



**FRIENDS' SCHOOL
LISBURN**

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the Board of Governors

2008 - 2009

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Chairman's Foreword

It was with a little trepidation that I took on the position of Chairman of the Board of Governors this autumn. I would like to acknowledge the hard work done by my predecessor, Aidan Pearson, and all the other governors who have given him their support over the 6-year term of Chairmanship. He has helped steer the school through the changes to the transfer procedure and the School is in a position to move with the tide of change that the future years will bring. I know I can count on the support of the Board of Governors to keep us on course. We welcomed another new governor, appointed by the Religious Society of Friends: Aindia Andress of South Belfast Meeting.

Friends' School has a reputation as a school with high academic standards and this year's public examinations again demonstrated that this reputation is well deserved. 83% of pupils in Year 14 gained three or more passes at Grades A – C, slightly down on last year's figure of 86%, but the proportion of A grades – 55% of all entries – was the highest to date in School. The AS results were the best to date and 97% of pupils gained 7 or more passes at grades A* - C at GCSE. Well done to all those young people and the teachers and parents who have enabled them to achieve such excellent results. The Principal's report shows that it is not only the academic side of our pupils which is being nurtured, but their artistic, musical and sporting gifts are thriving too.

Our finances continue to remain in good order, mostly thanks to our hardworking Bursar. In these days of economic downturn, it is always a challenge to balance the books. The Quaker values of simplicity are an example to us all. We aim to provide a caring, supportive community, where all people are respected and treated equally. Thus, we educate young people not just academically but as members of the human race and we hope that they take these values with them in their future careers.

Notice of Annual Parents' Meeting

**The meeting will be held on Monday 7 December 2009
at 7.30 pm in the Lecture Theatre.**

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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2008- 2009

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*Alison Blakely	Housekeeping
*Pauline Donaghy	Housekeeping
*Moiria Ewan	Housekeeping
*Linda Heasley	Housekeeping
*Sarah Kennedy	Housekeeping
*Karen O'Hare	Housekeeping
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*Lynsay Phillips	Housekeeping
*Li Wang	Housekeeping
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* Denotes Part Time ** Denotes Temporary Post *** Acting Head of Department during the absence of T. Alan McGonigle

Left in School Year 2008 – 2009

Curriculum

Friends' School aims to give its pupils a broad, balanced and relevant education. We seek to offer equal opportunities to all pupils and to delay specialisation as long as possible. It is the School's aim that the timetable should be structured to meet the needs of its pupils. To that end, as much freedom of choice as possible is offered to pupils at GCSE, AS and A Levels. We seek to ensure that pupils' learning is purposeful, enjoyable and rewarding.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum 2008 - 2009

Pupils in **Key Stage 3** (Years 8 – 10) follow a broad common curriculum.

In **Years 8 and 9** all classes are un-streamed. Pupils are divided alphabetically into five Collect groups and are taught in this arrangement for non practical subjects. The practical subjects: Art and Design, Home Economics, Information Technology, Music, Science and Technology are taught in seven alphabetically arranged groups.

In **Years 9 and 10** the three Science subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Physics are taught separately, each for two periods a week. All pupils study French in Year 8 and take up a second language in Year 9, choosing between German and Spanish.

In **Year 10** pupils are streamed into five divisions for Mathematics and are banded for German and Spanish. All other subjects in Year 10 are taught in un-streamed Collect or practical groups.

Pupils in **Years 8, 9 and 10** follow a course in Learning for Life and Work comprising elements of Citizenship, Employability and Personal Development.

The School week is divided into 45 periods, each 35 minutes long. The Key Stage 3 Curriculum is set out below.

Key Stage 3 Subject	Number of Periods		
	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Art and Design	2	2	2
Citizenship	-	1	1
Drama	1	-	-
English	6	5	5
French	5	4	4
Games	2	2	2
Geography	3	3	3
German/Spanish	-	4	4
History	3	3	3
Home Economics	2	2	2
Information Technology	2	1*	-
Learning for Life and Work	1	1	2
Mathematics	6	5	5
Music	2	1	1
Physical Education	2	1	1
Religious Education	2	2	2
Junior Science	4	-	-
Science: Biology	-	2	2
Chemistry	-	2	2
Physics	-	2	2
Technology	2	2	2
Total	45	45	45

* ICT skills are developed through the languages programme in Year 9.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

2008 - 2009

Pupils in **Key Stage 4** (Years 11 and 12) follow a common core curriculum and then choose from a range of subject options. Pupils take 9 or 10 subjects at GCSE.

All pupils take GCSE in English, English Literature and Mathematics. All study at least one Modern Language: French, German or Spanish. Pupils take either Double Award Science to GCSE or one, two or three of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Pupils are strongly recommended to choose one subject from The Environment and Society Area of Study: Business Studies, Economics, Geography, History or Home Economics.

All pupils in Year 11 and 12 follow a course in Religious Education and may choose to sit GCSE in Religious Studies.

Non GCSE subjects taken by all pupils are Physical Education, Games, a Careers and Study Skills course and a Level 2 Key Skills qualification in ICT.

Awarding Body	Subject Title
CCEA	Additional Mathematics
CCEA	Art and Design
CCEA	Biology
CCEA	Business Studies
CCEA	Chemistry
CCEA	Economics
CCEA	English
CCEA	English Literature
CCEA	French
CCEA	Geography
CCEA	German
CCEA	History
CCEA	Home Economics
CCEA	Journalism
CCEA	Mathematics
CCEA	Music
CCEA	Physical Education
CCEA	Physics
CCEA	Religious Studies
CCEA	Science: Double Award
CCEA	Spanish
CCEA	Technology and Design

Sixth Form Curriculum

2008 - 2009

All pupils in Year 13 study 3 or 4 subjects to AS Level and most continue with 3 subjects in Year 14 to the full A Level qualification. A number of pupils continue with 4 subjects to A2 Level and some take up a further AS subject in Year 14.

All pupils who are studying 3 AS subjects will also study the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (COPE). Pupils may take a Key Skill in one of Application of Number, Communication or Information Technology.

In the Sixth Form, Personal, Health and Social Education modules are offered in: Careers, Citizenship, Economic Awareness & Financial Capability, Health Education, Religious Education and Study Skills. General Studies courses are offered in Art for Pleasure, Community Relations, Community Service, Current Affairs, Film and Media Studies, Information Technology, Irish Studies, Japanese, Primary School Teaching, Reading for Pleasure, Sociology, Survival Cookery, Teaching Sport and Young Enterprise. The following AS and A2 Level subjects are offered to Pupils in the Sixth Form:

AS and A2 Level Subjects

Awarding Body	Subject Title
CCEA	Applied ICT
CCEA	Art and Design
CCEA	Biology
CCEA	Business Studies
CCEA	Chemistry
CCEA	Economics
AQA	Electronics (AS)
CCEA	English Literature
CCEA	French
EDEXCEL	Further Mathematics
CCEA	Geography
CCEA	German
CCEA	Government and Politics
CCEA	History
CCEA	Home Economics (Food and Nutrition)
EDEXCEL	Mathematics (Pure and Applied Mathematics)
EDEXCEL	Mathematics (Pure Mathematics and Statistics)
CCEA	Moving Image Arts
CCEA	Music
EDEXCEL	Physical Education
CCEA	Physics
CCEA	Religious Studies
CCEA	Spanish
CCEA	Technology and Design
AQA	Travel and Tourism

Careers Education and Guidance

The aim of Careers Education at Friends' School is to help pupils to:

- know themselves better
- be aware of education, training and career opportunities
- make the transition from school to adult life

Department Practice 2008 - 09

Years 8 & 9

Through a module in Employability and a programme of organised events pupils have the opportunity to

- examine personal qualities and skills
- consider local and global employment opportunities
- consider the changing world of work
- consider aspects of enterprise and entrepreneurship

Year 10

Pupils receive one period a week of Careers Education and Employability throughout Year 10 and have the opportunity to

- examine personal qualities and skills
- examine ways of classifying careers and the use of careers resources in school
- consider GCSE choices
- examine the local employment opportunities and the changing world of work
- examine job application skills and interview techniques
- develop skills in presentation and team-working

The Careers Department is involved in consultation with pupils and parents about subject choice for GCSE.

Key Stage 4

Pupils receive one period a week of Careers Education throughout Year 12 and are also involved in a programme of organised events.

Pupils have the opportunity to

- examine ways of classifying careers and the use of careers resources in School
- discuss routes post 16
- consider AS and A Level Subject Choice
- undertake further work on Personal Career Planning
- attend the B.E.P. Annual Careers Convention
- attend an Advice Day following the publication of GCSE results

Sixth Form

Pupils receive Careers Education through the Personal and Social Education Programme.

Year 13

Pupils receive one period a week of Careers Education throughout Year 13. Pupils have the opportunity to

- discuss and explore choices regarding employment, Further and Higher Education
- plan and undertake one week's work experience
- undertake preliminary work on UCAS
- attend talks aimed at exploring options for Higher and Further Education
- undertake work related to Progress File
- attend an Advice Day following publication of AS results

Year 14

Pupils have the opportunity to

- receive advice on applications to Further and Higher Education on an individual basis
- examine application skills and interview techniques
- experience a Mock Interview conducted by outside specialists
- visit Queen's University or University of Ulster
- attend the B.E.P. Annual Careers Convention
- receive advice following the publication of A Level results

The School Day

School starts at 8.45 am. Registration takes place in Collects at 8.50am. Pupils attend Main Assembly, Junior Assembly or Year Assembly at 9.00 am four mornings a week. An extended Collect is held each Friday. There is a Break Mid-morning and a lunch break of 45 minutes. School ends at 3.30 pm.

8.45 am	Pupils go to Collect
8.50 am	Collects begin
9.00 am	Assembly
9.15 am	Period 1
9.50 am	Period 2
10.25 am	BREAK
10.40 am	Period 3
11.15 am	Period 4
11.50 am	Period 5
12.25 pm - 1.00 pm	Period 6 Lunch (Years 8-10) 12.25 pm - 1.10 pm
1.10 pm - 1.45 pm	Period 6 Lunch (Years 11-14) 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm
1.45 pm	Period 7
2.20 pm	Period 8
2.55 pm	Period 9
3.30 pm	School ends

School Terms and Holidays 2009 - 2010

AUTUMN TERM

Friday 28 August 2009 - Friday 18 December 2009

*Friday 28 August 2009 – Years 8 & 14 only

Tuesday 1 September 2009 – Whole School

Half Term

Monday 26 October 2009 - Friday 30 October 2009

(Exceptional Closure Day Friday 23 October 2009)

SPRING TERM

Monday 4 January 2010 - Friday 26 March 2010

Half Term

Monday 15 February 2010 – Tuesday 16 February 2010

(Exceptional Closure Days, Wednesday 17,

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 February 2010)

SUMMER TERM

Monday 12 April 2010 - Wednesday 30 June 2010

(Exceptional Closure Day Tuesday 20 April 2010)

Half Term

Monday 3 May 2010

Please note that all dates are inclusive

Annual Attendance Rate (All Pupils)

2008 - 2009 = 96.7%

Public Examination Results 2008 – 09

Key Stage 3 Assessment 2009

At the end of Year 10 all pupils are assessed through external tests and by their teachers in English, Mathematics and Science. The table below shows the performance of pupils at Friends' School, and corresponding percentages for Northern Ireland grammar School.

	Level 5 or above		Level 6 or above		Level 7 or above		Level 8 or above	
	FSL	NI Grammar	FSL	NI Grammar	FSL	NI Grammar	FSL	NI Grammar
ENGLISH								
Test **	99	40	84	33	46	15	-	-
Teacher Assessed	100	94	98	89	62	48	11	5
MATHEMATICS								
Test **	100	40	96	36	86	25	55	6
Teacher Assessed	100	99	98	93	85	65	42	17
SCIENCE								
Test **	100	34	99	28	78	14	22	3
Teacher Assessed	100	42	100	39	90	25	31	6
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) ACCREDITATION SCHEME								
			55		45			

** In the English tests Levels 7 and 8 have been combined into a single band called 'Level 7 and above'. A pupil falling into this band is given '7+'.

Other Qualifications

Name of Awarding Body	Qualification	Number of pupils entered	% achieving Qualification
CCEA	Key Skills – Application of Number Level 3	11	73
CCEA	Key Skills – Communication Level 3	1	100
CCEA	Key Skills – (IT) Level 2	73	99
CCEA	Key Skills – (IT) Level 3	3	33
CCEA	OCR Young Enterprise Level 2	15	100

- Key Skills figures refer to both Completion of Portfolio and External Test.

Public Examination Results 2008 - 09 GCSE

Number of pupils in Year 12	148
Number of those with a Statement of Special Educational Needs	2
Percentage entered for 7 or more subjects	100
Percentage achieving 7 or more passes at Grades A* - C	97
Percentage entered for 5 or more subjects	100
Percentage achieving 5 or more passes at Grades A* - C	99

GCSE Level June 2009 ANALYSIS OF RESULTS (% achieving each grade)

	<i>Entered</i>	A*(%)	A(%)	B(%)	C(%)	D(%)	E(%)	F(%)	G(%)	U(%)
Art & Design	34	38.24	50.00	11.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biology	49	30.61	36.73	22.45	10.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Business Studies	46	0.00	30.43	45.65	21.74	2.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chemistry	33	30.30	42.42	24.24	0.00	3.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Economics	14	28.57	14.29	42.86	14.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
English	148	16.22	40.54	30.41	11.49	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
English Literature	136	19.85	37.50	33.82	8.09	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
French	84	38.10	22.62	20.24	13.10	3.57	2.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Geography	94	26.60	22.34	36.17	11.70	1.06	2.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
German	31	22.58	16.13	25.81	32.26	0.00	3.23	0.00	0.00	0.00
History	73	21.92	24.66	28.77	19.18	5.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Home Economics	30	16.67	20.00	53.33	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Journalism	16	6.25	62.50	25.00	6.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mathematics	148	35.14	23.65	33.11	8.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mathematics (Additional)	37	35.14	35.14	18.92	10.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Music	12	16.67	41.67	33.33	8.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Physical Education	30	33.33	26.67	23.33	10.00	6.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Physics	41	21.95	34.15	26.83	12.20	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Religious Studies	139	15.11	28.06	33.81	13.67	6.47	0.72	0.00	0.00	2.16
Science (Double Award)	170	12.94	24.71	40.00	21.18	1.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spanish	51	54.90	19.61	21.57	3.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technology	29	3.45	37.93	41.38	17.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	1445	23.32	29.90	31.63	12.60	1.94	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.21
Cumulative		23.32	53.22	84.84	97.44	99.38	99.79	99.79	99.79	100.00

Public Examination

Results 2008 - 09

AS Level

Number of pupils in Year 13	135
Number of those with a Statement of Special Educational Needs	1
Percentage achieving 3 or more passes at Grades A - C	90
Percentage achieving 2 or more passes at Grades A – E	100

AS Level June 2009 ANALYSIS OF RESULTS (% achieving each grade)

	<i>No. Entered</i>	A(%)	B(%)	C(%)	D(%)	E(%)	U(%)
Applied ICT	16	25.00	37.50	31.25	6.25	0.00	0.00
Art	12	58.33	33.33	0.00	0.00	8.33	0.00
Biology	54	79.63	18.52	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Business Studies	29	41.38	48.28	10.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chemistry	39	66.67	20.51	10.26	2.56	0.00	0.00
Economics	12	50.00	16.67	33.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
English Literature	31	48.39	35.48	12.90	3.23	0.00	0.00
French	22	81.82	9.09	4.55	4.55	0.00	0.00
Further Mathematics	3	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Geography	41	65.85	24.39	7.32	2.44	0.00	0.00
German	5	60.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
History	40	55.00	22.50	22.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Home Economics	7	14.29	71.43	0.00	14.29	0.00	0.00
Mathematics	53	77.36	9.43	7.55	1.89	3.77	0.00
Moving Image Art	4	25.00	50.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Music	5	20.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Physical Education	12	41.67	25.00	16.67	16.67	0.00	0.00
Physics	34	50.00	20.59	17.65	8.82	2.94	0.00
Politics	13	38.46	46.15	7.69	7.69	0.00	0.00
Religious Studies	23	60.87	30.43	8.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spanish	20	55.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Technology	17	35.29	17.65	41.18	5.88	0.00	0.00
Travel and Tourism	3	33.33	33.33	0.00	33.33	0.00	0.00
Totals	495	58.38	24.24	12.93	3.43	1.01	0.00
Cumulative		58.38	82.63	95.56	98.99	100.00	100.00

Public Examination Results 2008 - 09 Advanced Level

Number of pupils in Year 14	131
Number of those with a Statement of Special Educational Needs	1
Percentage achieving 3 or more passes at Grades A - C	83
Percentage achieving 2 or more passes at Grades A - E	100

Advanced Level June 2009 ANALYSIS OF RESULTS (% achieving each grade)

	<i>No. Entered</i>	A(%)	B(%)	C(%)	D(%)	E(%)	U(%)
Art	13	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biology	56	50.00	23.21	12.50	12.50	1.79	0.00
Business Studies	34	58.82	32.35	8.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chemistry	34	64.71	20.59	8.82	5.88	0.00	0.00
Applied ICT	8	37.50	12.50	37.50	12.50	0.00	0.00
Economics	6	66.67	16.67	16.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
English Literature	34	55.88	26.47	11.76	5.88	0.00	0.00
French	23	69.57	13.04	13.04	4.35	0.00	0.00
Further Mathematics	4	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Geography	26	30.77	46.15	15.38	3.85	3.85	0.00
German	3	66.67	0.00	33.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
History	19	31.58	63.16	5.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Home Economics	5	20.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Mathematics	42	71.43	11.90	7.14	9.52	0.00	0.00
Music	4	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Physical Education	9	0.00	55.56	11.11	33.33	0.00	0.00
Physics	22	50.00	27.27	4.55	18.18	0.00	0.00
Politics	15	33.33	60.00	6.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Religious Studies	26	50.00	38.46	7.69	0.00	3.85	0.00
Spanish	17	58.82	11.76	17.65	11.76	0.00	0.00
Technology	4	0.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Travel & Tourism	5	80.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	409	54.52	27.14	10.51	7.09	0.73	0.00
Cumulative		54.52	81.66	92.18	99.27	100.00	100.00

Public Examination Results 2008 – 09 Years 12, 13 and 14 (Continued)

Examination Performance

Trend Data

GCSE	2006	2007	2008	2009
Percentage of Year 12 pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at Grades A* - C	98	100	100	99
Northern Ireland Grammar School Average 5 or more GCSEs at Grades A* - C	96	96	96	Not Known
Percentage of Year 12 Pupils gaining 7 or more GCSEs at Grades A* - C	96	99	99	97
Northern Ireland Grammar School Average 7 or more GCSEs at Grades A* - C	90	91	91	Not Known

A Level	2006	2007	2008	2009
Percentage of Year 14 pupils gaining 2 or more A Levels at Grades A - E	100	100	100	100
Northern Ireland Grammar School Average 2 or more A Levels at Grades A - E	99	99	99	Not Known
Percentage of Year 14 Pupils gaining 3 or more A Levels at Grades A - C	73	81	86	83
Northern Ireland Grammar School Average 3 or more A Levels Grades A - C	73	74	74	Not Known

YEAR 14 SCHOOL LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2008/2009

Percentage of Leavers to:

Higher Education	Further Education	Employment	Unknown
97.5%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%

Activities and Achievements in School

Academic Achievements

Advanced level

At Advanced level 83% of pupils gained at least three passes at the top three grades, A – C, and there was a 100% pass rate in all subjects. 55% of all grades were at Grade A, with 82% of passes at Grades A and B. Forty three pupils gained three or more Grade A passes.

Natalie Burton was placed Joint 1st in CCEA GCE Art and Design.

Oxbridge

Molly Doran was awarded a place at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, to read Social and Political Sciences, Shannon Rainey at Christ's College, Cambridge, to read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Italian) and Ben West at Magdalene College, Cambridge, to read Economics.

Hansol Lee was awarded a place at Queen's College, Oxford, to read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and German) and Jordan Phillips also gained a place at Queen's College to read English and French.

Judith Smyth was awarded a place at Wadham College, Oxford, to read Law.

AS level

At AS level, over 95% of entries were awarded the top three grades, A – C. Twenty three pupils achieved three Grade A passes and a further thirty nine pupils gained four A grades.

GCSE level

At GCSE level 97% of pupils gained 7 or more passes at Grade A* - C, with 99% of pupils gaining the benchmark figure of five or more passes at Grades A* - C. Michael Biggart, Lee Marshall and Victoria Mayers each gained ten passes at Grade A*.

Caroline Rodgers was placed Joint 3rd in CCEA GCSE Religious Studies.

Sarah Aiken, Nicole Burnett, Katie Humes, Victoria Mayers, Eimear McGlynn, Nicola Wethers and Sophie Wilson were all awarded maximum marks (full raw and full uniform marks) in GCSE Art and Design.

The Arts

South Eastern Education and Library Board Outstanding Achievement Awards

Tom Nolan Poetry Award

The Tom Nolan Poetry Award was won by Friends' School. Pupils in Years 8 – 10 compiled an anthology entitled: 'Who Am I?'

Lisburn Arts Advisory Competition May 2009

Secondary Overall Category Prizewinners

Visual Arts

1st Friends' School

Poetry

1st Friends' School

Short Story

1st Friends' School

Drama

1st Friends' School

Outstanding Individual Awards

Short Story Katy McCune

Poetry Brendan Corr

Visual Arts – Individual prize winners

Year 8

1st Amy Cromie

2nd Helen Graham

3rd Charis Graham & Darcey Dugan

Year 9

1st Emily Joyce

2nd Lisa Mercer

3rd Caolan Harkin

H.C. Chloe Hassard

Year 10

1st Cara Quinn

2nd Hayden Walsh

3rd Amy Maxwell

Year 11

1st Sophie Kelly

2nd Nathan Smyth

3rd Rebecca Blaine

Poetry

Year 10

1st Brendan Corr

2nd Sarah Woodburn

Short Story

Year 8

1st Sarah Jane Jamieson

2nd Robert Harrison

Year 9

1st Katy McCune

2nd Paula McMenamin

3rd Charlotte McCausland

Year 10

1st Sarah Woodburn

2nd Julia Smith

Lisburn City Community Safety Partnership 2009 'You can Change their World' Schools' Competition.

This year's competition was on the theme of Internet Safety.

Friends' shared overall first place with Laurelhill Community College.

Individual winners were as follows:

Adam Marshall 1st place (joint)

Alex Hamilton 3rd place (joint)

Peter Reid 3rd place (joint)

Kerri Jane Patterson 4th place (joint)

Certificates of Merit were awarded to Joshua Agnew, Robert Allison, Ellen Anderson, Emily Armstrong, Lauren Blaine, Grace Fairley, Elaine Kerr, Bruce Lawson, Aimee Lenfestey, Holly McCabe, Charlotte McCausland, Keenan Menezes, James O'Neill, Natasha Palmer, Kerry Patterson, Sophie Redpath, Molly Robinson, Suzanne Shaw and Ella Simpson.

Texaco Children's Art Competition

Ruth Clarke, Year 10, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for reaching the final stages of the judging process of the 54th Texaco Children's Art Competition.

Heritage Exposed 2008 Photographic Competition

In a competition run by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Ashlea Smyth, Year 14, was placed 2nd and Shannon McCall, Year 10, awarded a Highly Commended Certificate.

Charity Committee

The Year 13 Charity Committee was chaired by Poppy Harvey. The annual collection of food hampers for Quaker Cottage again took place, involving pupils from P1 to Year 14. The food was packed in hessian shopping bags for distribution. Annual appeals such as the non uniform day for Jeans for Genes and the Bog Eyed Jog for Children in Need were successful and pupils again took part in the Christian Aid Present Aid initiative. Year 12 pupils continued to sponsor children through the Fields of Life charity.

Current Affairs

Speakers at the Current Affairs Society included Callum Webster, the Northern Ireland representative of the Christian Institute, Jim Alister MEP and Naomi Long MLA, Lord Mayor of Belfast.

Education for Mutual Understanding

A group of Year 13 pupils, accompanied by Mr Stephen Robinson and Mrs Lorraine Burch, took part in an Education for Mutual Understanding residential at Corrymeela with pupils from Rathmore Grammar School from 18-20 March 2009.

Community Relations

An award ceremony was held in November to present certificates for the NICE community relations courses

followed by Sixth Formers in school. 15 pupils completed the Level 1 course (Citizenship in a Divided Society) and 4 the Level 2 course (Contributing in a Divided Society).

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme The Silver and Gold Award Schemes involved pupils from Years 11 – 14. Pupils took part in expeditions in the Mourne Mountains, in the Lake District and in Loch Lomond.

Eco –UNESCO Young Environmentalists Award

The Year 9 Young Environmentalists group won the Biodiversity section of the all Ireland Eco-UNESCO Young Environmentalists competition, with their project, 'It's a Bug's Life'.

Engineering in Education Scheme

Four Year 13 pupils, Julie Allan, Si Je Lee, Alexandra Pengelly and Andrew Wylie, linked with Lisburn company, Lasermak, to design a through floor lift for the home. The team presented their project at the Sentinus celebration day at the Whitla Hall in April and gained the Gold Crest Award for the high standard of their work.

History and Politics

In April 47 pupils and five members of staff travelled to New York, Philadelphia and Washington on the History and Politics trip. Pupils visited Ground Zero in New York, the Free Quaker Meeting House in Philadelphia and the House of Representatives in Washington. A highlight of the trip was the visit to Sidwell Friends' School in Washington.

Debating and Public Speaking

The team of Luke Sproule and Tristan Holdsworth (Year 13) qualified for the Northern Ireland final of the Denny Debating Competition. Susanna Elliot (Year 13) qualified for the individual final and was placed 2nd overall.

In the Lisburn heat of the Environmental Youth Speak Competition, hosted by Lisburn Council, Emily Joyce, Year 9, was placed first.

Soroptomist International NI Annual Youth Award Public Speaking Competition

In the regional heat of the competition, held in Hillsborough on 19 November, Kerry Logan, Year 13, was placed 1st, Susanna Elliott, Year 13, 2nd and Anuka Teggart, Year 12, 3rd.

Model United Nations

30 pupils from Years 10 to 14 took part in the Model United Nations conference held at Methodist College Belfast from 24-26 October. Friends' was awarded the McMordie Cup for the best delegation in the General Assembly.

A group of pupils attended the Model United Nations Conference at Wesley College, Dublin, on 22 March. Rowan Shield, Year 13, won the Best Delegate award.

Mathematics

Junior Mathematics Challenge Pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 achieved 13 Gold, 36 Silver and 97 Bronze Certificates. Alister Nesbitt, Year 8, received the Best in School Certificate.

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge In the Intermediate Maths Challenge pupils from Years 10, 11 and 12 achieved 8 Gold, 23 Silver and 28 Bronze Certificates. David Broder-Rodgers from Year 12 received the Best in School Certificate.

Senior Mathematics Challenge Pupils from Years 13 and 14 achieved 3 Gold, 20 Silver and 29 Bronze Certificates. Ben West, Year 14, and Chin Mun Soong, Year 13, received Best in School Certificates.

Modern Languages

French Exchange

23 pupils from Lycée Paul Cézanne in Aix en Provence visited School from 29 January to 4 February 2009.

Languages/Science Trip to Paris

66 Year 9 pupils spent a week in Paris in June with the aim of promoting learning in science through French.

Spanish Trip

21 pupils visited Bilbao, Santander, on a 'home-stay' visit from 20 – 25 October. Pupils were hosted in Spanish homes and attended Spanish lessons each morning.

French and German post-16 Debating competitions

The French Debating team of Year 14 pupils Jordan Phillips, Sara Gracey, Enya Brennan and Shannon Rainey reached the final of the competition, losing narrowly to Limavady

Grammar School. Jordan Phillips was awarded a Best Speaker prize.

The German debating team of Hansol Lee, Chris Murray, Susanna Elliott and Gary Uprichard lost to Rathmore Grammar School in the semi-final of the competition.

Music

The Music Department held its annual Christmas concert on 16 December and the Spring Concert on 30 March.

Jeff Smyth, Year 14, was awarded a place in the Ulster Youth Choir 2009.

My Fair Lady

'My Fair Lady', produced and directed by Ashley Fulton, was staged in School from 25 – 29 November. Jeff Smyth (Higgins) and Joanna Hyndman (Eliza) shared the Producer's Cup for the high standard of their performances.

Scripture Union

Both Junior and Senior Scripture Union groups were active throughout the year.

39 senior pupils took part in the SU weekend at Castlewellan Conference Centre in October 2008.

Scripture Union organised a visit to School from the Watoto Children's Choir on 27 March.

SEELB Outstanding Achievement Awards

Academic Success

GCSE: Laura Burns, French, Tristan Holdsworth, Biology, Sophie McDermott, French and Spanish, Chin Mun Soong, Additional Mathematics.

Full Attendance (12 years)

Adam Glass, Year 13

Lisburn Sports Personality of the Year Awards

The Junior Girls' Badminton team, 2007-2008, was placed 2nd in the Junior Sports team of the year category and the Junior Boys' Badminton team 2007-2008 was placed 3rd. Both teams won all Ireland titles.

Southern Schools' Pilgrimage

Jane McCarty and Claire Pearson joined pupils from Sidcot, Sibford and Leighton Park for the Quaker pilgrimage to George Fox country from 24-28 September.

Friends' School Gathering

Two Year 13 pupils, Hannah Clark and Katherine Mills, represented Friends' School Lisburn at the Friends' Schools Gathering held at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham in June.

STEM

A successful bid by Friends' for funding to promote the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) led to a number of initiatives, many involving local schools. Science and Engineering Week (6 to 15 March) provided a focus for the activities, with a Sentinus Fun Maths Roadshow, Robotics Workshops and visits from local primary schools.

Toyota Technology Challenge

A team of Year 8 pupils qualified for the Regional finals of the 'Toyota Technology Challenge'.

Anna Omer, Robert Harrison, Jason Steenson, Chris Walker and Matthew Taylor were challenged with designing and manufacturing a solar-panelled car.

The team was placed in the runners-up position.

Travel and Tourism

As part of their coursework for Travel and Tourism, A level pupils planned, organised and took part in a visit to Birmingham from 11-12 November. The purpose of the visit was to encourage Sixth Formers to find out about Quaker values in business. Pupils attended a seminar at Cadbury World and visited the Bournville Meeting House.

Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise Mini-company, Connect, won the South Eastern Education and Library Board Innovation Award for their business idea of an internet based cash free swap shop.

Invest NI 'The Big Idea'

A team from Friends', led by Arianna Marano and Ben Warwick, Year 14, finished 2nd in 'The Big Idea' competition, attending the finals in the Culloden Hotel in November.

Sport

Archery

At the Northern Ireland Indoor Archery Championships, Ewan Lynas, Year 8, won the Boys' Under 12 title in the Traditional Class.

Athletics

Ulster Schools' Athletics Championships

The Championships were held at Antrim Forum on 15 and 16 May.

Senior Boys

Craig Lewsley 4th Javelin and 7th Triple Jump.

Ralph Walker 6th Shot.

Intermediate Boys

Joe Murphy 8th Discus

Junior Boys

Dean Howes 5th 100m

Intermediate Girls

Chloe Boomer 1st 100 m and 200 m.

Claire McKeag 6th Triple Jump.

Erin Carruthers 7th 1500 m

Claire McKeag, Catherine McClure, Sian George and Chloe Boomer 3rd 4 x 100 m Relay.

The Intermediate Girls' team was 4th overall.

Junior Girls

Katie Conn 1st 1500 m

Minor Girls

Caragh Milligan 1st 800 m and 2nd 100 m

Irish Schools' Athletics Championships

In the Junior Girls 1500 metres Katie Conn finished 8th.

Chloe Boomer was 4th in the Intermediate 100 and 200 metres.

Representative Honours

Chloe Boomer was selected for Ulster, Northern Ireland and Ireland at Under 17 level.

Badminton

Ulster Schools' Championships

Minor Girls' Cup

The Friends' team of Katie Conn, Keady Smith, Courtney Allister and Ruth Hanna defeated Coleraine High School 6-0 in the final.

Minor Boys' Cup

The Friends' team of Ryan Stewart, Matthew Getty, Jonny Harron and Gavin Boyes defeated Royal & Prior 6-0 in the final.

Minor Girls' League

The Friends' team of Coral Armstrong, Katie Conn, Keady Smith and Ruth Hanna defeated Royal & Prior 4-2 in the final.

Minor Boys' League

The Friends' team of Michael England, Ryan Stewart, Jonny Harron and Gavin Boyes defeated Bangor Grammar School 4-2 in the final.

Junior Girls' Cup and League

The Friends' team of Kirsty Walker, Ruth Roddis, Rachel Orr and Caroline Black defeated Coleraine High School 6-0 in both finals.

Junior Boys' Cup

The Friends' team of Joe Murphy, Ruairaidh Sim, Stuart Lightbody and Brice Bailie defeated Sullivan 6-0 in the final.

Junior Boys' League

The Friends' team of Michael Cochrane, Matthew Getty, Ben Conn and Rory McIvor defeated RBAI 4-2 in the final.

Senior Boys' Cup

The Friends' team of Bryan Hickland, Tony Murphy, Matthew Irwin and Matthew Rea defeated Bangor Grammar 4-2 in the final.

Senior Boys' League

The Friends' team of Ruairaidh Sim, Tony Murphy, Stuart Lightbody and Bryan Hickland defeated Bangor Grammar 6-0 in the final.

Senior Girls' League Division 2

The Friends' team of Emma Campbell, Katherine Mills, Jenny Russell and Claire Pearson defeated Sullivan Upper School 6-0 in the final.

Irish Schools' Championships Six teams qualified to represent Ulster in the Irish Schools' Badminton finals at

Gormanston College in Dublin on Saturday 28th March. The Minor Girls, Minor Boys, Junior Girls and Senior Boys all won Irish titles. The Junior boys finished runners up in their section.

Champion of Champions

In the event, held in November, Ruairaidh Sim won the Junior Boys title, Caroline Black the Junior Girls title and Ruth Roddis the Senior Girls title.

Representative Honours

Ulster Under 15

Matthew Getty, Jonny Harron, Keady Smith, Ryan Stewart

Ulster Under 17

Caroline Black, Stuart Lightbody, Rachel Orr, Ruairaidh Sim, Keady Smith

Ulster Under 19

Brice Bailie, Joe Murphy

Northern Ireland Under 17 (UK School Games)

Caroline Black, Rachel Orr, Ruth Roddis, Kirsty Walker, Matthew Getty, Ruairaidh Sim

Ireland Under 15

Caroline Black, Ruth Roddis, Keady Smith

Ireland Under 17

Caroline Black, Rachel Orr, Ruth Roddis, Kirsty Walker

Stuart Lightbody, Ruairaidh Sim.

Cricket

The 1st XI, captained by Steven Allen, reached the final of the McCullough Cup, losing to RBAI.

The 1st XI lost to Limavady Grammar School in the 3rd round of the Schools' Cup.

The 2nd XI reached the quarter final of the 1st XI plate, losing to Strabane 1st XI.

The Under 15XI lost to Grosvenor Grammar School in the Cup and reached the semi final of the Plate.

The Under 13 and 14 XI teams both reached the quarter final stages of their respective cup competitions, losing to Methodist College teams.

Cross Country

Ulster Schools' Cross Country Championships

The Minor and Junior Girls teams qualified for the Ulster Schools' Championships, held on February 25. The Minor Girls team finished 7th overall with Caragh Milligan placed 2nd.

Other placings were as follows: Lauren Gourley (29), Monique Clark (82), Hannah McFall (84) and Julia Mitchell (90).

The Junior Girls finished 4th overall. Katie Conn, Year 9, carried in 1st place. Other results were as follows: Erin Carruthers (29), Julia Finlay (70), Ella Simpson (86).

Gymnastics

Sarah Strawbridge, Year 8, was selected to represent Northern Ireland in the Celtic Cup gymnastics competition in Scotland. In the Irish All Round and Individual Finals Sarah won the Minor Irish title in the All Round event.

Hockey

Girls' Hockey

Senior Schools Cup

The 1st XI lost 1- 0 to Rainey Endowed in the 3rd round of the competition.

Senior Shield

The 1st XI, captained by Jane Fallis, shared the Senior Shield with Carrickfergus Grammar School after a 1 – 1 draw in the final.

McDowell Cup

The 2nd XI, captained by Lucy Chalmers, won the McDowell Cup, defeating Ballyclare High School 1 – 0 in the final, which was held at Deramore Park on 18 March.

Junior Cup

The Under 14AXI lost to Rainey Endowed School 1 – 0 in the final of the Junior Cup.

Helen Martin Trophy Friends' retained the Helen Martin Trophy, in the annual competition played against Wallace High School.

Hockey Tour The 1st and 2nd XI hockey teams toured to Italy in March.

Representative Honours

Ulster Under 18: Jenna McQueen

Northern Ireland Under 18 (UK School Games): Jenna McQueen

Ulster U16B: Paige Brown

Boys' Hockey

Blaris Shield Friends' retained the Blaris Shield in the annual competition played against Wallace High School.

Burney Cup

The 1st XI lost 1 – 0 to Sullivan Upper School in the 3rd round of the Burney Cup.

Dowdall Cup

The 2nd XI lost 2-1 to Banbridge Academy in the final of the Dowdall Cup.

Prior Shield

The 3rd XI defeated Royal and Prior Raphoe 2nd XI 3-1 to be runners up in their section of the Prior Shield. They lost to Banbridge Academy 2nd XI in the quarter final.

Richardson Cup

The U15XI lost to Banbridge Academy in the quarter final of the competition.

Ferris Cup

The U14XI lost to Cookstown High School in the quarter final of the competition.

Banister Bowl

The U13XI lost to Banbridge Academy in the semi-final of the competition.

Hockey Tour

The Hockey club toured to Canada at the beginning of July.

Netball

The Northern Ireland Cup finals were held at Lisburn Racquets Club on 1 April with three Friends' teams having reached the finals of cup competitions.

The Senior team, captained by Nikki Beggs, lost to Our Lady and St Patrick's College 43 – 30.

The Junior team, captained by Emma Robinson, were defeated by Our Lady and St Patrick's 24 – 17.

The Intermediate team, captained by Rebecca Kinder, defeated St Malachy's, Castlewellan, 16 – 13 in the Plate competition.

The Minor team, captained by Beth McClure, lost to Our Lady and St Patrick's, Knock, 17-10 in the semi final of their cup competition.

Netball Tour

Senior netball players went on tour to Jersey from 27 February to 2 March.

Pony Club

Charlotte Creighton, Year 10, a member of Killultagh Branch of Pony Club, was selected to represent Northern Ireland at the Royal Windsor Horse Show 2009 as a member of the Mounted Games team.

Representative Honours

Ulster Under 18: Collin Cleland

Northern Ireland Under 18 (UK School Games): Collin Cleland

Rugby

The 1st XV lost to Limavady Grammar School 27 – 8 in the 2nd round of the Northern Bank Schools' Cup.

The 1st XV shared the Gary Clarke Memorial Cup with Banbridge Academy in a competition held at Lurgan Rugby Club in March.

Ulster Junior Cup Sevens

The Friends' team reached the final of the Junior Cup Sevens played at Campbell College in March.

The Medallion XV toured to Dublin in March.

Skiing

Ulster Ski Championships

The Boys 'A' team, consisting of Michael Cochrane, Mark Fair, Bruce Lawson, Gareth Mercer and Robbie Warke, were placed 2nd overall.

The Girls 'A' team, consisting of Katy Fair, Claire Jordan, Flora Lawson and Sophie McDermott, won the Championship. This is the fifth year in succession the girls have won the title.

Ski Trip

A Ski Trip took place to Sölden, Austria, from 7 to 14 February. 140 pupils went on the trip, accompanied by 14 adults, including 12 members of staff.

Swimming

Ulster Minor Schools Swimming Championships

Megan Morrison (Year 9), finished 4th in 50m Backstroke and gained Bronze in the 50m Freestyle event.

Robert Allison (Year 9), also earned Bronze in the 50m Freestyle and came 4th in the 50m Backstroke.

Jessica Peel (Year 8) finished 7th in the 50m Backstroke and 8th in the 50m Butterfly events.

Ulster Grammar Schools Swimming Championships

The Championships were held in Larne on 29 November.

Jemma Bingham (Junior) won Gold in the 50m Butterfly and Silver in the Individual Medley.

Megan Morrison (Junior) finished 4th in the 50m Freestyle and 4th in the Backcrawl.

Sarah Mathewson (Intermediate) won Bronze in the Individual Medley.

David Thompson (Intermediate) finished 4th in the Freestyle.

Ulster Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

The Championships were held in Larne on 10 January.

Jemma Bingham finished 3rd in the Junior Backstroke and 200m I.M

Megan Morrison finished 5th in the Junior Backstroke and Freestyle events.

David Thompson finished 4th in both the Intermediate 100m Freestyle and Backcrawl as well as 5th in the 400m Invitation Individual Medley event.

Representative Honours

David Thompson, Year 11, was selected to represent Ulster in the International Geneva Championships from 16th -18th Jan 2009.

Jemma Bingham, Year 10, and Megan Morrison, Year 9, were selected for the Ulster Schools' 2009 Swimming Training Camp in Tenerife in October 2009.

Volleyball

Nathan Alistair, Year 12, was selected for the Northern Ireland Under 17 Boys' Volleyball Squad.

Tennis

Boys Tennis

Junior Plate

The Junior team, consisting of Spencer West, Ryan West, Matthew Getty, John Logan and Mark Little won the title by defeating Sullivan Upper School in the final.

Senior Boys Cup

The Senior team of Alex Buzaianu, Thomas Beatty, Tony Murphy, Stuart Law and Robbie Warke won the title, defeating Grosvenor Grammar School 4 – 1 in the final.

Girls Tennis

Year 8 Cup

The Year 8 team of Brooke Watson, Molly Robinson, Natasha Palmer and Caragh Milligan defeated Wallace High School in the final to win the competition.

Junior Plate

The Junior team of Katie Conn, Flora Lawson, Katherine Walker and Danielle Kirkwood reached the semi finals of the Plate competition, losing to Wallace High School.

Intermediate Cup

The Intermediate team of Ruth Roddis, Kirsty Walker, Anna Martin and Rachel Orr reached the semi-final of the cup competition, losing to Strathearn.

Senior Cup

The Senior 'A' team of Katherine Mills, Claire Pearson, Emma Campbell and Jenna McQueen, already double Ulster champions, completed a hat-trick of Ulster titles with a victory over Victoria College.

Parental Involvement

In 2008-2009 Parents' Meetings, at which parents and pupils met to consult with subject teachers and, where appropriate, with careers staff, took place for each year group in School. Open Days were held for prospective entrants to Years 8 and 13 in January and March respectively. An induction evening was held for the incoming Year 8 pupils and their parents in June 2009. Also in June, parents of each new entrant into Year 8 were invited to meet individually with a member of Senior Staff to find out more about school procedures.

Parents of all pupils received a report following School Examinations held either in December or in January and parents of those in Years 8 – 11 received a report following the School Examinations in June. Pupils in Years 12 and 14 each received a Progress File detailing performance in public examinations as well as their achievements inside and outside School. Information booklets were produced for Year 8 pupils and their parents and for Sixth Formers new to the School.

Parents gave valuable support to the School through their assistance with sport and games. Many parents also gave practical help to the Careers Department by offering placements for Work Experience, which took place for all pupils in Year 13 in January 2009, and through taking part in interview panels for the Mock Interviews held for all pupils in Year 14 in November 2008.

The **Annual Parents' Meeting** was held on 8 December 2008 at which the Head of the Preparatory Department reported on the Prep Department and the Principal reported on the grammar school and also outlined the priorities in the School's Development Plan for 2008-2011.

The **Parent Teacher Association**, chaired by Janie Mathewson, was active throughout the year. The Craft Fair was again very well attended. The annual quiz had to be postponed due to snow, but took place in April. Another extremely successful event was the Fashion Show, with staff and pupils acting as models.

The President of the **Old Scholars' Association** was David Swain. The Association held a number of events during the year, including an evening: 'Getting the most from your Garden' with Keith Crawford on 11 March. The incoming President, Elizabeth Dickson, hosted the President's Evening in School on 9 May.

The Board of Governors places a high value on the role which the PTA and the Old Scholars' Association play in maintaining and strengthening links between School and home and between past and present.

Measures for the Security of Pupil, Staff and Premises

A number of measures are taken to ensure the security of Pupils, Staff and Premises and these are reviewed periodically by the Board of Governors.

These include

- Gates are either locked or manned during the school day, both gates monitored by CCTV
- Modern fire detection and alarm system
- CCTV system
- Monitored intruder alarm system
- Building secured by evening supervisor at the end of the day
- Staff on supervisory duty at break and mealtimes
- Consultation with PSNI Crime Prevention Officer
- Strong links with PSNI Community Liaison Team
- Consultation with Department of Education
- Consultation with the School's Professional Advisors
- Appropriate School Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

Refurbishment Projects

The second phase of improvements to the school's heating plant, including the replacement of the domestic hot water cylinder with a more efficient "direct fired" unit, was carried out during July and August 2009.

The "Silo" and the swimming pool were demolished and a new playground constructed.

The Careers suite was converted into a single large classroom for Learning for Life and Work activities.

A proposal for the replacement of the roof on the "New Middle School" has been submitted to the Department of Education and it is hoped that this project will proceed during autumn 2009.

Other planned maintenance undertaken during the year included the replacement of parts of the School's electrical installations and the redecoration of a number of classrooms and the lecture theatre.

Enrolment

On 10 October 2008 (the official school census date) the School's enrolment stood at **992**

The number was made up as follows:

Year Group	Number of Pupils	Number of pupils With Special Educational Needs
Year 8	144	2
Year 9	147	2
Year 10	142	1
Year 11	145	1
Year 12	148	2
Year 13	135	1
Year 14	131	1

On the same date there were **168** pupils in the Preparatory Department.

Special Needs

The School employs a qualified nurse with responsibility for the health of all pupils during school hours. This responsibility includes providing assistance for pupils with specific medical needs. Assistance is provided for pupils with identified specific learning difficulties and, if recommended in a Statement of Special Educational Needs, the support of a classroom assistant is also provided for individual pupils. Likewise, for those with special needs arising from physical disabilities, the support of a classroom assistant may be provided after consultation with the Department of Education.

Staff Development Days

The following Staff Development Days were held during 2008 – 2009:

AUTUMN TERM

Friday 24 October 2008 (Grammar)
Monday 24 November 2008
(Preparatory Department)

SPRING TERM

Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 February 2009 (Grammar)

SUMMER TERM

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 May 2009
(Preparatory Department)
Thursday 22 May 2009 (Grammar)

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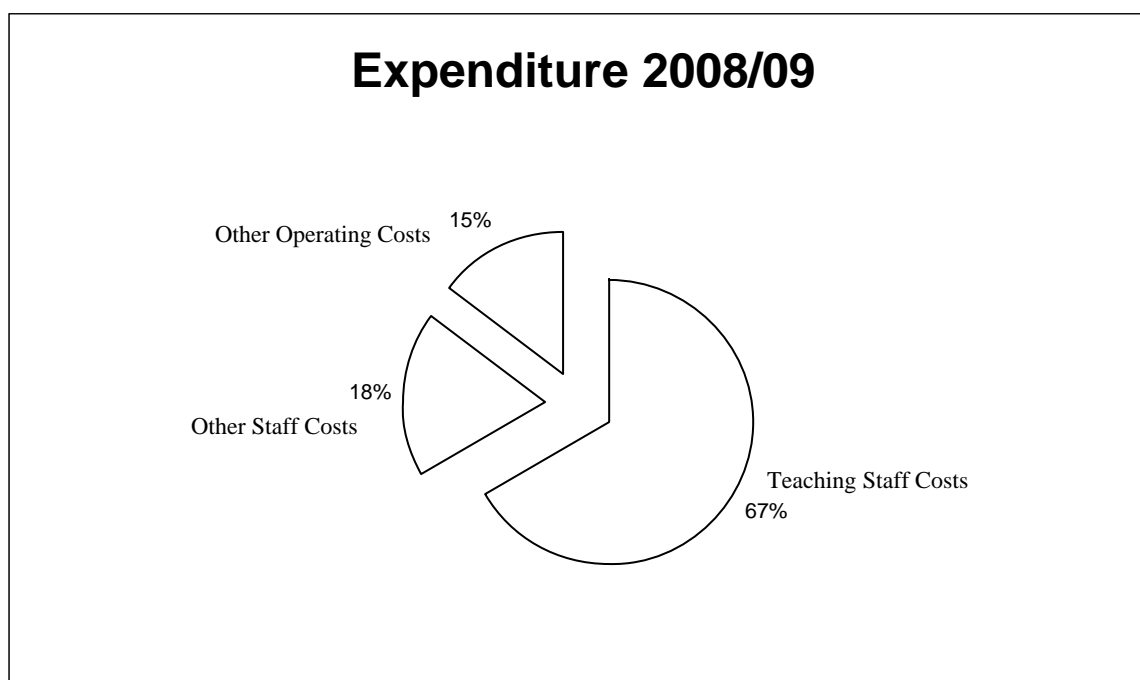
Other Operating Costs

	2008/09	2007/08
Materials for Educational Purposes	131,950	125,918
Maintenance	117,146	117,708
Heat, Light, Water	108,541	98,348
Cleaning	42,888	39,484
Insurance, Bank, Audit	37,752	36,938
Misc	87,610	80,240
Examination Fees	83,343	71,533
Admin	50,959	42,842
Sports, Games, Travel	70,619	70,242
Purchase of Equipment	13,787	22,258
Total	<u><u>744,593</u></u>	<u><u>705,511</u></u>

Non-Teaching Staff Costs

	2008/09	2007/08
Admin	479,427	405,013
Manual	275,651	253,751
Technicians	177,557	166,854
	<u><u>932,635</u></u>	<u><u>825,618</u></u>

Operating Expenditure

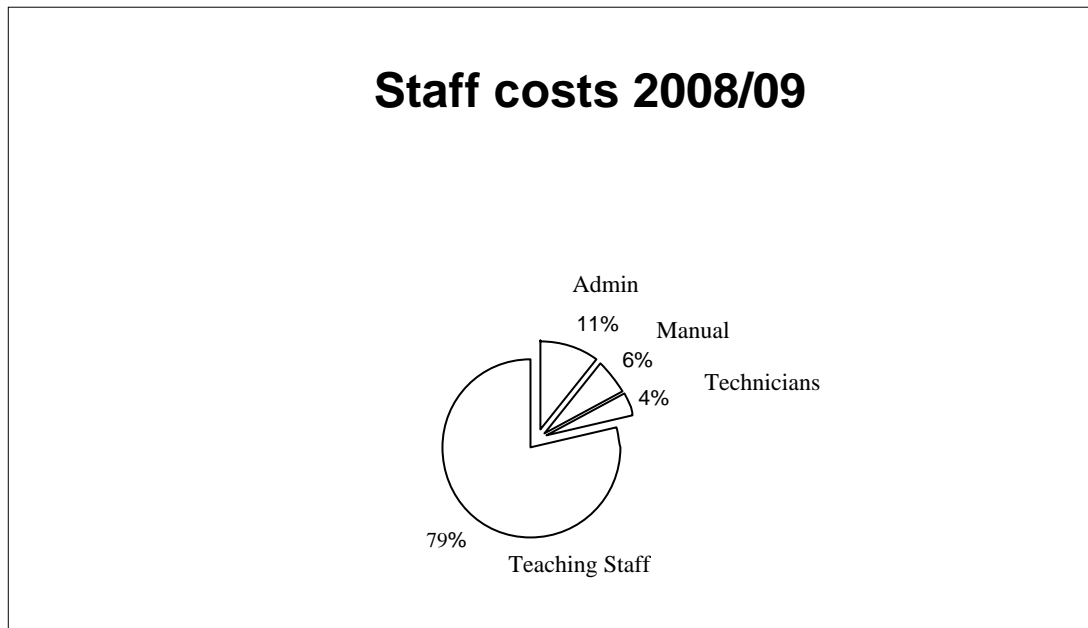


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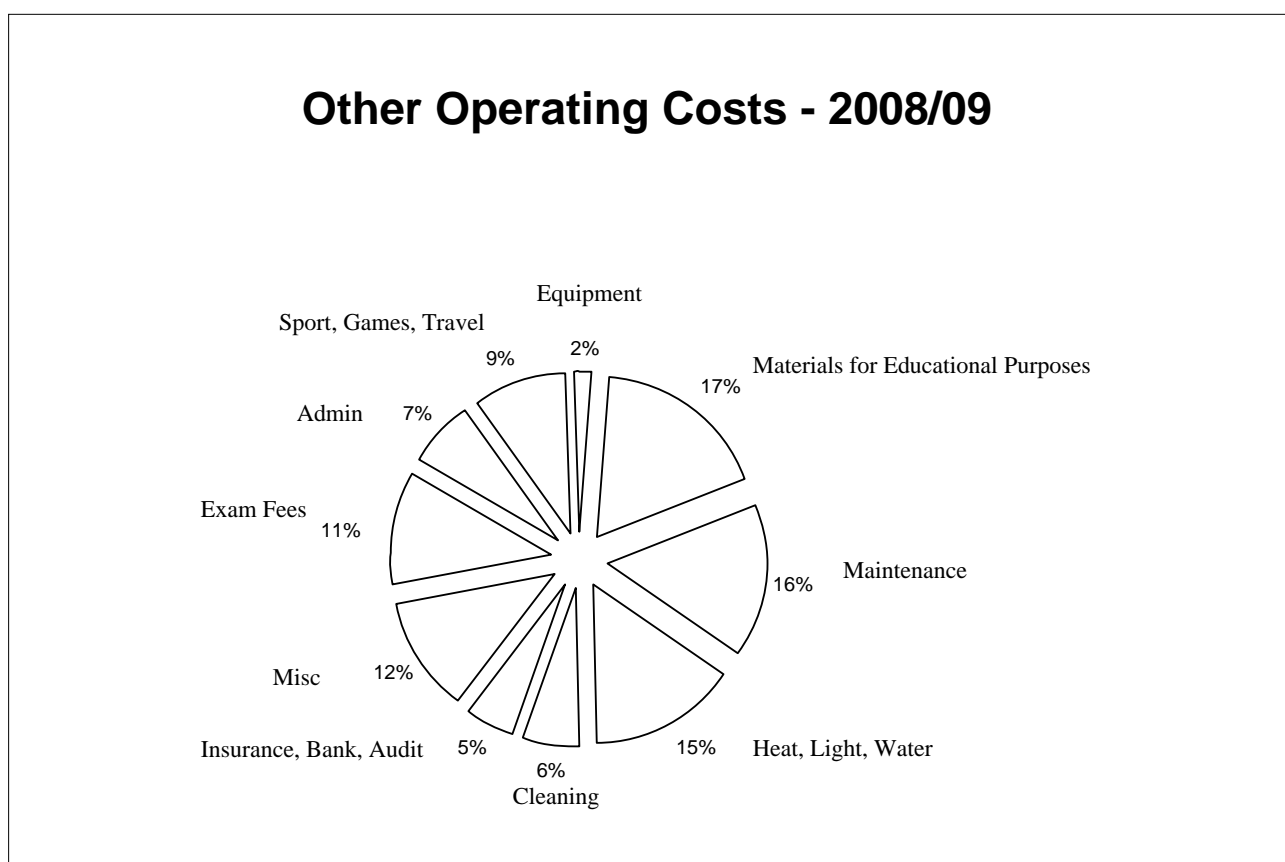
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Gifts & Donations 2008 - 09

	£
Grammar School	
Ulster Quarterly Meeting	3500.00
Mr and Mrs Curry	3000.00
PTA Minibus	2500.00
Daphne Bell (Legacy)	1000.00
Quaker Youth Pilgrimage	500.00
Kenneth Brown (Showjumping)	500.00
Young Enterprise	335.00
Old Scholars' Association for Library	300.00
University of Ulster	250.00
Old Scholars' Association for GCSE Reception	180.00
Mr and Mrs Clegg (English)	100.00
Mr and Mrs Clegg (History)	100.00
Natalie Campbell (Library)	30.00
Total	12,295.00

Donations to Charities 2008 - 09

During the financial year 2008 – 09 pupils in the Preparatory Department and Grammar School raised **£13,236.26** for a variety of local and national charities. This was divided as follows:

	£
Preparatory Department	
Jeans for Genes	205.55
Marie Curie	1155.00
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	300.00
Sports Relief	999.25
Make a Wish Foundation	570.00
Total	3229.80
Grammar School	
Jeans for Genes	1011.53
Medecin Sans Frontieres	250.00
Children in Need	195.00
Cancer Research	155.00
Traidcraft	655.00
Tiny Life	156.67
Christian Aid	1279.00
Red Nose Day	735.00
Quaker Service	1550.00
Marie Curie	50.00
Lake Bosomtive Methodist Medical Clinic	760.00
World Challenge School Project	1152.26
Action Cancer	670.00
British Heart Foundation	186.00
Oxfam East Africa Food Crisis	585.00
Fields of Life	616.00
Total	10,006.46

Charging and Remissions Policy (a summary)

- **Capital Fee**

Friends' School Lisburn is a Voluntary Grammar School and therefore charges a Capital Fee of £140.00 per annum in respect of each pupil enrolled within the limits set by the Department of Education for Northern Ireland. The money raised by the Capital Fee may be used only for capital building projects, equipment for new buildings and major renovation work and alterations.

- **Voluntary Contribution**

It is not possible to offer the full range of activities presently available to pupils by relying solely on the resources provided by the Department of Education. The Board of Governors therefore asks parents to make a voluntary contribution of £140 per pupil per annum so that the School may continue to offer as broad a range of educational opportunities as possible. No pupil will be disadvantaged in relation to whether or not his/her parents have made such contributions.

- **Books and Stationery**

All text books required by each pupil will be provided free of charge. The books remain the property of the School and it is expected that they will be kept in good condition and returned on demand. A charge will be made for books which have to be replaced through being lost, or by neglect, or if they are not returned, when required.

Each pupil will be provided free of charge with a reasonable amount of stationery each year. Additional stationery, if required, may be purchased privately.

- **Practical Subjects**

The cost of materials for science is met by the school.

A materials charge of £8.50 per term is levied on pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 as a contribution towards the cost of consumables for Home Economics and Technology and Art.

- **Clothing**

Parents are responsible for the provision of correct School uniform. Protective clothing and equipment required for practical subjects will be provided free of charge by the School. Parents are responsible for the provision of the correct clothing and equipment for Physical Education and Games.

- **Music**

A charge will be made in respect of individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument or singing lessons, when these are not provided by the South Eastern Education and Library Board.

All examination fees connected with individual music tuition will be paid by parents. A charge will also be made for the hire of musical instruments owned by the School.

- **Damage to Property**

When damage is done to School property through carelessness or misbehaviour, the School may charge up to the full cost of replacement or repair, the cost being borne by the parents of the pupils involved.

- **Public Examinations**

No charge will be made for entering a pupil, for an approved public examination, if he/she has been prepared for that examination by the School. If this is not the case, the appropriate charges will be made.

The School will also pass on to the parent any charge which may arise as a result of a parent's request to have a pupil's examination results scrutinised.

A charge will be made in respect of pupils re-sitting modules at AS and A level.

Board of Governors 2008 – 2009

**Appointed by Ulster Quarterly Meeting
Of the Religious Society of Friends
(For the period January 2005 – February 2011)**

Ainda D Andress (From 15 June 2009)
Kenneth W Brown
Ian J Chapman
Alice Clark
Margrit E Grey
Peter G Lawson
S D Latifa McCullagh
Judith J Mills
Aidan D Pearson
Daniel H Sinton

**Elected Parent Governors
(For the Period January 2006 – December 2009)**

J Henry Brown
Shirley E McCaughey

**Elected Teacher Governors
(For the period January 2006 – December 2009)**

I Lorraine Burch
Stephen Thompson

**Appointed by the Department of Education
(For the period January 2006 – December 2009)**

Ann Cully
Andrew B Greer
Robert McIlhagger
W Noel Quinn

Principal

Elizabeth G Dickson

Chairman

Aidan D Pearson

Vice Chairman

W Kenneth Brown

The School Bursar Thomas G Hendry
acts as secretary to the Board of Governors.

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