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CBS Media Maestros

Creative subjects are continuing to flourish at Omagh CBS with students developing their skills and knowledge in A Level Journalism and A level Media Studies. With the accolade of top student in Northern Ireland in A Level Journalism awarded to Ciaran Melarkey last year, the opportunities to explore the world of media and press are being provided extensively for local students. Technology continues to develop at a rapid pace and the students at Omagh CBS are extremely fortunate to have access to sophisticated software for use in these creative subjects. Past pupil, Mr Peter Meehan of Big Rock Designs, a computer training consultants company, very kindly shared his expertise during a recent training day for the students. Peter helped the students move step by step through the intricacies of InDesign in preparation for using this program to complete portfolio design. His professionalism and patience ensured that the students left him feeling confident as they prepare to finalise their work. One Year 13 student remarked, "It all seems straightforward until you try to complete the finer details. Peter's advice was very helpful and he explained everything clearly to give us a chance to grasp it."

The AS and A2 Journalism students attended a Northern Ireland Assembly 'Let's Talk' event in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, just prior to the collapse of the executive. Along with students from various schools in the Omagh and Enniskillen areas, pupils were given the opportunity to quiz local representatives on matters which are important to them as young people. Ross Hussey UUP, Michelle Gildernew, Sinn Féin and Daniel McCrossan, SDLP, engaged with the students and answered a wide-ranging selection of questions including issues related to the building of the A5, the possibility of a return to Direct Rule, the importance of mental health provisions and the 'brain drain' of emigration. One student commented, "This was a great chance to hear the views of politicians face-to-face and to challenge them on topics which are important to us, the new generation of voters".

Each of the politicians participated wholeheartedly and their remarks have certainly provided valuable primary source material for the completion of students' portfolios in these subject areas.



Past Pupil Mr Peter Meehan sharing his expertise with AS Journalism students Shane Pratt and Ryan McElduff



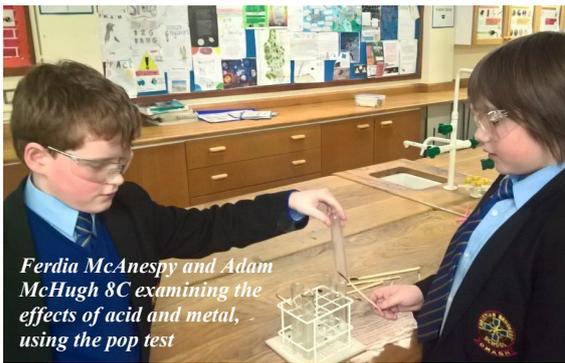
Omagh CBS Journalism students pictured with Ross Hussey, Daniel McCrossan and Michelle Gildernew

Environmental Club

A few pictures showing the recent activity of the boys at Environmental Club



*Heart Dissection -
Emmanuel Gbadebo 8A
Aaron McCaugherty 8A
Paul Murphy 8A
Examining the structure of a heart*



*Ferdia McAnespy and Adam
McHugh 8C examining the
effects of acid and metal,
using the pop test*



*Paul Murphy 8A carrying
out the pop test*



Anthea Owens from the Council giving a talk on litter and rubbish to the Environmental Club

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Huge congratulations to **Pearse Fullen 10A**, who organised a Macmillan Coffee morning and raised **£430**. Part of his admirable fundraising efforts meant that a new nebuliser was purchased for the treatment room in Omagh Health Centre. This nebuliser is made available to members of the local community who may need it. Fantastic work Pearse! The school is very proud of your initiative and commitment.



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 21st January 2017
9.45 am - 12.30pm
(Principal's Address at 10.00 am)

A Cordial invitation is extended to:

- Primary Seven transferring pupils & their parents
- Primary Six pupils & their parents
- and to
- Anyone who wishes to view our facilities

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