitely being winning the Derry and Antrim Tournament**

<b>Goal Scorers</b>	<b>Goals</b>
Emily Nelson	9
Cara Kelly	6
Katie White	4
Aoife McNally	2
Remy Duncan	1
Katie O'Kane	1
Blathnaid Lil Moon	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

# U12B XI Hockey Report

**O**ur 2021/22 season started well and we quickly learnt each other's strengths; from our excellent goal keepers, defenders, midfielders to our forward lines.

The girls brought skills to our teams that they had gained from previous hockey experiences and our training sessions at school with Mrs. Quigley & Mrs. Burns. On a Saturday morning we also had the opportunity to train with Mr. Burns.

Fantastically, we have managed to win many games so far this season, playing Larne away and Coleraine & Limavady at home in our fantastic sports complex, Meadowbank.

We continue to all really enjoy our training and matches. We have a great teams and coaches who encourage and support us, as we continue to learn new skills and make new friends.

**Connie Brimley**

Goal Scorers	Goals
Katie O'Kane	2
Georgia Scott	2
Hannah Briggs	1
Lucy Brown	1
Sophie Burns	1
Miya Ekin	1
Katie McLernon	1
Pippa Millar	1
Ksenia Nowak	1
Shania Pitts	1
Lisa Spillane	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>



## U12B Team

Maya Barry, Meghan Bentley, Hannah Briggs, Connie Brimley, Eppie Brown, Lily Brown, Lucy Brown, Emily Bruce, Sophie Burns, Beth Cahoon, Jessica Clarke, Abi Dawson, Miya Ekin, Ellie Ferris, Lily Foster, Kendra Gilmore, Ellie-Mae Graham, Anna Gribbin, Emily Higgins, Mya Hughes, Klara Jackson, Ashley Kelly, Laura Kelly, Lucy Linton, Grace Mawhinney, Ruth Maybin, Aoife McHugh, Katie McLarnon, Aoife McNally, Ksenia Nowak, Shania Pitts, Abigail Scott, Georgia Scott, Lily Seffen, Erin Shanker, Lisa Spillane, Carly Stewart, Katie Walker, Cora Wiener & Sophie Young

# Hockey Honours



| Gabi Scott

## Gabi Scott, Ulster U18 2021/2022

In July, after a short break from finishing Ulster U16 season, I was asked to join the current U18 Ulster squad preparing for the UK School Games. In August, I found out that I had been selected for the squad that was going away to UK School Games even though I was 3 years young for the squad. I then attended the UK School Games which took place at Loughborough University in England from the 2nd to the 5th of September. We competed against Scotland, Wales and England. We proceeded to win all matches and therefore were the UK School Games Champions 2021.

### Ulster U18

Progressing from that, I moved on into the next U18 Ulster Interprovincial training squad which began training in September. This was every week travelling to and from Lisburn, Banbridge and Dublin. We began training for the upcoming Interprovincial games that were being held during different weekends from November to April. Our first match was against Connacht. It was held at Three Rock Rovers in Dublin. We won that match and continued to train for the next. It was against Leinster South, which was also held at Three Rock Rovers in Dublin, in December, we won that game also. In January 2022 we then played Leinster which was held in Banbridge. We played Munster in February at again, Three Rock Rovers in Dublin. This match was one of the best matches I have personally played in. We were 2-0 down losing badly right up until half-way through the last quarter. The team then worked extremely hard which led to me scoring 3 goals in the last quarter. We won that match 3-2 which kept our winning streak so far. Before the finals day Ulster U18s travelled to Lilleshall in England to compete in a series against England. We played 3 matches and competed with England. We lost all 3 games, however, it was a very good experience as a province going up against a country. On 3rd of April, we competed in the finals' day against Munster at Three Rock Rovers in Dublin. The rivalry held up as another very tough match was played but this time we didn't hold back. We won that match meaning we were the Interprovincial champions of 2021/2022. We now are on a break until the start of the summer when we will start training again for the UK School Games in September 2022.

### Ireland U18

We began the selection process in October, every other Sunday between each Interprovincial match in Dublin. The sessions usually lasted between 3-5 hours. In January, the squad selection got narrowed to a smaller squad. We began more focused training to prepare for the upcoming 5 nations during Easter. I found out I got selected for this squad at the start of April. We then travelled as a squad to Lilleshall in England to play against Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and England. We played three out of the four teams. We lost against Netherlands 13-1; it was a painful match but was a great experience as our first match playing together as a team. Our second match was against Belgium which we lost 2-1 when they scored both goals in the final quarter. Finally, we took on England in our last match of the competition. This was a close match as we drew 0-0. The whole week was the best experience and now we continue to work on our strength and fitness for the upcoming Scotland series in July and the final 8 Nations also in July 2022.



# Hockey Honours



Aoife Doyle

## **Aoife Doyle, Ulster U18 2021/2022**

In August of 2021 Ulster u18s resumed training for selection for the 2021/22 season. This began with a series of trials, which took place over a four-week block in August and September with a match against Mossley 1st XI. After this trial block in October, training for Interpros began.

Due to the Covid pandemic, a different format was introduced with selection matches taking place between November and February. This culminated in a finals day in April which meant training went on for a longer period than usual. The first training session was held at the beginning of October in preparation for the first Interpros match against Connacht in November. We continued to train weekly leading up to this game. After the win against Connacht, we trained in preparation for our second Interpros game against Leinster South, which was to take place in December. We had a three week break from the programme over Christmas. The programme then resumed at the beginning of January, and we prepared for the third Interpros game against Leinster. The game against Leinster took place mid-January and this was our only home game of the Interpros series and it was good to have a home crowd supporting us. This game was our only game to go to run ins.

We had further training sessions before the team's final group game against Munster in February. A win in this game would secure the team a place in the Final in April.

After our win against Munster, we went to Lillehall for a three-match series against England. This was an incredible experience to have under our belts, playing against the England U18 team. These games were also an incredible opportunity to prepare towards Finals Day in which the team would play Munster once again. When we returned to Ireland, we had three training sessions and a match before Finals day. On Finals Day, the team faced Munster in which we won 2-0 to win the Interpros title for 21/22. Throughout the year I also played in several development games. I played against Leinster and the U16 Ulster team. We now wait for training to resume at the beginning of the Summer in preparation for School Games in September.

# Hockey Honours



## **Imogen Graham, Ulster U18s 2021/2022**

At the start of the 2021-2022 hockey season, I was selected for the Ulster U18 Interpros team. This year instead of Interpros being over one weekend the games were spaced throughout the season which allowed us to train together for longer. The first match of the Interpros series was in November against Connacht we ended up winning 4-0 which was a great start for our opening game. The second match of the Interpros series was against Leinster South, we won 3-1. These 2 wins put us out in front of the rest of the provinces in the Interpros series going into the Christmas break. We started training again in early January with a training match against Pegasus hockey club a few days before the 3rd Interpros match against Leinster, unfortunately during this match I injured my knee very badly and ended up needing knee surgery to take out my torn meniscus because it was ripped so badly, this resulted in me unable to play hockey for the rest of the season.

This was my second knee operation within 3 years, so I was very upset about missing out again, but we were recently told there is a school games competition this September for Ulster U18s, so I'll be fully recovered by then and aiming for selection for that.

After that I'll be too old for the U18 age group, but I'll be old enough for the U21 age group that Ulster now have and aiming to make selection for that team next year.

## **Kaitlyn Houston, Ulster U17**

After hockey beginning to return to normal at the start of this year, U17s trials took place in January 2022. Shortly after I was selected for the U17 training squad where training is now scheduled to take place in June of this year. I am excited for training over this summer and to be able to train with others from schools around Ulster.



## **Erin McCoy, Ulster U16, Ulster U17, 2021/2022**

I was selected by school to attend the Ulster Hockey Talent Development Programme, which commenced in September 2020. This was then postponed and restarted in January 2021 due to covid. This consisted of a fabulous 8 weeks of training and then a trial for the u16 training panel. I was successful in selection and had some amazing training with a very talented group of girls and enjoyed a few matches against the British Lions squad. I was then invited back for a trial for the Ulster under 17 training panel. I am delighted to have been successful again and am looking forward to training which starts in June.

# Hockey Honours



| Lola Henderson

## Lola Henderson, Ulster U16

In July 2021, Ulster held a trial for the U16 squad for the 21/22 season. I began training with the squad in August. Ulster made their first squad reduction at the beginning of September and I was successful in making it through. Two weeks after the reduction the 16s squad played a practice match against the Connacht U18 squad. We had 3 more months of training and we finally got to play our first Interpro match against the Leinster South province. Due to covid the Interpro series was spread over the space of 5 months which gave more players the chance to be involved. The next match took place in January 2022 against Leinster where we played at Banbridge, our home pitch. With our performance over the 5 months we were successful to make it to the final. As preparation for the final a squad of 20 players were picked to travel to Lillishall, England to play a 3 match series against the England U16 squad. The Interpro final took place in April 2022 once again against the unbeaten Leinster province. We won 2-1 and took the Interpro title for the 21/22 season. Overall I really enjoyed the season and gained a lot of experience and hope to take the Interpro title again next season.



| Georgina McGuckin

## Georgina McGuckin, Ulster U16

Following being selected for the Ulster U16 panel in September 2021, training continued in Jordanstown twice a week, where we were meticulously trained and assessed for the annual Interprovincial tournament. Frankly, I was enthralled to return to somewhat “normal” hockey after the long absence due to the Covid restrictions. Between trainings and practice matches, I personally gained an immeasurable amount of skills and techniques that I was able to transfer to school hockey, undoubtably boosting my confidence and strengthening my love for the sport! From November to April, Ulster competed against the other provinces of Ireland and since having earned sufficient points, we went onto the final against Leinster, which resulted in a tremendous success!

Moreover, I was given the opportunity to go to Lillishall during February half term for a 3 match series against the England U16s... Despite a humbling and disappointing first game, as a team we critically reviewed match footage and identified details that we would focus on, which enabled us to individually play our best game, thus forming a substantially stronger team that resulted in a narrow loss on the last day. This allowed us to return home filled with pride!

All in all, my experience with Ulster U16s was not only greatly enjoyable and beneficial, but I also received the opportunity to meet new people and learn from some of the best!

# Hockey Honours



## **Kate Spillane, Ulster U16 2021 2022**

Since a return to competitive hockey after the pandemic and final selection in September 2021, I have been training with the Ulster U16 squad every Sunday and on various Tuesdays as well throughout the season, in addition to partaking in a movement and agility programme offered to the squad to help prevent injury and increase speed on the pitch.

This was in preparation for the annual Interpro competition against the other provinces in Ireland, which thankfully resumed after being cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19. Unlike previous years, these games were spread throughout the season, and I was fortunate enough to have been selected to play against Leinster South in December, earning my first cap for Ulster, along with an opportunity to attend an U16 Irish trial the following Sunday. My team then went on to win the Interpro title in the final against Leinster in April, which was an amazing experience and an achievement that I hope to replicate next year.

Despite playing only one official game for Ulster, I have loved representing my team in numerous development matches against local clubs, other provinces and various Ulster squads throughout the year, and I am looking forward to playing Wales in a three-match series in June and to hopefully continue playing for Ulster in my upcoming second season with the U16 team, with the aim of being picked for the 2022/23 Interpro squad.



# Hockey U15 Talent Development Programme

**W**e were part of the Ulster U15 Talent Development Programme in Coleraine for 12 weeks this season after having faced a tough trial day at the beginning of the year. We have really enjoyed meeting new people and have had the

opportunity to improve our skills and partake in new challenges. We have really enjoyed this programme to push past our limits and try new things. At the end of the programme we all received score cards and got to play in fun matches. The coaches made tough

selections to put forward the players for Ulster U16 trials. All the girls who got selected for this have the opportunity to complete at a festival in Dublin. We appreciate the time spent by all our coaches and parents who have brought us on our hockey journey.

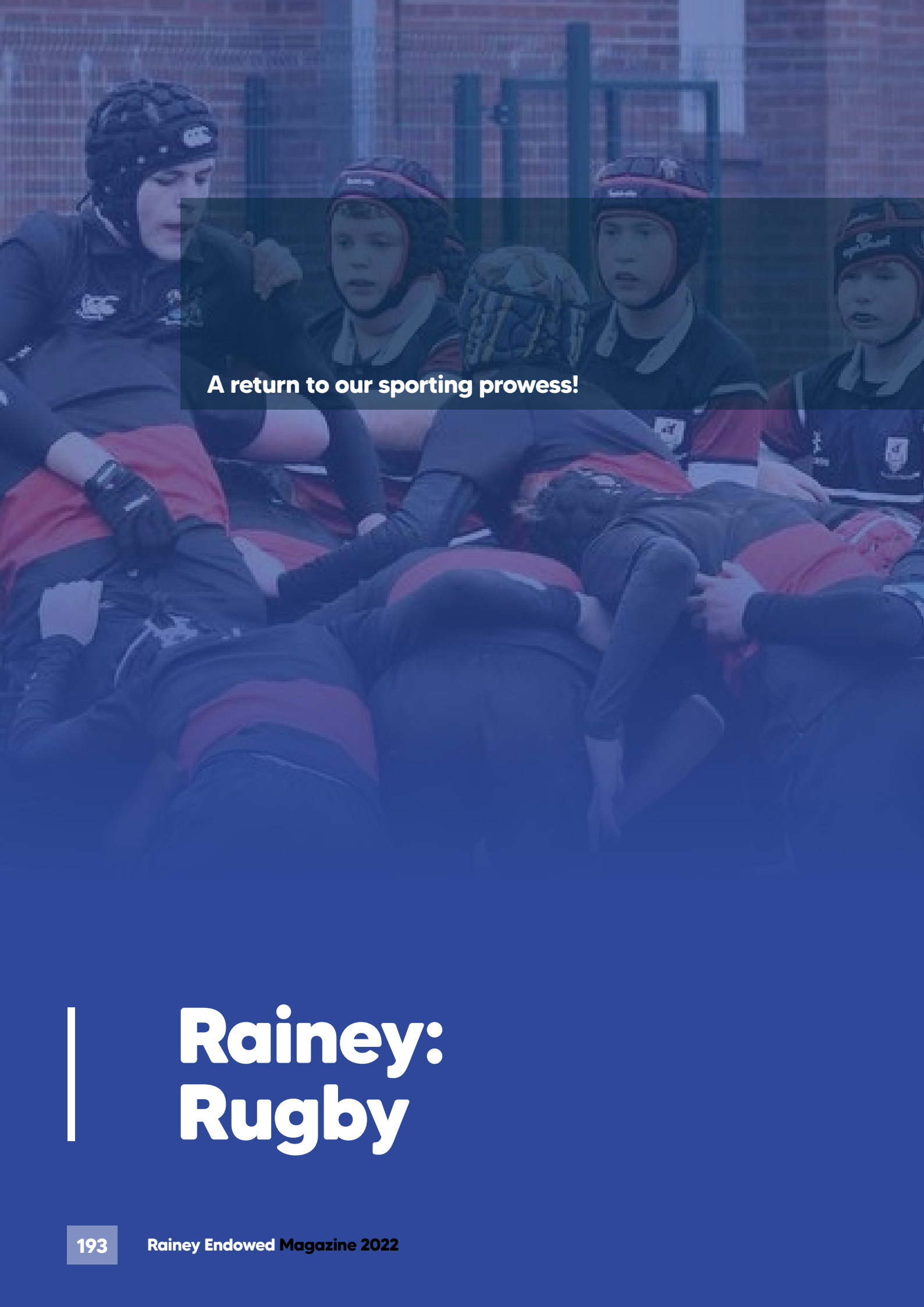


## Squad

Evie Duncan, Ciara Houston, Eliza Cameron, Caitlin Gribbin, Isla Gribbin, Imogen Scott, Erin Kelly, Aimee-Leigh Henry & Amy Bothwell

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**A return to our sporting prowess!**

# **Rainey: Rugby**

# Rugby Club Report 2022



Rainey Rugby

**A**fter an enforced 18 month break due to the pandemic, everyone involved with Rainey rugby were delighted to get back onto the playing field and to compete with our friends and team mates.

Despite the break, we have discovered that we are a resilient bunch at Rainey rugby and both coaches and players got back into the swing of things quickly.

We have enjoyed another season of continued improvement both on and off the rugby field. Every team and

individual sets targets at the beginning of the season and in most cases, these goals were met.

Generally, I am delighted to report that rugby at Rainey continues to press ahead with a strategy that will not only get more boys enjoying and participating in the sport, but will also bring more successes. There are more boys representing the Rainey each week than ever before, with the Under 12s fielding an 'A', 'B' and 'C' team. The Under 13s have a healthy squad, which means they have lots of players to choose from and also giving the

coaches many selection problems. The U14s have a small but talented squad and Medallion also have a large squad with lots of potential and depth in many positions. At senior level, Ulster Rugby introduced a new competition at U16 level. It was pleasing that Rainey ES could enter a team in this competition and also to do so well. The team lost out narrowly to RS Armagh in the group decider.

All players and teams in the school are regularly performing to a very high standard. The coaches are challenging the players to push the boundaries



| Rugby Representatives

# Rugby Club Report 2022

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The U12s had a successful trip to The Kingspan Stadium, to watch Ulster defeat Cardiff in the URC

regarding the standard of rugby that they play. The commitment of the players, coaches and helpers is now starting to reap rewards - all teams have improved greatly and that is largely thanks to the structure that is in place.

Some coaching changes were made this season. Willie Anderson joined us and worked with all teams throughout the school. Willie is probably one of the most knowledgeable rugby coaches in Ireland. He brought a new level of understanding that was very beneficial to all our players and coaches.

Matthew Gibson helped coach the U13s, and he brought top quality coaching and enthusiasm. David Dripps and Ben Lyttle used their recent knowledge and experience to develop the U14s. Aaron Doherty, Fintan Quinn and Ben McCloskey took charge of the Medallion and also used their excellent coaching and understanding of the game to improve the players.

Willie Anderson and Josh Johnston worked with the U12s on a Saturday morning, enhancing Mr. Henderson's midweek work by delivering a quality Saturday morning coaching programme.

Collectively these coaches made a valuable contribution to a very successful season for all squads. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Henderson, Lee Montgomery, Timmy Andrews and Aaron Doherty (Strength and Conditioning) pooled their coaching talent and experience to develop the Senior Squad. The seniors benefitted significantly from the variety of specialist coaching on offer. Many thanks also to Simon Andrews for the amount of time and effort

he gives to the management and administration and many of the off-field responsibilities.

The junior teams had another really good season, clocking up many victories. The U12 squad made excellent progress throughout the season, with over 30 players regularly attending training three times a week. The progress was demonstrated in the quality of rugby they played and in the number of victories they achieved. The contact time they had with quality coaches certainly benefitted the team as their level of skill grew. They completed a promising first season by winning the Arnold Shield. The U13 team have many talented players, produced excellent rugby and displayed real potential on many occasions. They have a large squad which is encouraging. They made progress throughout the season and displayed a level of competitiveness which is really encouraging. The U14 team is slightly disadvantaged because they have a relatively small squad, but they are a talented group of players. They are quick learners and very competitive and their coaches helped them develop a game plan which worked for them. They have the personnel and ability to have a really good Medallion year in 2022/23. The Medallion, a big squad with strength and depth, had a very successful run of results through to the Medallion Shield. During these games they put in many quality performances. They have an excellent level of maturity and will 'improve' individually as they move up through the school. They were disappointed to lose to BRA in the last 16 of the Danske Bank Medallion Shield, which on reflection was probably not one of their better performances. To their credit they recovered quickly, and

went on to reach the final of the Danske Bank Medallion Plate, losing to Sullivan. This squad contains some excellent rugby players, who worked hard throughout the season and responded well in games and training to their coaches. Many of them will make an impression on the Senior Squad next season.

The 1st XV had a frustrating season. From July, the many players worked hard on their skills and conditioning. This committed and dedicated approach got the team off to a successful start, with the team winning both the 'Arthur Topping Memorial Cup' and the 'Vincent Doyle Memorial Cup'. However, the strength of the squad was being really tested with a number of key short and long term injuries. Inconsistency was to be a real problem for the squad as performances fluctuated in the first term. With confidence having taken a bit of a 'battering' the team struggled for form in the run up to the Danske Bank Schools' Cup. They were drawn at home to Down HS in round 3 and unfortunately lost 24-10. However, with some clever intervention from Mr Simpson and Mr Henderson, the team's fortunes were about to change. After three fine performances in the Danske Bank Schools' Bowl, captain Adam Montgomery, lifted the Bowl after defeating Belfast HS in the final. These performances had been much superior to what had been produced earlier in the season and well deserved for all the hard work that many had put in.

A youthful 2nd XV played extremely well throughout the year, winning many games and gaining confidence from week to week. They defeated Portadown College in round 2 of the Danske Bank 2nd XV Cup. They then

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probably produced their performance of the season when they drew with a fancied Ballymena Academy team, when the game was there to be won. Unfortunately, they could not repeat this feat and went on to lose the reply. Many players from the 2nd XV got game time for the 1st XV which should serve them well next season.

The U16s played in the group stage of the Danske Bank U16 Cup. Impressive victories over Enniskillen RGS and Omagh Academy set up a group decider with RS Armagh. Leading for the majority of the game, Rainey lost to a last minute try from Armagh, who won and qualified for the final. The U16 cup was an excellent concept and meant that more boys were getting more games, which is great to see.

The U12s had a successful trip to The Kingspan Stadium, to watch Ulster defeat Cardiff in the URC. This was an enjoyable trip for both coaches and boys.

Congratulations are due to Adam Montgomery who is in the Ulster U19 squad. Billy Allen and Nathan Overend who are in the Ulster Schools' U18

squad. Rossa Bell who is in the Ulster Schools' U17 squad and Owen O'Kane and Luke Caskey who are in the Ulster Schools' U16 squads.

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We also ran a very successful fundraising formal in November 2021. This event was very well supported and thank you to everyone who joined us at Galgorm and who contributed on the night. The work of Caroline Keatley, Cheryl McCavana, Jackie Smyth, Rob Cappell and Steven McKay in the organisation was really appreciated.

Many thanks to the coaching staff comprising Mr. C Simpson, Mr R Henderson, Mr W Anderson, Mr L Montgomery, Mr A Doherty, Mr T Andrews, Mr F Quinn, Mr B McCloskey, Mr D Dripps, Mr B Lyttle, Mr M Gibson, Mr J Johnston and Mr S Andrews for their hard work and commitment throughout the season. Mr A Doherty took on the position of strength and conditioning coach and passed on his expert knowledge and expertise to all the teams. Also I'd like to thank Mr Timothy Anderson for his commitment and effort to Rainey Rugby and care he gives both to our injured players and the opposing injured players.

Thanks also to Mr McClements and the Board of Governors for their continual support.

To conclude I would like to thank all our mums and dads who help in the 'Ruck Shack' on a Saturday morning. The 'Ruck Shack' not only raises money for Rugby Development, but also provides a great service to all our visiting players, coaches and supporters.

**Mr C Campbell**



# Rugby Dinner



**R**ainey ES Senior rugby dinner took place on Thursday 7 April. A large number of players, coaches and helpers got together to celebrate a very successful season. All 3 senior teams, the 1stXV, 2ndXV and U16s had many things to look back on and celebrate. Particular mention must go to the 1stXV who won the Ulster Schools' Danske Bowl. It was also the occasion to say goodbye and best wishes to our upper sixth school leavers. Many thanks to everyone who attended and to all our helpers, sponsors and supporters throughout the season. We can all now take a well-earned break and look forward to the 2022-23 season



## Senior Rugby Awards 2022

<b>1st XV Player of the Year</b> Millar, Shearer and Black Cup	2022 – Ben Brown
<b>1st XV Most Improved Player of the Year</b> Steele Shield	2022 – Jonathan Kelso
<b>1st XV Team Clubman of the Year</b> John Lynn Plumbing and Heating Shield	2022 – Tom Henry
<b>1st XV Coaches' Player of the Year</b> Irvine Shield	2022 – Adam Montgomery
<b>2nd XV Player of the Year</b> Kelly Cup	2022 – James Cappell
<b>2nd XV Most Improved Player of the Year</b> Rainey Parents' Shield	2022 – Peter Craig
<b>2nd XV Team Clubman of the Year</b> Bryson's Restaurant Shield	2022 – Gavin Paul
<b>U16 XV Player of the Year</b> Rainey Rugby Shield	2022 – Billy Allen
<b>U16 XV Most Improved Player of the Year</b> Rainey Rugby Shield	2022 – Jude McCann
<b>U16 XV Team Clubman of the Year</b> Rainey Rugby Shield	2022 – Glenn Caldwell



# Rugby Dinner



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# Rugby Report 2022 1st XV

**Captain: Adam Montgomery**  
**Vice-Captains: Callum Nugent,**  
**Jake McConnell**

Quite a number of players from last year had left school, so there were many positions 'up for grabs'. A successful group of Medallion players also moved into the senior squad which was promising. This combination produced a good bunch of players, who had the potential to have a very good season.

Another advantage was that there was strength and depth in many areas, particularly in the forwards. This would also prove to be useful for a long

season. Many of the young players who joined the squad fitted in immediately and displayed potential and a maturity beyond their years.

As July progressed there was a high degree of optimism about the squad. Numbers at training were excellent which was developing team spirit and a pleasing work ethic. By the time the end of August had arrived there was a 'buzz' about the place. Summer training had been promising and so many of the players were in good shape. The

dedicated approach that the coaches had asked for and the seniors had demanded was paying off.

The final of the Bowl and the victory over Belfast HS proved to be the highlight of the season. This was particularly sweet because the team had a difficult run of defeats leading into the competition.

The final performance was full of skill, commitment, technique and energy. The coaches and the team got their



## 1st XV Squad

Ben Brown, Rossa Bell, Louis Regan, Jonathan Kelso, Gavin Paul, Matthew Booth, James Cappell, Cameron Smyth, Jacob Bell, Odhran Harney, Harry Currie, Nathan Overend, Peter Craig, Jayden Shiels, Tom Pitts, Jack McCavana, Mikki Kelly, Tom Henry, Glenn Caldwell, Jake McConnell, Adam Montgomery, Callum Nugent, Billy Allen, Sam Lennox

# Rugby Report

## 2022 1st XV

	Played	Win	Lost	Drew	For	Against
<b>1st XV</b>	20	7	11	2	217	353

### Rainey ES 1st XV Season at a glance

v Regent House	drew	5-5	Scorers -	J Shiels
v Dalriada	won	26-3	Scorers -	B Allen (2), B Brown, G Paul, C Nugent 3C
v Foyle College	lost	20-5	Scorers -	B Allen
v Portadown College	won	26-0	Scorers -	S Bentley, C Smyth, R Bell, A Montgomery, L Regan 3C
v Enniskillen RGS	won	13-12	Scorers -	A Montgomery, B Brown, L Regan P
v BRA	lost	26-5	Scorers -	J Shiels
v Limavady GS	won	17-14	Scorers -	N Quigley, M Kelly, J McCavana, L Regan C
v RS Dungannon	lost	55-0		
v Dromore HS	drew	5-5	Scorers -	J McConnell
v Ballymena Acad	lost	31-0		
v RS Armagh	lost	35-0		
v Coleraine GS	lost	31-0		
v Sullivan	lost	17-10	Scorers -	A Montgomery, H Currie
v Omagh Academy	lost			
v Ballyclare HS	lost	47-17	Scorers -	J McCavana, N Overend, J Shiels, L Regan C
v Down HS (Cup)	lost	24-10	Scorers -	B Allen, A Montgomery
v Bangor GS	lost			
v Limavady GS (Bowl)	won	17-5	Scorers -	B Brown, A Montgomery, O Harney, L Regan C
v Bangor GS (Bowl SF)	won	19-7	Scorers -	O Harney (2), N Overend, L Regan 2C
v Belfast HS (Bowl F)	won	42-16	Scorers -	C Smyth (2), A Montgomery (2), B Allen, N Overend, L Regan 6C

tactics right and Belfast HS couldn't live with them on the day. What a way to finish 7 years of rugby for the Year 14 boys and this also should be inspiration for the players who are returning next year. It goes to show what you can achieve when you put your mind to it.

On reflection, looking at the results, the 1st XV wouldn't have been given a chance by most people. However, a season like this requires character and this is what the players demonstrated in 'bucket loads'. Other than winning the Danske Bank Schools Bowl there are other highlights from this season.

- Adam Montgomery who was selected for the Ulster U19 squad.
- Billy Allen and Nathan Overend are in the Ulster Schools' U18 Squad.
- Rossa Bell is in the Ulster Schools' U17 squad.
- The work on the training pitch was encouraging and the response to some new concepts was pleasing. This should set the squad up well for next season.
- The attitude of the players, particularly after a long run of defeats.
- Some of the team tries which were scored. Although the finishers are listed above many of the tries

scored involved lots of different players and would not be out of place in the professional game.

- The positive and improved attitude of a very successful 2nd XV

Hopefully it also let everybody within Rainey Rugby realise what can be achieved with 'hard work' and 'dedication', and will inspire everyone for next season.

There are a number of people who I would like to pay tribute to and thank for their hard work and effort throughout the season. First of all, I would like to thank all the players who

# Rugby Report 2022 1st XV

represented the Rainey E S Senior Teams this season. For the boys who will return to school, I look forward to a successful season in 2022-23. I encourage you to make the most of the opportunities which are offered to you within Rainey Rugby and hope that you will give rugby your best shot and think 'big' next season. A dedicated commitment to pre-season is vital for this.

To the boys who are leaving Rainey, particularly Year 14, I wish you well in the future and encourage you all to continue in your rugby careers. I would also like to thank you for the contribution which each of you has made to Rainey Rugby over the past number of years. Thanks must also go to all who helped with coaching. In particular, to Mr. C Simpson who displays the ultimate enthusiasm and commitment for Rainey Rugby.

Mr Simpson is one of the most knowledgeable and visionary coaches in the country and we really don't know how lucky we are to have his expertise. I would also like to thank Mr Richard Henderson and Mr Willie Anderson for all their help with the senior rugby

squad and Mr A Doherty for all the Strength and Conditioning coaching. Mr Henderson, taking on the role of Head Coach, brought a lot of expertise to the squad and nurtured a team to win a trophy. The time these gentlemen put into Rainey Rugby this season was remarkable. Especially the time they commit in preparation which no one sees. They are experts in their fields and we were very lucky to have them.

Thanks also to Mr I Montgomery and Mr T Andrews, who are both young coaches with an awful lot to offer. The progress they made this year with the 2nd XV was very encouraging. Also to Mr McClements for his support of rugby in many ways, within the school.

Thank you also to all our referees. To all who sponsored the team this season I extend a huge gratitude, especially those at - P Keenan Quarries whose support over the years is much appreciated. Thanks also to our other sponsors Moneymore Pharmacy, Craemill Veterinary Clinic, Off the Diamond, Canterbury, Cunningham Covers, JB Tyres, True Potential, McConville Recovery and Deerpark

Industrial Estate sponsors for their support. Your financial contribution has been a great help and in the current financial climate much appreciated. We hope to count on your support again in the future.

The support from parents, family and friends and all the Ruck Shack volunteers each week is also very much appreciated by all at Rainey Rugby and is invaluable to the boys. We look forward to many new faces on the touchline next year.

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# Rugby Report 2022 2nd XV

**T**he 2nd XV fielded a talented team with a number of young year 12 players making the step up from Medallion. The season started off competitively with convincing wins over Regent House, Dalriada, Portadown College and Belfast Royal Academy. The young Rainey team displayed that they had the ability to win games and that they had the potential to have a competitive and successful season. Regular disruptions due to injury and movement of players to the 1st XV saw them struggle for form a little after half term. Fulfilling U16 fixtures also meant that they weren't getting the number of games that they normally get. Nevertheless, they produced a cohesive performance in Round 2 of the Danske Bank 2nd XV Cup to defeat Portadown College 40-7. They then

followed this victory with an impressive win at Coleraine GS to give them the confidence they needed for the next round. In Round 3 they were drawn against a tough Ballymena Academy side, who had defeated them earlier in the season. In this game they put on one of Rainey Rugby's performances of the season to draw 17-17 and on reflection were unfortunate not to get the win. However, they were unable to maintain this level of performance and lost the reply in Ballymena. In the 2nd XV Plate they lost to a strong Coleraine GS side.

Many of the 2nd XV players got a taste of 1st XV rugby this season. Hopefully, this will be the motivation for them to continue to improve as players, both in the gym and on the pitch.

I would like to thank the players for their continued commitment and effort during training and on the pitch to make this an enjoyable and successful season. With a number of Upper Sixths leaving the squad, I would like to pass on my thanks to the players for their 7 years of service and wish them well as they embark on life after school.

A big thank you to all the senior coaches who worked with the 2nd XV but in particular, Lee Montgomery and on a Saturday morning, Timmy Andrews. Finally, many thanks to all parents and supporters for their continued support and I look forward to enjoying another successful season next year as we welcome the Medallion players into Senior Rugby.



## 2nd XV Squad

Glenn Caldwell, Brian Martin, Gavin Paul, Rossa Bell, Christopher Quigley, Jude McCann, Charlie Mawhinney, Ronan McGuckin, Gareth Linton, Peter Craig, Frasier Clarke, Steffan Lloyd Evans, Matthew Booth, Sam Lennox, Seth McKeown, Sean Bentley, Tom Pitts, Jake McConnell, Isaac Nelson, Jonathan Bates, Nathan Overend, Zac Downey, James Cappell, Jack Atkinson, Tom Henry, Zak Armstrong

# Rugby U16 XV



## U16 XV Squad

Jude McCann, Charlie Mawhinney, George Stone, Rossa Bell, Brian Martin, Glenn Caldwell, Eoin O'Kane, Frasier Clarke, Zach Downey, Steffan Lloyd Evans, James Cappell, Seth McKeown, Tom Pitts, Ewan McKay, Ronan McGuckin, Ben Bell, Billy Allen, Isaac Nelson, Peter Craig, Bryn Kerr



# Medallion Rugby Report

**T**his season kicked off to a harder than expected Regent House side, although tough rucking and a few great individual runs on our part ended in us securing the win 17 - 10. After we had a few tough battles against Portadown and Ballymena we had grown in confidence and settled into our game plan. We went on a long streak of winning until the beginning of December when we met Armagh, our toughest opponent yet. Their defence was like a brick wall, an excellently drilled iron curtain, we just couldn't break through. A few silly mistakes from us led to the score being 10-0 by half time. After the second half kicked off, we grew slightly more confident, trying to play our own game and not let them run over us. We began to control the game slightly more but this didn't affect the outcome of the game. It was 20-0

within the closing minutes of the game, until a spot of individual brilliance finally punctured their seemingly invincible defence. We finished the game 20-7, though we kept our heads up and continued to train with the loss only spurring us on to train harder.

We had a short break for Christmas and we returned to the 3rd round of the Medallion Shield where we faced Banbridge - a physically tough and well coached side with some talented players. On the day however we were the better team, countering their abrasive attack with a strong defence resulting in a 13-7 win to Rainey. With the draw for the 4th round decided that night, we were set to face BRA.

Two weeks later the BRA match day arrived and the nerves had got to us. A

respectable Belfast side rucked us off all of our ball and controlled the tempo of the game. We fought back and for a period it looked like we would make a comeback but the errors in defence and poor go forward ball gave BRA the edge when the final whistle blew. Spirits dampened and hearts broken, we knew it wasn't the end of the road.

We still had the plate to contest, so we trudged down to Ballyclare to play on a pitch that was more mud than grass. Although the conditions made it hard to play an expansive game, we won comprehensively 12-33. We were then sent to meet Larne in the semi-final. Although we had beaten them comfortably in November, we knew it would be a very different game this time. We were right - it was obvious Larne had greatly improved since



## Medallion Squad

Bryn Kerr, Eoin McGuckin, Ross Nugent, Christopher Bates, Lorcan Goldridge, Henry Shanker, Andrew Lipscomb, Charlie McConville, Ewan McKay, Owen O'Kane, Sean Walls, Ben Bell, Patrick McNulty, Jonathan Johnson, Aaron McGuckin, Johnny Dawson, Pearse McIvor, Ryan Huey, Joel Lennox, Seb Steele, Tom Wilkinson, Oran Clarke, Krzysztof Sokol, Andrew Elliot, Padraig Kearny, George Stone

# Medallion Rugby Report

November. They fought hard in defence, keeping us from scoring through the entire game and it was only down to our excellent kickers kicking us all our points that led us to a 9-7 victory.

We found out that we were scheduled to play our biggest game of the season against Sullivan Upper in 2 weeks' time. We trained harder than ever, putting everything towards that game.

When the day finally came, we were all nervous with excitement, waiting to show them who we were, but when the whistle blew we didn't get off to a great start. The nerves got to us, we

were rucked off our ball and sent back each time in attack. Our defence had had better days and by the end of the first half we were 0 - 22 down. We knew something had to change if there was any chance of us making a comeback so we started the second half with more confidence and it showed as within 5 minutes we had scored to bring the score back 22 -7. We played as hard as we could and eventually brought the score to 22-12 but time was quickly running out. We continued to play to our best, keeping the ball tighter, but there just wasn't enough time to pull back the score with the game ending on 22-12.

We had a great season and improved massively thanks to our brilliant coaches Aaron, Finty and Ben. A massive thanks goes to these fantastic coaches, and also to the excellent and inspiring input from Mr Willie Anderson. Big thanks must of course go to Mr Campbell and Mr Simpson for organising and implementing this excellent school rugby programme. Special thanks must go to our families for their support and encouragement throughout the season. All these people have given us so much and made us feel part of something special. **Many Thanks.**

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# U14 XV Rugby Report

**T**he U14's started the season off strongly, with a hard-fought battle against Regent House. This game went right down the wire but we came out on top with 41 points to their 36. Convincing wins followed against Dalriada and Portadown College, with a slightly tighter but still clear win against Foyle College. This capped off our impressive start to the season. Having such a positive start to the season was a big achievement for the squad because we had unusually low numbers attending training during pre-season. Session numbers barely reached double figures, and this included our two

coaches! However, when we returned to school in September, the interest in school rugby grew steadily, and numbers almost doubled.

After our brilliant start to the season, defeating squads almost double our size, we let a bit of complacency creep into the squad, and we felt like we were big dogs in our matches. This complacency was evident against Enniskillen Royal Grammar and Limavady Grammar. In both games we played strongly until the second half. It seemed that as soon as we got ahead in the game, we stopped playing. Both

losses highlighted how complacent we had become, and after a sore loss to Royal School Dungannon, we realised we had to get our act together; or we would be in for a long season. Two major problems occurred during our run of bad form; complacency and injuries. Sure, if everyone was fit and available, we were fine and played well, but as I'm sure you know, that's not how rugby works. The squad had to pull out of a few fixtures during this injury crisis. Important players such as Emmet McNulty, James Lockett, Ben Evans, Eli Orr, Thomas Eakin and Jonny Graham were all unavailable. Myself and Jude



## Under 14 Rugby Squad

Max Allen, Zac Brimley, Aaron Buck, Luke Caskey, Matthew Chambers, Joel Clarke, Joel Deans, Thomas Eakin, Ben Evans, Ross Fullerton, Connor Graffin, Jonathan Graham, James Lockett, Pearse McKenna, Ewan McLaverty, Emmet McNulty, Joe Murray, Eli Orr, Lewis Ross, Jude Stewart

# U14 XV Rugby Report

Stewart were also playing regularly for the Medallion squad on the run up to Christmas.

Morale picked up when our injured players returned to training and some impressive Rugby followed. A well-earned 12-12 stalemate at Royal School Armagh changed our trajectory in the run up to Christmas. Convincing wins against Coleraine and Sullivan followed. These games displayed our renewed strength in attack and defence. During these two games we scored 49 points whilst only conceding 14.

After Christmas, we continued our good run of form. A fantastic game against Grosvenor with lots of running rugby saw us win 26-7. During the period after Christmas the squad only saw one loss which came at the hands of

Ballyclare High. Our final game of the regular season was perhaps our best. Joel Deans ran riot scoring 4 tries and kicking 2 conversions, with Zac Brimley, Joel Clarke and Aaron Buck completing the scoring. Jude Stewart also kicked 4 conversions. The entire squad showed an incredible amount of character and passion, which enabled us to compete week on week even with a squad of only 20 this season.

To cap the season off we were invited to a gamification blitz, organised by Ulster Rugby. This event was held at Limavady Grammar and it gave us one last stand to try and get revenge for our defeat at their hands earlier in the season. Thankfully, bolstered by a full squad and perfect weather conditions we prevailed and won the tournament by defeating Limavady and Foyle

College. We finished the tournament scoring 135 points, compared to the other teams 115 and 74.

I am honoured that I have had the opportunity to captain this squad. It has been a brilliant year and I look forward to playing Medallion Rugby with them next year.

Lastly, I would like to give a huge thanks to our excellent coaches Ben Lyttle and David Dripps, as they are the reason our squad was able to play at a high level each week. Also, a special thanks goes to Mr. Campbell for organising our matches, transport and referees each week. They made the season and did so much for us all year.

**Luke Caskey | U14XV Captain**

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To cap the season off we were invited to a gamification blitz, organised by Ulster Rugby.

# U13 XV Rugby Report

**Captain: Christy McDonnell**  
**Vice Captains: Harry Cappell,**  
**Harry Dawson, Joe Doyle**

**S**chool Rugby is back!

With a full set of fixtures in the calendar, the 2021-2022 rugby season was eagerly anticipated by the U13 squad. Having endured two years of Covid disruptions, a good sized squad with a combination of experienced players and skilful newcomers meant that we were hopeful of being competitive at U13 during the season.

Regent House at home provided us with our first competitive matches of the season, and following Rainey victories

in both conditioned games, training intensified ahead of our first full-pitch fixture away the following weekend.

A week later we played Dalriada in Ballymoney and suffered a heavy defeat, going down by 17-39. The full size pitch exposed our lack of game time against a well drilled side, and with our leaky defence and a lack of attacking options, two areas targeted for extra attention on the training field, the team responded with a better performance in our next game at home to Foyle College the following weekend. Although we lost the game on a score

line of 24-34, we were more competitive and showed some signs of adjusting to full-bore rugby.

Spurred on by this performance, the team trained hard for the next match which was again at home, this time to Killicomaine Junior High School.

Whilst we anticipated a tight game, we targeted this game as our first chance of a win but fell short by 2 points 10-12. Next up and away were Enniskillen RGS, who in recent years have fielded a strong U13 side and this year was to prove no different. The speed and



## Under 13 Rugby Squad

Ben Armstrong, Joseph Birt, Conor Bothwell, Harry Cappell, Jude Cleary-McGuffin, Eli Culbertson, Harry Dawson, Joseph Doyle, Drew Duncan, Harry Finlay, James Fullerton, Tom Gardiner, Kayden Griffin, Andrew Henderson, Cole Henderson, Finbar Hughes, William Hunter, Ethan Lagan, Lewis Lennox, Brett Marshall, Edward Martin, Christy McDonnell, Jack McGurk, Daniel Monaghan, Isaac O'Kane, Alfie Paul, Raphael Ranchoux, Tom Riddell, Paul Smyth

# U13 XV Rugby Report

skill of their backs allied with a strong, mobile pack laid the foundations for a 0-40 score line in favour of the hosts, with no Rainey points to show for our efforts. Rainey's second side on the day proved more profitable, leaving Co Fermanagh with a share of the spoils in a 20-20 drawn match.

A trip to Limavady GS followed and finally all our component parts clicked as we ran out comprehensive winners 52-0. This comprehensive victory was backed up in our next match in a local 'derby' game at home to RS Dungannon. We tore through their defensive line time and again to amass 48 points with the visitors only breaching our line once for a converted try. Away next to Dromore HS, we recorded three wins in a row with a 40-7 score line reflecting Rainey's dominance in all areas of the pitch.

Another derby day beckoned as Ballymena Academy journeyed to Magherafelt to play their part in one of our best performances of the season. Although we lost 7-19 on the day, this game typified our ability to defend stoutly, then use turn over ball to gain field position and play on the front foot. Gallant in defeat, we took away

numerous positives from this game and carried these forward into December and an away fixture against RS Armagh. In what proved to be a highly entertaining and competitive game, we succumbed in the final minutes to a quick tap and go converted try in what many of the players felt was our most disappointing defeat, given that we had played so well for most of the game. Two more December reverses followed against Coleraine GS (19-24) and away to Sullivan Upper (7-18)

Just over a week into the New Year, we took on Ballyclare HS but could not arrest our losing streak, going down 10-36. The post-turkey slump was compounded by a loss away to a superior Grosvenor side, who utilised their big pitch to maximum effect and stretching us out to record a score line of 10-31 in favour of the hosts.

Our fortunes took a turn for the better against a Campbell select side, with a 40-0 victory restoring some self-belief in our potential. This win proved the catalyst for further wins to end our season on a four match winning streak with victories over Bangor GS (36-0), Larne (50-14) and Belfast HS (46-19).

I would like to acknowledge at this point the help and guidance from Mr Campbell, Mr Gibson, Mr Montgomery, Mr Anderson and Mr Henderson during the season; your time spent coaching us and taking us to matches was very much appreciated. To our loyal support both home and away, thank you for your encouragement and finally to all the players; thanks gents for all your efforts and I hope you enjoyed the season every bit as much as I did. Well done!

**Christy McDonnell | U13 XV Captain**



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	Played	Won	Lost
U13 XV	18	8	10

# Under 12 Rugby Report

**I**t is always very refreshing to get a new batch of rugby players joining Rainey Rugby. They are eager, enthusiastic, committed and willing to learn. The 2021 U12 group ticked all the relevant boxes.

Under the expert coaching of Willie Anderson and Josh Johnston on a Saturday morning and Mr Henderson, Mr Campbell, Mr Simpson and David Dripps on a Tuesday and Friday, the group were quick to learn.

The basic skills and tactics were covered and the players were ready for

their first match. A large squad of over 30 players travelled to Limavady GS where they came away with 2 victories. This raised the squad's excitement levels and pushed them to improve on the training pitch.

Next up were home games against Larne GS, with Rainey winning 2 of the games and losing the other by one try. They then travelled to RS Armagh and played a round robin with the hosts and Sullivan. The A team defeated RS Armagh but lost to Sullivan. The B team drew with RS Armagh and also lost to Sullivan. However, after such a strong

start to the season, our heads were high. Everybody in the team was now starting to get used to the game and put into practice the new techniques we were learning at training each week.

Next up as opponents were Dalriada, with the A team winning and the B team losing. Another very good performance against Foyle College resulted in another win for the A team. The team, along with the U13 squad, then embarked on a mini tour to Belfast. They played and defeated Belfast HS before food at KFC and a trip to the Kingspan to watch Ulster beat Cardiff in



## Under 12 Rugby Squad

Mikey Averell, James Bell, Adam Bolton, Pete Broderick, Joel Brown, Corey Campbell, Jake Chambers, Freddie Dowie, Rhys Elliott, Adam Fullerton, Eoghan Griffin, Rafe Hastings, James Hatrick, Zach Herron, Paddy Hughes Scullion, Gary Kane, Jack Kerr, Ruairi Larkin, Patrick Loane, Calvin McCahon, Daniel McCavana, Rory McCrea, Cillian McDonnell, Donal McGoldrick, Daniel McKinless, Adam McNicholl, Johnny Murphy, Joe O'Kane, Oscar Orr, Michael Reid, Zac Silutins, Tymon Sobieraj, James Stevenson, Henry Suiter, Zak Wilkinson

# Under 12 Rugby Report

the URC. The U12 squad then travelled to Coleraine GS to participate in the NE Board U12 Rugby tournament.

Rainey were drawn in a group along with Ballymena Academy, Larne GS and Dalriada. Rainey's first game was against Ballymena Academy, which they lost. They then played Larne GS and won. Their final game was against Dalriada which they also won. This meant that they finished runners up in their group. In the semi-final they played the winners of the other group, Ballyclare HS. Rainey played really well winning the game 25 15. They had progressed to the final where they would play Ballymena Academy again.

Rainey put in an excellent performance, giving the opposition a real fright. In a much improved performance from

earlier, Rainey were slightly unlucky to lose 25 20. All the squad can be very proud of their effort and contributions to a successful tournament. NE Board U12 rugby runners up.

The final game of the season was against RS Dungannon for the Arnold Shield. This is always an exciting way to end the season and the Rainey players put in one of their best performances of the season to win and therefore retain, the Arnold Shield.

On behalf of the U12 squad we would like to say a special thankyou to our coaches. We really enjoyed watching you play rugby this year and were delighted with the hard work that you put in and hence the progress you made. We all look forward to another good season next year.



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A photograph of a group of young women at a swimming pool. In the foreground, a woman with long blonde hair is giving a thumbs up. To her right, a woman with dark hair and glasses is also giving a thumbs up. In the background, another woman is visible, and there are blue pool chairs. The image has a warm, yellowish tint.

**Getting back to Swimming ways...**

# **Rainey: Sports**

# Cross Country



**R**ainey ES entered 5 teams in the District Cross Country Championships at UU, Coleraine on Wednesday 26 January. In good running conditions, all our runners put in good performances and finished in pleasing positions. With many of the races having over 100 competitors, the competition was very tough.

Rainey's top finishers were: Poppy Hastings - 2nd in the Intermediate Girls, Caitlin Gribbin - 7th in the Junior Girls, Rafe Hastings - 10th in the Mini Boys, Eliza Cameron - 17th in the Junior Girls and Isabelle Regan - 20th in the Mini Girls.

On the back of these excellent runs, Poppy, Caitlin and Rafe qualified for the Ulster Cross Country Championships.

They travelled to the City of Belfast Playing Fields in Mallusk and again put in excellent performances. Rafe and Caitlin ran really well and finished among the top finishers, however, Poppy put in an outstanding performance to finish 4th and therefore qualify for the Irish Cross Country Championships.

The Irish championships also took place at Mallusk and again Poppy put in a fabulous performance to finish in 13th position.

As a result of this super performance, Poppy was selected for the Ireland SIAB Team to compete in Pembrey Country Park, Wales. Poppy ran in the mixed relay event and after a great run from Poppy her team finished second and therefore won the silver medal. Well done, Poppy.

This completed a pleasing season for our Cross Country runners. Hopefully, these performances will inspire a few more competitors and successes next year. **Well done to all our runners.**



# Cross Country Photos





# Dance Club Report 2021-2022

**M**y name is Lucia Ross, I am in Year 13 and I have been dancing for 12 years. As part of my BTDA Intermediate Modern Jazz Teaching qualification, it was recommended I got some experience in teaching this style, and I was delighted when Mrs Quigley agreed to let me run two successful clubs in the school. In the first club, I was joined by Caitlyn Thompson and a group of very excited Year 8 girls, and over the course of 6 weeks or so, they learned how to jive to Elvis, disco to Mamma Mia, and rock out to Biffy Clyro. Every week, the girls showed up ready to learn new skills, make friendships and enjoy the perfect combination of art and exercise.

I am very proud of this tight-knit and talented group of girls, and I cannot wait to teach them again next year.

When I decided to choose a different group next term to get range of teaching experience, I really could not have gone farther than Year 13 Boys. However, to their credit, the guys were genuinely interested and committed to learning about dancing. Performing the same dances as the girls the previous term, the group especially enjoyed the improvisation sections. A testament to their dedication and enthusiasm to the sport was shown when a few of the boys (who, like myself, are Wellbeing Ambassadors) decided to teach their

favourite dance, Footloose, to the Year 10s as part of their Wellbeing day. I want to thank the boys for demonstrating that dance really is a sport for everyone!

As a side note, I completed the exam in December in front of a Senior BTDA examiner, receiving a Distinction for my efforts. Many thanks to Mrs Quigley for approving this club, and to all the pupils who so enthusiastically took part!

**Lucia Ross | Dance Leader**



| Dance Club

# Golf Magazine Report 2021-2022

**T**his April after the covid delays our pupils returned to the Golf course - Mr Kyne would be delighted!

Two teams made up of Cole Henderson, Brenden Mulgrew and Tom Wilkinson for the boys and Olivia Currie, Poppy Hastings and Julia Currie for the girls competed at the Ulster Boys' & Girls' Irish Junior Schools at Antrim Golf Club. The girls team placed 3rd whilst the boys team came 5th overall. The next day the girls team were able to compete in the Ulster Girls' Senior Schools at Kirkistown Castle Golf Club. The girls excelled and won the Ulster Senior title, qualifying them for the All-Irelands.

Our amazing girl trio came runners-up by 1 shot at the Irish Schools National Finals in Milltown Golf Club over the

Easter Holidays. In the Girls' Senior Schools competition St. Michael's, Loreto Navan were victorious winning on 48 points. Rainey School, Magherafelt finished a point behind, with Scoil Muire Gan Smal, Roscommon finishing in third. We are super proud of the Rainey girls and thank you to the parents who made this trip possible.

A big thank you goes to the supportive parents who make Golf the best it can be, from the early morning tee-times, checking the bags for snacks, gloves etc., transport (buggies, aeroplanes, trains, cars & boats) and not to mention the expensive equipment.

A special mention to our pupils who are juggling many sports and are competing in Golf outside of school. Congratulations goes to Olivia Currie who was part of the Royal Portrush 2

that won 2021 Ulster Girls' Inter-Club Championships. This qualifies Olivia for the All-Ireland's at the end of August. Olivia also reached the All Ireland ¼ finals with Team Royal Portrush in the AIG Senior Foursomes. She was part of the Ulster team who won the U18 Golf Interpros beating Leinster in the final. To add further to Olivia's list of achievements she became winner of the Ulster Under-18 Girls Championship to receive the Fred Daly Trophy. Well done also to Julia Currie who was part of Team Royal Portrush winning the AIG Minor Cup becoming Ulster North winners and competed in the All Ireland Finals 2021. Fantastic achievements girls!

We look forward to competing in the Summer term and next year's competitions.



# Golf Magazine Report 2021-2022



# Equestrian Report 2021-2022

**I**t has been another successful year for the equestrian members of the school, with the showjumpers competing mainly in the Meadows Equestrian Centre (MEC) competitions.

The season began with monthly competitions at the TRI Inter-Schools league. Adam Sossick and Megan McKay competed in the first competition at the MEC. Both riders competed at Novice 85cm. A fantastic double clear on Lily for Megan's first school jumping outing. Chloe McLean competed in the 2nd league competition at the Meadows in the Novice 85cm individual, jumping a double clear on A Class Act for Chloe's first school show jumping outing.

Jessica Finlay jumped at the MEC Schools Winter Warm-up Series 2022, 90cm event with just 1 pole down at the last. Chloe McLean jumped at the MEC May Day Schools Show jumping, Open 1m event on S with a clear round clear and one refusal.

This year unfortunately, the Ulster Schools' Dressage competition didn't run due to covid, hopefully it will be back next year.

A special mention to our pupils who are juggling many sports and are competing in Equestrian outside of school. Erin McCoy travelled to Wales to represent Ireland at the British Dressage Youth Home International with the team

finishing in 3rd. She also competed in Wexford at the Irish Nationals, winning both the novice and the freestyle events - fantastic!

A huge thank-you to all the parents who helped and took the time to take the team members to the venues, to the team for their continual hard work and to the school for all the administration and support given. We look forward to seeing you all next year and look forward to another competitive season.



## Showjumping Team

Adam Sossick (Co-Captain), Grace Moore (Co-Captain), Sarah Bates, Jessica Finlay, Emily Mainwaring, Anna McCavana, Erin McCoy, Megan McKay, Iona McKay, Chloe McLean, & Keitija Storastite

# Equestrian Report 2021-2022



# Swimming Team Report 2021-22

**T**he Rainey Swim Team this year was delighted to get back to Swimming after Covid had caused many events to be cancelled. Our Rainey swimmers put on a fabulous performance at the Swim Ulster Schools Cup and Championships in Bangor Aurora. There was great camaraderie amongst our students cheering their teammates on to PB's, finals and medals! Unfortunately, due to covid we had a few last minute withdrawals and reorganising of relay teams but despite never swimming together before, both our Boys Freestyle and Medley relays finished in 6th place. Well done boys!

Our junior swimmers competed in the age 12-14 category: Year 8 was represented by Keir Donaghy, Eoghan Griffin, Rafe Hastings, Rory McCrea and Henry Sutor, all of whom swam brilliantly and many swimmers achieved PBs.

Year 9 was represented well by Philippa McClay, Alfie Paul, Adam Shaw and

Nicole Higgins. Nicole made both her finals with an amazing 5th place overall in the 100 fly. A special mention must go to our Year 10 swimmer Ryan Griffin, who won gold in both his events to repeat his previous years' performances of double Ulster Champion. The senior school was represented by Mia Silutina & Hannah Lipscomb. Hannah made the 100m Fly final.

Following on from Ryan's double gold medal performance success at the Swim Ulster Schools' Cup & Championships he was selected to be part of the winning Ulster Interpro Team. He represented Ulster at the Irish Schools Interpro on Sunday 20th March 2022 at the NAC in Dublin. A triumphant Ulster team brought home the Irish Schools Interprovincial trophy!! Ryan swam really well earning a 3rd, 4th and being part of the winning relay team.

Throughout the year we have many swimmers taking part in events for their local Swimming clubs, Cookstown

and Mid-Ulster and we would like to thank the coaches for their training and support of these pupils. A big, big thank you must go to the parents for transporting the kids at very early hours of the morning, as well as supervising at school events. We look forward to the next schools' competition season already; the pupils really have loved being back in the water competing.



## Swimming Team

Keir Donaghy, Eoghan Griffin, Ryan Griffin, Rafe Hastings, Nicole Higgins, Andrew Lipscomb, Hannah Lipscomb, Philippa McClay, Rory McCrea, Alfie Paul, Adam Shaw, Sophie Shaw, Zac Silutins, Mia Silutina & Henry Sutor



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