



# DMISG

*Achievement for All*

SEPTEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024



# MODEL

*Termly Times*

→ **SEPTEMBER 23**

**SENIOR PRIZE GIVING**

In September we held our Senior Prize Giving, welcoming parents and guardians of prize winners.

It provided an opportunity to showcase the talents and achievements of our KS4 and KS5 students.

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**MARCH 24**

**NICMAC**

In March, our Dance teams competed in NICMAC, taking six first place prizes and numerous other awards! Well done!

**MARCH 24**

**YEAR 11 STUDENT REPRESENTS NI**

In March, Year 11 student Lillie Horner was chosen to represent Northern Ireland at the UEFA development tournament for Women's Under-16 teams.

**FEBRUARY 24**

**BELFAST HEALTHCARE TRUST STUDENT DEBATE**

In February, our Sixth-Form Debate Team made a significant mark in the Finals of the Belfast Healthcare Trust Student Debate, held at the prestigious Stormont Parliament.

**FEBRUARY 24**

**SPORTS TRIP TO MANCHESTER**

In February students enjoyed a sports trip to Manchester where they played netball and football matches against other local schools. They also enjoyed a tour of the Etihad Stadium, home to Manchester City FC.

**JANUARY 24**

**PSNI ROAD SAFE ROADSHOW**

Over 900 Post-16 students and staff from eight Belfast schools and colleges joined us to attend the PSNI Road Safe Roadshow. See the back page for more!

**JANUARY 24**

**NI WOMEN'S PLAYOFF**

On Tuesday 27th February, 23 students went to watch the Women's NI Football Playoff Match against Montenegro. The match ended in a 1-1 draw meaning that NI won the playoff match and will continue to play in League B for the European Qualifiers phase of the Women's Nations League this year.

**JANUARY 24**

**GCSE MODULE RESULTS**

Year 11 and Year 12 students received their most recent GCSE Modules test results in January. Students completed these external examinations in November and December 2023. The outcomes were fabulous and continue the trend of improvement at GCSE. Well done to the students, their parents, and the staff.

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES**

In September we celebrated European Day of Languages in school. To highlight the benefits of learning a language, we created a video to highlight the amazing array of languages that our students speak. We are so lucky to have such an amazingly diverse school community! Some staff even made an appearance too and surprised students with their fabulous language skills.



**OCTOBER 23**

**SISTER ACT**

Over two nights in October BMSG held sellout shows of the musical classic 'Sister Act'!

Audiences were thrilled from start to finish with humour, singing and dancing throughout!



**JANUARY 24**

**YEAR 8**

**LEARNING CONFERENCE**

At the Year 8 Learning Conference, students had the opportunity to listen to inspiring guest speakers and past pupils sharing their career journeys. The fun-filled event included engaging activities with chocolate buttons and biscuits – learning can be delicious too!

**JANUARY 24**

**YEAR 10 STEM EVENT**

In January, visitors passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics attended our Year 10 STEM event. It was a fun-filled day that began with an inspirational speech from Dr Oyama, a researcher and lecturer in Microbiology from Queen's University Belfast. Dr Oyama shared the highs and lows of her journey into STEM.

**OCTOBER 23**

**SCHOOL FORMAL**

An amazing night was had at BMSG's Year 14 Formal in October at the Clandeboye Lodge Hotel!

It was a night filled with laughter, incredible memories, and the company of fantastic friends.



**DECEMBER 23**

**SANTA SURPRISES**

On our last day of term in December we celebrated with our annual 'Santa Surprises', with students in all year groups having the chance of winning prizes along with some festive cheer throughout!

**DECEMBER 23**

**CAROL SERVICE**

In December we celebrated the true 'Reason for the Season' at our Carol Service. All who attended enjoyed the beautiful carols and Bible readings telling of the birth of Jesus 'The Light'. We were treated to beautiful musical items including carols from our Year 8 choir, our whole school choir, our Year 8 soloists Katie, Johnie and Eden, our Year 13 soloists Lauren, Farrah and Primrose, our staff and student orchestra and the breath-taking Maddie, singing a solo piece.

**OCTOBER 23**

**SHANKILL BOMB 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

On the 30th Anniversary of the Shankill bomb, the students, staff, and Governors of both Model schools, join with our community, in remembering the victims and their families. We hold them in our thoughts and in our prayers.

**OCTOBER 23**

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**

The Year 8 Halloween disco in October was an electrifying event! The school's gymnasium was transformed into a spooky wonderland, with cobwebs, lanterns, and eerie lighting. Students arrived in creative costumes, from witches and vampires to superheroes and monsters. DJ McKeown and DJ Johnston spun a mix of haunting tunes that got everyone on the dance floor, showcasing their best moves. There were fun games and a costume contest with thrilling prizes! Snacks and treats added to the festive atmosphere and the event fostered a sense of excitement among the students, making it a memorable night!

**NOVEMBER 23**

**CLIMATE ART CHAMPION**

Year 9 student Kiera Calderwood placed second with her inspirational artwork in the RSK Ireland #VoicesRising Art Competition.

Kiera has helped to raise awareness about climate change and is a Climate Champion!

**NOVEMBER 23**

**TRANSLINK SAFETY BUS**

In November, our Year 8 students had a visit from the Translink Safety Bus. Safety Officers, Kevin and Paul, spent time with each Year 8 class highlighting the safety issues associated with the use of public transport. By using an educational presentation and props, important issues such as the effects of anti-social behaviour and vandalism were brought to life!

**NOVEMBER 23**

**REMEMBRANCE**

On Monday 6th November, Belfast Model School for Girls held a poignant Remembrance Assembly. The event was a solemn tribute to honour those who made sacrifices during times of conflict. Students and staff gathered to remember and reflect on the significance of Remembrance Day. The assembly featured speeches from Mrs Dalzell and Post-16 students and The Last Post was played before a minute's silence was held. It served as a reminder of the importance of never forgetting the sacrifices made for peace and freedom.

**NOVEMBER 23**

**SHEERSKILL EVENT**

In November, Post-16 Sports Leaders took part in the Sheerskills Celebration event. This event is a celebration of their hard work and effort over the previous 7 weeks as they had been completing the Sheerskills programme in partnership with Community Sports Network, Blessed Trinity College and Integrated College Glengormley. This programme has helped to develop their leadership skills and enabled them to achieve a Sheerskills participation certificate and a Level 1 qualification in Dodgeball coaching.

**DECEMBER 23**

**PSWB ENRICHMENT**

Miss Wellington's PSWB class visited Dunowen Court to distribute Christmas gifts as part of their enrichment project. Students made personalised Christmas cards, gifts and treats to give to the residents to spread some festive cheer. It was a fantastic morning and some of the pupils even participated in some carol singing for the residents!



## FEEDBACK FROM THE PSNI ROAD SAFE ROADSHOW IN FEBRUARY 2024

### CHIEF INSPECTOR GRAHAM DODDS:

*I would also like to commend all of the girls I saw yesterday for their exceptional standards of dress and bearing. I really was struck by the very high standards of uniform and the manner in which they went about their school day. I'm known for being very strict on uniform and bearing within the Police Service and I can honestly say that I would be delighted to have any of the girls I saw yesterday in the PSNI such was the fantastic impression they made on me.*

### CONSTABLE NOEL TEENEY:

*I have told you before, but it's worth mentioning again that you should be very proud of how the girls conducted themselves. They are friendly, helpful, polite and engaging. It is evident how proud they are to be part of the school community and this shines through. Please tell them that and encourage them never to lose those qualities as they will stand them in good stead just as well as any academic qualification when they begin their professional lives.*

### CONSTABLE MARK DUMIGAN:

*I have three daughters and if they grow up to behave like your girls, I'll be a very happy man.*

### JOHN AMOS (NIAS):

*Your students are fantastic! John Amos, NIAS*

