

# Our View

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**OMAGH  
HIGH SCHOOL**



## **Newsletter** March 2026



Welcome to the Easter Edition of the Omagh High School Newsletter. It has been a busy and exciting term filled with achievements, opportunities, and memorable experiences for our pupils. From sporting success to enriching events and inspiring guest speakers, this newsletter celebrates the energy and enthusiasm that make our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

On Wednesday 4th March, our Year 8 pupils attended a Bible exhibition titled "Journey to Where" in the assembly hall. This interactive experience allowed pupils to explore the meaning and relevance of the Bible for Christians today, complementing their classroom learning. We extend our thanks to the facilitators for delivering such a thought-provoking exhibition, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Thursday 12th March, Year 9 pupils took part in the 'Blast Off' event with Young Enterprise. Working collaboratively in teams, they designed innovative products while developing valuable entrepreneurial and business skills. The afternoon was both fun and highly interactive, with pupils demonstrating great creativity and teamwork. That same day, we were delighted to host our Year 12 Interview Skills Day. The morning began with a 'You're Hired' workshop delivered by Young Enterprise, where pupils gained practical advice on completing application forms, writing CVs, and preparing for interviews. In the afternoon, pupils participated in mock interviews with representatives from a range of local businesses and organisations. This provided an excellent opportunity to practise their skills and receive meaningful feedback from experienced professionals. We would like to sincerely thank all of our visiting interviewers from Foyle Food Group, Fox Contracts, Sandvik, JMG Systems, Watson and Colhoun, Fane Valley, Wattersons and CRAFT. Your time, guidance and expertise were invaluable.

Our Scripture Union group also had the pleasure of welcoming Trevor Robinson, Chaplain for Clogher Valley Rugby Club, on Friday 20th March. Trevor delivered an inspiring message about the role of sports chaplaincy across the UK and Ireland. We are very grateful to Trevor for giving his time to speak with us.

We also enjoyed celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with "Whacky Sock Day" and a fun Bocce & Cuppa event. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, raise awareness, and celebrate inclusivity.

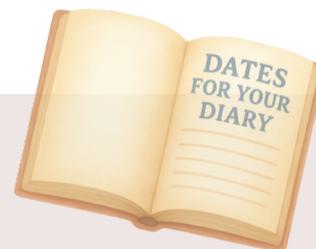
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Our students were proudly presented with their Grade 1 and Grade 2 Riding/Horse Care Proficiency certificates and badges, recognising their continued progress and dedication. Several pupils also received Endeavour Awards for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. A sincere thank you goes to our dedicated classroom assistants, as well as Gwen and her team, whose ongoing support makes these achievements possible.

It has been an exciting and successful period for sport at Omagh High School. A special congratulations goes to Katie C, a valued member of the OHS Bocce Club and competitor with Omagh Spires Special Olympics Club, who has qualified to represent Team Ulster at the Ireland Games in Dublin this June, an incredible achievement! Our Year 8 hockey team showed fantastic determination in their first match against Castleberg High School. Despite conceding three early goals, the team demonstrated great resilience and fighting spirit throughout the game. Our U15 football team also enjoyed a strong performance at the annual regional tournament hosted by Castleberg High School. Competing against 12 teams, they progressed to the semi-finals after an unbeaten group stage, recording three wins and two draws. They narrowly lost 2-0 in the semi-final to a strong Castleberg side. We are especially proud of our Novice Team, who secured 1st place in the Novice class at the Omagh Academy Horse Show on 10th March. This outstanding success reflects the students' dedication, teamwork, and commitment during training. Congratulations also to those who competed individually, representing the school with resilience and pride.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr P. Naylor, Head of Technology and Design and Pastoral Leader for Year 10, as he leaves Omagh High School. Mr Naylor has been a valued member of our school community, and his commitment, care and support for pupils have made a lasting impact. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him all the very best for the future.



## Dates for Your Diary

30 March- 10 April 2026	Easter Holiday (School Closed)
13 April 2026	First Day of Term
4 May 2026	Public Holiday (School Closed)
20-29 May 2026	Tracking Point 4 for Y8-10, Controlled Assessments and Revision Classes for Y11. CAT, PTE, PTS, PTM Y8-10 and New Pupils.
25 May 2026	Public Holiday (School Closed)
5 June 2026	Staff Development Day 2 (Staff Only)
24 June 2026	Last Day of Term
25-30 June 2026	Staff Development Days 3, 4, 5. TransformedED 2 (Staff Only.)



As the term draws to a close, we wish all our pupils, staff and families a very happy and relaxing Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13th April, ready for another exciting term ahead.

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