



ROYAL SCHOOL
A R M A G H

ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS
2023 - 2024



HEADMASTER'S REPORT 2023 / 2024

We were pleased to welcome to Speech Night 2023 Professor John Lennox, an Old Armachian, mathematician, author, bioethicist, Christian apologist, and polyglot. We are grateful to all those who helped organise the evening, especially those who had worked behind the scenes; and the Rev Kingston and the Select Vestry of St Mark's Church. A special mention was given at the event to the work of the Governors, to thank them for the hours they put into working for the school, and thereby this community; and also to the families of the pupils, acknowledging that their work and encouragement for their children is fundamental to their success, and while the awards are a reflection of *the pupil's* effort and character they also testify to the love and support given by families. It was noted that it was the fortieth Speech Night for Mr Stephen Thompson, the head of physics.

Some long serving members of the teaching staff retired at the end of June 2024, Mr William Moore the head of design and technology had worked in the school since 1989 and Mr Kenneth Hooks who after 42 years had latterly been the head of Pastoral Care. In June Mr Hooks was awarded a Pearson Lifetime Teaching Achievement Award.

There were two particularly significant departures from the non-teaching staff; Mrs Susan McQueen the head teacher's PA and Mrs Elizabeth McCall the school nurse having decided to retire. Mrs McCall had worked at school for 26 years. We thank all our departing colleagues for their service and welcome those who have been appointed in their place.

There had been much speculation about results in 2024 as they would represent a return to 2019 standards following the end of all the mitigations brought about as a result of the pandemic. Overall, results were impressive and as a school we have reason to be pleased. At A Level, whilst across Northern Ireland 30% of all grades awarded were A* or A at the Royal School 35% of entries achieved those grades and over 60% of all grades were within the A* - B range. The percentage of pupils achieving three A Levels at the top grades, A* - C, was 63%.

While as a school we are pleased at each young person who achieved their potential we are particularly delighted to report the success of 4 pupils who will go up to Cambridge and one to Oxford. This represents the most successful year for Oxbridge entries since 1988.

At AS, that crucial foundation for A Level, performance was strong. Over a third of all grades were As with the A – C category showing improvement on attainment in the 2022/23 academic year. This is encouraging as the pupils move into their A Level studies.

Attainment at GCSE was historically high, defying expectations. A fantastic 60% of all entries earned A* or A grades, compared to 34.5% across Northern Ireland. Almost 82% of all grades awarded to our school's pupils were within the A* - B range.

Overall, the percentage of pupils achieving at least 7 GCSEs including English and mathematics at the top grades A*-C, rose to 91.4%, the highest it has ever been. An impressive 48 pupils achieved at least 8 A* or A grades. This group included 2 pupils who attained a magnificent 11 A* grades and one who achieved 10A*s and an A.

The Preparatory Department continued to be a haven of learning, development, and fun, where pupils flourish under the excellent leadership of Dr Carson-McClenaghan and the committed teaching and non-teaching staff. Last year its pupils engaged in a range of activities including their trip to Paris.

Boarding remains central to our identity. There is an international mix in the boarding house with pupils from across these islands, Europe and the far East who come to enjoy a varied curricular and extra-curricular programme. Their presence adds an invaluable international dynamic to our school.

Co-curricular activities support, develop, or extend the taught curriculum. They help pupils develop insight and bring fresh colour to classroom-based activity. Throughout last year we had a vibrant and varied co-curricular programme.

Music is always important in our school life and ethos with several pupils winning awards and participating in choirs in the community. A lovely new tradition in school is the '12 Days of Christmas' when throughout the festive season pupils provide music in the concourse each morning. Pupils attended the Commonwealth Day Service in Westminster Abbey, and the Spring Concert was once again held in the cathedral and was a showcase of talent and skill.

During the school year trips, designed to enliven learning and broaden horizons, took place to Spain, Italy, Denmark and venues throughout Northern Ireland. We were pleased in 2023 to be awarded the British Council International Schools Award – this is a tiered award which we hope to develop over the next years through our new link with a school in Denmark.

Pupils took part in a number of quizzes, challenges, and debates, including the 1608 Debate among all the 1608 Royal Schools.

Scripture Union remains very strong in school, and it held several residential weekends, a very successful Celebrate Service in St Mark's Parish Church in January and an extremely popular dinner dance to which a number of other schools were invited in March 2024.

I stated last year that it had been the most successful year of sport in the history of the school, however that was superseded by the success of 2023/24. The girls 1XI is the best in Ulster, winning the Wooden Floor Company Super League before the Belfast Telegraph Ulster Senior Schoolgirl's Cup. Following that they won the Kate Russell All Ireland Schoolgirl's Tournament which was played on our new hockey pitch. A remarkable and historic achievement.

Other hockey teams, had success in their respective league, cup and shield competitions. That is a magnificent achievement and testament to the depth of skill among the girls and quality among the coaches.

The boys 1XI competed in the McCullough Cup.

In rugby the 1st XV were runners up in the Subsidiary Shield by comprehensively defeating Down High School 43 points to 19. The 2nd and 3rd XV reached the final stages of their competitions. The 4th XV competed in the Danske Bank Plate Competition. The Medallion team reached the quarter finals of the shield. Teams played regularly at U14, U13 and U12 levels.

Girls' rugby continues to strengthen with teams playing at U18, U16 and U14 levels.

Cross country and athletics had yet another successful year in terms of attainment and levels of engagement.

The Swimming Club had a very active year; with pupils competing in competitions on both sides of the border. Many swimmers were highly placed in competitions with numerous others obtaining personal bests in events across the year.

In dance, twenty nine pupils entered sixteen events at the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobics Championships. All of our entries were placed in the top three. Taekwondo Club runs each week, ably instructed by Mr Bran Taylor who is a parent governor. Pupils competed in the national championships in Manchester and were awarded a range of bronze, silver and gold medals.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was active in school. Last year 61 silver and 27 gold participants undertook expeditions in the Mourne mountains and in western Scotland. This of course was only possible because of dedicated staff who take their enthusiasm, skill and interest in pupils onto the mountain sides and make the expeditions possible.

In RSA we encourage pupils to place service to others at the centre of what they do here. Last year, the Charity Committee, supported a wide range of worthy causes. Year 8 pupils designed Christmas Cards and visited residents in local residential settings.

In October 22 pupils and five teachers went to work in the Miapouri and Ambercar slums in New Delhi with ASHA. We were pleased to host senior representatives of ASHA at school in the spring of 2024.

The Combined Cadet Force continued to be an integral and valued feature of our school life and identity, entering several competitions over the year. The Mill Skills Team won bronze in that toughest of competitions, while we were delighted that once again, the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for County Armagh was recruited from our contingent. Cadet Sergeant Tom McWilliams did a magnificent job accompanying Lord Caledon on ceremonial duties throughout the county and beyond.

The school bade farewell to leaving staff, as well as welcoming new additions to the staff, their details appear below. The school leadership is thankful to all the staff for their professionalism and dedication to pupil development and for the many hours which they spend engaged in extra-curricular activities.

The school's activities and developments of the academic year 2023 - 2024 may be summarised under a number of headings.

- A Enrolment
- B Examination Results
- C Finance
- D Staffing
- E Northern Ireland Curriculum
- F The Role of the School in the Community
- G The Promotion of Cross-Community Relationships
- H Sports/Games
- I Security
- J Safeguarding
- K Special Educational Needs

(A) Enrolment

(i) Secondary Department

The details of the Secondary Department enrolment show that at 1st September 2023, the enrolment was 821 pupils.

(ii) Preparatory Department

The details of the Prep Department enrolment show that at 1st September 2023, the enrolment was 30 pupils.

(iii) Boarding Department

The Boarding Department enrolment was 83, with no boarders in the Prep Department.

(B) Examination Results

(i) 'A' Level G.C.E.

63% of students gained 3 A Levels at A* - C. These results enabled more than 80% of Year 14 leavers to access the university of their choice.

(ii) G.C.S.E. Results

91.43% of pupils gained at least 7 GCSE passes at grades A* – C including Mathematics and English Language. There was a 100% pass rate in English Language and 100% pass rate in Mathematics.

(C) Finance

Details of the Income/Expenditure accounts are enclosed for each of the three major accounts in regard to the Financial Year ending 31st March 2024.

(i) The Capital Fees Account

This shows a surplus for the year of £998,836.

(ii) The Preparatory Department Account

This shows a shortfall for the year of £50,640 with an accumulated deficit of £118,752.

(iii) The Secondary Department Account

This shows an in-year deficit of £346,581 with an accumulated deficit of £606,185.

(D) Staffing

Details of staffing for the 2023 /2024 academic years are shown below:

2023 / 2024 Academic Year

Appointments

Teaching Staff	Miss S Hughes (Geography with Travel and Tourism) Mrs L Quinn (Agriculture) Miss C Heatrick (Biology) Miss G Nugent (Chemistry) Mrs R Belshaw (English & French) Mrs E Weir (English & French) Mr A Sweeney (Religious Studies) Mr J Hunter (Maths – maternity cover) Mrs C Boyle (Religious Studies – maternity cover)
Boarding Staff	Ms G Gidman Miss E Burnett Miss C Spence-Hird
Support Staff	Mrs C Patrick Mrs P Mitchell Mrs L Mallon Miss J Wright Mr S Karlsen

Retirements/Resignations

Teaching Staff Mrs F Millar
 Mrs F Chew
 Mr D McElhatton
 Mrs B Fitch

Support Staff Mrs R McCardle
 Miss B Bridge
 Miss E Bihel

(E) Northern Ireland Curriculum

The school is delivering all aspects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum at Key Stages 1, 2, 3, and 4.

(F) The Role of the School in the Community

The school was used for the following community events and for local clubs and societies, in the 2023 /2024 academic year:

- Armagh City Choir
- Armagh Cricket Club
- Armagh Hockey Club
- Armagh Rugby Club
- Armagh Scouts
- Charles Wood Girls' Choir Summer School
- Intent Summer School
- John Hewitt International Summer School
- Reformed Presbyterian Summer School

G) Promotion of Cross-Community Relations

Once again the school was involved with other schools in various activities to promote cross-community contact.

These included:

- BTEC in Construction, St Patricks; Theatre Studies and Moving Image Art, St Catherine's College, Biology, Software Systems Development and French are offered by Royal School to pupils in St Patrick's Armagh, St Patrick's Keady and St Catherine's Armagh.
- Inter-School Cross-Country competitions
- Inter-School dance competitions
- Sixth Form Conferences
- There is cross-border attendance at the School's SU Formal

(H) Sports /Games

Sport continues to have an essential place in the life of the school. There are currently 11 Rugby Teams, including three for girls' rugby, and seven Hockey Teams. Information follows. Thanks to all our coaches throughout this memorable season.

(I) Security

The use of closed-circuit television (CCTV) in the Royal School Armagh, as in many other schools, has increased in recent years. The use of CCTV surveillance was instigated as a positive measure to help prevent vandalism and enhance security in the school estate. Parts of the premises are vulnerable to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity by those who access the grounds especially out of school hours. The possibility of vandalism, arson and burglary in the school is of concern to all, including teachers, governors and parents.

When it was initially decided by the Board of Governors to install CCTV and subsequently further expand its use in the school, account was taken of the benefits of using surveillance cameras. The Board of Governors considered whether any better solutions were available and concluded that CCTV was the most effective.

The CCTV was first installed in 1997 with the objective of enhancing the security and protection of the school estate. More recently, enhancements to the CCTV system were specifically aimed at monitoring movement and behaviour in communal areas, including the Boarding Department. The Board of Governors can confirm that all CCTV cameras comply with the law. The school has a policy on the acceptable use of CCTV.

The siting of all the cameras was carefully planned. Cameras are not to be used in areas where pupils and/or staff have a heightened expectancy of privacy, e.g. changing rooms or toilet areas. Cameras are not used in these areas unless there are exceptional circumstances that make it necessary for them to be fitted. Such an exceptional circumstance might be when vandalism has occurred in the entrance areas to changing rooms or if it is suspected that bullying-type behaviour has taken place. In those circumstances, all staff and pupils will be informed of the reason the cameras are there. The CCTV cameras are not placed, for example, in areas that could capture images of pupils changing. Within the Boarding Department cameras are sited in corridor areas and in the cinema and recreation areas.

Storage and retention of CCTV images

The retention of images aligns with the school's purposes in recording them. For example, as one objective of the CCTV is as a deterrent to vandalism and the monitoring of pupil behaviour, if there are no reports of vandalism etc. the images will not be viewed and will be destroyed within 31 days of the recording.

The use of CCTV systems is constantly reviewed to monitor their effectiveness and impact on the school community.

There is a balance to be struck between the intrusion into privacy that CCTV cameras can make, and the security and protection of anyone who uses the school. Staff, parents and pupils can be assured that the Royal School is not breaching the law around surveillance and the use of CCTV cameras. School staff, parents and pupils should have no fears or concerns about the increasing use of surveillance in the school. It is for everyone's safety and security.

We are grateful for the help of the Police Service of Northern Ireland on the few occasions that we have needed them. All recorded data is now dealt with in line with the General Data Protection Regulations.

(J) Safeguarding

The Board of Governors has adopted a Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy. Pupils and parents are supplied with details in regard to the procedures etc. Any parent who wishes to have a copy of the arrangements or seek further information can contact the school. The school complies with all safe-guarding procedures.

The Boarding Department was inspected by the RQIA in September 2022. The report received was a positive one; highlighting the high standard of care and accommodation in Royal School Armagh. Any parent who wishes to receive a copy of the boarding report should contact the School Office.

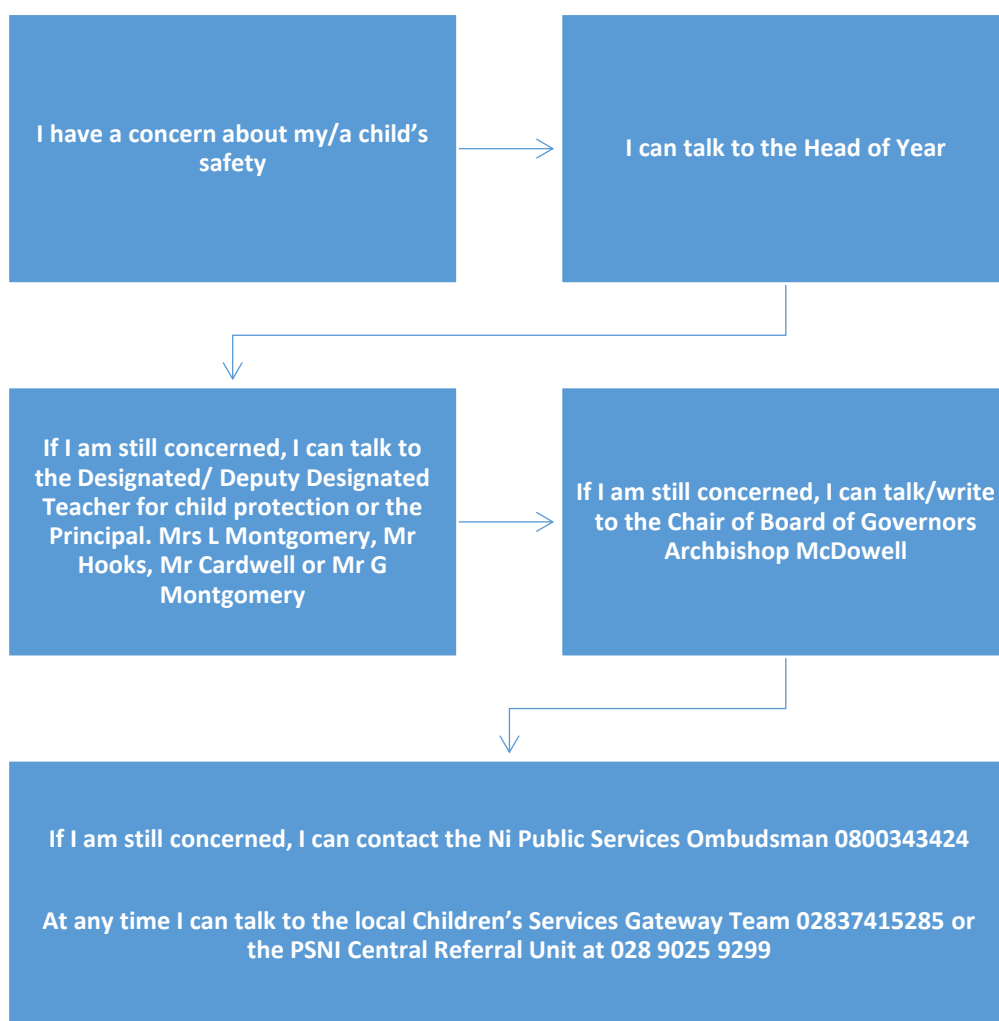
(K) Special Educational Needs

The Board of Governors has adopted a Special Educational Needs Policy. Mrs Montgomery, who is a senior teacher, is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). The School is currently preparing for the introduction of new SEN legislation.

(L) Complaints Procedure

For Child Protection issues please see the flow chart published in the Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy. It is on the school's website and a hard copy is available from the Headmaster's Office. All Child Protection Officers' names and photographs are displayed on boards placed strategically around the school.

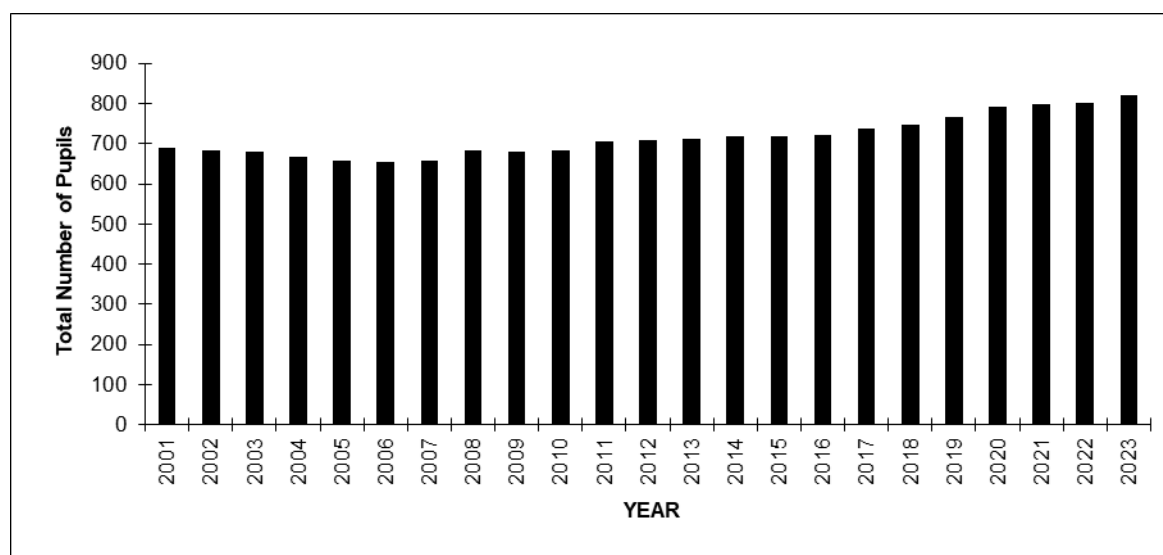
From April 2017 the NIPSO has had jurisdiction over grant maintained schools in Northern Ireland.



Graham GW Montgomery
Headmaster

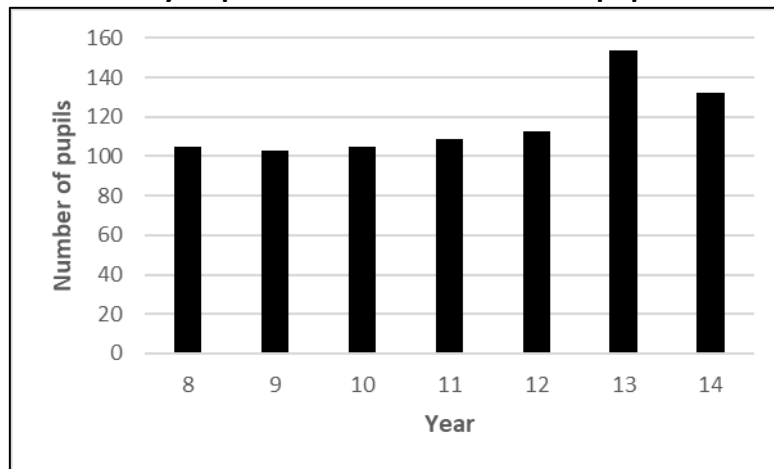
November 2024

YEAR	ENROLMENT	YEAR	ENROLMENT	YEAR	ENROLMENT
2000	680	2008	684	2016	723
2001	689	2009	679	2017	737
2002	682	2010	682	2018	746
2003	679	2011	707	2019	769
2004	666	2012	710	2020	791
2005	659	2013	712	2021	800
2006	654	2014	720	2022	803
2007	657	2015	720	2023	821

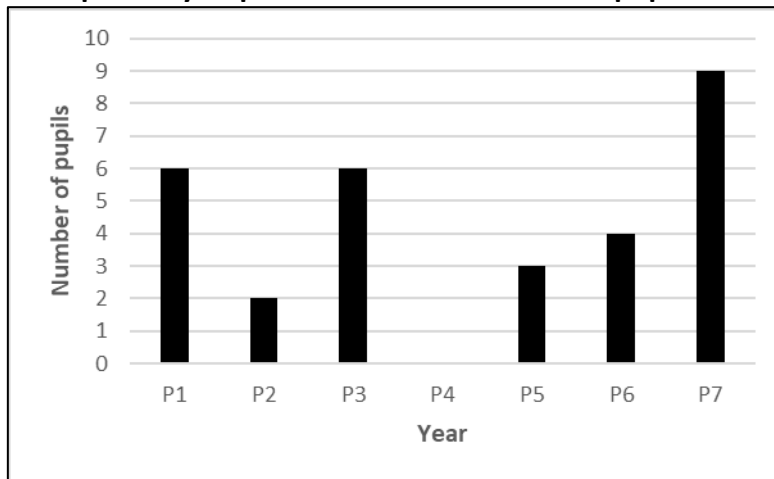


The Royal School Armagh, Pupil Numbers 2023

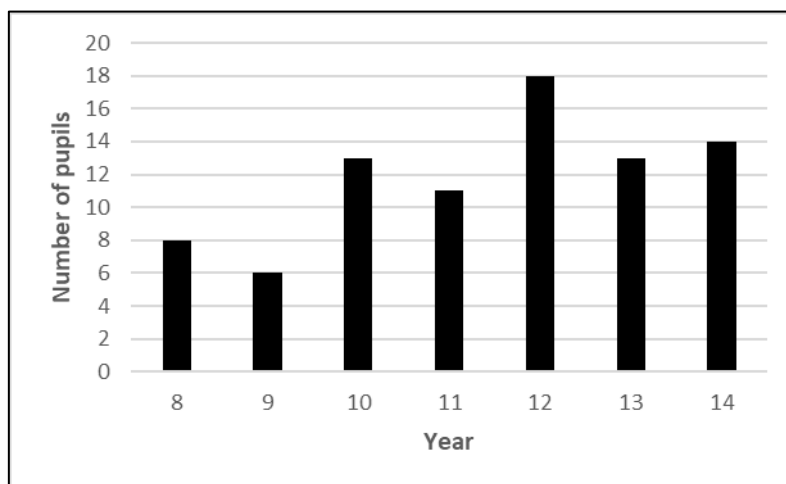
Secondary Department: Total Number of pupils = 821



Preparatory Department: Total Number of pupils = 30



Boarding Department: Total number of pupils in senior boarding = 83



A Level Results 2024

YEAR	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
Grades	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %
A	146	35.96	217	51.54	224	57.14	218	54.23	169	48.29	117	39.13	131	41.46	131	43.81	115	36.86
(A*)	(63)	15.52	(69)	16.39	(64)	16.33	(80)	19.90	(60)	17.14	(45)	15.05	(36)	11.39	(29)	9.70	(22)	7.05
B	99	60.34	101	75.53	91	80.36	94	77.61	105	78.29	84	67.22	109	75.95	79	70.23	109	71.79
C	81	80.30	67	91.45	47	92.35	62	93.03	54	93.71	72	91.30	45	90.19	46	85.62	61	91.35
D	51	92.86	21	96.44	17	96.68	22	98.51	16	98.29	19	97.66	19	96.20	30	95.65	19	97.44
E	20	97.78	13	99.52	13	100.00	5	99.75	6	100.00	4	99.00	7	98.42	11	99.33	4	98.72
N (O)	0	97.78	0	99.52	0	100.00	0	99.75	0	100.00	0	99.00	0	98.42	0	99.33	0	98.72
U (F)	9	100	1	100	0	100	1	100	0	100	3	100	5	100	2	100	4	100
Totals	406		421		392		402		350		299		316		299		312	
AS Level			47		0		0		0		151		115		115		145	
YEAR	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011		2010		2009		2008		2007	
Grades	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %
A	106	34.98	97	34.28	156	50.98	110	39.29	91	40.81	127	43.94	85	34.84	70	32.41	73	31.33
(A*)	(32)	10.56	(36)	12.72	(46)	15.03	(24)	8.57	(22)	9.87	(21)	7.27	-	-	-	-	-	-
B	103	68.98	94	67.49	91	80.72	101	75.36	67	70.85	79	71.28	58	58.61	67	63.43	66	59.66
C	58	88.12	61	89.05	38	93.14	48	92.50	47	91.93	50	88.58	53	80.33	42	82.87	52	81.97
D	27	97.03	20	96.11	18	99.02	14	97.50	7	95.07	22	96.19	24	90.16	26	94.91	32	95.71
E	9	100.00	8	98.94	1	99.35	5	99.29	7	98.21	5	97.92	11	94.67	9	99.07	8	99.14
N (O)	0	100.00	0	98.94	0	99.35	0	99.29	0	98.21	0	97.92	0	94.67	0	99.07	0	99.14
U (F)	0	100	3	100	2	100	2	100	4	100	6	100	13	100	2	100	2	100
Totals	303		283		306		280		223		289		244		216		233	
AS Level	112		84		50		31		23		21		48		15		141	

A Level Results 2024 by Subjects

2024 GCE A Level Results by Subjects

(A comparison is also given for 2023 and 2022)

GCE A level Subject	Year	No of Pupils Entered	Number of pupils entered achieving grades:									
			A*	A	B	C	D	E		U	X	Q
Art	2024	4	2	0	0	2	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	4	2	0	1	1	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	5	1	3	1	0	0	0		0	0	0
Biology	2024	34	7	3	12	6	4	1		1	0	0
	2023	42	8	14	10	5	3	2		0	0	0
	2022	37	6	16	11	3	1	0		0	0	0
Business Studies	2024	40	0	3	5	15	11	4		2	0	0
	2023	48	4	14	15	12	2	1		0	0	0
	2022	45	1	15	17	9	2	1		0	0	0
Chemistry	2024	25	8	3	10	2	1	1		0	0	0
	2023	29	9	9	4	3	2	2		0	0	0
	2022	30	4	16	6	2	1	1		0	0	0
Construction	2024	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---
	2023	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---
	2022	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---
Digital Technology	2024	6	1	1	3	1	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	7	0	3	1	2	1	0		0	0	0
	2022	10	2	2	1	1	2	2		0	0	0
Design and Technology	2024	8	2	2	1	3	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	10	2	3	1	3	1	0		0	0	0
	2022	5	2	0	0	1	0	2		0	0	0
Drama	2024	2	0	1	1	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	1	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	3	1	0	1	1	0	0		0	0	0
Engineering	2024	17	3	6	0	7	0	1		0	0	0
	2023	18	3	8	0	6	0	1		0	0	0
	2022	9	1	8	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
English Literature	2024	11	2	3	4	2	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	6	0	2	1	3	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	13	4	6	2	1	0	0		0	0	0
French	2024	10	1	2	3	1	3	0		0	0	0
	2023	6	0	4	1	1	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	2	0	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Geography	2024	21	1	7	5	5	2	1		0	0	0
	2023	28	0	11	14	3	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	15	6	5	4	0	0	0		0	0	0
Agriculture	2024	15	9	6	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	10	7	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	14	8	6	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Government and Politics	2024	16	1	1	6	5	2	0		1	0	0
	2023	13	0	1	6	4	2	0		0	0	0
	2022	10	2	3	3	1	1	0		0	0	0
Health and Social	2024	16	0	2	10	3	1	0		0	0	0

Care	2023	16	0	5	8	3	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	20	0	11	6	3	0	0		0	0	0
Home Economics	2024	8	0	1	1	1	5	0		0	0	0
	2023	4	0	2	2	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	16	0	3	6	6	0	1		0	0	0
History	2024	21	2	1	7	6	4	1		0	0	0
	2023	25	1	11	5	5	3	0		0	0	0
	2022	19	3	9	6	1	0	0		0	0	0
Mathematics	2024	46	11	14	9	5	4	2		1	0	0
	2023	56	16	20	8	4	2	6		0	0	0
	2022	43	8	15	8	4	5	2		0	0	0
Mathematics (Further)	2024	6	5	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	9	5	3	1	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---
Music	2024	5	0	1	2	2	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	4	1	1	2	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	7	0	4	1	1	1	0		0	0	0
Physics	2024	17	2	7	3	0	1	3		1	0	0
	2023	19	4	6	6	1	1	0		0	0	0
	2022	14	6	1	3	1	0	3		0	0	0
Religious Studies	2024	13	2	2	5	3	1	0		0	0	0
	2023	20	5	5	6	2	2	0		0	0	0
	2022	18	1	11	5	1	0	0		0	0	0
Sociology	2024	14	0	0	3	5	4	1		1	0	0
	2023	8	0	4	0	3	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	10	0	3	3	3	1	0		0	0	0
Software Systems Development	2024	10	0	2	3	2	2	0		1	0	0
	2023	7	0	2	4	1	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	5	1	1	3	0	0	0		0	0	0
Spanish	2024	6	1	3	2	0	0	0		0	0	0
	2023	9	0	7	1	1	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	9	3	3	1	2	0	0		0	0	0
Sport/PE Studies	2024	15	0	2	3	2	6	1		1	0	0
	2023	14	0	6	3	2	2	1		0	0	0
	2022	16	2	7	3	1	3	0		0	0	0
Travel and Tourism	2024	14	2	5	0	3	0	4		0	0	0
	2023	7	2	3	0	2	0	0		0	0	0
	2022	17	1	10	0	5	0	1		0	0	0

GCSE Results 2023, by Subjects

2024 GCSE Results by Subjects

Year 12 pupils only

(A comparison is also given for 2023 and 2022)

GCSE Subject	Year	No of Pupils Entered	Number of pupils entered achieving grades:									
			A*	A	B	C*	C	D	E	F	G	U
Additional Mathematics (Further)	2024	55	12	29	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	52	16	24	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	47	15	22	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
Art	2024	9	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
	2023	13	2	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	16	0	11	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biology	2024	48	12	26	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	49	10	29	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
	2022	39	16	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business Studies	2024	50	2	15	13	8	4	6	2	0	0	0
	2023	68	9	18	20	10	5	5	1	0	0	0
	2022	49	2	11	15	8	7	4	1	1	0	0
Chemistry	2024	48	6	26	13	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
	2023	49	10	19	9	4	4	3	0	0	0	0
	2022	39	13	20	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Digital Technology	2024	28	5	11	5	2	1	1	3	0	0	0
	2023	24	8	9	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
	2022	30	8	9	8	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Double Award Science^^	2024	116 (58)	13	27	31	21	14	7	3	0	0	0
	2023	110 (55)	11	31	31	26	9	1	1	0	0	0
	2022	128 (64)	11	31	33	20	23	9	1	0	0	0
English	2024	108	25	42	27	12	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	103	17	52	23	9	1	1	0	0	0	0
	2022	103	21	43	27	10	1	1	0	0	0	0
English Literature	2024	27	13	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	26	7	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	16	6	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
French	2024	44	4	12	12	5	7	4	0	0	0	0
	2023	38	4	14	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	56	5	12	8	11	14	5	0	1	0	0
Geography	2024	36	5	17	8	1	3	2	0	0	0	0
	2023	47	9	16	14	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
	2022	52	14	20	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	2024	16	0	10	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	14	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	12	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home Economics	2024	19	6	6	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
	2023	14	2	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

	2022	13	3	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
History	2024	55	13	24	6	5	3	3	1	0	0	0
	2023	41	5	16	12	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	43	7	8	12	9	7	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	2024	107	25	56	23	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	104	35	50	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	103	32	36	33	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Media (MIA)	2023	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	2022	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	2021	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Music	2024	13	3	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	10	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	11	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Physics	2024	48	9	29	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	49	11	23	10	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	38	13	18	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psychology	2024	13	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	2023	19	1	4	4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
	2022	13	0	1	0	6	5	1	0	0	0	0
Religious Studies (Full Course)	2024	106	31	33	14	7	4	8	6	1	1	1
	2023	102	34	35	16	5	4	3	3	1	1	0
	2022	21	8	7	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Religious Studies (Short Course)	2024	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	2023	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	2022	81	17	19	21	10	8	3	1	1	0	1
Spanish	2024	16	6	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	14	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	24	9	6	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sport/PE Studies	2024	28	8	11	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
	2023	24	2	6	9	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
	2022	15	1	4	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Statistics	2024	32	2	10	12	6	0	0	1	0	0	0
	2023	32	8	18	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	31	14	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology	2024	34	3	13	13	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
	2023	30	4	14	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	33	8	7	10	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Politics	2024	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	2023	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	2022	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

^^ In 2013 a new grading framework was introduced and all entries are therefore counted individually for Double Award Science.

C* introduced in 2019.

AS Results 2024

YEAR	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
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Grades	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %
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A	126	28.90	128	33.07	208	47.93	181	47.14	180	40.36	128	29.63	107	28.53	139	36.39
B	116	55.50	106	60.47	129	77.65	111	76.04	121	67.49	99	52.55	84	50.93	94	60.99
C	93	76.83	77	80.36	61	91.71	60	91.67	89	87.44	116	79.40	90	74.93	64	77.75
D	57	89.91	48	92.76	25	97.47	20	96.88	35	95.29	48	90.51	61	91.20	36	87.17
E	26	95.87	16	96.90	8	99.31	5	98.18	14	98.43	31	97.69	21	96.80	32	95.55
U	18	100.00	9	99.22	3	100.00	7	100.00	7	100.00	10	100.00	12	100.00	17	100.00

Total	436	387	434	384	446	432	375	382
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YEAR	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
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Grades	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %	No	Cum %
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A	145	38.16	129	30.94	133	31.59	120	32.88	180	45.80	151	42.18	130	45.30	141	38.84
B	86	60.79	129	61.87	106	56.77	93	58.36	100	71.25	96	68.99	65	67.94	94	64.74
C	57	75.79	78	80.58	85	76.96	78	79.73	62	87.02	52	83.52	41	82.23	67	83.20
D	42	86.84	46	91.61	42	86.94	42	91.23	25	93.38	41	94.97	25	90.94	33	92.29
E	30	94.74	17	95.68	26	93.11	20	96.71	13	96.69	13	98.60	16	96.52	19	97.52
U	20	100.00	18	100.00	29	100.00	12	100.00	13	100.00	5	100.00	10	100.00	9	100.00

Total	380	417	421	365	393	358	287	363
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This list of individual and team achievements together with school activities is not intended to be a complete list but merely reflect upon the breadth of involvement and participation of pupils at the school as well as the range of activities available.

AGRICULTURE

It has been another busy year within the Royal School Armagh's Agriculture Department. Great results and a bit of fun along the way.

In September 2023 Year 11 Agriculture pupils entered the prestigious ABP Angus Youth Challenge. All pupils were a credit to the school and showed great resilience and confidence. We were delighted to find out that one of our teams consisting of Daniel Anderson, Harry Scott, Charlie Reaney and Patrick Kellett progressed to the finals and won five Aberdeen Angus calves to rear to completion. A special word of thanks go to the Anderson's for their willingness and all the work they have completed behind the scenes in rearing the calves. The competition has opened up numerous experiences including a media training day at Cool FM and culminating in an educational trip to Brussels, Belgium. On this trip the boys presented to Northern Irish experts in European Parliament, a once in a lifetime experience! The Year 13 and 14 pupils enjoyed a tour of Caledon Estate - Pupils gained valuable insight into Renewable Energies, anaerobic digestors and multiple farming technologies used at the estate. A most informative and enjoyable trip for all.

Year 13 ladies Agricultural students attended a 'Women in Agriculture Conference' and listened to testimonials from some very pioneering and inspiring women, leading the way in many different career paths from Agri Food, Veterinary, Agricultural Law and diversification into new farming methods and future technologies. A most inspiring conference.

Throughout the year many industry experts have delivered class talks:

- The Northern Ireland Health & Safety Executive raising the awareness of the many dangers on our farms.
- The Ulster Farmers Union chatted to students about exciting times to be part of the growing Agriculture and Agri Food Sector in Northern Ireland. One of the largest employers in NI.
- Year 14 Agriculture students had a brilliant Q&A veterinary open clinic session with Ms L Ferguson, a local veterinary professional, discussing animal health and common diseases within production animals today.
- Mr Millar – a former Royal School Teacher, treated Agriculture & Geography Students to a Soil Sampling presentation. A most informative and inspiring session 'Interview with Farmer
- Tim McClelland 'An Arable Farmer – looking at Healthy Crop Production and all things related and Mason's Animal Feeds – one of the largest ruminant feed companies in NI discussed the importance of animal nutrition and the science behind it.

Our thanks to all our guest speakers for inspiring and educating us in your area of expertise.

The crowning event of a busy year was the Social and BBQ in aid of Rural Support. On the night 150 pupils attended, ensured the floor was filled all night & £500 was donated to a brilliant Charity- Rural Support.

A very successful year in RSA Agriculture with students progressing to Queens University, CAFRE and universities across the water.

ART AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Over 40 students created work for the Annual Credit Union Art Competition. The students below were awarded with prizes for their work:

- Credit Union Annual Art Competition - Armagh Branch level 14 -17 year old category
 - 2nd place Lara Brooke.

- Credit Union Annual Art Competition - Armagh Branch level 11 – 13 year old category
 - 1st Beth Patrick.
- Credit Union Annual Art Competition- Chapter level 11-13 year old category
 - 2nd place Beth Patrick.
- Years 13 & 14 took part in artist print making workshops with artist Robert Peters.
- Year 14 students took part in a 3D design drawing workshop with jeweller Anne Earls Boylan. Students then created their own designs and took part in a pewter sand-casting jewellery workshop in the Market Place Gallery. This project was poetry sponsored by the Goldsmiths' Centre, London. Students work was then exhibited in the Market Place as part of the Awe and Alchemy exhibition.
- Year 9 students completed an identity tag project with jewellers Anne Earls Boylan and Mary Murphy. They completed electrolysis copper etching lessons in school that then progressed to the students attending a printing workshop in the Market Place. Their collective identity tag neck piece was exhibited in the Market Place Gallery to form part of the Awe & Alchemy exhibition. This project was funded by the Goldsmiths' Centre, London.
- GCSE student Alexander Millar had her fashion piece selected to form part of the virtual CCEA True Colours Exhibition. This is a fantastic achievement for her and the Art Department to receive this recognition of excellence.
- 10 students submitted entries to the Texaco Children's Art competition The competition is the largest art competition in Ireland, and it received over 25,000 entries.

CCF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Cdt Sgt Tom McWilliams was selected to be Lord Lieutenant Cadet for County Armagh and was presented with his certificate in Hillsborough Castle, by the Lord Lieutenant of County Armagh, The Earl of Caledon. He accompanied the Lord Lieutenant on numerous events including a special service to commemorate the D Day landings in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.
- The MilSkills team, consisting of eight cadets, were awarded a bronze medal in the 38 Brigade Northern Ireland CCF MilSkills Competition, held at Magilligan. The team also won the shooting trophy. This is the most gruelling competition of the training year and tests all aspects of the cadets' knowledge, skills and leadership qualities.
- CCF First Aid team represented NI at the National First aid competition, Halcomb Moor Camp, England. The team was placed 3rd in the UK.
- CCF Shooting Team competed at the CADSAM at Ballykinler Training Camp.
- Three cadets from RSA CCF were selected by 38 Brigade to represent NI at the National Cadet STEM Camp in Salisbury Plain.
- RBL Remembrance Sunday Armagh, 73 cadets and officers were on parade.
- BTEC (Level 2 Extended Certificate) Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, six cadets passed this course.
- Cadets assisted in their duties at the school's Annual Service of Remembrance.
- September Range weekend in Ballykinler: Eight cadets
- Skill At Arms training and introductory shoot, Palace Barracks - two visits: 30 cadets
- RAF & Army Section cadets performed ceremonial duties at the D- Day Service of Commemoration, held in St Patrick's Cathedral.
- CCF Army Section Annual Camp at Longmoor Training Camp, which involved a wide range of different military and adventure training activities: 33 cadets
- Air Experience Flying with 13 AEF at Aldergrove Flying Station: Oct three cadets, Dec three cadets, Feb six cadets
- Annual Camp at Aldergrove Station July: six cadets

CHARITY COMMITTEE

Charity fundraising throughout the school year has, once again, been dynamic and far reaching, raising money to support charity work locally, nationally, and internationally. I would like to thank my Charities' Committee for their support and enthusiasm and the pupils, staff and parents of the Royal School for their ongoing commitment to helping others.

As well as our continued commitment to the Wings' Appeal, Poppy Appeal, Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal and Armagh Foodbank, we were proud to be able to support the work of other local charities for the first time. Representatives from the Brain Injury Foundation gave a presentation at a whole school assembly with past pupil Lucy Cloughan, who has benefited from their work, also in attendance. This gave our pupils an insight into the impact of a traumatic brain injury, and they then took part in a '100 step' challenge to raise money for the charity at the end of June. The vibrancy of the Agriculture Department was in full evidence when they organised an end of term social and bbq in aid of Rural Support, a charity which provides a wide range of help and guidance to farming families.

The valuable work which Reach Mentoring carries out in school was assisted by the money raised when 3 teams of teachers took on the Belfast Marathon Relay. This was a superb event, and the competition element was not taken lightly by some of the runners, with much debate over who had achieved the fastest time. However, as Mr Moore had actually completed the entire marathon, he undoubtedly deserved the winner's title!

2023 was the year that we were able to return to New Delhi to support the work of Asha. This time two teams of pupils and staff each worked in a separate slum colony and saw at firsthand how the money raised by the school is used to such good effect for the health, welfare and education of the children living in these deprived areas. We were also able to support Charlene's Project, a charity which makes a difference to underprivileged communities in Uganda. Past pupil, Charlene Barr, founded this charity. Sadly, Charlene is now longer with us, but her sister who helps run the charity sent us this message, 'Charlene would not believe what all has been achieved since she first dreamt of building a school in 2009 and it has only been possible because of the support of people like yourselves, so thank you for the Royal School Armagh's support'.

The A Level Sports and the Leisure Industry class organised their usual day of fun and fitness for the school and, in so doing, raised money for PIPS Suicide Prevention. The Yr 14 Health and Social Care pupils baked for and ran a fantastic bun sale in aid of Women's Aid. The annual coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care was another success and, in the thank you email, we were told that the money raised could pay for a Macmillan nurse for 1 day, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support. The Mental Health Ambassadors supported the work of Aware NI through a bun sale. In addition, Yr 8 and 9 pupils took part in a read-a-thon, raising a significant amount of money for the Cancer Fund for Children. Finally, I would like to commend the Yr 12 Psychology class led by Mysha Islam who wished to highlight the plight of those caught up in the conflict in Gaza and, through a non-uniform day and bun sale, raised money which we were able to send to Save the Children and the Red Cross to help in their work in this region.

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

GCHQ's Girls' Cybersecurity Competition

All Year 9 girls participated in the annual GCHQ Girls' First Cybersecurity Competition. This year, we were delighted to have a team of pupils finish 7th overall in the Northern Ireland standings. Congratulations to Jessica Fraser, Sky Smyth, and Evie Snowden. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Royal School has made the top 10 in this prestigious UK-wide competition.

Sentinus Digital Futures Programme

The Sentinus Digital Futures Programme is a competitive initiative open to all post-primary schools in Northern Ireland. It challenges pupils to create a digital product that addresses a real-world problem. We were thrilled that three Year 9 pupils made it to the final of the competition. They developed their own mobile phone application designed to reduce food waste. They collaborated with an industry expert at PwC, who mentored them alongside their ICT teacher, Mr Forrest. During the final, they pitched their app prototype to top industry leaders at PwC in a Dragons' Den-style format. Congratulations to Jorja Turkington, Emily Nesbitt, and Kristin Knipe, who represented the Royal School as one of only 12 schools to reach the finals across Northern Ireland.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ATHLETICS CLUB

First up in September was the Ulster Schools' Multi Event (pentathlon) Championships at the Mary Peters' Track. A group of keen athletes took part from RSA, in the sprint hurdles, 800m, long jump, high jump (girls), 200m (boys) and the shot put. Best placed was Reuben McDowell in 4th place, who qualified for the All Ireland Championships in November. Honor Buwalda also qualified in 5th place, after another athlete above her dropped out. Megan Barnett, Owen Acheson and Katie Dunwoody all did well and with more experience at the range of events, should do better next season.

At the District Cross Country Championships in January in Lurgan, there were three girls and three boys teams entered, plus a few other keen individual runners.

The Mini Girls placed 6th, the Mini Girls won gold with Katie Dunwoody highest placed in 7th, but closely followed by her team mates Ellie, Jorja and Rosie and the Intermediate Girls placed 3rd overall, with Honor Bulwalda leading from the start to win gold, and the ever improving Megan Barnett finishing closely behind in 3rd. The Minor Boys team were 10th overall, with Owen Acheson highest placed in 7th, Yo Hasegwa was 7th in the Junior Boys race and Reuben McDowell placed highly in the Intermediate Boys race, as did Tom Currie in the Senior Boys race.

At the Ulster Championships young Emma Sloan ran a fantastic race finishing in 12th place, which qualified her for the All Ireland Schools' Championships in Dublin in March, where she went on to finish in 30th place. Also at the Ulster Championships Owen finished an impressive 18th, Katie 56th, Rosie 57th, Yo 47th, Megan 20th, Honor 23rd, Leah 68th, Tom 46th, while the other placed just outside the top 50 in races of over 100 of Ulster's top runners.

A number of athletes also competed in this year's Armagh International Road Race.

Athletic Club competitions started in April with the District Championships split over 2 days, the entries for RSA might have been down, but the standard was still impressive.

On day one Honor Buwalda comfortably won her IG 1500m race and Megan Barnett won the IG 3000m race, both girls a year young. Yo Hasegawa finished second in the JB 1500m and the ever improving Owen Acheson got a new PB to claim silver in his MB 800m race.

Special mention to the Year 9 girls team, who continued on from last season with some great performances at the Districts in April in Clones, finishing as the strongest team with 3 golds, 2 silvers and 1 bronze. Katie Dunwoody is proving herself to be a great versatile athlete as she won the 100m in 13.6 seconds and the long jump in 4:15m. She also anchored the relay team (Emma Sloan, Abi Ross and Rosie Gamble) to second place, again closely behind LJHS. Emma Sloan, another versatile athlete, finished 3rd in the 800m after an early injury from a stray running spike which ripped her own running shoes! Ana Smyth went 2 places better this year, finishing 2nd in the High Jump with 1:36m. Jorja

Turkington only learned how to hurdle a few weeks previously, but managed her striding well to win the 75m hurdles.

On day two at the Mary Peters' Track, Reuben McDowell impressed in his new event the IB 400M with a new PB of 55.4seconds. At Junior level there were silver medals for Annie Agnew in the discus, Tilly Qua in the triple jump, Joel Conn in the javelin and a bronze for Rachel Crawford in the triple jump. While the Mini Girls passed the baton perfectly around the track to earn a bronze medal.

At the Ulster Championships in May, best performances went to Year 9 athletes Owen in the 800m and Katie in the 100m (13.4), both in 4th place and with new personal best times. 5th place went to Honor Bulwalda in the 1500m (4.54), who as a result qualified for the U16 Mile race in Tullamore in June, where she finished a creditable 7th place. Emma Sloan smashed her PB to finish 11th in the 800m with 2:30 minutes, a time that would have got her 4th only two years ago! Megan was 9th in the 3000m and Reuben 7th in the 400m.

Megan (Newry AC), Honor, Reuben, Katie, Owen and Anna Nicholay all competed for their club (Armagh AC) in the NI Age Group Championships in June at the Mary Peters' Track.

Reuben won the 250m hurdles, Owen won the 1500m, Megan 2nd in the 300m, Katie 3rd in the 200m, Honor 3rd in the 1500m and all five qualified for the All-Ireland Age Group Championships in Dublin during the summer holidays.

Honor Buwalda was selected for the Ulster U16 team for the Interprovincial Championships in Dublin in June. She went on to run a new personal best and finished strongly in 5th place earning valuable points for Ulster.

District and Ulster Results

	<u>District Championships</u>	<u>Ulster Championships</u>
<u>Mini Girls</u>		
Katie Dunwoody	1 st 100m 13.6 sec	4 th 100m 13.4 sec
	1 st Long Jump 4.15m	
Emma Sloan	3 rd 800m 2.34min	11 th 800m 2.30 min
Jorja Turkington	1 st 75m Hurdles	5 th in her heat 15.5 sec
Ana Smyth	2 nd High Jump 1.36m	8 th High Jump 1.39m
Relay Team	2 nd 56 sec.	9 th overall, 55 sec
(Katie Dunwoody, Emma Sloan, Emily Nesbitt, res- Rosie Gamble)		
<u>Mini Boys</u>		
Owen Acheson	2 nd 800m	4 th 800m
<u>Intermediate Girls</u>		
Honor Buwalda	1 st 1500m	7 th 1500m 7 th U16 Mile at Irish
		5 th Multi Events
Megan Barnett	1 st 3000m	9 th 3000m 10 th Multi Events
<u>Intermediate Boys</u>		
Reuben McDowell	1 st 400m	7 th 400m 4 th Multi Events

Annual House Sports Day

Sports Day ran over four afternoons this season again. The weather was very much mixed throughout the two weeks, but there were many excellent performances.

Congratulations to Isabella Kindred who broke the Year 8 cricketball record with a throw of over 37m. The PE Department would like to thank all the pupils who competed for their Houses and to the Games staff that came out to help and officiate at the events to ensure that it all ran smoothly.

House Sports Day Results:

Girls' Results

	Year 8 (Mini)	Year 9 (Minor)	Year 10 (Junior)	Year 11 (Intermediate)
100m	Faith Davidson (Rokeby)	Katie Dunwoody (Armstrong)	Cadence Gillespie (Armstrong)	Maggie Scott (Rokeby)
800m	Hanna Zlotnik (Rokeby)	Katie Dunwoody (Armstrong)	Emily Don (Rokeby)	Honor Buwalda (Armstrong)
Long Jump	Sophie Jones (D'Arcy) 3.80m	Emma Sloan (D'Arcy) 3.90m	Emma Todd (Armstrong) 3.80m	Izzy Spears & Honor Buwalda (Armstrong) 3.80m
High Jump	Aria Edwards (Beresford) 1.15m	Ana Smyth (D'Arcy) 1.30m+	Emma Todd (Armstrong) 1.36m	Lili Black (Armstrong) 1.30m+
Shot Put	Alveena Tilak (Armstrong) 5.58m	Hope Dougan (Beresford) 7.10m	Kate Livingstone (Armstrong) 6.50m	Honor Buwalda (Armstrong) 7.05m
Javelin/ Cricketball	Isabella Kindred (Armstrong) 37.52m New Record!	X	Mia Coppard (Armstrong) 13.00m	Izzy Spears (Armstrong) 16.45m
Discus	X	Nadia Weglarz (D'Arcy) 19.20m	Annie Agnew (Armstrong) 20.60m	Honor Buwalda (Armstrong) 18.06m
Relay	Armstrong	D'Arcy	Armstrong	Armstrong
Overall Champion (top 3 events)	Isabella Kindred 23 points	Katie Dunwoody & Emma Sloan 22 points	Annie Agnew 23 points	Honor Buwalda 27 points

Boys' Results

	Year 8 (Mini)	Year 9 (Minor)	Year 10 (Junior)	Year 11 (Intermediate)
100m	Einoras Litvaitis	Matthew Kerr	Ethan Woods	Reuben McDowell
800m	Andrew Purdy	Owen Acheson	Yo Hasegawa	Reuben McDowell
Long Jump	Callum Lewis 4.00m	Owen Acheson 4.35m	Jack Beggs 4.20m	Harrison Wright 4.07m

High Jump	Reece Gillespie 1.20m	Matthew Kerr 1.40m	James Calvin 1.35m	Eric Thompson 1.40m
Shot Putt	Daniel Beggs 7.20m	Sebastian Safranko 8.00m	Gus Grimley 10.05m	Alex Stinson 10.70m
Discus		James Millar 15.30m	James Flanagan 24.90m	Alex Stinson 23.43m
Javelin		Thomas Dorman 16.63m	Matthew Cartmill 23.90m	Ben Mulligan 23.85m
Relay	Armstrong	Rokeby	Armstrong	Armstrong
Overall Champions (top 2 events)	Reece Gillespie 16 points	Matthew Kerr and Owen Acheson 18 points	Jack Beggs, Yo Hasegawa, Ethan Woods and James Flanagan 15 points	Reuben McDowell and Alex Stinson 18 points

House Championship 2024

House	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
Armstrong	148	137	201	189	675
Beresford	121	126	126	135	508
D'Arcy	103	168	152	125	548
Rokeby	128	140	120	165	553

<i>House</i>	<i>Captains</i>	<i>Deputies</i>
Armstrong:	Louis Anderson / Annie Cunningham	Jane Hawthorne / Gavin Leong
Beresford:	Thomas Blackhurst / Ellie Stevenson	Harold Baldauskas / Rowan McWilliams
d'Arcy:	Nicholas Agnew / Ethel Chen	Victoria Cupples / Jamie Rafferty
Rokeby:	Keisha Allen / David McBride	Rachel Redmond / Jack Walbran

- 1st** Armstrong
2nd Rokeby
3rd d'Arcy
4th Beresford

DANCE

Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championships 2024

Age Group	Pupils	Result
Mixed Anything Goes	Lexi Kernan-McGrath (C) Kate Shortt, Ethel Chen, Jessica Cai, Rebecca Cai, Coco Cheung, Mia Coppard, Sophie Diffin, Ylenia Gillanders, Elizabeth Guttridge, Polly Matchett, Mya Mason, Lucy Qua, Farrah Quinn, Jasmine Robb	1st
Senior Solo Anything Goes	Lexi Kernan-McGrath	1st
Senior Solo Commercial	Ethel Chen	1st
Senior Solo Lyrical	Kate Shortt	2nd
Senior Pairs Commercial	Ethel Chen & Ariel Lau	1st
Senior Pairs Anything Goes	Emily Berry & Ruth Fraser	1st
Senior Quad Anything Goes	Emily Berry, Ruth Fraser, Rebecca Fraser & Jessica Fraser	1st
Inter. Solo Dance	Ruby Anderson	2nd
Inter. Solo Lyrical	Lucy Montgomery	3rd
Inter. Pairs Lyrical	Zara Mason & Hera Araja	2nd
Inter. Pairs Anything Goes	Leah George & Emily McConnell	2nd
Inter. Pairs Contemporary	Ruth Fraser & Hannah Ross	3rd
Junior Solo Contemporary	Tilly Qua	2nd
Junior Solo Commercial	Laura Rivera	2nd
Junior Solo Lyrical	Polly Matchett	1st
Junior Solo Lyrical	Hera Araja	2nd

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Over the past 12 months we have had one person achieve their Bronze Award, 61 their Silver and 27 Gold Awards. With 61 new Gold participants it is commendable they all manage to get a suitable physical, skill and volunteering activity organised providing significant assistance to the local community. The expedition section is catered for internally, with the spring term particularly busy for the expedition team. Although students are expected to get their Gold finished prior to leaving school, many remain in contact and finish the award during the first few years at university before attending a presentation at one of the Royal Palaces.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Book Club

Book Club has continued to thrive this year, as Senior and Junior pupils meet monthly to discuss a variety of genres and authors they have been reading.

Creative Writing Club

Under the excellent leadership of our sixth form pupils, Creative Writing Club has also maintained a steady membership this year, as pupils have pushed their writing skills across prose, poetry and drama.

Junior Debate

Members met every other Monday in MC2. Working in teams, pupils compiled research upon and debated various political and social issues including education, technology and gun laws. They competed in regular in-house debates and developed their skills in challenging and rebutting.

Junior Drama

On alternate Monday afternoons, pupils met in MC2 to fine-tune their skills in performing dramatic monologues, improvisation, and scriptwriting. They created their own characters and plots, and performed extracts from works such as Matilda, Barbie, The Hunger Games, and Harry Potter.

Trip to Seamus Heaney Homeplace

In March, the English Department took a group of Year 13 students to the Seamus Heaney Homeplace in Bellaghy. This offered the A Level English students a unique opportunity to get an up-close insight into the life of one of the poets they are studying as part of their course. They were particularly honoured to attend a lecture from a Queen's University professor, and workshops hosted by experts in Irish poetry from Queens.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Year 14 – Exploring Ethnic Segregation in Belfast

Pupils visited divided and contested areas of a city in a post conflict era to see exactly how segregation and multiculturalism can maintain ethnic diversity; gaining a deeper understanding of issues around shared spaces and the impact on our society of duplicate services being needed for separate groups. The trip was an insightful day that afforded pupils a new understanding of case study material.

Year 13 – Fluvial Environment Fieldwork

Pupils carried out data collection on the River Shimna.

Year 11 – Fluvial Environment Fieldwork

Pupils carried out data collection on the River Shimna.

Year 9: Coastal Trip to Newcastle

In June our Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit Newcastle in County Down to further their knowledge and understanding in relation to coastal environments. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their data collection techniques as they measured long shore drift and beach profiles. Pupils could also apply their learning in the classroom to the coastal management techniques they could see on a tour of the seafront. Pupils also explored the role and impact of tourism in Newcastle through the completion of questionnaires. The visit to Newcastle provided the pupils with the opportunity to develop their skills in relation to working with others and communicating effectively.

Year 13 & 14 Translink Youth Summit

The summit was an opportunity for younger generations to share their views, experiences and ideas on the future of public transport and the role it plays in society, education and climate change. The event included a series of workshops facilitated by NI Youth Forum youth workers covering themes such as climate, safety and respect where the pupils had the opportunity to engage in discussion with pupils from schools across Northern Ireland and provide feedback to Translink staff.

COP 28 Event

During the negotiations in Belfast, pupils had to collectively agree on how much they were going to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by, how they would help struggling nations, and agree on ways to adapt to climate change to protect their cities and people.

Geographical Association Lectures and Queen University Belfast

Year 14 pupils attended lectures delivered by the GA and in collaboration with Queens University Belfast. Christmas Markets in Belfast were visited on our way to the Decision Making Lecture in December.

Geography Club

This year in the Geography Club we met twice a month and completed lots of fun activities - too many to talk about!

We started off with 'The **Big Fat Geography Quiz**' in October. Several groups took part but it was Jay, Eli and Will in 10A who scooped the winning prize. At the end of October, '**Pumpkin Globes**' were **created**. There were some unique takes on the Mercator Projection. They got to take them home as decoration - some would have scared the trick or treaters away! In March they learned about '**Geography through Chocolate**' including mapping where cocoa beans grew and what climate those places had. There had to be cups of hot cocoa and some tasty chocolate treats to consolidate the learning.

In March, Miss Hughes successfully applied to the Tree Council to win orchard trees to plant in our school grounds. With the help of Mr Montgomery, the young tree saplings including apple trees, plum trees and pear trees were planted. We cannot wait to see these grow during our time in RSA.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DEPARTMENT

Guest Speaker from Women's Aid: Year 14 Health & Social Care pupils were given a presentation from Aoife Anderson about domestic violence in preparation for their controlled assessment task. The pupils presented the charity with a donation of £250 that they raised from a bake sale.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

LMC Demo: In December 2023, Year 11 Food & Nutrition pupils had the opportunity to watch a cookery demonstration by Mrs Leanne Mulholland from the Livestock and Meat Commission. Leanne made beef nachos which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils.

HOCKEY

Team achievements

1stXI	'The Wooden Floor Company' Ulster Senior Superleague winners 'The Belfast Telegraph' Ulster Senior Schoolgirls' Cup winners The Kate Russell All-Ireland Schoolgirls' Championships winners MUSHA League winners
2ndXI	Ulster McDowell Cup runners-up MUSHA League runners-up
3rdXI	Ulster Gibson Cup winners MUSHA League winners
4thXI	Ulster 4thXI Cup winners MUSHA League joint winners
U14XIA	Ulster Junior Superleague runners-up Ulster Junior Cup ¼ final MUSHA League runners-up MUSHA Tournament Cup runners-up
U13XIA	MUSHA League joint winners
U12XIA	MUSHA League 4 th

The U14XIB, U13XIB and U12XIB squads all enjoyed regular matches throughout the season against schools from all over Ulster.

Individual honours

Irish U18	Scarlett Taylor (vice-captain) Annie Cunningham
Irish U16	Daisy Nicholson- regional training squad
Ulster U18 Interpros	Annie Cunningham Scarlett Taylor Joni Cunningham Rhianna Gillespie
Ulster U16 Interpros	Daisy Nicholson
Ulster U15 TDP	Maggie Scott (Ulster 2024) Lily Alderdice Sophia Simmons (Ulster 2024) Kate Livingstone (Ulster 2024) Cadence Gillespie Ruby McCormick Emma Sloan (Ulster Development 2024)

MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGES

- Twelve AS/A2 further maths pupils completed the senior maths challenge in October
- Fifty Year 11 GCSE pupils completed the intermediate challenge in January
- A team of Year 13 further maths pupils competed in the QUB Maths competition for schools, finishing just outside the top three.

MUSIC

EA Music Service Award Winners

- Iona Beattie (Most Promising Viola Player Cup)
- Sam Broomfield (Most Promising Flute Player Cup)
- Charlie Shortt (Seamus Dinsmore Award for an Outstanding Performance at an EA Music Service Concert and Friends of the Music Service Bursary)

Participants in National Ensembles

Orchestral:

- Finn McCrory (Ulster Youth Orchestra)
- Sophie Murugasu (Ulster Youth Orchestra)
- Lucy Qua (Associate member of National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, National Youth Orchestra of Ireland and Ulster Youth Orchestra)
- Charlie Shortt (National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and Ulster Youth Orchestra)

Choral:

- Charlotte Sloan (National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland Easter Girls' Choir)

Performances

- Senior Chamber Choir - Speech Night (September 2023)
- String Quartet - Background Music at 130th Anniversary Dinner of Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade in Ireland. in Brownlow House (September 2023)
- Senior Chamber Choir - Service of Remembrance (November 2023)
- Senior Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra - visit of Deputy Permanent Secretary (November 2023)
- Senior Chamber Choir - Armagh Methodist Church 60th Anniversary Candlelight Carol Service (December 2023)
- Senior Chamber Choir - The Mall Baptist Church Carol Service (December 2023)
- Senior Musicians - Hockley Lodge Private Nursing Home (December 2023)
- EA Music Service Christmas Concert in Island Arts Centre (December 2023)
- Chamber Orchestra - Background Music at Rushmere (December 2023)
- Daniel Anderson, Jane Hawthorne, Abby Jackson, Brooke McCarragher, Katie McClure and Jonathan Willson - New Irish Youth Orchestra (February 2024)
- Lucy Qua and Charlie Shortt - Finalists in Northern Ireland Young Musician of the Year (March 2024)
- Senior Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra - Armagh Cathedrals' Partnership Event in Marketplace Theatre (March 2024)
- EA Music Service Gala Concert in South Lakes Leisure Centre (April 2024)
- Year 11 Musicians - visit of Education Minister (May 2024)

Trips and Events:

- Presentation from Director of Choristers at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, to Year 8 boys (October 2023)
- Year 13 & 14 Music classes attended 'Glitter of Waves' concert by the Ulster Orchestra in the Ulster Hall (October 2023)
- GCSE Students attended William Kennedy International Piping Concert in First Armagh Presbyterian Church (November 2023)
- Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (December 2023)
- 12 Days of Christmas (December 2023)
- Open Night (January 2024)
- Senior Recital Evening (February 2024)
- Ulster Orchestra Trip in Ulster Hall (March 2024)
- National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland Workshop with Senior Chamber Choir (March 2024)
- A2 Students attended Commonwealth Service in Westminster Abbey (March 2024)
- Spring Concert (March 2024)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A group of Sixth Form Philosophy & Ethics students attended a celebration for International Women's Day hosted by ABC council. Pupils heard from a range of inspirational speakers.

RUGBY

Personal Achievements

Boys'

Ireland U18: Thomas Dougan (captain) v Wales & Scotland.

Ulster U19: Lucas Armstrong, Archie Johnson, Josh Watterson, Finn Fehnert.

Ulster U18: Thomas Dougan (captain) Cameron Cummings.

Ulster U17: Cameron Dale

Ulster U16: Alex Stinson, Charlie Reaney, Harry Dougan

Girls'

Ulster U18 Schools: Lucy Calvin & Lily Reaney

Ulster U16 Schools: Mallaidh Irwin & Chloe Lester

Team Achievements

Boys'

1ST XV: Runners up of the Danske Bank Subsidiary Shield losing to Campbell College in the final at Queens. The 1ST XV played 16 games last season winning 9.

2ND XV: Lost in the quarter final of the Subsidiary Shield to Rainey Endowed. They played 12 games last season winning 7.

3RD XV: Quarter of the Danske Bank 3rd XV Plate losing BRA. The 3rd XV had 5 competitive fixtures last year.

4TH XV: The 4TH XV played two Danske Bank 3RD XV Plate fixtures last year.

Medallion XV: Defeated Omagh in the 2nd round of the Danske Bank Medallion Shield. Lost to MCB in the quarter final of the Medallion Plate. Won 6 out of 14 games.

Under 14 XV: The boys won 6 of their 20 games.

Under 13 XV: The boys won 11 and drew 1 of their 21 games with the B team winning both of their games.

Under 12 XV: The boys played in 3 blitzes and had 4 fixtures last season.

Girls'

U18 Sevens: The girls played in 3 qualifying blitzes and competed in the Ulster final at Cookstown losing in the semi-finals to ERGS.

U 16 Sevens: The girls played in 3 qualifying blitzes and competed in the group stage at Ulster final at Cookstown

U14 Sevens: The girls played in three participation blitzes.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Biology

In October 50 AS biology students completed two days of field work on the shores of Carlingford Lough.

Chemistry Olympiad 2024

This year, some of our Year 13 Chemistry pupils participated in the Royal Society of Chemistry UK Olympiad, which involved answering very challenging questions across a wide range of chemistry topics. The pupils who took part worked very hard attending after school and break time lessons. It is an impressive achievement to even take part in this prestigious competition, so we were delighted that Adrian Yeung received a Bronze Award for all his efforts.

Science Club

KS3 Science Club: Started again this year after school with numbers at capacity each meeting. Activities included making non-Newtonian slime, flame tests and extracting DNA from strawberries.

SCRIPTURE UNION

- Two weekends for students at Kilbroney – approximately 90 pupils at each weekend
- Dinner Dance at Four Seasons Hotel Monaghan – 300 attended
- Social and Games night
- Trip to Denmark in March 2023
- Celebrate Service in St Mark's Parish Church

SKI TRIP

In March 50 pupils and staff enjoyed a week's skiing in the beautiful Italian resort of Andalo.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Senior Debating Society competed in the 1608 Debating Competition at Enniskillen Royal Grammar School. Alexandra Millar and Sasha Best gave excellent speeches opposing the motion that "Populism is a threat to Democracy" and were runners up.

SWIMMING (RSA)

The swimmers from RSA were very busy representing their school, respective clubs, and Ulster. Below are the highest level galas where they competed.

Swim Ulster Primary Schools Cup and Championships 2023- Bangor

At this gala swimmers from across the primary school age group and year 8 compete against each other to qualify to represent Ulster at the Irish Minor Schools Gala. RSA competitors were:

- Sophia Vergnano 50M breaststroke 5th and 100M IM 11th. Qualified to represent Ulster at the Irish Minor Schools Gala in both events.
- Hanna Zlotnik 50M fly 8th and 50M freestyle 9th place. Qualified to represent Ulster at the Irish Minor Schools Gala in both events.

Irish Minor Schools Championships 2023 - National Aquatic Centre Dublin.

- Sophia Vergnano- 100M IM 28th & 50M breaststroke 14th place.
- Hanna Zlotnik 50M freestyle 21st & 50M fly 21st place.

Swim Ulster Senior Schools Championships 2024- Bangor

RSA competitors were:

- Leah Jacobs 100M Fly, 100M Backstroke- Reaching the finals in the 100M Fly- 3rd and 2nd in the 100M Backstroke. Girls 15-16 200M Medley relay & Girls 15-16 Freestyle relay- 3rd place in both
- Iona Beattie 100M Backstroke, 100M Freestyle. Girls 15-16 200M Medley relay & Girls 15-16 Freestyle relay- 3rd place in both
- Reuben McDowell 100M Breaststroke and 100M Freestyle. 17-19 200M Freestyle relay (placed 6th) & 200M Medley relay
- Jensen Gillanders 100M Backstroke. 17-19 200M Freestyle relay (placed 6th) & 200M Medley relay

- Ylenia Gillanders 100M Freestyle. Girls 15-16 200M Medley relay & Girls 15-16 Freestyle relay- 3rd place in both
- Isabella Kindred 100M backstroke & 100M breaststroke
- Nicholas Mandrick 100M Freestyle, 100M Breaststroke. Boys 15-16 200M Medley relay & Boys 15-16 Freestyle relay (placed 6th)
- Harry Dougan Boys 17-19 200M Freestyle relay (placed 6th) & 200M Medley relay
- Thomas Dougan Boys 17-19 200M Freestyle relay (placed 6th) & 200M Medley relay
- Hope Dougan 100M backstroke, 100M Fly. Girls 15-16 200M Medley relay & Girls 15-16 Freestyle relay- 3rd place in both
- Hanna Zlonik 100M backstroke & 100M freestyle
- Finn McKenna 100M backstroke & 100M freestyle. Boys 15-16 200M freestyle relay (placed 6th) & Boys 15-16 200M medley relay
- Dara McKenna 100M backstroke & 100M freestyle. Boys 15-16 200M freestyle relay(placed 6th) & Boys 15-16 200M medley relay
- Ruby Young 100M breaststroke & 100M freestyle
- Enzo Gillanders 100 Breaststroke. Boys 15-16 200M freestyle relay (placed 6th) & Boys 15-16 200M medley relay

Leah Jacobs was selected for the Ulster Interpro team based on her performance at this gala.

Irish National Age Group Championships 2024- Limerick

The swimmers below qualified to swim in the Irish National Age Group Championships which was held in the University of Limerick.

- Hope Dougan achieved national qualification times to swim in the 50M, 100M & 200M freestyle, 200M backstroke & the 200M IM. Hope reached the B final in the 100M fly. She a reserve finalised for 50M freestyle and achieved 5 new personal bests across all her strokes.
- Sophia Vergnano achieved national qualification times to swim in the 100M & 200M backstroke. 100M freestyle and 100M breaststroke. Sophia made the B final of the 200M backstroke and the 200M IM.

Irish Youth and Senior Summer Nationals 2024- Irish Aquatic Centre, Dublin

- Reuben McDowell achieved national qualification times to swim in the 100M backstroke and the 100 breaststroke where he achieved a new personal best time.
- Iona Beattie achieved national qualification times in 50M backstroke and 50M freestyle but was unable to compete.
- Leah Jacobs achieved national qualification times to swim 50 & 100M backstroke, 50 & 100M butterfly, 50M, 100M & 200M freestyle and the 200M IM. Leah reached the finals in the following events:
 - 100M backstroke
 - 200M freestyle- new PB
 - 100M butterfly 4th place- new PB
 - 50M freestyle- new PB

Swim Ireland Regional Programme 2022-2023

Leah Jacobs was selected to be part of the Swim Ireland Regional Programme where she trained with national coaches and was part of the Regional Ulster Squad. Leah represented Ulster at the Swansea Aquatic Spring Long Course championship in 2024.

TAEKWON-DO CLUB

The Royal School TaeKwon-Do Club trains every Friday after school, as well as some Saturdays and special seminars. It is carried out by Mr Taylor who is a 3rd Dan Black Belt National Instructor and is also qualified in refereeing and judging. The Club is within the United TaeKwon-Do Organisation (UTO) federation which has classes in universities and schools throughout the UK and further afield.

The Royal School Club has hosted TaeKwon-Do seminars and gradings (exams) at the school. During these, TaeKwon-Do martial artists from across the UK have visited the school and participated with the school pupils in these events. Master Iqbal 8th Dan who is the Head of UTO TaeKwon-Do is a regular visitor to the school as Chief Examiner and the Royal School was one of only 3 venues in the U.K. where Master Iqbal held the TaeKwon-Do seminars. Master Iqbal most recently visited the school for the Spring/Summer grading, with all the TaeKwon-Do pupils being successfully promoted to their next belt. Some of the pupils from the Boarding Department that started their TaeKwon-Do training at the Royal School Club and were part of the last grading returned home at the end of the school year and they plan to continue their training there, having shown great interest and dedication while at the school. Others from the Boarding Department are returning and are continuing their training at school, some of whom are close to becoming senior colour belts.

The Royal School TaeKwon-Do students have been extremely successful over the year – all having passed every grading, some of whom have achieved the very difficult A-Pass grade. Competitively, students have travelled to Manchester to compete in the most recent UTO Championships. The Championships have competitors from all over including schools, colleges, and universities throughout the U.K. The Royal School TaeKwon-Do students have been extremely successful with multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals. This is an incredible achievement considering the number of competitors present in this annual event. There is now a wide range of grades in the Royal School TaeKwon-Do club with pupils just beginning their training, all the way to pupils at Black Belt.

Pupils that have completed Year 14 and started their university courses still continue with their TaeKwon-Do training, highlighting that the commitment, enthusiasm and discipline they displayed during their time as pupils at the Royal School Armagh has been carried forward and into their university lives.

WILDLIFE CLUB

The Wildlife Club visited Oxford Island (twice), St. John's Point and finally Portmore Lough and the Montiagh's Reserve.

YEAR 8

In September, the Year 8 cohort came together for a Team Building Day with Cloghmore Extreme. Pupils engaged in various activities including archery, wall climbing and team games.

Inspire worked with Year 9 pupils as we prepared for examinations with an emphasis on study skills and revision strategies.

In December, Year 8 pupils made Christmas cards for residents in local care homes which we delivered along with sixth formers and home baked shortbread treats. This connection between generations continued with Easter cards and an end of term donation of jigsaws.

The year of transition was concluded with a Fun Day in Gosford Park in June.

Other Activities/Events

- 1) QUB Careers talk on languages
- 2) Remembrance Day Service
- 3) The charities which we supported in 2023 - 24 were:
 - Wings Appeal
 - Women's Aid
 - Charlene's Project
 - Macmillan Cancer Care
 - Poppy Appeal
 - Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal
 - ASHA
 - PIPS Suicide Prevention
 - Reach Mentoring
 - Red Cross
 - Save the Children
 - Cancer Fund for Children
 - Mental Health Ambassadors
 - Armagh Foodbank
 - Brain Injury Foundation
 - Rural Support
- 4) Open Night
- 5) Sports Days
- 6) LVI Work Shadowing
- 7) Scripture Union - Senior and Junior - every Friday afternoon - average attendance - 200 pupils
- 8) Other Debating and Public Speaking Competitions
- 9) House Competitions
- 10) Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Cathedral
- 11) End of Michaelmas Term - Christmas Jumper Day and Cinema Trip
- 12) HMC Conferences and Meetings
- 13) Anti-Bullying Week
- 14) Spring Concert
- 15) Spanish Trip to Barcelona
- 16) End of Term Fun Day



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

The figures on Income and Expenditure shown in the Statements headed

1. Capital Account
2. Preparatory Department Account
3. Secondary Department Account

Are taken from the Accounts as audited by Moore NI, Chartered Accountants, and certified as giving a true and fair view of the School's affairs at 31st March 2024.

The Accounts have been accepted by the Board of Governors and the required Statement of Accounts forwarded to the Department of Education.

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

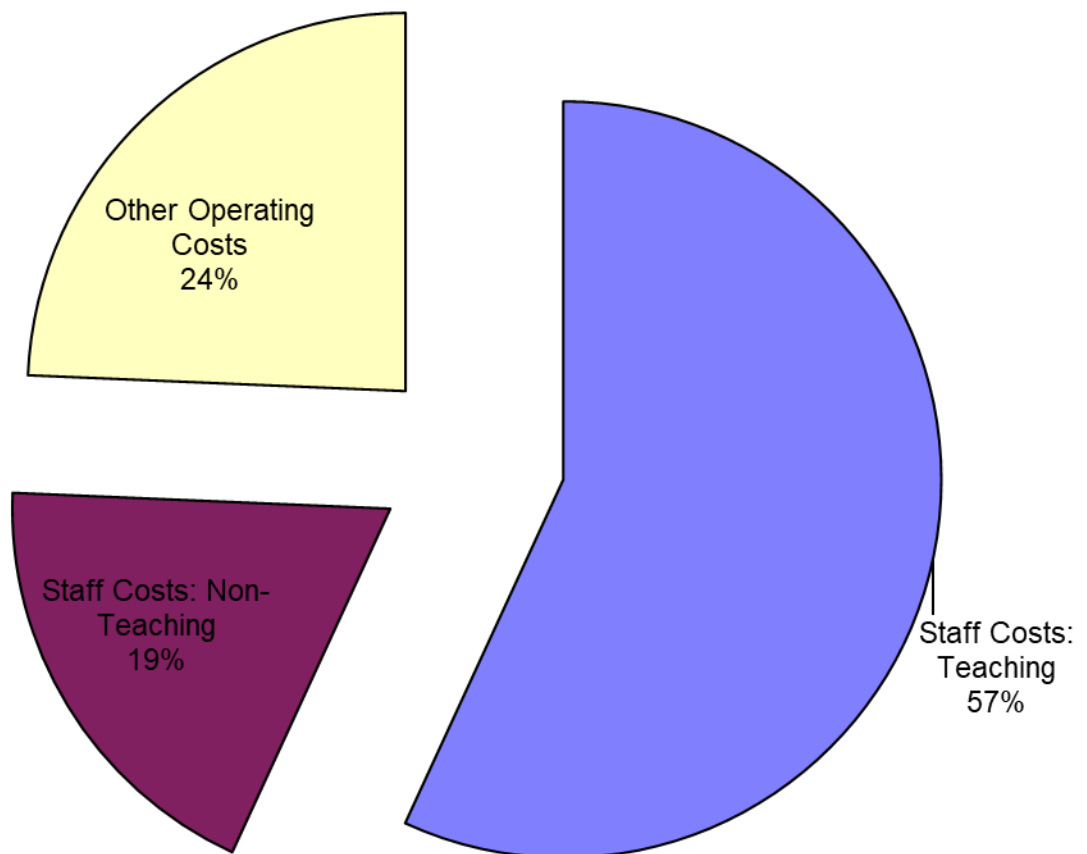
1 CAPITAL FEES ACCOUNT		2023-24	2022-23
	£	£	£
1.1 Income:			
Capital Fees		113,540	112,966
Dept of Education Grant (DDA Works)		881,462	-
2G Hockey Pitch		664,772	
Interest Received		3,950	
1.2 Expenditure:			
Bank Interest - Danske Bank	-		810
Bank Interest - Bank of Ireland	116		1,381
Capital Improvements	664,772.0	664,888	-
			2,191
Surplus for the Year		998,836	110,775
Accumulated Surplus at 31 March 2023		698,080	587,307
Transfer to Capital Reserves		1,546,234	
Accumulated Surplus at 31 March 2024		150,682	698,082
2 PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT			
2.1 INCOME:			
Department of Education Grants	20,549		24,747
Fees and Charges	136,372		135,050
Other Income	773	157,694	5,567
			165,364
2.2 EXPENDITURE:			
Staff Costs: Teaching	158,582		160,606
Non - Teaching	26,613		28,241
Other Operating Costs (note 2.9)	23,139	208,334	19,668
			208,515
2.3 OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(50,640)	(43,151)
2.4 Bank Interest Receivable			
2.5 Bank Interest Payable			11
2.6 DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(50,640)	(43,162)
2.7 Accumulated Deficit Brought Forward		(68,112)	(24,950)
2.8 Accumulated Deficit at 31 March 2024		(118,752)	(68,112)
2.9 Other Operating Costs			
Heat, Light and Power	5,433		3,947
Water Charges	403		392
Laundry and Cleaning Materials	761		950
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	586		777
Maintenance of Equipment	207		260
Purchase of Equipment	747		125
Stationery, Books and IP Materials	2948		4153
Travel - Education	3120		2240
School Prizes	455		380
Printing and Stationery	4756		1943
Postage and Telephone	338		325
Advertising	79		888
Insurance	879		717
Audit and Accountancy Fee	162		1072
Bank Charges	56		64
Professional and Legal Fees	-		300
Miscellaneous	2,209		1,135
	23,139		19,668

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

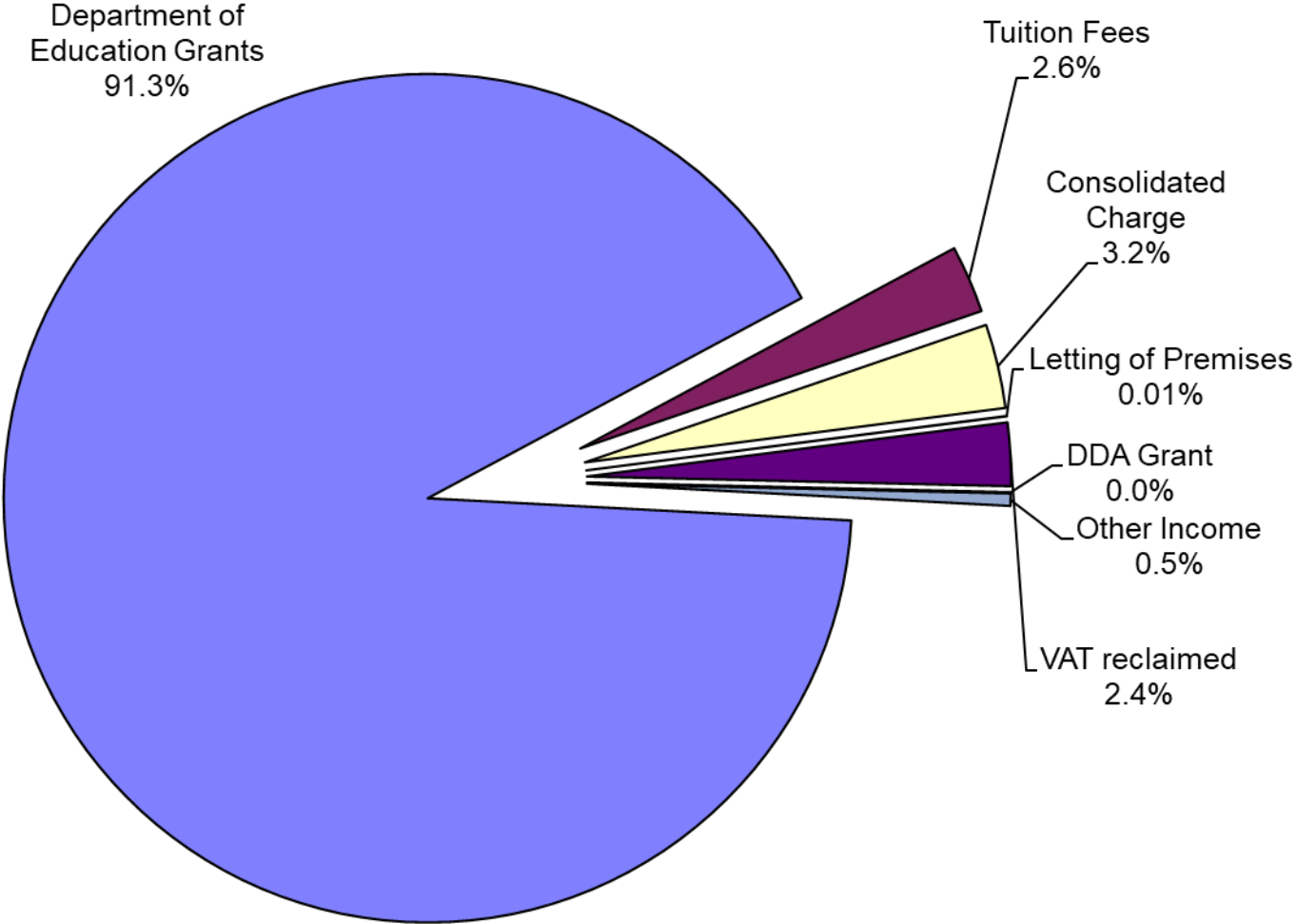
3 **SECONDARY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT**

3.1 INCOME:	2023-24	2022-23
Department of Education Grants	4,315,332	4,212,277
Tuition Fees	121,411	151,140
Consolidated Charge	151,414	147,993
Letting of Premises	500	200
VAT reclaimed	113,524	110,928
DDA Grant	0	37,564
Other Income	22,075	66,025
	4,724,256	4,726,127
 3.2 EXPENDITURE:		
Staff Costs: Teaching	2,882,414	2,961,859
Non - Teaching	953,005	3,835,419
Other Operating Costs (note 3.9)	1,233,248	5,068,667
	5,068,667	1,127,511
 3.3 OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(344,411)	(212,063)
 3.4 Bank Interest Receivable		
 3.5 Bank Interest Payable	2,170	4,716
 3.6 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(346,581)	(216,779)
 3.7 Accumulated Deficit Brought Forward	(259,604)	(42,825)
 3.8 Accumulated Deficit at 31 March 2024	(606,185)	(259,604)
 3.9 Other Operating Costs		
Heat, Light and Power	154,480	190,955
Water Charges	6,843	6,662
Laundry and Cleaning Materials	13,094	18,228
Rent and Rates	26,681	23,738
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	235,090	146,337
Maintenance of Equipment	9,611	19,703
Purchase of Equipment	42,323	70,665
Stationery, Books and IP Materials	40,472	26,130
Sports and Games	25,077	20,156
Rugby Coaching Staff	60,381	51,106
Examination Fees	95,775	75,948
School Prizes	4,548	3,739
Mid-May Meals (Operating Loss)	15,463	43,457
Printing and Stationery	42,219	29,164
Postage and Telephone	18,623	18,577
Advertising	3,387	9,249
Hospitality/School Functions	2,155	16,716
Subscriptions	13,567	13,511
Insurance	55,984	54,430
Audit and Accountancy Fee	7,910	8,745
Bank Charges	3,149	1,995
Travel - Education, Sports and Games	65,539	77,344
Minibus Expenses (excluding insurance)	10,208	8,452
Professional and Legal Fees	151,502	66,913
Miscellaneous	15,643	14,663
VAT claimed	113,524	110,928
	1,233,248	1,127,511

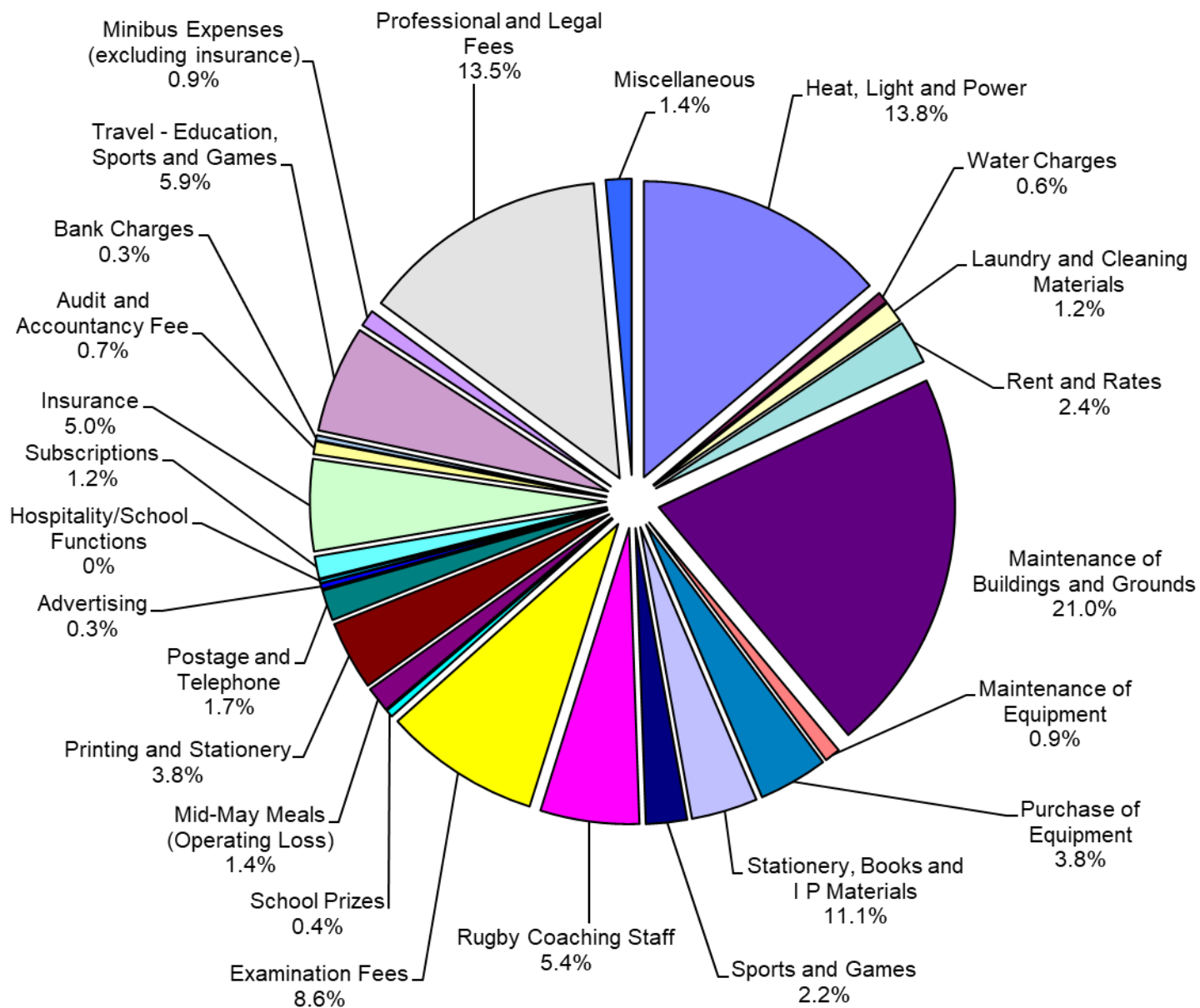
Secondary Dept. Operating Costs Analysis



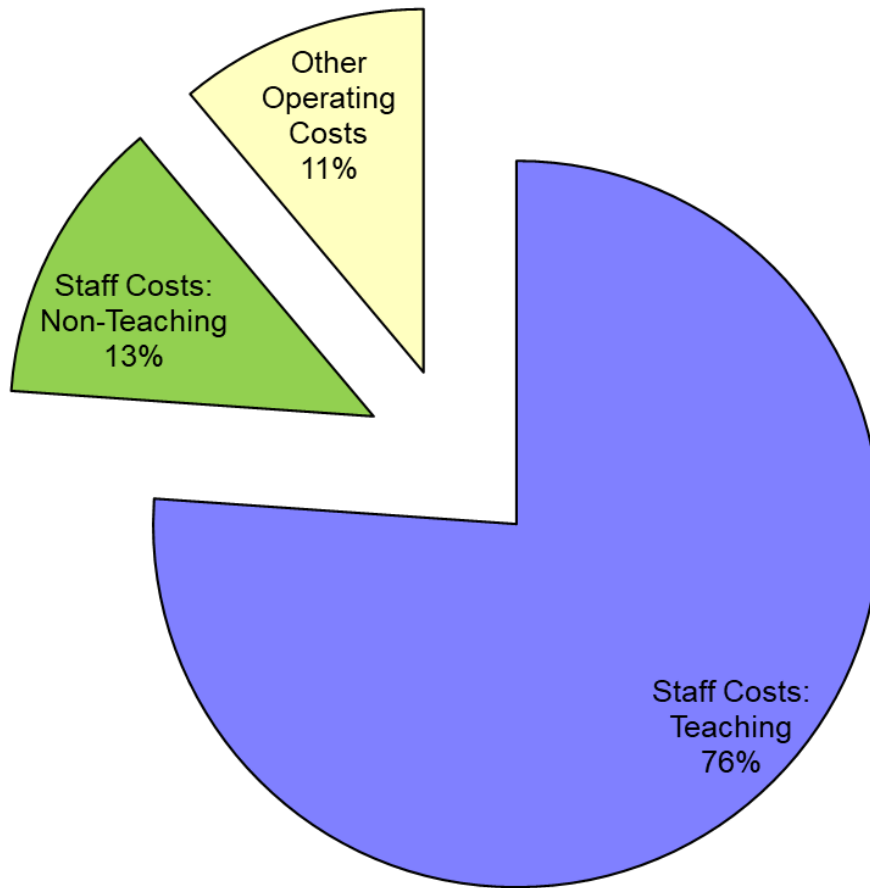
Secondary Dept. Analysis of Income



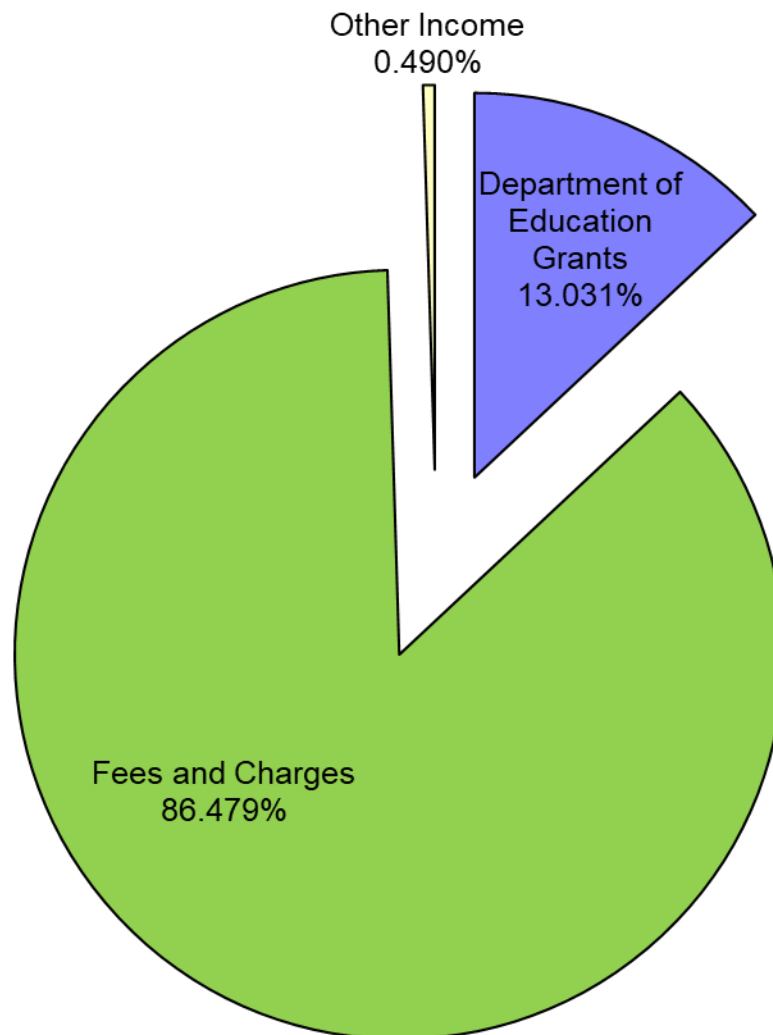
Secondary Dept. Analysis of Other Operating Costs



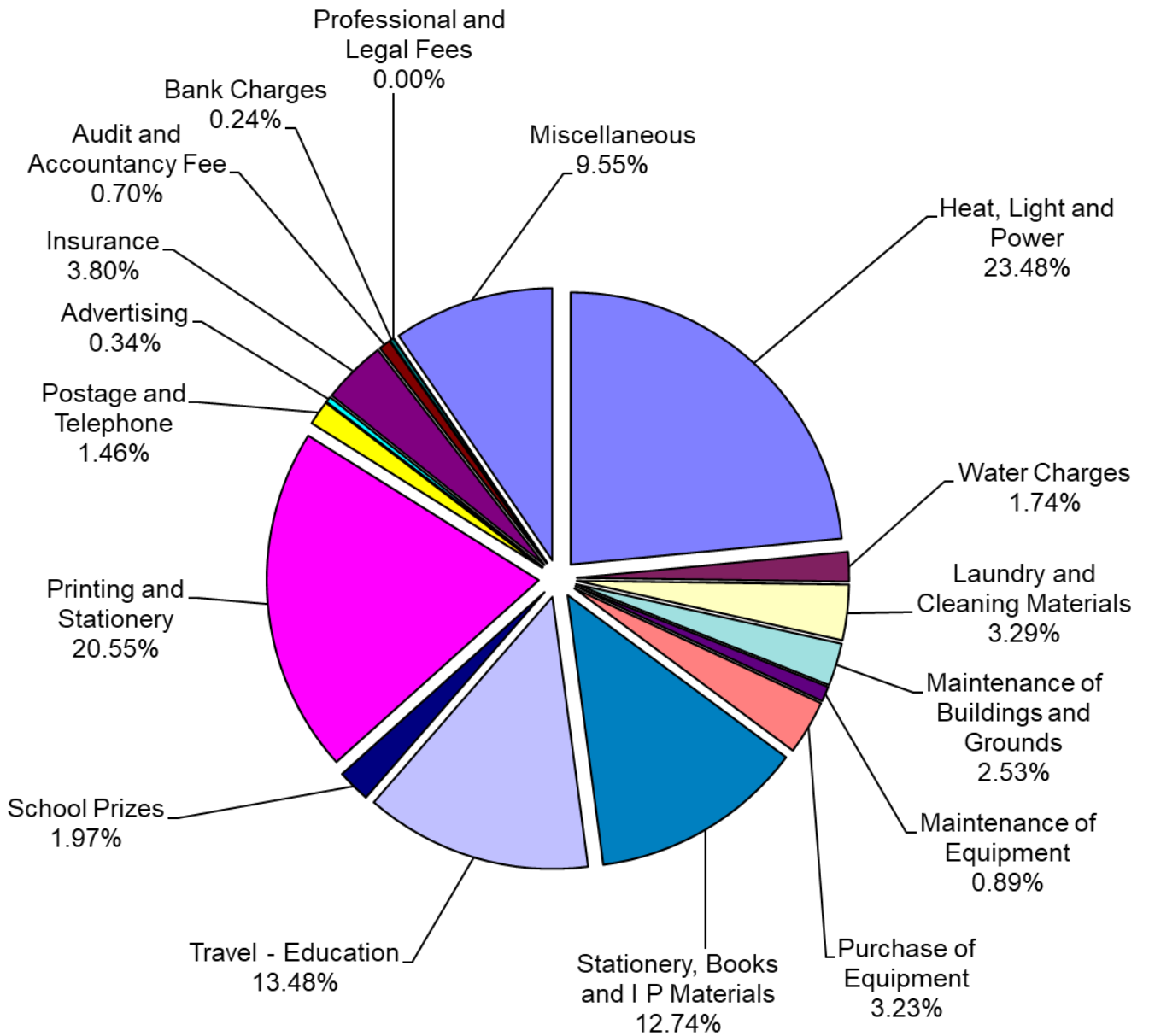
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