



Headlines

September 2007



Holidays 2007-2008

Exceptional Closure
Friday 26 October 2007

Halloween Holiday
Monday 29 October 2007

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Friday 2 November 2007
(inclusive)

Christmas Holiday
Monday 24 December 2007

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Friday 4 January 2008
(inclusive)

Half Term Holiday
Friday 15 February 2008

Exceptional Closure
Monday 18 February 2008

St Patrick's Day
Monday 17 March 2008

Easter Holiday
Tuesday 18 March 2008

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Friday 28 March 2008
(inclusive)

May Day Holiday
Monday 5 May 2008

School Finishes
Friday 27 June 2008 -
at 12.30 pm

Excellent Examination Results at Limavady Grammar School

There are few schools in the province with such a commitment to extra-curricular activities. Students learn so much about themselves with such participation. However our main business is academic, and I'm pleased to report that the results at GCSE and A-level were once again excellent.

At A-level our pass rate was 99.2% and 69% of all our grades were in the elite A or B group, an increase of 3% from last year. This figure puts us firmly in the upper quartile of NI grammar schools.

In this year's excellent results twenty eight students achieved 3 A grades and better and eleven achieved 4 A grades.

Monica Anand, David Canning, Clara Cole-Hawthorne, Rachael Cole-Hawthorne, Anna Copeland, Jonathan Crawford, Joanne Davies, Ian Dunwoody, Andrew Gibson, Gillian Given, Peter Henderson, Rachael Hung, Linda Irwin, Rachael Kyte, Stephanie Logue, Natalie McAllister, Matthew McCartney, Michael McGilligan, Jill McGregor, Nicholas McMullan, Laura Mitchell, Jamie Powell, Suzanne Reid, Sarah Robb, Emma Ross, Sarah Sistern, David Smyth, Eimer Toner, William Younge all achieved at least 3 A grades.

It is little wonder that 69% of our students achieved 3 C grades or better, a rise of 8% on last year's figure.

When all the results at GCSE were in, it emerged that the year 12 students had performed very well indeed with 98 % of all students gaining 5 C grades or better and a very pleasing 96% gaining 7 C grades or better. I really think that last figure is a record for us; the NI average for grammar schools is 91.

47% of all our grades were A or A*, a seven percent increase from last year. This is against a NI school average of 33% AA*, and an English schools' average of 25%. Still they plan to end selection over here!

The number of candidates with straight AA* grades went from eleven to twenty four. This is clearly a vintage year who promise much in 2009 when they do their do A-levels. The stars were Colin Cairns, Adam Canning, Naomi Canning, Natasha Carton, Rachel Connell, Cathy Corbett, Stacey Crockett, Matthew Ferris, Aaron Holmes, Craig Hull, Rebecca Hutchinson, Stacey Irvine, Arjun Kattakayam, Andrew Kennedy, Kathryn Kerr, Colleen Leadbetter, Neal McGinnis, Lisa McNeill, Andrew Moore, Alanna Nethercott, Niamh O'Kane, Aine Toner, Matthew Warke, and Kirsten Wilson.

PRIZE DAY CHANGES

LGS Prize Day represents a wonderful celebration of our success in the year gone by. Students are rewarded and friends are there to cheer. However, because of the large number of students in the hall, attendance has been made optional for non-prize winners in years 10 and above, while remaining compulsory for years 8 and 9, prize winners, prefects and those in the musical groups.

The rest may have the half-day off school from 12.30 pm. It is important that students go straight home. If there are students in the streets of Limavady in the afternoon, then the system will be reviewed, and classes will operate on this day in 2008.

<p>PARENTS' MEETINGS</p> <p>Tuesday 25 September 2007 from 7-9 pm Year 14 Thursday 18 October 2007 from 4-6 pm Year 12 Wednesday 7 November 2007 from 4-6 pm Year 8 Thursday 6 December 2007 from 4-6 pm Year 13 Wednesday 13 February 2008 from 4-6 pm Year 10 Tuesday 11 March 2008 from 4-6 pm Year 9 Tuesday 8 April 2008 from 4-6 pm Year 11</p>	<p>CHILD PROTECTION – PHOTOGRAPHS</p> <p>From time to time photographs of pupils are taken by the school photographer and by members of the press. If you would prefer that photographs are not taken of your child, please inform the school in writing.</p>
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NUT ALLERGIES

There are now several pupils in school who suffer from a serious allergy to nuts. Parents are requested, in so far as it is possible, to ensure that no nuts, or products containing them, are brought to school. As even the slightest trace of nuts can provoke a serious reaction, it is important that anyone who has eaten nut products before school clean their hands and teeth carefully. Thank you for your co-operation.

INTERNET AND SCHOOL NETWORK PERMISSION

Below is the code of conduct for the use of the school network and Internet, to which every student must agree before obtaining access. If you DO NOT want your child/children to have Internet access, please inform the Headmaster of your decision in writing.

Code of Conduct For Use OF The School Network & The Internet

The simplified code of conduct applies at all times, in and out of school hours, whilst using school equipment.

Please read it carefully: it involves potential criminal action as well as breach of school rules.

You must not:

- Use anyone else's Username.
- Download games or other programs from the Internet.
- Use chatlines or external email services (eg Hotmail).
- Send, access or display offensive messages or pictures.
- Give your name, address, telephone number or any other personal information about yourself or others to anyone you write to.
- Use or send bad language.
- Intentionally waste resources thus preventing use by others.

You should:

- Only, with permission, access websites that are appropriate for use in school.
- Be careful of what you say to others and how you say it.
- Respect copyright and trademarks. (You cannot copy material without give credit to the person or company that owns it.)
- Check with a teacher before opening e-mail attachments or completing on-line questionnaires or subscription forms.

Please note:

- User areas on the school network will be **closely monitored** and staff may review your files and communications to maintain system integrity.
- Failure to follow the code will result in loss of access and further disciplinary action may be taken if appropriate.
- If applicable, external agencies may be involved, as certain activities may constitute a criminal offence.

Child Safety Awareness – Internet Chat Rooms E-Mail

I'm sure you are aware of many publicised cases where unsuspecting children and teenagers have been "groomed" into running away with unsavoury individuals whom they have met via chat rooms and other websites.

The Internet can be a dangerous place. Please monitor your child's web activities and be very aware of the sites to which they have access.