

Bangor Grammar News

Autumn Term 2009



Macmillan Coffee Morning raises a smile...

BGS staff were treated to delicious treats with their morning coffee on 25th September to raise funds for Macmillian Cancer Support.

The event was part of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2009 in which thousands of people across the country, and in several other parts of the world, held or attended coffee mornings to raise money for people affected by cancer. Staff raised a total of £170 for the charity, and special thanks go to our Librarian Mrs Cowdrey for organising the event.



Day of European Languages

Languages were everywhere today at BGS as pupils celebrated the European Day of Languages in style. A number of bi-lingual pupils addressed their peers in assembly through Polish, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, German, Tagalog and Portuguese. All Year 10 pupils entered a poster competition celebrating the importance of languages, while the canteen organised a World Cuisine Day as staff and pupils enjoyed a superb selection of international cuisine.



Young Aspects Festival

Pictured left are boys from Years 8,9 and 11 who read their own work at the Aspects Literary Festival in the North Down Museum on Saturday 26 September 2009.

GCSE Journalism Workshop

Celebrated political correspondent, Niall Stange, held a workshop for our GCSE Journalism pupils on Friday 25 September as part of the 2009 Aspects Festival, supported by Bloomfields Shopping Centre.

Stange, who is a regular contributor of the New York Observer and the Sunday Business Post, and is author of the recently published Redemption Song: An Irish Reporter inside the Obama Campaign, spent an hour in school talking about his career and how to develop a news story.

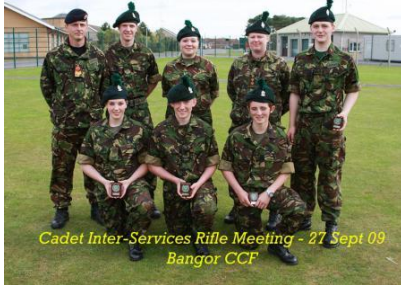




CCF Cadet Rifle Training

A Team from the CCF section participated in the Tri-Service Cadet Shoot on 26th and 27th September 2009 against all other CCF and ACF Detachments in Northern Ireland.

The BGS Team did extremely well and were placed 5th overall in Northern Ireland. In addition the team came 3rd in Match 4 the Snap Shoot.



The team consisted of Cadet Cpl Best (Captain), Cadet Cpl Cree, Cadet Cpl Beattie (Glenlola), Cadet Cpl Watkins, Cadet Cpl Corthers and Cadet Cpl Salmon (Glenlola).



Examination results Summer 2009

Year 11

A number of boys in Year 11 sat GCSE examinations a year early.

From 13 entries in Financial Services, there were 2 A* grades, 7 A grades and 4 B grades.

From 19 entries in Mathematics, there were 8 A* grades, 10 A grades and 1 B grade.

One pupil sat Music and achieved an A grade.

Year 12

From 134 entries at GCSE, 91.7% of boys achieved 7 A* - C grades or better.

40 % of grades awarded were A* or A.

When measured against provisional data for boys in grammar schools in Northern Ireland, in 21 subjects, 10 subjects were ahead of the Northern Ireland average at A*/A, 10 at A*/B and 14 at A*/C.

6 boys achieved 10 grades at A* or A and a further 10 gained 9.

Year 13

At AS Level 64% of Year 13 achieved 3 grades A – C or better.

19 boys gained 3 A grades or better.

Year 14

At A2 Level, 80.1% of students achieved 3 grades at A-C or better.

14 out of 19 subjects recorded percentages of A-C grades ahead of benchmark figures for boys in grammar schools.

There were 14 boys who achieved 3 A grades or better and one of this group achieved 5 A grades.

A subject by subject breakdown of results at GCSE, AS and A2 can be accessed [here](#)